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1. G V Satish (NBCC Director) Sir's Top Picks

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 - **Recipient**: **Masaki Kashiwara** (Japanese Mathematician)
 - **About the Abel Prize**: Named after **Niels Henrik Abel (1802–29)**; considered the 'Nobel Prize for Mathematics'
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11. **Union Cabinet Approves ₹1,500 Crore Incentive for BHIM-UPI (FY2024–25)**
 - Objective: Promote BHIM-UPI usage, aiming for **200 billion** (₹20,000 Cr) transactions in FY25.
 - Incentive Rate: **0.15%** for transactions ≤ **₹2,000** at **small merchants**.
 - No incentive for large merchants or transactions > **₹2,000**.

- **Government Targets 5% UPI Market Share for BHIM by 2028**

12. SEBI Regulations and Reforms

- **Reduced Timeline for Rights Issues to 23 Working Days**
 - **Earlier average** was 317 days (or 126 days in some references).
 - **Preferential allotment** took ~40 working days.
 - Subscription window remains **7–30 days**.
 - **Effective April 7, 2025** for new rights issues.
 - SEBI HQ: Mumbai; Chairman: **Tuhin Kanta Pandey**.
- **Minimum Investment in Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) on Social Stock Exchange Reduced**
 - Threshold lowered from **₹10,000** to **₹1,000** to **boost retail participation**.
 - ZCZP instruments channel donations to nonprofit organizations on the Social Stock Exchange.
- **Extended Derivatives Trading Suspension in 7 Agricultural Commodities Until March 2026**
 - Commodities: Wheat, Moong, Paddy (Non-Basmati), Chana, Crude Palm Oil, Mustard Seeds & Derivatives, Soybean & Derivatives.
- **SEBI Raises Threshold for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) Additional Disclosures**
 - Increased from **₹25,000 Cr** to **₹50,000 Cr**.

13. Power Finance Corporation (PFC): Zero Coupon Bond (ZCB)

- **Ministry of Finance Notifies PFC to Raise Up to ₹10,000 Crore via ZCB**
 - Discount of **₹49,546** on a face value of ₹1 lakh (investors pay ₹50,454, redeemed at ₹1 lakh).
 - Maturity: **121 months** (~10 years 1 month).
 - Issuance limit of up to **10 lakh bonds** before March 31, 2027.
 - PFC HQ: New Delhi; CMD: **Parminder Chopra**.

14. Canara Bank: India's First to Launch Digital Balance Confirmation Certificate**15. City Union Bank (CUB) as Exclusive Banking Partner for Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)****16. Kotak Mahindra AMC Launches "Choti SIP"**

- Minimum monthly contribution of **₹250** for first-time MF investors.

17. Paytm + SBI Mutual Fund Introduce "JanNivesh ₹250 SIP"

- Minimum investment from **₹250**.

18.. PFRDA's Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)

- **PFRDA Issued Regulations for UPS (Under NPS), Effective April 1, 2025**
 - Central Govt employees have until **June 30, 2025** to opt in.
 - Monthly Contribution: **10%** of basic pay to PRAN.
 - Govt Contribution: Equal 10% + **8.5%** of (basic pay + DA).
 - **Minimum Guaranteed Pension:** ₹10,000/month (on at least 10 years' service).
 - PFRDA HQ: New Delhi; Chairperson: **Deepak Mohanty**; Founded: 2003.

19. RBI Approvals, Guidelines, and Limits

- **RBI Approves Hike in ATM Interchange Fees (Bank-to-Bank)**
 - Effective May 1, 2025: **₹19** (financial) and **₹7** (non-financial), up from ₹17 and ₹6.
- **RBI Raises Maximum ATM Charges for Customers Beyond Free Transactions**
 - From **₹21** to **₹23** per transaction if exceeding free monthly usage.
 - Free Usage per month:
 - **5** at own-bank ATMs (financial + non-financial).
 - **3** at other-bank ATMs in metro areas, **5** in non-metros.
 - Total ATMs (Jan 2025): **2.57 lakh** (2.21 lakh bank-owned + 36k white-label).
- **RBI Revised Priority Sector Lending (PSL) Guidelines (Effective April 1, 2025)**
 - Targets:
 - Urban Coop Banks (UCBs): **60%** of ANBC or CEOBSE (whichever higher).
 - RRBs & SFBs: **75%**.

- Domestic commercial banks & foreign banks (≥ 20 branches): **40%**.
- Housing Loan Limits (Purchase/Construction):
 - Population ≥ 50 lakh: Up to **₹50 lakh**.
 - Population 10 lakh to < 50 lakh: Up to **₹45 lakh**.
 - Population < 10 lakh: Up to **₹35 lakh**.
- Housing Loan (Repairs) Limits: **₹15 lakh**, **₹12 lakh**, and **₹10 lakh** respectively.
- Education Loans: Up to **₹25 lakh** qualify for PSL.
- Social Infrastructure:
 - Up to **₹8 crore** for schools, drinking water, sanitation.
 - Up to **₹12 crore** for health infrastructure (Tier II–VI).
- Renewable Energy:
 - Projects up to **₹35 crore**; individuals up to **₹10 lakh**.
- Differential Weight System: Districts with lower credit flow get **125% weight**, higher flow get **90%**.

20. RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH) Launches “DesignShaala™”**21. RBI Sets Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Redemption Price at ₹8,624/Unit**

- For SGB 2016–17 Series IV, maturing on **March 17, 2025**.

22. Unclaimed Deposits and “UDGAM” Portal

- **Over ₹45,000 Crore of Unclaimed Deposits Transferred to DEA Fund (RBI)**
 - From FY2019–20 to FY2024–25 (till Dec 31, 2024).
- **RBI’s ‘UDGAM’ Portal** (Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access Information)
 - Centralized search for unclaimed deposits across multiple banks (~30 banks, covering ~90% of value).

23. MSME Classification Revised (Effective April 1, 2025)

- **Investment & Turnover Limits** increased by **2.5 times** each.
- **Micro**: Up to ₹2.5 Cr investment, ₹10 Cr turnover.
- **Small**: Up to ₹25 Cr investment, ₹100 Cr turnover.
- **Medium**: Up to ₹125 Cr investment, ₹625 Cr turnover.

24. The 23rd edition of the India–France bilateral naval exercise “VARUNA 2025” is scheduled from March 19–22, 2025, in the Arabian Sea. It will feature INS Vikrant (India’s indigenous aircraft carrier) and Charles de Gaulle (the French Navy’s aircraft carrier).**25. The Indian Army led a tri-service (Army, Navy, Air Force) integrated multi-domain warfare exercise named “Prachand Prahaar” in Arunachal Pradesh, from March 25–27, 2025, under the Eastern Command.****26. The 14th edition of the India–Russia bilateral naval exercise “INDRA” is scheduled from March 28–April 2, 2025, off the coast of Chennai.****27. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Defence: Raised to 74% (from 49%).****28. Union Budget 2025 Defence Allocation: ₹6.81 lakh crore, with ₹1.8 lakh crore earmarked for modernisation.****29. India’s TB Elimination Goal: 2025 (2 years ahead of the global 2030 target).****30. World Sparrow Day : Mar 20**

- **Theme**: “A Tribute to Nature’s Tiny Messengers”

31. Vicky Kaushal – Brand Ambassador of Tata Motors**32. “Living with Birds” – Authored by Asad Rahmani, focusing on bird conservation and personal experiences****33. Ramakanta Rath – Renowned Modernist Poet in Odia literature, passed away.****34. India & Singapore**

- **Letter of Intent Signed** for ‘Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC)’ at Singapore Maritime Week 2025.

- **Singapore Maritime Week (SMW) 2025:** Organized by the Maritime Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), from 24–28 March 2025.
 - **Theme:** “Actions Meet Ambition.”
- 35. Six New Sites on UNESCO Tentative List; 'Moidams' from Assam Get UNESCO Tag**
- **Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** announced the addition of six Indian sites to the **UNESCO Tentative List** in **March 2024**, raising the total to **62**.
 - **Newly Added Sites:**
 1. Kanger Valley National Park (Chhattisgarh)
 2. Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs (Telangana)
 3. Ashokan Edict Sites (Multiple States)
 4. Chausath Yogini Temples (Multiple States)
 5. Gupta Temples (Multiple States)
 6. Palace-Fortresses of the Bundelas (Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh)
- 36. Indian Railways Joins 'Mission Amrit Sarovar'**
- **Objective:** Tackle water scarcity by constructing or rejuvenating ponds.
 - **Mission Launched:** April 2022 to build/revitalize **75 ponds** in each district.
 - **Progress:** Over **68,000 ponds** completed as of January 2025.
- 37. India's Net Zero Emissions Target**
- **Goal:** Achieve **Net Zero Emissions** by **2070**.
- 38. MGNREGS Wages Hiked for FY 2025–26**
- **Increase Range:** 2.33% to 7.48%
 - **Highest Rise:** Haryana (+₹26) reaching **₹400/day** (first state to touch ₹400 under MGNREGS)
 - **Lowest Absolute Hike:** +₹7 (Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Telangana)
 - **MGNREGS:** Provides at least 100 days of wage employment per rural household (additional 50 days in calamity-hit areas).
- 39. Union Cabinet Approves ₹37,216 Crore Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) for Kharif 2025**
- 40. Punjab: First Indian State to Broadcast Legislative Assembly Proceedings in Sign Language**
- 41. World Happiness Report 2025 (Global Happiness Index 2025)**
- Published by the **Wellbeing Research Centre, University of Oxford**.
 - **Finland** is the **happiest country** for the **8th consecutive year**.
 - **Top 5** happiest: 1. Finland, 2. Denmark, 3. Iceland, 4. Sweden, 5. Netherlands.
 - **India:** Ranks **118th** (up from 126th in 2024).
- 42. India Becomes 2nd-Highest Tea Exporter behind Kenya**
- 43. 'Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME)'**
- **Purpose:** To provide **60% guarantee coverage** (by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company – NCGTC) on credit up to **₹100 Crore** for equipment/machinery purchase.
- 44. Vigyan Dhara Scheme**
- **Increased Allocation:** **₹1,425 Crore** for 2025–26 (up from **₹330.75 Crore** in 2024–25).
 - **Total Outlay:** **₹10,579.84 Crore** for 2021–26.
- 45. Rashtriya Gokul Mission**
- **Revised Outlay:** **₹3,400 Crore** for 2021–26.
 - **New Activities:** Includes Heifer Rearing Centres with **35% capital cost assistance**.
- 46. PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY)**
- **World's Largest** domestic rooftop solar initiative.
 - **Installations:** **10.09 lakh** as of March 10, 2025.
 - **Launch:** By PM Narendra Modi on **February 13, 2024**.
 - **Goal:** Free electricity to **1 crore** households via rooftop solar.
 - **Notable Achievers:** Chandigarh and Daman & Diu (100% rooftop solar on government buildings).
 - **Financial Details:**
 - **Collateral-free loans** up to **₹2 lakh** at a **6.75%** subsidized interest rate.



- A 3 KW rooftop solar system can be installed at ₹15,000, yielding up to ₹15 lakh over 25 years.
- Total Outlay: ₹75,021 Crore.

47. Mission Amrit Sarovar

- **Launch:** April 2022 under the Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Objective:** Construct or rejuvenate **75 ponds per district**.

48. Delhi Signs MoU with NHA to Implement AB-PMJAY

- **Significance:** Delhi becomes the **35th state/UT** to adopt **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**.
- **Exception:** West Bengal is the only state **not** implementing AB-PMJAY.
- **About AB-PMJAY:**
 - World's largest government-sponsored health insurance scheme.
 - Coverage of **₹5 lakh** per family per year for secondary/tertiary care.
 - Targets **~550 million people** (bottom 40% of India's population).

49. Women's Premier League (WPL) 2025

- **Mumbai Indians** (captained by **Harmanpreet Kaur**) clinched their **2nd WPL title** by defeating **Delhi Capitals** (led by **Meg Lanning**) by 8 runs.

50. International Masters League (IML) 2025 T20

- **India Masters**, led by **Sachin Tendulkar**, won the inaugural IML 2025 T20, defeating **West Indies Masters** (captained by Brian Lara) in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

51. Equitas Small Finance Bank has partnered with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) for 6 years.

52. 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025

Hockey Jharkhand won its first title, defeating defending champion **Hockey Haryana** 4-3 in the final at Panchkula, Haryana.

53. Boxing has been officially approved for the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, California, USA.

2. Amounts & Agreements

1. ADB & Shriram Finance Sign \$150 Million Loan to Support MSMEs, EV Financing, & Low-Emission Vehicles

- **Shriram Finance HQ:** Mumbai. MD & CEO: **Y. S. Chakravarti**.
- **ADB HQ:** Mandaluyong, Philippines. President: **Masato Kanda**.

3. Appointments & Resignations

1) N Ganapathy Subramaniam Appointed Chairman of Tata Communications Limited

- **Tata Communications** is headquartered in Mumbai.
- Its CEO is **A. S. Lakshminarayanan**.

2) Stuart Young Sworn in as Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago

- Succeeds outgoing Prime Minister **Dr. Keith Rowley**.

3) Zimbabwe's Kirsty Coventry Elected 10th President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)



- **First Woman, First African, and Youngest IOC President** since founder **Pierre de Coubertin** (who was 33).
- **Kirsty Coventry** (age 41) is a former Olympic swimmer and a seven-time Olympic medalist for Zimbabwe (the country's total of 8 Olympic medals).
- **IOC Headquarters**: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- **IOC Established**: 1894.

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5) Tunisia's President Kais Saied Appointed Sarra Zaafrani Zenzri as Prime Minister

- She becomes the country's second-ever woman Prime Minister, replacing Kamel Madouri.
- **Tunisia**: Capital – Tunis; Currency – Tunisian Dinar; President – **Kais Saied**; Prime Minister – **Sarra Zaafrani Zenzri**.

6) Rahul Bhawe Named MD & CEO of IFCI Ltd. for Three Years

- IFCI is India's first development financial institution.

7) Justice Harish Tandon (Calcutta HC) Appointed Chief Justice of Orissa HC

- Justice Biren Vaishnav named Acting Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court.

8) Ajay Seth (Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs) Appointed India's New Finance Secretary

- Succeeds **Tuhin Kanta Pandey**.

9) Dilma Vana Rousseff Re-Elected as NDB President (July 7, 2025 to July 6, 2030)

- **New Development Bank (NDB)**, headquartered in Shanghai, was established by BRICS nations in July 2014.
- **NDB Members (8)**: Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, India, China, UAE, Russia, and South Africa.
- Indonesia is set to join as the 9th member; Uruguay is a prospective member.

10) Ashok Singh Thakur Elected as Chairman of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)

- Tenure: Three years.

11) Ex-Enforcement Directorate Chief Sanjay Kumar Mishra Appointed Full-Time Member of Economic Advisory Council to PM (EAC-PM)

- Replaces late **Bibek Debroy**, who passed away in November 2024.
- Sanjay Mishra becomes the third full-time member, alongside **Sanjeev Sanyal** and **Shamika Ravi**.
- Part-time members: Rakesh Mohan, Sajjid Chinoy, Neelkanth Mishra, Nilesh Shah, T.T. Ram Mohan, and Poonam Gupta.
- The current Chairman is **Suman Berry** (also Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog).
- **Rajiv Gauba** (former Cabinet Secretary from 2019 to 2024) also appointed full-time member of NITI Aayog.



12) Parminder Chopra (CMD of Power Finance Corporation) Gets Additional 3-Month CMD Charge at REC

- Succeeds **Vivek Dewangan**.
- Parminder Chopra is the **first woman CMD** of Power Finance Corporation (PFC).

13) Jay Bhattacharya Appointed 18th Director of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- He is an Indian-American scientist and Professor of Health Policy at Stanford University.
- Appointed by the US Senate.
- **United States**: Capital – Washington, D.C.; 47th President – **Donald Trump**; 50th Vice President – **James David Vance**.

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16) Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran Joins IMF MD's Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship & Growth

17) Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey (Ghana's Foreign Minister) Assumes Office as 7th Secretary General of the Commonwealth

- The Commonwealth of Nations consists of **56 countries**, mostly former British colonies.
- Established by the **London Declaration (1949)**.

18) Vikram Sahu to Become Country Executive & CEO for India at Bank of America (subject to regulatory approval)

- He currently heads global equity research at Bank of America in New York.

19) Swaminathan S. Iyer Appointed Whole-Time Member (Life) of IRDAI for Five Years

- Replaces **B.C. Patnaik**.
- Becomes the **first private-sector professional** to hold this post.
- **IRDAI** structure:
 - 1 Chair (**Debasish Panda**),
 - 5 Whole-Time Members (now Parmod Kumar Arora, Satyajit Tripathy, Rajay Kumar Sinha, Deepak Sood, and Swaminathan S. Iyer),
 - 4 Part-Time Members (currently 2 in place).

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- NMDC is India's largest iron ore producer, operating under the Ministry of Steel.

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4. Arts & Cultural Affairs

5. Awards, Rewards, Recognition

1. iDEX Award (Ministry of Defence)

- **Recipient:** Bengaluru-based EV startup **Pravaig**
- **Winning Vehicle:** Tactical all-terrain EV “**VEER**”
 - **VEER** is the world’s first operational EV designed for tactical defence use (Electric Tactical All-Terrain Vehicle).
 - Features a military-grade, field-repairable design.

2. 2025 Holberg Prize

- **Recipient:** **Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak** (first Indian to win this award)
- **Field:** Outstanding contributions in humanities, social sciences, law, and theology
- **Other Awards:**
 - **Kyoto Prize (2012)** – Japan’s highest private award for lifetime achievement in arts & sciences
 - **Padma Bhushan (2013)** – India’s third-highest civilian award

3. Knight’s Cross of the Order of Dannebrog

- **Recipient:** **Vijay Sankar**, Honorary Consul General of Denmark (Chennai)
- **Conferred by:** The King of Denmark
- **About Vijay Sankar:** Chairman of **The Sanmar Group**
- **Extra Points (Denmark):**
 - Prime Minister: **Mette Frederiksen**
 - Capital: **Copenhagen**
 - Currency: **Danish krone**

4. 19th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards

- **Presented By:** **President Droupadi Murmu**
- **Honours:** **27 Journalists** in **20 Categories**

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7. Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize 2024

- **22 Books** selected under the chairmanship of President **Madhav Kaushik**
- **Award:** Each translator receives **₹50,000** and a **copper plaque**

8. Maharashtra Bhushan (State's Highest Civilian Award)

- **Recipient:** Veteran sculptor **Ram Sutar** (age 100)
 - Creator of the “**Statue of Unity**” (Sardar Patel), the world's tallest statue at 182 m
 - Currently working on the **Ambedkar statue** at Indu Mill Memorial (Mumbai)
 - Other notable projects:
 - 251-m tall **Lord Ram statue** at Ayodhya
 - 153-feet high **Lord Shiva statue** in Bengaluru
 - 100-feet tall **Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj statue** at Moshi (Pune)
- **Previous Honours:**
 - **Padma Shri (1999)**
 - **Padma Bhushan (2016)**
 - **Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony (2016)** (conferred in Oct 2018)

9. National Award for Excellence in Integrated Water Resources Management 2024

- **Recipient:** Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TNIAMP)

10. Music Academy Awards 2025

- **Sangita Kalanidhi:** **R. K. Shriramkumar** (violinist)
 - **Sangita Kala Acharya:** **Shyamala Venkateswaran** (Carnatic singer) & **Thanjavur R. Govindarajan** (Thavil artist)
 - **TTK Award:**
 - **Madambi Subramania Namboothiri** (Kathakali music authority)
 - **J. T. Jeyaraaj Krishnan & Jaysri Jeyaraaj Krishnan** (Veena artists)
 - **Musicologist Award:** **Prof. C. A. Sridhara** (University College of Fine Arts for Women)
 - **Nritya Kalanidhi Award:** **Urmila Satyanarayana** (Bharatanatyam)
- (Note: This includes the recognition of R. K. Shriramkumar also mentioned separately.)

11. National Intellectual Property (IP) Awards 2024

- **Announced By:** Minister **Piyush Goyal** in **13 Categories**
- **India's GII Ranking:** Improved from **81 (2015)** to **39 (2024)**
- **Top Indian Individuals (Patents):**
 - **Male:** **Sidramappa Shivashankar Dharane**
 - **Female:** **Dr. Swagatika Panda**

12. 2025 Windham-Campbell Prize (Non-fiction)

- **Recipient:** **Rana Dasgupta** (British author of Indian descent)
- **Winning Work:** *Capital: A Portrait of Twenty-First-Century Delhi*
- **Awarded By:** Yale University

13. Gold Mercury Award for Peace & Sustainability

- **Recipient:** **Dalai Lama**
- **Awarded By:** Gold Mercury International (London)

14. 2025 Abel Prize

- **Recipient:** **Masaki Kashiwara** (Japanese Mathematician)
- **About the Abel Prize:** Named after **Niels Henrik Abel (1802–29)**; considered the ‘Nobel Prize for Mathematics’



15. Ugadi Award

- **Recipient:** MyNaa Swamy (Historian & Archaeologist)
- **Conferred By:** CM N. Chandrababu Naidu at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram (Vijayawada)

16. Oeko-Tex Accreditation (Germany)

- **Recipient:** North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation (NEHHDC)
- **For:** Eri silk from Northeast India (especially Assam), noted as the world's only vegan silk

17. 'Fit India Icon'

- **Recipient:** Ayushmann Khurrana
- **Conferred By:** Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya
- **About Fit India Movement:**
 - Launched by PM Narendra Modi on **August 29, 2019**
 - Objective: Promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle among Indians

18. SKOCH Awards 2025

- **Recipient:** Muthoot Microfin (won two Gold Awards)
- **Awarded For:**
 - Mahila Mitra Program
 - Griha Raksha Insurance Scheme



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6. Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

1. BHIM, UPI, and Government Incentives

- **Government Targets 5% UPI Market Share for BHIM by 2028**
 - Current BHIM market share: **0.2%** on UPI (out of over **16 billion** monthly transactions).
 - **PhonePe** and **Google Pay** jointly hold ~**85%** UPI market share (PhonePe ~48.2%, Google Pay ~36.8%). Other UPI players: Paytm, Navi, Super.Money, Cred.
 - **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** created a separate entity **NPCI Bhim Services Ltd (NBSL)** in August 2024.
 - NPCI HQ: Mumbai; Chairman: **Ajay Kumar Choudhary**; MD & CEO: **Dilip Asbe**; Established: 2008.
- **Union Cabinet Approves ₹1,500 Crore Incentive for BHIM-UPI (FY2024-25)**
 - Objective: Promote BHIM-UPI usage, aiming for **200 billion** (₹20,000 Cr) transactions in FY25.
 - Incentive Rate: **0.15%** for transactions \leq **₹2,000** at small merchants.
 - No incentive for large merchants or transactions $>$ **₹2,000**.

2. Payment Aggregators and Cross-Border Transactions

- **Prosus-Backed BRISKPE Gets RBI's In-Principle Nod as Payment Aggregator for Cross-Border (PA-CB)**
 - Authorized under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act (2007).
 - Processes **10,000** monthly cross-border transactions (export services), aiming for **1 lakh** monthly with imports added.
 - RBI's PA-CB Framework: Entities must register with **FIU-IND** and meet net worth norms.
 - BRISKPE HQ: Mumbai; CEO: **Sanjay Tripathy**.
 - With approval, BRISKPE will operate as a dedicated PA-CB for import/export transactions.

3. RBI's Digital Transformation Award (Central Banking, London)

- **RBI Wins "Digital Transformation Award 2025"**
 - Conferred by: **Central Banking, London**.
 - Key In-House Tech Initiatives:
 1. **Saarathi (Jan 2023)**: Fully digitized the RBI's internal workflows.
 2. **Pravaah (May 2024)**: Digital platform for external users' regulatory applications. Over **70** regulatory applications digitized, benefiting **9** RBI departments.
 - Documents from Pravaah link to Saarathi for end-to-end digital processing.
 - RBI HQ: Mumbai; Governor: **Sanjay Malhotra** (26th); Deputy Governors: **Swaminathan Janakiraman**, **T. Rabi Sankar**, **M. Rajeshwar Rao**; Est.: April 1, 1935.

4. Tata AIA Life Insurance: "Shubh Flexi Income Plan"

- **Launch of "Shubh Flexi Income Plan"**
 - A **non-linked, participating life insurance** savings product.
 - Offers **three** flexible options: Endowment, Early Income, Deferred Income.
 - Combines **financial security** and **wealth creation** with protective features.
 - Tata AIA Life HQ: Mumbai; MD & CEO: **Venkatachalam H.**



5. Bilateral Trade Settlement with Maldives in INR and MVR

- **RBI Permits Bilateral Trade with Maldives in Indian Rupees (INR) & Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)**
 - Additional to the existing **Asian Clearing Union (ACU)** arrangement.
 - **ACU**: Central banks of Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka settle intra-regional transactions on a net multilateral basis.
 - ACU HQ: Tehran, Iran; Chairman: **Ahsan H. Mansur**; Secretary General: **Farhad Morsali Pavarsi**.

6. Key Banking Partnerships and Initiatives

- **Piramal Capital & Housing Finance + Punjab & Sind Bank**
 - Co-lending partnership to boost credit for middle-/lower-income borrowers in rural/semi-urban areas.
- **Bank of India (BOI) + New India Assurance Co Ltd (NIACL)**
 - Provide BOI customers with health, motor, personal accident, home, and commercial insurance.
 - BOI HQ: Mumbai; CEO: **Rajneesh Karnatak**; Tagline: "Relationship Beyond Banking."
 - NIACL HQ: Mumbai; CMD: **Girija Subramanian**; Established: 1919.
- **Axis Bank Partners with J.P. Morgan**
 - Offers real-time US dollar payments to commercial clients in India through J.P. Morgan's blockchain/digital assets unit "Kinexys."
 - First instance of an Indian company making/receiving USD payments **24x7**.
 - Axis Bank HQ: Mumbai; MD & CEO: **Amitabh Chaudhry**; Tagline: "Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi."
- **Bandhan Bank + Indian Air Force (IAF)**
 - MoU to offer "Shaurya Salary Account," a special corporate salary account for IAF personnel.
 - Bandhan Bank HQ: Kolkata; MD & CEO: **Partha Pratim Sengupta**; Tagline: "Aapka Bhalai, Sabki Bhalai."
 - IAF HQ: New Delhi; Chief: **Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh**.

7. RBI and Bank of Mauritius: Local Currency Transactions

- **RBI + Bank of Mauritius Sign MoU**
 - Promotes cross-border use of **Indian Rupee (INR)** and **Mauritian Rupee (MUR)**.
 - Aims to facilitate bilateral trade and direct currency exchange, bypassing third-country currencies.

8. SEBI Regulations and Reforms

- **Reduced Timeline for Rights Issues to 23 Working Days**
 - **Earlier average** was 317 days (or 126 days in some references).
 - **Preferential allotment** took ~40 working days.
 - Subscription window remains **7-30 days**.
 - **Effective April 7, 2025** for new rights issues.
 - SEBI HQ: Mumbai; Chairman: **Tuhin Kanta Pandey**.
- **Minimum Investment in Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) on Social Stock Exchange Reduced**
 - Threshold lowered from **₹10,000** to **₹1,000** to boost retail participation.
 - ZCZP instruments channel donations to nonprofit organizations on the Social Stock Exchange.
- **Extended Derivatives Trading Suspension in 7 Agricultural Commodities Until March 2026**



- Commodities: Wheat, Moong, Paddy (Non-Basmati), Chana, Crude Palm Oil, Mustard Seeds & Derivatives, Soybean & Derivatives.
- **SEBI Raises Threshold for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) Additional Disclosures**
 - Increased from ₹25,000 Cr to ₹50,000 Cr.

9. Power Finance Corporation (PFC): Zero Coupon Bond (ZCB)

- **Ministry of Finance Notifies PFC to Raise Up to ₹10,000 Crore via ZCB**
 - Discount of ₹49,546 on a face value of ₹1 lakh (investors pay ₹50,454, redeemed at ₹1 lakh).
 - Maturity: **121 months** (~10 years 1 month).
 - Issuance limit of up to **10 lakh bonds** before March 31, 2027.
 - PFC HQ: New Delhi; CMD: Parminder Chopra.

10. Certificates of Deposit (CD) Issuances

- **CD Issuance Hits All-Time High of ₹10.58 Lakh Crore in FY2024-25 (up to March 7, 2025)**
 - A **34%** year-on-year jump, as per RBI Bulletin.
- **Further Data (March 2025) Shows CD Issuance Touched ₹2.06 Lakh Crore**
 - Total for FY2025: **₹13.05 Lakh Crore**, 37% more than the ₹9.57 Lakh Crore in FY2024.
 - Top bank issuers in FY25:
 - **PNB**: ₹2.16 Lakh Cr
 - **Bank of Baroda**: ₹1.55 Lakh Cr
 - **HDFC Bank**: ₹1.46 Lakh Cr
 - CDs are **negotiable, unsecured money market** instruments (up to 1-year maturity), issued by SCBs, RRBs, SFBs, and All-India FIs.

11. Digital Innovations and Banking Services

- **Canara Bank: India's First to Launch Digital Balance Confirmation Certificate**
 - Through the PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd portal.
 - Canara Bank HQ: Bengaluru; MD & CEO: K. Satyanarayana Raju.
- **Bank of Baroda Launches "mDigiNext" App**
 - Addresses corporate customers' cash management needs.

12. Sports Sponsorship

- **City Union Bank (CUB) as Exclusive Banking Partner for Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)**
 - CUB HQ: Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu; CEO: Dr. N. Kamakodi.
 - SRH CEO: Kavya Maran.

13. NPCI International Expansion

- **NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) + Singapore's HitPay**
 - Partnership to **expand UPI acceptance across Singapore**.
 - NIPL HQ: Mumbai; CEO: Ritesh Shukla.

14. RBI Penalties

- **Citibank N.A.:** Penalty of **₹36.28 Lakh** for regulatory non-compliance.
 - HQ: New York, US; CEO (India): **Sunil Garg**.
- **IDBI Bank:** Penalty of **₹36.30 Lakh** for regulatory non-compliance.
 - HQ: Mumbai; MD & CEO: **Rakesh Sharma**; Established: 1964.
- **HDFC Bank:** Penalty of **₹75 Lakh** for KYC norms violation.
 - HQ: Mumbai; MD & CEO: **Sashidhar Jagdishan**; Tagline: "We understand your world."
- **Punjab & Sind Bank:** Penalty of **₹68.20 Lakh** for non-compliance in large exposures and BSBDA.



- HQ: New Delhi; MD & CEO: **Swarup Kumar Saha**.
- **KLM Axiva Finvest**: Penalty of **₹10 Lakh** for dividend declaration violations.
 - HQ: Hyderabad; Director: **Shibu T. Varghese**; Chairman: **T. P. Sreenivasan**.

15. Asset Management & Mutual Funds

- **Kotak Mahindra AMC Launches "Choti SIP"**
 - Minimum monthly contribution of **₹250** for first-time MF investors.
- **IDFC FIRST Bank Incorporates "Ace" Feature in Its Mobile App**
 - **Browse 2500+ mutual funds**; promotes do-it-yourself investing.
 - HQ: Mumbai; MD & CEO: **V. Vaidyanathan** (commonly referenced).
 - (Note: The feature was introduced under the same name "Ace" in multiple updates.)
- **Paytm + SBI Mutual Fund Introduce "JanNivesh ₹250 SIP"**
 - Minimum investment from **₹250**.

16. Tata Communications "Vayu"

- **Launch of "Vayu" Cloud Fabric**
 - Claims up to **30% cost savings**; enables multi-cloud flexibility.

17. PFRDA's Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)

- **PFRDA Issued Regulations for UPS (Under NPS), Effective April 1, 2025**
 - Central Govt employees have until **June 30, 2025** to opt in.
 - Monthly Contribution: **10%** of basic pay to PRAN.
 - Govt Contribution: Equal **10% + 8.5%** of (basic pay + DA).
 - **Minimum Guaranteed Pension**: ₹10,000/month (on at least 10 years' service).
 - PFRDA HQ: New Delhi; Chairperson: **Deepak Mohanty**; Founded: 2003.

18. SEBI and Social Stock Exchange

- **Minimum Investment in ZCZP (Zero Coupon Zero Principal) Instruments**
 - Already mentioned under SEBI reforms (Section 8).
 - Reduced to **₹1,000** to enhance retail participation in philanthropic contributions.

19. IMF Data on India's Economy

- **GDP Doubling and Growth**
 - India's GDP rose from **\$2.1 trillion (2015)** to **\$4.3 trillion (2025)** (~105% growth).
 - Currently **5th largest** economy (after US, China, Germany, Japan).
 - Projected to **overtake Japan in 2025** and possibly **Germany by 2027**.
- **Additional Macro Figures**
 - Latest IMF estimate for 2025: **\$4.27 trillion GDP**, **6.5%** real GDP growth.
 - Inflation at ~**4.1%**, within RBI's 4–6% target.
 - GDP per capita (PPP): **\$11,940**.
 - General government gross debt: **82.6%** of GDP.
- **IMF HQ**: Washington, D.C.; MD & Chairperson: **Kristalina Georgieva**; 191 member countries.

20. Other Government Measures and Policies

- **Withdrawal of 20% Export Duty on Onions**
 - Effective **April 1, 2025** (the duty was imposed in September 2024).
- **6% Equalisation Levy (Digital Tax) on Online Ads to Be Abolished**
 - Effective **April 1, 2025**, as per Finance Bill 2025.
- **Government Borrowing Plan for H1 FY26**
 - **₹8 lakh crore** from the bond market (54% of total ₹14.82 lakh Cr for FY26).
 - **₹10,000 crore** via Sovereign Green Bonds.

- Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit at ₹1.50 lakh Cr for short-term mismatches.
- **MSME Classification Revised (Effective April 1, 2025)**
 - Investment & Turnover Limits increased by 2.5 times each.
 - Micro: Up to ₹2.5 Cr investment, ₹10 Cr turnover.
 - Small: Up to ₹25 Cr investment, ₹100 Cr turnover.
 - Medium: Up to ₹125 Cr investment, ₹625 Cr turnover.
- **Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024**
 - Allows up to 4 nominees for deposits, lockers, safe custody.
 - Redefines 'substantial interest' threshold to ₹2 crore (up from ₹5 lakh set in 1968).
 - Modifies directors' tenure in cooperative banks.

21. RBI Approvals, Guidelines, and Limits

- **RBI Approves Hike in ATM Interchange Fees (Bank-to-Bank)**
 - Effective May 1, 2025: ₹19 (financial) and ₹7 (non-financial), up from ₹17 and ₹6.
- **RBI Raises Maximum ATM Charges for Customers Beyond Free Transactions**
 - From ₹21 to ₹23 per transaction if exceeding free monthly usage.
 - Free Usage per month:
 - 5 at own-bank ATMs (financial + non-financial).
 - 3 at other-bank ATMs in metro areas, 5 in non-metros.
 - Total ATMs (Jan 2025): 2.57 lakh (2.21 lakh bank-owned + 36k white-label).
- **RBI Revised Priority Sector Lending (PSL) Guidelines (Effective April 1, 2025)**
 - Targets:
 - Urban Coop Banks (UCBs): 60% of ANBC or CEOBSE (whichever higher).
 - RRBs & SFBs: 75%.
 - Domestic commercial banks & foreign banks (≥20 branches): 40%.
 - Housing Loan Limits (Purchase/Construction):
 - Population ≥50 lakh: Up to ₹50 lakh.
 - Population 10 lakh to <50 lakh: Up to ₹45 lakh.
 - Population <10 lakh: Up to ₹35 lakh.
 - Housing Loan (Repairs) Limits: ₹15 lakh, ₹12 lakh, and ₹10 lakh respectively.
 - Education Loans: Up to ₹25 lakh qualify for PSL.
 - Social Infrastructure:
 - Up to ₹8 crore for schools, drinking water, sanitation.
 - Up to ₹12 crore for health infrastructure (Tier II–VI).
 - Renewable Energy:
 - Projects up to ₹35 crore; individuals up to ₹10 lakh.
 - Differential Weight System: Districts with lower credit flow get 125% weight, higher flow get 90%.
 - Non-compliance => banks must contribute to RIDF or similar funds.
- **RBI Grants RRBs 5 More Years to Amortize Pension Liabilities**
 - Must provide at least 20% provisioning annually.
- **RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH) Launches "DesignShaalā™"**
 - Focuses on human-centered design for financial innovation.
 - RBIH established in 2020; HQ: Bengaluru.
- **RBI Sets Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Redemption Price at ₹8,624/Unit**
 - For SGB 2016–17 Series IV, maturing on March 17, 2025.
- **RBI to Issue New ₹100 and ₹200 Banknotes**
 - Governor Sanjay Malhotra's signature in the Mahatma Gandhi New Series.
- **614th Meeting of RBI Central Board of Directors Held**
 - Location: Thiruvananthapuram.
- **RBI Allows Standalone Primary Dealers (SPDs) to Participate in All Repo Operations**

- Regardless of tenor.
- Also increases **Standing Liquidity Facility (SLF)** limit for SPDs from ₹10,000 Cr to ₹15,000 Cr.

22. Other Notable Banking News

- **HDFC Bank Launches "Diplomat or Embassy Fixed Deposit"**
 - **USD term deposits** for diplomatic missions, min. USD 5,000, multiples of USD 1,000.
 - Tenures: 1, 3, 6, 12 months (no automatic renewal).
- **Yes Bank Introduces GST Payment Facility**
 - Approved by the Government of India for convenient direct GST remittances.
- **IDFC FIRST Bank "Ace" Feature**
 - Reiterated under Mutual Funds (Section 15). Encourages digital MF investing.
- **Karur Vysya Bank Expands to 880 Branches**
 - Newly opened branches in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Vellore.
 - KVB HQ: Karur (commonly known), major ops in Tamil Nadu.
- **CCAvenue + The Sutex Co-Operative Bank**
 - Enhance the bank's online banking/payment gateway services.
 - CCAvenue is part of Infibeam Avenues Ltd.
- **AU Small Finance Bank Raises ₹770 Crore via Tier-II Bonds**
 - Coupon rate: 9.20%.
 - HQ: Jaipur; MD & CEO: Sanjay Agarwal.
- **SATYA MicroCapital Ltd (NBFC-MFI) Targets 10 Million Households by 2030**
 - Plans significant expansion in rural credit.
- **HDFC Bank Accepting Deposits Under Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme (SCSS)**
 - Offers 8.2% annual interest.
- **Loans Worth Over ₹16 Lakh Crore Written Off by Scheduled Commercial Banks**
 - From FY15 to FY24; ~57% linked to large industries/services.

23. Corporate and Industry Updates

- **Tata Communications Launches "Vayu"**
 - Next-generation cloud fabric, up to 30% cost savings.
- **Poonawalla Fincorp & IIT Bombay**
 - Co-developed an **AI underwriting solution** to boost credit managers' productivity by 40%.
- **Luminous Power + SBI**
 - MoU to offer loans up to ₹10 Crore for solar installations.
- **Zuno General Insurance (formerly Edelweiss General Insurance)**
 - Introduces "Zuno SmartDrive" with a **Pay-How-You-Drive** model using mobile telematics.
- **InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo) Penalized ₹944.2 Crore by Income Tax Dept**
 - For Assessment Year 2021-22.
- **EPFO Raises Auto-Settlement of Advance Claims Limit**
 - From ₹1 Lakh to ₹5 Lakh; plans UPI integration for faster payouts.
- **Kuhoo Finance Pvt. Ltd. (Est. 2021, HQ: Mumbai)**
 - Receives RBI NBFC License to disburse up to ₹2 Crore loans.

24. India's Current Account Deficit (CAD)

- **CAD Widens to \$11.5 Billion (1.1% of GDP) in Q3 FY25**
 - Q3 FY24: \$10.4 Billion (1.1% of GDP).
 - Q2 FY25: 1.8% of GDP.
 - Data Source: Reserve Bank of India.

25. Remittances and Migrant Data

- **RBI's 6th Round of India's Remittance Survey (2023–24)**
 - US largest contributor at **27.7%**, followed by UAE at **19.2%**.
 - US, UK, Singapore, Canada, Australia together **>50%** of total remittances.
 - GCC nations collectively **37.9%**.
 - **78%** of Indian migrants in the US are in high-earning occupations.
 - Top remittance-receiving states: **Maharashtra (20.5%)**, Kerala (19.7%), Tamil Nadu (10.4%), Telangana (8.1%), Karnataka (7.7%).

26. World Bank Information

- HQ: Washington, D.C.
- President: **Ajay Banga**.
- MD & CFO: **Anshula Kant**.
- Members: **189** countries.

27. Unclaimed Deposits and “UDGAM” Portal

- **Over ₹45,000 Crore of Unclaimed Deposits Transferred to DEA Fund (RBI)**
 - From FY2019–20 to FY2024–25 (till Dec 31, 2024).
- **RBI's ‘UDGAM’ Portal** (Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access Information)
 - Centralized search for unclaimed deposits across multiple banks (~30 banks, covering ~90% of value).

28. Other International and Trade Developments

- **Indonesia to Join the New Development Bank (NDB)**
 - NDB was established by BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa).
- **APEDA Facilitates First Export of 15,000 kg GI-Tagged Dalle Chilly from Sikkim**
 - Destination: Solomon Islands.
- **General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)**
 - **15% reduction** in terrorism insurance premiums under Terrorism Risk Insurance Pool, effective April 1, 2025.
 - Maximum indemnity raised to **₹2,000 Cr/location** (earlier ₹200 Cr).
- **Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) Achieve Record Profit of ₹7,571 Crore in FY2023–24.**
- **Maruti Suzuki to Establish Third Manufacturing Plant in Kharkhoda, Haryana**
 - Investment: **₹7,410 Crore**; target capacity: **2.5 Lakh units/year** by 2029.
- **ADB + Shriram Finance Ltd**
 - **\$150 Million Loan** to support MSMEs & electric vehicle financing in India.
- **“Vigyan Dhara” Scheme**
 - Launched by Ministry of Science & Technology on January 16, 2025.
 - Outlay: **₹10,579.84 Crore** (2021–22 to 2025–26) for R&D and innovation.
- **India–New Zealand Bilateral Trade**
 - **\$873 Million** in 2023–24, with focus on digital payments, customs cooperation, air services.

29. “BAANKNET” Portal by Finance Ministry

- **Finance Ministry Unveils “BAANKNET” Portal**
 - Revamp of earlier “e-BKray,” launched in February 2019.
 - Enhances transparency in **banks’ asset e-auctions**, integrates automated KYC, secure payments, verified property titles.
 - Used by all 12 PSBs + Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).



- Linked with "Jan Samarth Portal" (one-stop digital platform for 15 govt-sponsored loans/subsidies).

30. Additional Highlights

- **M Nagaraju Appointed Chairperson of Inter-Ministerial-Industry Committee on Fintech (IMICF)**
 - Will tackle BFSI sector challenges.
- **YES Bank GST Payment Facility**
 - Part of the bank's push for digital tax payment services (already noted in Banking Services).
- **India's Digital Payment Transactions**
 - **18,737 Crore** in FY2023-24, marking **46%** growth over FY2021-22.

7. Defence Affairs

1. Manufacturing of 200 Diamond DA40 NG Trainer Aircraft

Sakthi Aircraft Industry Pvt Ltd (SAIPL) and Aero Club of India (ACI) have partnered to manufacture **200 Diamond DA40 NG trainer aircraft**, marking the **first private manufacturing of trainer aircraft in India**.

2. India-France Naval Exercise "VARUNA 2025"

The **23rd edition of the India-France bilateral naval exercise "VARUNA 2025"** is scheduled from **March 19-22, 2025**, in the Arabian Sea. It will feature **INS Vikrant** (India's indigenous aircraft carrier) and **Charles de Gaulle** (the French Navy's aircraft carrier).

3. Manthan 2025

Manthan 2025 is a **flagship annual defence innovation event** organized by **iDEX-DIO**. It was held in **Bengaluru, Karnataka** in 2025.

4. Goa Shipyard Limited Launches 'Tavasya'

Goa Shipyard Limited launched **"Tavasya,"** the **2nd frigate of Project 1135.6 (Follow-on)**. The first ship of this follow-on project was **"Tripur."**

5. "Africa India Key Maritime Engagement" (AIKEYME) Exercise

The Indian Navy announced the **first-ever "Africa India Key Maritime Engagement" (AIKEYME)** exercise for **April 2025**. It involves **10 African nations** and an **"Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) Sagar" mission** aboard **INS Sunayna**.

- **Exercise Name:** AIKEYME (meaning "Unity" in Sanskrit)
- **Co-Hosts:** Indian Navy & Tanzania Peoples' Defence Force (TPDF)
- **Venue:** Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania

6. Tri-Service Exercise "Prachand Prahaar"

The **Indian Army** led a **tri-service (Army, Navy, Air Force) integrated multi-domain warfare exercise** named **"Prachand Prahaar"** in **Arunachal Pradesh**, from **March 25-27, 2025**, under the Eastern Command.

- **Indian Army Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Chief of the Indian Army:** General Upendra Dwivedi
- **Vice Chief of the Indian Army:** Lt. Gen. N. S. Raja Subramani

7. MoD Contracts for Nag Missile System & Light Vehicles

The **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** signed **₹2,500 crore** contracts for the **Nag Missile System** and **5,000 Light Vehicles** under the 'Buy (Indian-IDDm)' category.

- **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Defence:** Raised to **74%** (from 49%).
- **Union Budget 2025 Defence Allocation:** **₹6.81 lakh crore**, with **₹1.8 lakh crore** earmarked for modernisation.

8. India–Russia Naval Exercise “INDRA 2025”

The **14th** edition of the **India–Russia** bilateral naval exercise “**INDRA**” is scheduled from **March 28–April 2, 2025**, off the coast of **Chennai**.

9. Ministry of Defence Signs Contracts Worth ₹62,700 Crore

The **Ministry of Defence** signed two contracts worth **₹62,700 crore** with **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** for **156 Indigenous Light Combat Helicopters** (90 for the Indian Army, 66 for the Indian Air Force). Additionally, there is a **wet-lease agreement** with **US-based Metrea** for **KC135 Flight Refueller** aircraft.

8. International Affairs**1. India to Fence the Entire 1643-km-long Myanmar Border**

- Within 10 years using **anti-cut, anti-climb** design
- Project worth **₹31,000 Cr**
- Replaces **Free Movement Regime** suspended in **February 2024**
- India–Myanmar border spans:
 - **Arunachal Pradesh (520 km)**
 - **Nagaland (215 km)**
 - **Manipur (398 km)**
 - **Mizoram (510 km)**

Myanmar

- Capital: **Naypyitaw**
- Currency: **Kyat**
- Interim President: **Min Aung Hlaing**

2. India and Chile Hold 1st Joint Working Group Meeting on Agriculture (Virtual)**3. Google Introduces Gemma 3**

- Built on **Gemini 2.0**
- Competes with **Meta's Llama** and **DeepSeek V3**

9. Meetings, Conferences, and Summits**1. 10th 'Raisina Dialogue' (March 17–19, 2025)**

- **Inaugurated** by **PM Modi** on the theme '**Kalachakra: People, Peace, Planet.**'
- **Co-hosted** by **MEA (Ministry of External Affairs)** and **ORF (Observer Research Foundation)**.
- **New Zealand PM Christopher Luxon** served as the **chief guest**.

2. India Innovation Summit – “Pioneering Solutions to End TB”

- Inaugurated by MoS for Health & Family Welfare Anupriya Patel at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Jointly organized by DHR-ICMR and the Central TB Division.
- India's TB Elimination Goal: 2025 (2 years ahead of the global 2030 target).
- NTEP (National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme) Notifications:
 - 2023: 25.5 lakh TB cases notified
 - 2024: 26.07 lakh TB cases notified (**highest ever**)
- 100 Days Intensified 'TB Mukht Bharat' Campaign:
 - Launched on **December 7, 2024**, covering **455 high-priority districts**.

3. 14th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) Experts Working Group on Counter-Terrorism (EWG on CT)

- Concluded in New Delhi.
- Participating ASEAN countries: Lao PDR, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, Cambodia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam.
- Timor Leste holds **observer status** in ASEAN.

4. 353rd Governing Body Meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)

- Held in Geneva, Switzerland.

5. Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2025

- Held at Fira Gran Via, Barcelona.
- Theme: “Converge. Connect. Create.”

10. Miscellaneous**1. Important Days & Observances (March)****March 13**

- World Kidney Day
 - Theme: “Are Your Kidneys OK? Detect Early, Protect Kidney Health.”
- World Rotaract Day

March 14

- World Sleep Day (observed on the Friday before the March Equinox)
- Pi Day 2025 (3/14) – UNESCO has declared it the **International Day of Mathematics**
- 6th International Day of Mathematics
 - Theme: “Mathematics, Art, and Creativity”

March 15

- World Consumer Rights Day
 - Theme: “A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles.”

March 16

- National Immunization/Vaccination Day
 - Commemorates the successful launch of the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme in India.

March 18

- Ordnance Factories Day
- Global Recycling Day

March 20

- International Day of Happiness



- **Theme:** "Caring and Sharing"

- **World Sparrow Day**

- **Theme:** "A Tribute to Nature's Tiny Messengers"

- **World Oral Health Day**

- **Theme:** "A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind"

- **UN French Language Day**

- **World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People**

March 21

- **International Day of Forests**

- **Theme:** "Forests and Food"

- **UN World Day for Glaciers**

- **Theme:** "Glacier Preservation"

- **World Down Syndrome Day**

- **Theme:** "Improve Our Support Systems"

- **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

- **Theme (2025):** "60th Anniversary of International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination"

March 22

- **Bihar Diwas**

March 23

- **Shaheed Diwas / Martyrs' Day**

- Commemorates the martyrdom of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev.

- **World Meteorological Day**

- **Theme:** "Closing the Early Warning Gap Together"

March 24

- **World Tuberculosis (TB) Day**

- **Theme:** "Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver"

- **UN International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims**

March 25

- **International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade**

- **Theme:** "Acknowledge the past. Repair the present. Build a future of dignity and justice"

- **International Day of the Unborn Child**

- **UN International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members**

March 27

- **63rd World Theatre Day**

March 28

- **3rd Universal Acceptance Day**

- **Theme:** "Connecting the Unconnected - Building a Multilingual Internet for Viksit Bharat"

March 29

- **World Piano Day** (celebrated on the 88th day of the year, symbolizing the piano's 88 keys)

March 30

- **Rajasthan Statehood Day**

- **International Day of Zero Waste**

- **Theme:** "Towards Zero Waste in Fashion and Textiles"

March 31

- **International Transgender Day of Visibility** (observed since 2009)

2. Fairs & Festivals

- **Maa Purnagiri Fair** – Champawat, Uttarakhand

- **Sarhul Festival** – Celebrated in Jharkhand
- **Thaipusam (Thai Poosam) Festival** – Celebrated notably in Tamil Nadu
- **Purple Fest 2025** (by DEPwD under MoSJE) – Held in New Delhi
- **‘Culinary, Crafts & Clicks – Moods & Magic’** – A festival of street food & handicraft organized by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) & MyGov in New Delhi

3. Other Major Events & Conferences

- **India 2047: Building a Climate-Resilient Future** – Held in New Delhi; organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) + two institutes at Harvard University.
- **7th Act East Business Show** – Shillong, Meghalaya
- **Operation Devil Hunt** – A large-scale security operation in Bangladesh
- **Techkriti 2025** – Asia’s largest intercollegiate technical & entrepreneurial festival at IIT Kanpur
 - **Theme:** “Panta Rhei” (Greek for “Everything Flows”)
- **37th Kathak Mahotsav 2025** (world’s first-ever Kathak Literary Festival) – Held in New Delhi

4. Acquisitions & Business Updates

- **Tata Sons**
 - CCI approved its acquisition of an additional 10% stake in Tata Play (DTH operator) from Temasek Holdings. Tata Sons currently owns 60% in Tata Play.
- **ONGC-NTPC Green Energy Ltd (ONGPL)**
 - Acquired 100% equity stake in Ayana Renewable Power Pvt. Ltd (Bengaluru) for **₹19,500 Cr (~\$2.3 bn)**.
- **IndusInd International Holdings Limited (IIHL)**
 - Acquired the debt-ridden Reliance Capital Limited (RCAP) for **₹9,650 Cr**.
- **LIC**
 - To buy 40–49% stake in Ranjan Pai-led Manipal Cigna Health Insurance for a valuation of **₹3,500–3,750 Cr**.

5. Infrastructure & Landmarks

- **First-ever temple dedicated to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** – Bhiwandi, Thane, Maharashtra
- **Ananta** – Google’s largest campus in India, located in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- **Sify Data Center** – North India’s largest data centre campus launched in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- **India’s Largest 5.5 GW Solar Cell Factory** by Waaree Energies – Inaugurated at Chikhli, Gujarat
- **North India’s 1st Nuclear Power Plant** – Gorakhpur, Haryana
- **14.2 km long Zoji La Tunnel** – Asia’s longest single-tube 2-lane road tunnel; connects J&K and Ladakh; located at 11,575 ft (3,528 m)

6. Brand Ambassadors

- **Jasprit Bumrah** – Brand Ambassador of Skechers (footwear brand)
- **Vicky Kaushal** – Brand Ambassador of Tata Motors

7. Newly Discovered Species

- A new **Congrid eel** species named **“Tamilicum”** – Discovered off the Thoothukudi coast (Tamil Nadu)
- **“Lobothorax Bharat”** – A newly discovered parasitic species found in the Bay of Bengal (Ganjam & Balasore, Odisha)

8. Books & Authors

- **“Rice: A Global History”** – Authored by **Renee Marton**

- “**Leo: The Untold Story**” – Book launched by Chennai Super Kings (CSK), authored by **P. S. Raman**
- “**Chronicles of Economic Diplomacy**” – Authored by **Dr. Asif Iqbal**
- “**March to Glory: The Story of India’s 1975 World Cup Triumph**” – Authored by **K. Arumugam & Errol D’Cruz**
- “**Memories and Milestones**” – Authored by **V. Sriram & Lashman**
- “**Living with Birds**” – Authored by **Asad Rahmani**, focusing on bird conservation and personal experiences
- “**Ripples of Change: Gender-transformative Rural WASH Programmes in India**” – Book launched by **C. R. Patil**
- “**The Tamils: A Portrait of a Community**” – Authored by **Nirmala Lakshman**
- “**Drive to Victory**” – Authored by **Karun Chandhok**

9. Locations, Wildlife & Notable Places

- **Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki Volcano** – Located in Indonesia
- **Jaldapara National Park** – West Bengal
- **Gorumara National Park** – West Bengal
- **Khijadia Bird Sanctuary** – Gujarat
- **Trimbakeshwar Temple** – Nashik, Maharashtra
- **Patharkatti Village (Gaya, Bihar)** – Famous for 300-year-old stone art
- **Lachit Barphukan Police Academy** – Dergaon, Assam
- **Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary (Leopard safari)** – Punjab

10. Sports Updates

- **2025 Australian Grand Prix Winner: Lando Norris** (British, driving for McLaren)
- **Winner of Chinese Grand Prix 2025: Oscar Piastri** (Australian, driving for McLaren)
- **12th edition of Men’s Asia Cup Hockey (Aug–Sep 2025)** – To be held in **Rajgir, Bihar**

11. Personalities

- **Ramakanta Rath** – Renowned Modernist Poet in Odia literature, passed away.
 - Awarded the **Padma Bhushan** in 2006
 - Served as President of the **Sahitya Akademi (1998–2003)**

12. Additional Cultural / State Events

- **March 22 – Bihar Diwas**
- **March 23 – Shaheed Diwas** (Martyrs’ Day, honoring Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev)
- **March 30 – Rajasthan Statehood Day**

11. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

1. Lok Sabha Secretariat & MeitY

- **MoU Signed** to develop AI-powered “Sansad Bhashini” for seamless translation, real-time speech conversion, and expanded multilingual access to parliamentary content.

2. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) & Sarvam AI

- **MoU Signed** to enhance Aadhaar services via voice-based interactions and real-time fraud alerts in 10 languages.
- **Headquarters of UIDAI:** New Delhi
- **CEO of UIDAI:** Bhuvnesh Kumar

- **Chairman of UIDAI:** Neelekanth Mishra

3. Andhra Pradesh Government & Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

- **MoU Signed** to integrate scalable, cost-effective solutions in healthcare, medtech, education, and agriculture.

4. Vodafone Idea (Vi) & West Bengal State Export Promotion Society (WBSEPS)

- **MoU Signed** to accelerate MSME digitization.
- **Contribution of MSMEs:** 30% to India's GDP

5. India & Singapore

- **Letter of Intent Signed** for 'Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC)' at Singapore Maritime Week 2025.
- **Singapore Maritime Week (SMW) 2025:** Organized by the Maritime Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), from 24–28 March 2025.
- **Theme:** "Actions Meet Ambition."

6. Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India & IIM Mumbai

- **MoU Signed** to improve efficiency and transparency in public sector logistics, supply chain, and inventory management.

7. Bain Capital & Manappuram Finance

- **Deal:** Bain Capital to acquire 18% stake in Manappuram Finance for ₹4,385 Crore via preferential allotment of equity and warrants.

12. National & States Affairs

1. Six New Sites on UNESCO Tentative List; 'Moidams' from Assam Get UNESCO Tag

- **Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** announced the addition of six Indian sites to the **UNESCO Tentative List** in **March 2024**, raising the total to **62**.
- **Newly Added Sites:**
 1. Kanger Valley National Park (Chhattisgarh)
 2. Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs (Telangana)
 3. Ashokan Edict Sites (Multiple States)
 4. Chausath Yogini Temples (Multiple States)
 5. Gupta Temples (Multiple States)
 6. Palace-Fortresses of the Bundelas (Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh)
- **Key Points:**
 - India now has **62** sites on the Tentative List.
 - Being on the Tentative List is mandatory before nomination to the **UNESCO World Heritage List**.
 - India currently has **43 World Heritage Sites** (35 Cultural, 7 Natural, 1 Mixed).
 - In **2024**, India hosted a World Heritage Committee meeting for the first time, during which the '**Moidams**' (mound-burial system of the Ahom Dynasty in Assam) received the **UNESCO World Heritage tag**.
 - **UNESCO Headquarters:** Paris, France | **Director-General:** Audrey Azoulay | **Founded:** 1945 | **Members:** 194 Countries



2. Prasar Bharati Extends Free Subscription for 'PB-SHABD' Until March 2026

- **Scheme**: Prasar Bharati-Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination (**PB-SHABD**).
- **Launched**: March 2024 as a shared feed service providing **logo-free daily news** (video, audio, text, photos) in multiple Indian languages.
- **Coverage**: Over **1,000 stories daily** across 50+ news categories (agriculture, technology, foreign affairs, etc.), sourced from Regional News Units and HQ.
- **Subscription Update**: Free subscription under PB-SHABD is extended until **March 2026**; **no credit** is required for using its content.
- **Prasar Bharati**: HQ: **New Delhi** | CEO: Gaurav Dwivedi | **Chairman**: Navneet Kumar Sehgal

3. 'SAKSHAM': Green Energy & Fuel Conservation Campaign

- **Initiated by**: Oil & Gas PSUs (IOCL, BPCL)
- **Duration**: 14-day campaign
- **Highlights**: Focus on **fuel conservation**, green energy awareness, and activities like **walkathon**, quiz, slogan-writing

4. BWSSB: First Indian Water Board with BIS Certification

- **Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board (BWSSB)** is the **first water board in India** to receive **BIS certification** for piped drinking water supply management.
- **BIS Headquarters**: Manek Bhawan, Old Delhi | **Director General**: Pramod Kumar Tiwari

5. Indian Railways Joins 'Mission Amrit Sarovar'

- **Objective**: Tackle water scarcity by constructing or rejuvenating ponds.
- **Mission Launched**: April 2022 to build/revitalize **75 ponds** in each district.
- **Progress**: Over **68,000 ponds** completed as of January 2025.
- **Collaboration**: Coordinating with the Ministry of Rural Development to enhance surface and groundwater availability.

6. Indore's First PPP-Based Green Waste Processing Plant

- **Launched Under**: Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban
- **Function**: Converts green waste into usable resources.
- **City Credentials**: Indore is India's **cleanest city** for **7 consecutive years**.

7. 'IndiaAI Hackathon on Mineral Targeting' by IndiaAI & GSI

- **Aim**: Identify new exploration areas for **critical minerals**.
- **Eligibility**: Startups, academic/research institutions, professionals.
- **Prize Money**:
 - 1st Prize: **₹10 lakh**
 - 2nd Prize: **₹7 lakh**
 - 3rd Prize: **₹5 lakh**
 - Special Prize of **₹5 lakh** for all-women teams (if none in top 3).

8. India's Net Zero Emissions Target

- **Goal**: Achieve **Net Zero Emissions by 2070**.

9. 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain-2025' Launched on World Water Day

- **Location**: Panchkula, Haryana
- **Inaugurated By**: Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil & Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini

10. East Coast Railway: First Railway Zone to Achieve 250 MT Freight Loading

- Achieved **250 MT freight loading** in FY25 for the **second consecutive year**.



11. Central Government Notifies 24% Hike in MPs' Salaries

- **Effective Date:** April 1, 2023
- **New Monthly Salary:** ₹1.24 lakh (earlier ₹1 lakh)
- **Daily Allowance:** Increased from ₹2,000 to ₹2,500
- **Pension for Former MPs:** Hiked from ₹25,000 to ₹31,000
- **Additional Pension:** For every year of service beyond 5 years, raised from ₹2,000 to ₹2,500

12. Discontinuation of Medium & Long-Term Govt. Deposit (MLTGD) in Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS)

- **Effective:** March 26, 2025
- **Components** of GMS (originally):
 1. Short-Term Bank Deposit (1–3 years)
 2. Medium-Term Government Deposit (5–7 years)
 3. Long-Term Government Deposit (12–15 years)
- **Key Change:** No new gold deposits under MLTGD after **March 26, 2025**; existing ones remain till redemption.
- **Short-Term Bank Deposit** (1–3 years) continues.
- **Total Gold Mobilised** under GMS (till November 2024): ~31,164 kg

13. India Aims 300 MMT Milk Production in Next 5 Years

- **Current Production:** ~239 MMT
- **Target:** 300 MMT in the next 5 years
- Milk production rose **63.5%** since **Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)** launch in 2014.
- **10 crore** people in India engage in milk production; **75%** of them are women.
- Per-person milk consumption in India: **471 grams/day**.
- **Rashtriya Gokul Mission:** Implemented by Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying to develop/conserve indigenous breeds and enhance production.

14. JSW Steel Becomes World's Most Valuable Steel Company

- **Market Capitalization:** \$30.31 billion
- Surpasses ArcelorMittal & Nucor.

15. 'Hinges (Quality Control) Order, 2025' by DPIIT

- **Issued By:** Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- **Effective:** July 1, 2025
- **Purpose:** Curb sub-standard imports, boost domestic manufacturing.

16. ILO's World Social Protection Report (WSPR) 2024–26

- **Key Finding:** India's social protection coverage increased from **24.4%** (2021) to **48.8%** (2024).

17. MGNREGS Wages Hiked for FY 2025–26

- **Increase Range:** 2.33% to 7.48%
- **Highest Rise:** Haryana (+₹26) reaching **₹400/day** (first state to touch ₹400 under MGNREGS)
- **Lowest Absolute Hike:** +₹7 (Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Telangana)
- **MGNREGS:** Provides at least 100 days of wage employment per rural household (additional 50 days in calamity-hit areas).

18. Union Cabinet Approves ₹37,216 Crore Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) for Kharif 2025

- **Period:** April 1 – September 30, 2025 (Kharif season)
- **Budget Allocation:**
 - Non-urea fertilizer subsidy for FY26: ₹49,000 Cr
 - ₹37,216 Cr specifically for **Kharif 2025**



19. Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami Launches 'Bhagirath Mobile App'

- **Initiative**: Under 'Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan 2025'
- **Theme**: "Dhara Mera, Naula Mera, Gaon Mera, Prayas Mera."
- **Purpose**: Citizens can share info on critical/endangered water sources, and govt. will take steps to revive them.

20. Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project in Bihar

- **Approved Under**: PMKSY–AIBP (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana–Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme)
- **Total Cost**: ₹6,282.32 Cr; **Central Support**: ₹3,652.56 Cr
- **Target Completion**: March 2029
- **PMKSY**: Launched in 2015–16 to expand cultivable areas under assured irrigation; extended (2021–2026) with an outlay of ₹93,068.56 Cr.

21. Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini Launches AI-Powered Chatbot 'Sarathi'

- **Developed By**: HARTRON (Haryana State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.)

22. SANSAD BHASHINI Initiative

- **Focus**: Linguistic inclusivity and digital workflows within Parliament.
- **Launched By**: Collaboration between Lok Sabha Secretariat and MeitY.
- **Uses**: AI-powered multilingual solutions to improve efficiency in parliamentary operations.

23. IRDAI's Time Limit for Cashless Authorization Requests

- **Maximum Approval Time**: 1 hour.

24. Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis Allocates ₹1,100 Cr for Trimbakeshwar Temple

- **Also Introducing**: Kumbh Mela Authority Law (similar to Uttar Pradesh).
- **Aim**: Provide a legal framework for Kumbh Mela projects and ensure efficient crowd management.
- **Trimbakeshwar Simhastha Kumbh Mela**: Scheduled in 2027.

25. President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates Purple Fest 2025 at Amrit Udyan

- **Venue**: Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
- **Focus**: Celebrating talents and aspirations of **Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)**
- **First Edition**: January 2023 at Panjim, Goa

26. Punjab: First Indian State to Broadcast Legislative Assembly Proceedings in Sign Language

- Enhances accessibility for the hearing-impaired community.

27. Mizoram Exports Anthurium Flowers for the First Time

- **Quantity**: 1,024 Anthurium flowers
- **Destination**: Singapore

28. Sikkim Imposes ₹50 Entry Fee for Tourists

- **Under**: Sikkim Registration of Tourist Trade Rules, 2025

29. Meghalaya Resumes Scientific Coal Mining

- Ends a decade-long **rat-hole mining ban** by NGT (National Green Tribunal).

30. India's Foreign Satellite Launches (2015–2024)

- **Number of Satellites**: 393 from 34 countries
- **Earnings**: USD 143 million in forex revenue



31. Delhi Police Launches 'Shishtachar' Anti-Eve Teasing Squad

- **Deployment:** 30 units at harassment hotspots across the city.

32. World Sparrow Day 2025 Observed on 20 March

- **Theme:** "A Tribute to Nature's Tiny Messengers"

33. Tripura Launches Two Welfare Schemes for Girl Children

- **Announced By:** Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda (Health & Family Welfare)

A. Mukhyamantri Balika Samridhi Yojana

- **Objective:** Provide financial security and support for education or essential needs.
- **One-Time Bond:** ₹50,000 deposited at birth for each girl in a BPL family.
- **Maturity:** By age 18, bond grows to ~₹8–10 lakh.

B. Mukhyamantri Kanya Atmanirbhar Yojana

- **Objective:** Promote self-reliance and mobility for girls pursuing higher education and careers.
- **Scooters Awarded:** To meritorious girl students.
- **Coverage:** Expanded from top 100 to **140 meritorious students** from all boards in Tripura.

34. Chandrayaan-5 Mission (LUPEX) Approved by Government

- **Announced By:** ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan
- **Features:** A **250-kg rover** (compared to the 25-kg rover on Chandrayaan-3).
- **Chandrayaan-4:** Expected to launch in **2027**.

13. Persons in News

14. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

1. 15th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

- Featured **79 Indian institutes**.
- **ISM Dhanbad** ranked **20th globally** in **Engineering–Mineral and Mining** (and top in India).
- **IIT Delhi** ranked **26th** in **Engineering & Technology**.
- **Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences** also ranked **26th** in **Dentistry**.
- **IIM Ahmedabad** ranked **27th** in **Business & Management**.
- **IIT Bombay** ranked **28th** in **Engineering–Mineral and Mining**; **IIT Kharagpur** ranked **45th** in the same category.
- **India** has the **5th highest number of new entries** and ranks **12th overall** by total entries.
- **Most represented Indian subject area:** Computer Science & Information Systems, with entries rising from 28 to 42, placing India **4th globally** (behind the US with 119, the UK with 62, and China with 58).
- **Harvard University** leads in **15 subjects**; **MIT** leads in **11 subjects**. Overall, **US universities** top **32 academic disciplines**, and the **UK** leads in **18**.
- **University of British Columbia (Canada)** featured in **52 subject rankings**, the highest for 2025.

2. "Who in the World Supports Free Speech?" Report

- Published by **The Future of Free Speech** (US-based).
- **India** ranks **24th** among **33 countries**, with a score of **62.6**.
- **Top 5 countries:**

1. **Norway** (87.9)
 2. **Denmark** (87.0)
 3. **Hungary** (85.5)
 4. **Sweden** (82.6)
 5. **Venezuela** (81.8)
- **Lowest: Jordan** (54.3).

3. World Happiness Report 2025 (Global Happiness Index 2025)

- Published by the **Wellbeing Research Centre, University of Oxford**.
- **Finland** is the **happiest country** for the **8th consecutive year**.
- **Top 5** happiest: 1. Finland, 2. Denmark, 3. Iceland, 4. Sweden, 5. Netherlands.
- **Costa Rica (6th)** and **Mexico (10th)** appear in the top 10 for the first time.
- **United States** ranks **24th** (its lowest-ever position).
- **Afghanistan** is the **unhappiest** (147th) for the **4th consecutive year**, followed by Sierra Leone (146th), Lebanon (145th), Malawi (144th), Zimbabwe (143rd).
- **India:**
 - Ranks **118th** (up from 126th in 2024).
 - **Lowest rank:** 144 in 2012; **highest:** 94 in 2022.
 - **Happiness score** improved from **4.054** to **4.389** (comparing 2021–23 to 2022–24).

4. India Bioeconomy Report 2025

- Launched by **Dr. Jitendra Singh**.
- Shows bio-economy rose from **\$10 billion (2014)** to **\$165.7 billion (2024)**.
- Contributes **4.25%** to India's GDP with a **17.9% CAGR** (past 4 years).
- India's bio-economy grew **16-fold** in **10 years**.

5. India is 2nd After the US in All-Time Funding Raised by Women-Founded Companies

- India holds the **second-highest** position globally in cumulative funding received by startups founded by women.

6. Hurun Global Rich List 2025

- **Roshni Nadar** (Chairperson of HCL Technologies) becomes the **1st Indian woman** in the **world's top 10 richest women**:
 - Net worth: **₹3.5 lakh crore** (\$40 bn), **5th globally** among richest women.
 - Richest woman in India and the **3rd-richest person** in India (2025).
- **Top 5 richest women worldwide:**
 1. **Alice Walton (US):** \$102 bn
 2. **Francoise Bettencourt Meyers (France):** \$67 bn
 3. **Julia Koch & Family (US):** \$60 bn
 4. **Jacqueline Mars (US):** \$53 bn
 5. **Roshni Nadar (India):** \$40 bn
- **Overall richest:**
 0. **Elon Musk:** \$420 bn
 1. **Jeff Bezos:** \$266 bn
 2. **Mark Zuckerberg:** \$242 bn
 3. **Larry Ellison:** \$203 bn
- **Top in India:**
 0. **Mukesh Ambani:** ₹8.6 tn
 1. **Gautam Adani:** ₹8.4 tn
 2. **Roshni Nadar:** ₹3.5 tn
 3. **Dilip Shanghvi:** ₹2.5 tn
 4. **Azim Premji:** ₹2.2 tn

Ambani overtakes **Adani** as Asia's richest.

India is the world's **3rd-largest dollar-billionaire hub** (284 billionaires) with total wealth of **₹98 tn** (~one-third of India's total).

Mumbai (90 billionaires) lost its title as "Asia's Billionaire Capital" to **Shanghai (92)**.

7. India Becomes 2nd-Highest Tea Exporter

- Exported **254 Mkg** in **2024** (worth **₹7,112 crore**), surpassing **Sri Lanka** but behind **Kenya** (500+ Mkg).
- Aims for **300 Mkg exports** by **2030**.
- Tea Board HQ**: Kolkata.
- Chairman**: **Amardeep Singh Bhatia**.

8. World Air Quality Report 2024 by IQAir

- Chad** is the **most polluted country**.
- India** ranks **5th**.
- Byrnhit (India)** is the **worst city** for air quality.

15. Schemes & Initiatives

1. National Camp for PM-YUVA 3.0 Authors

- Event**: Will be held during the New Delhi World Book Fair 2026.
- Selection Process**:
 - Applications invited via the MyGov India portal.
 - 50 young authors to be chosen based on evaluation criteria.
 - Each author receives **₹50,000 per month for 6 months**.

2. 'Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME)'

- Purpose**: To provide **60% guarantee coverage** (by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company – NCGTC) on credit up to **₹100 Crore** for equipment/machinery purchase.

3. National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)

- Additional Allocation**: **₹1,000 Crore** added by the Union Cabinet.
- Total Budget**: **₹2,790 Crore** for 2021–22 to 2025–26.

4. Vigyan Dhara Scheme

- Increased Allocation**: **₹1,425 Crore** for 2025–26 (up from **₹330.75 Crore** in 2024–25).
- Total Outlay**: **₹10,579.84 Crore** for 2021–26.
- Effective Date**: Came into force on **16 January 2025**.
- Beneficiaries (as of March 2025)**: **57,869 individuals**, primarily students aged 10–15 in classes VI–X.
- INSPIRE-MANAK (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research - Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge)**: Included under Vigyan Dhara.
- Scheme Components** (merging various DST schemes into three parts):
 - S&T Institutional & Human Capacity Building
 - R&D
 - Innovation, Technology Development & Deployment
- Alignment**: Part of the **Viksit Bharat 2047** vision under the 15th Finance Commission period (2021–2026).

5. Rashtriya Gokul Mission

- **Revised Outlay: ₹3,400 Crore** for 2021–26.
- **New Activities:** Includes Heifer Rearing Centres with **35% capital cost assistance**.

6. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)

- **Jan Aushadhi Kendras: 15,057** opened as of February 28, 2025.
- **Data Source:** Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- **Top 5 States (Number of Kendras):**
 1. Uttar Pradesh – **2,658**
 2. Kerala – **1,528**
 3. Karnataka – **1,425**
 4. Tamil Nadu – **1,363**
 5. Bihar – **812**
- **Top 5 UTs (Number of Kendras):**
 1. Delhi – **492**
 2. Jammu & Kashmir – **318**
 3. Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu – **39**
 4. Puducherry – **33**
 5. Chandigarh – **11**

7. Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Electronics

- **Cabinet Approval: ₹22,919 Crore** to boost domestic manufacturing of electronic components.
- **Targets:**
 - **₹59,350 Crore** investment
 - **₹4,56,500 Crore** production
- **Industry Growth:** India's domestic electronic goods production rose from **₹1.90 lakh Crore** (FY15) to **₹9.52 lakh Crore** (FY24) at a CAGR of $\geq 17\%$.

8. "Zero Poverty - P4" Initiative in Andhra Pradesh

- **Under:** 'Swarnadra 2047' Vision to achieve a **poverty-free AP by 2029**.
- **Launch:** By CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu on **March 30, 2025 (Ugadi)**.
- **Concept: P4 = Public-Private-People Partnership**, where the wealthiest 10% support the bottom 20%.

9. PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY)

- **World's Largest** domestic rooftop solar initiative.
- **Installations: 10.09 lakh** as of March 10, 2025.
- **Launch:** By PM Narendra Modi on **February 13, 2024**.
- **Goal:** Free electricity to **1 crore** households via rooftop solar.
- **Notable Achievers:** Chandigarh and Daman & Diu (100% rooftop solar on government buildings).
- **Financial Details:**
 - **Collateral-free loans** up to **₹2 lakh** at a **6.75%** subsidized interest rate.
 - A **3 KW** rooftop solar system can be installed at **₹15,000**, yielding up to **₹15 lakh over 25 years**.
 - **Total Outlay: ₹75,021 Crore**.

10. Mission Amrit Sarovar

- **Launch:** April 2022 under the Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Objective:** Construct or rejuvenate **75 ponds per district**.

11. Delhi Signs MoU with NHA to Implement AB-PMJAY

- **Significance:** Delhi becomes the **35th state/UT** to adopt **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**.
- **Exception:** West Bengal is the only state **not** implementing AB-PMJAY.
- **About AB-PMJAY:**
 - World's largest government-sponsored health insurance scheme.
 - Coverage of **₹5 lakh** per family per year for secondary/tertiary care.
 - Targets **~550 million people** (bottom 40% of India's population).



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16. Science & Technology

A. SPACE MISSIONS

1. NASA and SpaceX "Crew-10"

- **Mission:** Launch to the International Space Station (ISS) to bring home two stranded NASA astronauts—**Sunita Williams** and **Butch Wilmore**—who have been on the ISS since June 2024 (their Boeing Starliner faced technical delays).
- **New Crew (4 newcomers):**
 1. NASA's Anne McClain (military pilot)
 2. NASA's Nichole Ayers (military pilot)
 3. Japan's Takuya Onishi (former airline pilot)
 4. Russia's Kirill Peskov (former airline pilot)
- **NASA HQ:** Washington D.C., US | Administrator (Acting): **Janet Petro** | Founded: 1958
- **SpaceX HQ:** Texas, US | Founder & CEO: **Elon Musk** | Founded: 2002

2. Sunita Williams & Barry "Butch" Wilmore's 286-Day Spaceflight



- **Duration:** 286 days (9th longest single spaceflight), completing **4,567 Earth orbits**.
- **Sunita Williams:**
 - **Space walk Duration:** 62 hours 6 minutes (record for longest by a woman; 4th overall).
 - **Total Time in Space:** 608 days (2nd overall behind Peggy Whitson's 675 days).

Longest Continuous Space Stay: 437 days by Valeri Polyakov (Russia) on the Mir Station.

Centre Clears ISRO-JAXA "Chandrayaan-5" (LuPEX) for 2040 Moon Landing

Chairman (ISRO): V. Narayanan

Objective: Achieve an Indian Moon landing by **2040**.

Mission: "Chandrayaan-5" or "LuPEX," a joint Lunar mission by India (ISRO) and Japan (JAXA), with the lander from ISRO and the rover from JAXA.

Previous Missions:

0. Chandrayaan-1 (2008) – Created chemical, mineralogical, and photo-geologic maps of the Moon.
1. Chandrayaan-2 (2019) – Lunar lander crashed on the surface.
2. Chandrayaan-3 (2023) – Vikram lander successfully soft-landed on the Moon's south pole (Aug 23, 2023).
3. Chandrayaan-4 (2027) – Will bring lunar soil samples back to Earth.

Chandrayaan-5 Upgrade: 250 kg rover (compared to ~25 kg rover in Chandrayaan-3).

ISRO also plans to establish its own space station, "Bharatiya Antriksh Station," by 2035.

ISRO HQ: Bengaluru | Formed: Aug 15, 1969

ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) and Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL)

Developed two **32-bit microprocessors** named "**Vikram 3201**" and "**Kalpna 3201**", enabling **Atmanirbharata** (self-reliance) in onboard computing.

ISRO's Successful Undocking of "SpaDex" (Space Docking Experiment)

Launch Date: 30 December 2024 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh).

Objective: Demonstrate space docking between two small PSLV-launched spacecraft, "**SDX01 (Chaser)**" and "**SDX02 (Target)**".

Significance: India becomes the **4th country** (after the US, Russia, and China) to achieve space docking.

IN-SPACe Selects SIDBI Venture Capital for ₹1,000 Crore Spacetech VC Fund

Goal: Target the **\$44 billion Indian space economy** by 2033.

SIDBI HQ: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh | **CMD:** Manoj Mittal | Established: 1990.

"Nila" Satellite

Named after Kerala's longest river.

Launched aboard **SpaceX's Transporter 13**.

SpaceX: HQ – Texas, US | Founder & CEO – **Elon Musk**.

Saturn's New Moons

Astronomers discovered **128 new moons**, bringing Saturn's total to **274**—the highest in the solar system.

B. EDUCATION & RESEARCH

9. IIT Guwahati's "Gyandhara"

- **Platform:** A VR-enabled metaverse initiative.
- **Pilot:** For Classes **8–12** in 56 **PM SHRI** schools in Assam, starting later this year.
- **Focus:** Immersive 3D/VR learning experiences for science and academic topics.
- **Director, IIT Guwahati:** Prof. **Devendra Jalihal**.

C. AI & TECHNOLOGY

10. Baidu Unveils "ERNIE 4.5" and "ERNIE X1"

- **Company:** Baidu, Inc.

- **ERNIE 4.5**: Native multimodal foundation model; outperforms GPT-4.5 at 1% of GPT-4.5's price, with superior multimodal comprehension.
- **ERNIE X1**: Focus on deep-thinking reasoning—understanding, planning, reflection, tool usage, Q&A, literary creation, and complex calculations.
- **Availability**: Both are accessible via **ERNIE Bot** at <https://yiyan.baidu.com/>
- **Baidu HQ**: Beijing, China | **CEO**: Robin Li | Founded: 2000

11. Alibaba's Updated "Quark" AI Assistant

- **Company**: Alibaba Group Holding Ltd
- **App**: "Quark," now integrated with the "Qwen" model for advanced chatbot capabilities, deep thinking, planning tools, image generation, travel planning, etc.
- **Comparison**: Similar to ByteDance's "Doubao."
- **R1-Omni**: Alibaba's earlier emotional AI that can read users' emotions.
- **Alibaba HQ**: Hangzhou, China | **CEO**: Eddie Wu | Founded: 1999

12. Two AI Projects Under "India AI Mission"

- "Jivi AI" and "ParakhAI" will be ready by 2026.

17. Sports & Games

CRICKET

Women's Premier League (WPL) 2025

- **Mumbai Indians** (captained by **Harmanpreet Kaur**) clinched their **2nd WPL title** by defeating **Delhi Capitals** (led by **Meg Lanning**) by 8 runs.
- This is MI's second WPL championship (they previously won in 2023).
- Delhi Capitals finished as runners-up for the third consecutive time (2023, 2024, 2025).
- **Key Awards**:
 - **Orange Cap**: Nat Sciver-Brunt (523 runs, Mumbai Indians)
 - **Purple Cap**: Amelia Kerr (18 wickets, Mumbai Indians)
 - **Emerging Player of the Season**: Amanjot Kaur
 - **Fair Play Award**: Gujarat Giants

International Masters League (IML) 2025 T20

- **India Masters**, led by **Sachin Tendulkar**, won the inaugural IML 2025 T20, defeating **West Indies Masters** (captained by Brian Lara) in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Equitas Small Finance Bank & Chennai Super Kings

- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** has partnered with **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** for 6 years.

HOCKEY

Hockey India Annual Awards 2024 (7th Edition)

- **Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year (Men)**: Harmanpreet Singh
- **Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year (Women)**: Savita Punia
 - Savita also crossed 300 international caps and won the **Baljit Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year**.
- **Other Awards**:
 - **Baljit Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year**: Savita Punia
 - **Pargat Singh Award for Defender of the Year**: Amit Rohidas
 - **Ajit Pal Singh Award for Midfielder of the Year**: Hardik Singh
 - **Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year**: Abhishek
 - **Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Women - U21)**: Deepika
 - **Jugraj Singh Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Men - U21)**: Araijeet Singh Hundal



- **Lifetime Achievement:** The **1975 World Cup** winning squad received the **Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award** with a ₹50 lakh cash prize.
- **Invaluable Contribution Award:** **Prasar Bharati** received the **Hockey India Jaman Lal Sharma Award for Invaluable Contribution 2024**.

15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025

- **Hockey Jharkhand** won its first title, defeating defending champion **Hockey Haryana** 4-3 in the final at Panchkula, Haryana.

BOXING IN THE 2028 LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS

- **Boxing** has been officially approved for the **2028 Summer Olympics** in Los Angeles, California, USA.
- The International Olympic Committee (**IOC**, headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland; President: **Thomas Bach**; Established: 1894) has replaced the Russian-led IBA with '**World Boxing**' as the recognized body.

KHELO INDIA WINTER GAMES 2025

- The **5th edition** of India's flagship winter sports event took place in two legs:
 - **First leg (January 23–27):** Hosted by **Ladakh** (ice events).
 - **Second leg (March 9–12):** Held in **Gulmarg, Jammu & Kashmir** (snow events).
- **Over 400 athletes**, 19 teams, 6 winter sports, and 136 medals in total.
- **Medal Tally:**
 1. **Indian Army:** 18 medals (7 gold, 5 silver, 6 bronze)
 2. **Himachal Pradesh:** 18 medals (6 gold, 5 silver, 7 bronze)
 3. **Ladakh:** 7 medals (4 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)
 4. **Maharashtra:** 13 medals (3 gold)
 5. **Tamil Nadu:** 5 medals (3 gold)

Mascot: "**Sheen-E-She (Shan)**" (snow leopard), symbolizing biodiversity and conservation.

Indian Army also won the 2024 edition.

2026 Olympic Winter Games: Scheduled to be held in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

KHELO INDIA PARA GAMES 2025

Anthem, Mascot, and Logo Unveiled

- Unveiled by Sports Minister **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**.
- Scheduled from **20–27 March** at multiple Delhi venues (**Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Indira Gandhi Stadium, Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range**).
- **Mascot 'Ujjwala':** House sparrow theme, representing the undying spirit of overcoming challenges.
- **Tagline:** "**Champions Beyond Limits**" or "**Haunslon Ki Udaan.**"
- **Anthem:** "**Khelega Khelega Mera India, Jeetega Jeetega Mera India.**"
- **6 Para-sports:** Para-archery, Para-athletics, Para-badminton, Para-powerlifting, Para-shooting, Para-table tennis.

Results

- **Haryana** topped the medal tally with **104 medals** (34 gold, 39 silver, 31 bronze).
- **Tamil Nadu** finished second with 74 medals, and **Uttar Pradesh** came third with 64 medals.

KABADDI WORLD CUP 2025

- The **2nd edition** was held in **Wolverhampton, England** (the first time outside Asia; the 1st edition was in Malaysia in 2019, where India also won both titles).
- During the tournament, India faced Italy and eventually advanced to the final.
- **Men's Final:** **India** defeated **England**; **Scotland** secured third place.
- **Women's Final:** **India** defeated **England**; **Hong Kong China** got third place.
- **Men's Team Captain:** Deepak Niwas Hooda; **Women's Team Captain:** Neha Jadhav.



- **Player of the Tournament:** India's **Poonam Sharma**; **Best Defender:** England's **Rachel Collins**.

INDIA MASTERS AT SEPATAKRAW WORLD CUP 2025

- **India's men's regu team** clinched their **first gold medal** at the **2025 Sepaktakraw World Cup** in Patna, Bihar, defeating Japan.
- India finished **4th** on the overall medal tally with 7 medals (1 gold, 1 silver, 5 bronze).

ALL ENGLAND OPEN BADMINTON 2025

- Held in **Birmingham**, England (the world's oldest badminton tournament, started in 1899).
- **Women's Singles:** **An Se-young** (South Korea) defeated Wang Zhiyi (China) to claim her 2nd All England Open title.
- **Men's Singles:** **Shi Yu Qi** (China) defeated Lee Chia-Hao (Chinese Taipei).
- Two Indians have won this tournament so far: **Prakash Padukone (1980)** and **Pullela Gopichand (2001)**.

INDIA CLINCHES BOTH MEN'S & WOMEN'S TITLES AT KABADDI WORLD CUP 2025

(Already consolidated under "Kabaddi World Cup 2025" above.)

GYMNASTICS

- **Pranati Nayak** won vault bronze at the **2025 FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Cup** in Antalya, becoming only the **3rd Indian gymnast** to medal in vault.

WRESTLING

Asian Wrestling Championships 2025 (Amman, Jordan)

- **India** finished **8th** overall with **10 medals** (1 Gold, 3 Silver, 6 Bronze).
- **Indian Medals:**
 - **1 Gold:** Manisha Bhanwala (women's 62kg)
 - **3 Silver:** Deepak Punia (men's freestyle 92kg), Udit (men's freestyle 61kg), Reetika Hooda (women's 76kg)
 - **6 Bronze:** (Names not listed, but total 10 medals)
- **Overall Medal Tally:**
 1. **Iran** → 17 medals (9 gold, 4 silver, 4 bronze)
 2. **Japan** → 21 medals (8 gold, 2 silver, 11 bronze)
 3. **North Korea** → 13 medals (4 gold, 4 silver, 5 bronze)

Sunil Kumar's Bronze

- **Sunil Kumar** won bronze for India in the **87kg Greco-Roman** category at the same event.

ATHLETICS

- **Gurindevir Singh** clocked **10.20 seconds** to become **India's fastest man** at the **Indian Grand Prix 1 (2025)** in Bengaluru, setting a new national record (previous record was 10.23s by Manikanta Hoblidha in 2023).
- **Top 3 in Men's 100m:**
 1. Gurindevir Singh (10.20s)
 2. Manikanta Hoblidha (10.22s)
 3. Amlan Borgohain (10.43s)

SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES 2025

- **India** bagged **33 medals** (8 Gold, 18 Silver, 7 Bronze) at the **12th Special Olympics World Winter Games** in **Turin, Italy** (the first time Italy hosted the Special Olympics World Games).

WORLD PARA ATHLETICS GRAND PRIX 2025

- Held in **New Delhi**.

- **India** topped the medal tally with **134 total medals** (45 Gold, 40 Silver, 49 Bronze).

SWIMMING

- **India** will host the **11th Asian Swimming Championship** at the **Naranpura Sports Complex**, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, from **October 1–15, 2025**.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES FEDERATION REBRANDING

- Formerly known as the **Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)**, it has been rebranded as **'Commonwealth Sport'** under the theme **"More in Common."**
- The announcement was made on **Commonwealth Day** (the second Monday of March) to emphasize unity and shared values.

SQUASH

SRFI Indian Tour 2025 PSA Challenger, Chennai

- **Women's Title: Anahat Singh** (her 10th PSA crown)
- **Men's Title: Veer Chotrani** (6th PSA title, his 1st in India)

Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper, Mumbai

- **Women's Title: Anahat Singh** (World No. 1 in National Rankings)
- **Men's Title: Egypt's Kareem El Torkey**
- This PSA Copper Event was hosted **for the first time in India**.
- **Squash** is set to debut in the **2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics**.

TENNIS – MIAMI OPEN 2025

- **Aryna Sabalenka** (Belarus) won the **Women's Singles** title, defeating Jessica Pegula (USA).
- **Jakub Mensik** (Czech Republic) beat Novak Djokovic (Serbia) in the **Men's Final**.

ICC WOMEN'S PLAYER & MEN'S PLAYER OF THE MONTH (FEB 2025)

- **Alana King** (Australia) named **ICC Women's Player of the Month**.
- **Shubman Gill** (India) named **ICC Men's Player of the Month**.

18. Multiple Choice Questions

G.V. Satish (NBCC Director) Sir's Top Picks

1. What historic firsts did Zimbabwe's Kirsty Coventry achieve when elected as the 10th President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?
(1) She is the first woman and the first Zimbabwean to lead the IOC. (2) She is the first woman, first African, and the youngest IOC President since founder Pierre de Coubertin. (3) She is the first African and the first person under 40 to hold the position. (4) She is the first female president from Africa and the first from Zimbabwe.
2. Who was appointed as the new Executive Director of RBI effective March 19, 2025, to oversee the Department of Economic and Policy Research?
(1) Indranil Bhattacharyya (2) Sanjay Malhotra (3) Tuhin Kanta Pandey (4) Swaminathan Janakiraman
3. How many Executive Directors does the RBI have, and where is its headquarters located?
(1) 10 directors; New Delhi (2) 12 directors; Kolkata (3) 14 directors; Chennai (4) 16 directors; Mumbai

4. Who is the 26th Governor of the RBI?
(1)Tuhin Kanta Pandey (2)Parminder Chopra (3)Sanjay Malhotra (4)Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
5. When was the Reserve Bank of India established?
(1)April 1, 1935 (2)May 1, 1935 (3)April 1, 1945 (4)January 26, 1935
6. Which of the following is one of the RBI's Deputy Governors?
(1)Sanjay Malhotra (2)T. Rabi Sankar (3)Indranil Bhattacharyya (4)Vinod Kumar Shukla
7. Who was appointed as India's new Finance Secretary, succeeding Tuhin Kanta Pandey?
(1)Indranil Bhattacharyya (2)Sanjay Malhotra (3)Ajay Seth (4)C.S. Setty
8. Who was elected as the new Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for FY26, succeeding M.V. Rao?
(1)Ajay Seth (2)Tuhin Kanta Pandey (3)Vinod Kumar Shukla (4)C.S. Setty
9. Which IFS officer from the 2014 batch became the Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
(1)Nidhi Tewari (2)Masaki Kashiwara (3)Indranil Bhattacharyya (4)Ajay Seth
10. Who became the 24th Prime Minister of Canada, replacing Justin Trudeau?
(1)Ajay Seth (2)Mark Carney (3)Nidhi Tewari (4)Vinod Kumar Shukla
11. Who was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NMDC, India's largest iron ore producer?
(1)Tuhin Kanta Pandey (2)Sanjay Malhotra (3)Amitava Mukherjee (4)Parminder Chopra
12. Who received the 59th Jnanpith Award 2024, becoming the first recipient from Chhattisgarh and the 12th Hindi writer to receive this honour?
(1)Gulzar (2)Vinod Kumar Shukla (3)Jagadguru Rambhadracharya (4)G Sankara Kurup
13. What are the award components of the Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour?
(1)₹11 lakh, a bronze statue of Saraswati, and a citation (2)₹10 lakh, a golden book, and a medal
(3)₹15 lakh, a silver trophy, and a certificate (4)₹5 lakh, a bronze plaque, and an honorary degree
14. In which year was the Jnanpith Award instituted, and who was its first recipient?
(1)Instituted in 1965; first awarded in 1961 to Vinod Kumar Shukla (2)Instituted in 1961; first awarded in 1965 to Malayalam poet G Sankara Kurup ("Odakkuzhal") (3)Instituted in 1965; first awarded in 1965 to Jagadguru Rambhadracharya (4)Instituted in 1961; first awarded in 1961 to Gulzar
15. Who were the recipients of the 58th Jnanpith Award 2023, and in which languages did they write?
(1)Vinod Kumar Shukla (Hindi) & Jagadguru Rambhadracharya (Sanskrit) (2)Gulzar (Urdu) & Vinod Kumar Shukla (Hindi) (3)Jagadguru Rambhadracharya (Sanskrit) & Gulzar (Urdu)
(4)Amitava Mukherjee (English) & C.S. Setty (Hindi)
16. Who is the recipient of the 2025 Abel Prize, often considered the 'Nobel Prize for Mathematics'?
(1)Günter Blöchl (2)Sanjay Malhotra (3)Nidhi Tewari (4)Masaki Kashiwara
17. Who is the recipient of the 2025 Stockholm Water Prize, and for what reason was the prize awarded?
(1)Günter Blöchl; for his groundbreaking research on flood risks and climate change impacts
(2)Masaki Kashiwara; for his contributions to mathematics (3)Ajay Seth; for reforms in economic policy (4)Nidhi Tewari; for services to the Prime Minister
18. What is the total incentive amount approved by the Union Cabinet for BHIM-UPI, and what is the target number of transactions for FY25?
(1)₹1,000 Crore; 100 billion transactions (2)₹1,500 Crore; 200 billion transactions (3)₹2,000 Crore; 150 billion transactions (4)₹1,500 Crore; 150 billion transactions
19. What change did SEBI make regarding the timeline for rights issues effective April 7, 2025?
(1)Reduced to 10 working days (2)Extended to 40 working days (3)Reduced to 23 working days from an earlier average of 317 days (4)Fixed at 50 working days
20. What is the subscription window period for rights issues as per SEBI's new regulations?
(1)7-25 days (2)5-30 days (3)10-35 days (4)7-30 days
21. What is the new minimum investment threshold for Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) instruments on the Social Stock Exchange?
(1)₹1,000 (2)₹5,000 (3)₹10,000 (4)₹2,500



22. Until when is the derivatives trading suspension in seven agricultural commodities extended, and which commodity is included in this list?
(1) Until December 2025; Rice (2) Until March 2026; Wheat (3) Until June 2026; Cotton (4) Until March 2025; Sugarcane
23. What is the new threshold for additional disclosures required from Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) as raised by SEBI?
(1) ₹20,000 Cr (2) ₹25,000 Cr (3) ₹50,000 Cr (4) ₹75,000 Cr
24. What discount is offered on the PFC Zero Coupon Bond on a face value of ₹1 lakh, and what is its maturity period?
(1) Discount of ₹45,000; 100 months (2) Discount of ₹48,000; 110 months (3) Discount of ₹40,000; 120 months (4) Discount of ₹49,546; 121 months
25. What is the issuance limit for PFC's Zero Coupon Bonds, and where is the PFC headquarters located?
(1) 10 lakh bonds; New Delhi (2) 8 lakh bonds; Mumbai (3) 15 lakh bonds; Kolkata (4) 5 lakh bonds; Chennai
26. Which bank became India's first to launch a Digital Balance Confirmation Certificate?
(1) State Bank of India (2) Canara Bank (3) City Union Bank (4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
27. Which bank became the exclusive banking partner for Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)?
(1) Canara Bank (2) Kotak Mahindra Bank (3) City Union Bank (4) State Bank of India
28. What is the minimum monthly contribution required for the "Choti SIP" launched by Kotak Mahindra AMC?
(1) ₹100 (2) ₹500 (3) ₹750 (4) ₹250
29. What is the minimum investment required for the "JanNivesh ₹250 SIP" introduced by Paytm and SBI Mutual Fund?
(1) ₹250 (2) ₹500 (3) ₹750 (4) ₹1,000
30. By what date must Central Government employees opt into PFRDA's Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) under NPS?
(1) April 1, 2025 (2) June 30, 2025 (3) May 1, 2025 (4) July 15, 2025
31. What percentage of their basic pay must Central Government employees contribute monthly to PRAN under the UPS scheme?
(1) 5% (2) 8% (3) 10% (4) 12%
32. What is the total government contribution to the UPS scheme, expressed as a combination of percentages on (basic pay + DA)?
(1) 10% of basic pay (2) 8.5% of (basic pay + DA) (3) 15% of basic pay (4) A sum of 10% and 8.5% of (basic pay + DA)
33. What is the minimum guaranteed monthly pension under the UPS scheme for employees with at least 10 years of service?
(1) ₹10,000 (2) ₹7,500 (3) ₹5,000 (4) ₹12,000
34. What are the new ATM interchange fees (for financial and non-financial transactions) effective May 1, 2025?
(1) ₹17 and ₹6 (2) ₹19 and ₹7 (3) ₹20 and ₹8 (4) ₹15 and ₹5
35. What is the new maximum ATM charge for customers beyond their free monthly transactions?
(1) ₹21 per transaction (2) ₹22 per transaction (3) ₹23 per transaction (4) ₹24 per transaction
36. How many free ATM transactions per month are allowed at other-bank ATMs in metro areas?
(1) 5 transactions (2) 4 transactions (3) 2 transactions (4) 3 transactions
37. What was the total number of ATMs in India as of January 2025, and how many of these were bank-owned?
(1) 2.57 lakh total; 2.21 lakh bank-owned (2) 3.00 lakh total; 2.50 lakh bank-owned (3) 2.00 lakh total; 1.80 lakh bank-owned (4) 2.57 lakh total; 36,000 bank-owned
38. According to RBI's revised Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines effective April 1, 2025, what is the target percentage for domestic commercial and foreign banks (with at least 20 branches)?
(1) 75% (2) 40% (3) 60% (4) 50%



39. What is the maximum housing loan limit for areas with a population of less than 10 lakh according to RBI's revised PSL guidelines?
(1) ₹30 lakh (2) ₹40 lakh (3) ₹35 lakh (4) ₹50 lakh
40. For housing loan repairs, what is the limit for areas with a population between 10 lakh and less than 50 lakh?
(1) ₹10 lakh (2) ₹15 lakh (3) ₹8 lakh (4) ₹12 lakh
41. Up to what amount can education loans qualify under the revised PSL guidelines?
(1) ₹25 lakh (2) ₹20 lakh (3) ₹30 lakh (4) ₹35 lakh
42. What is the maximum loan amount for health infrastructure (Tier II–VI) under the revised PSL guidelines?
(1) ₹8 crore (2) ₹12 crore (3) ₹15 crore (4) ₹10 crore
43. Under the revised PSL guidelines, what is the maximum project loan amount for renewable energy projects?
(1) ₹10 lakh (2) ₹20 crore (3) ₹35 crore (4) ₹50 crore
44. In RBI's revised PSL guidelines, what weight is assigned to districts with lower credit flow?
(1) 90% (2) 100% (3) 110% (4) 125%
45. What initiative was launched by the RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH)?
(1) DesignShaalā™ (2) InnovateHub™ (3) TechLab™ (4) DesignSprint™
46. What is the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) redemption price per unit set by RBI for the SGB 2016–17 Series IV?
(1) ₹8,500 (2) ₹8,624 (3) ₹9,000 (4) ₹8,300
47. Approximately how much value of unclaimed deposits was transferred to the DEA Fund, and through which portal can information on these deposits be accessed?
(1) Over ₹40,000 Crore; via the 'UDGAM' Portal (2) Over ₹50,000 Crore; through the 'Unclaimed Deposits Hub' (3) Over ₹45,000 Crore; through the 'UDGAM' Portal (4) Over ₹45,000 Crore; via the 'DEA Gateway'
48. By how much have the investment and turnover limits been increased in the revised MSME classification effective April 1, 2025?
(1) 1.5 times (2) 2 times (3) 3 times (4) 2.5 times
49. When is the 23rd edition of the India–France bilateral naval exercise "VARUNA 2025" scheduled?
(1) March 19–22, 2025 (2) March 25–27, 2025 (3) April 2–5, 2025 (4) March 15–18, 2025
50. Where and when did the Indian Army conduct the tri-service integrated exercise "Prachand Prahaar"?
(1) In Punjab, from March 10–12, 2025 (2) In Arunachal Pradesh, from March 25–27, 2025 (3) In Rajasthan, from April 5–7, 2025 (4) In Maharashtra, from March 20–22, 2025
51. What are the dates and location for the 14th edition of the India–Russia naval exercise "INDRA"?
(1) March 25–30, 2025, near Kolkata (2) March 28–April 2, 2025, in the Bay of Bengal (3) March 28–April 2, 2025, off the coast of Chennai (4) April 1–5, 2025, off the coast of Mumbai
52. To what percentage has Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Defence been raised?
(1) 49% (2) 60% (3) 70% (4) 74%
53. What is the total defence allocation in the Union Budget 2025, and how much is earmarked for modernisation?
(1) ₹6.81 lakh crore total; ₹1.8 lakh crore for modernisation (2) ₹7.00 lakh crore total; ₹2.0 lakh crore for modernisation (3) ₹6.50 lakh crore total; ₹1.5 lakh crore for modernisation (4) ₹6.81 lakh crore total; ₹2.0 lakh crore for modernisation
54. By what year does India aim to eliminate TB, achieving the target two years ahead of the global deadline?
(1) 2030 (2) 2025 (3) 2028 (4) 2027
55. What is the theme for World Sparrow Day celebrated on March 20?
(1) "Nature's Little Wonders" (2) "Guardians of the Sky" (3) "A Tribute to Nature's Tiny Messengers" (4) "Wings of Life"
56. Which actor was appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Tata Motors?
(1) Ranveer Singh (2) Shah Rukh Khan (3) Aamir Khan (4) Vicky Kaushal



57. Who is the author of Living with Birds, a work focusing on bird conservation and personal experiences?
(1)Asad Rahmani (2)Ramakanta Rath (3)Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (4)Vinod Kumar Shukla
58. What notable contribution was Ramakanta Rath known for before his passing?
(1)A politician (2)A renowned Modernist poet in Odia literature (3)A celebrated actor (4)A famous scientist
59. What did India and Singapore sign a Letter of Intent for, and what is the theme of Singapore Maritime Week 2025?
(1)A Free Trade Agreement; Theme: "Maritime Synergy" (2)A Technology Exchange; Theme: "Digital Oceans" (3)"Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC)"; Theme: "Actions Meet Ambition" (4)Defence Collaboration; Theme: "Secure Seas"
60. How many new sites were added to India's UNESCO Tentative List in March 2024, and which site among the following is one of them?
(1)Four; Ashokan Edict Sites (2)Five; Gupta Temples (3)Six; Kanger Valley National Park (4)Six; Chausath Yogini Temples
61. What is the objective of Indian Railways joining "Mission Amrit Sarovar", and how many ponds have been completed as of January 2025?
(1)To tackle water scarcity; over 68,000 ponds (2)To improve energy efficiency; 60,000 ponds (3)To modernize stations; 50,000 ponds (4)To enhance connectivity; 70,000 ponds
62. By which year does India aim to achieve Net Zero Emissions?
(1)2050 (2)2070 (3)2100 (4)2060
63. In FY 2025–26, which state saw the highest MGNREGS wage hike, reaching ₹400 per day?
(1)Maharashtra (2)Punjab (3)Haryana (4)Kerala
64. What is the amount approved by the Union Cabinet for the Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) for Kharif 2025?
(1)₹25,000 Crore (2)₹30,000 Crore (3)₹35,000 Crore (4)₹37,216 Crore
65. Which state became the first in India to broadcast its legislative assembly proceedings in Sign Language?
(1)Punjab (2)Gujarat (3)Kerala (4)Maharashtra
66. According to the World Happiness Report 2025, which country is ranked as the happiest for the 8th consecutive year?
(1)Iceland (2)Finland (3)Netherlands (4)Denmark
67. What was India's rank in the World Happiness Report 2025?
(1)126th (2)100th (3)118th (4)110th
68. Which country surpassed India as the highest tea exporter, making India the second-highest tea exporter?
(1)China (2)Sri Lanka (3)Turkey (4)Kenya
69. What guarantee coverage is provided under the Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs, and up to what credit limit?
(1)60% guarantee on credit up to ₹100 Crore (2)50% guarantee on credit up to ₹50 Crore (3)70% guarantee on credit up to ₹150 Crore (4)80% guarantee on credit up to ₹200 Crore
70. What is the increased allocation for the Vigyan Dhara Scheme for 2025–26, and what is the total outlay for 2021–26?
(1)Increased allocation: ₹1,000 Crore; Total outlay: ₹9,500 Crore (2)Increased allocation: ₹1,425 Crore; Total outlay: ₹10,579.84 Crore (3)Increased allocation: ₹1,500 Crore; Total outlay: ₹11,000 Crore (4)Increased allocation: ₹1,200 Crore; Total outlay: ₹10,200 Crore
71. What is the revised outlay for the Rashtriya Gokul Mission for 2021–26, and what new activity does it include?
(1)₹2,500 Crore; includes advanced milking technology (2)₹3,000 Crore; includes rural livestock training (3)₹3,400 Crore; includes Heifer Rearing Centres with 35% capital cost assistance (4)₹4,000 Crore; includes cattle welfare programs

72. Under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, what is the target number of households to receive free electricity, and how many rooftop solar installations had been completed as of March 10, 2025?
 (1) 75 lakh households; 9 lakh installations (2) 50 lakh households; 8 lakh installations (3) 1.5 crore households; 11 lakh installations (4) 1 crore households; 10.09 lakh installations
73. When was Mission Amrit Sarovar launched, and under which ministry does it operate?
 (1) Launched in April 2022 under the Ministry of Rural Development (2) Launched in March 2022 under the Ministry of Agriculture (3) Launched in April 2021 under the Ministry of Urban Development (4) Launched in May 2022 under the Ministry of Water Resources
74. With the signing of an MoU with NHA for AB-PMJAY, which state/UT became the 35th to adopt the scheme—and which state is the only exception?
 (1) Punjab; exception: Tamil Nadu (2) Delhi; exception: West Bengal (3) Gujarat; exception: Bihar (4) Kerala; exception: Rajasthan
75. Which team won the 2025 Women's Premier League title, who was their captain, and whom did they defeat?
 (1) Chennai Super Kings, captained by an unknown leader (2) Delhi Capitals, captained by Meg Lanning (3) Mumbai Indians, captained by Harmanpreet Kaur, defeated Delhi Capitals (4) Rajasthan Royals, captained by Harmanpreet Kaur
76. Who led India Masters to victory in the inaugural IML 2025 T20, and which team did they defeat?
 (1) Brian Lara; defeated West Indies Masters (2) Meg Lanning; defeated West Indies Masters (3) Harmanpreet Kaur; defeated Delhi Capitals (4) Sachin Tendulkar; defeated West Indies Masters
77. For how many years has Equitas Small Finance Bank partnered with Chennai Super Kings (CSK)?
 (1) 6 years (2) 3 years (3) 4 years (4) 5 years
78. Which team won its first title at the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025, and whom did they defeat?
 (1) Hockey Haryana; defeated Hockey Jharkhand (2) Hockey Jharkhand; defeated Hockey Haryana (3) Hockey Jharkhand; defeated Mumbai Indians (4) Hockey Haryana; defeated Delhi Capitals
79. Which sport has been officially approved for inclusion in the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles?
 (1) Wrestling (2) Gymnastics (3) Boxing (4) Cricket

Answers Mar (16 to 31) 2025 (MCQs G V Satish picks)

1	2	21	1	41	1	61	1
2	1	22	2	42	2	62	2
3	4	23	3	43	3	63	3
4	3	24	4	44	4	64	4
5	1	25	1	45	1	65	1
6	2	26	2	46	2	66	2
7	3	27	3	47	3	67	3
8	4	28	4	48	4	68	4
9	1	29	1	49	1	69	1
10	2	30	2	50	2	70	2
11	3	31	3	51	3	71	3
12	2	32	4	52	4	72	4
13	1	33	1	53	1	73	1
14	2	34	2	54	2	74	2
15	3	35	3	55	3	75	3
16	4	36	4	56	4	76	4
17	1	37	1	57	1	77	1
18	2	38	2	58	2	78	2
19	3	39	3	59	3	79	3
20	4	40	4	60	4		

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1. What is the government's target for BHIM's UPI market share by 2028?
(1)5% (2)10% (3)2% (4)0.2%
2. Which two UPI players jointly hold approximately 85% of the market share?
(1)BHIM and Cred (2)Paytm and Navi (3)Super.Money and Cred (4)PhonePe and Google Pay
3. What is the incentive rate for BHIM-UPI transactions at small merchants for amounts \leq ₹2,000?
(1)0.25% (2)0.10% (3)0.15% (4)0.20%
4. Which company received RBI's in-principle nod as a Payment Aggregator for Cross-Border transactions?
(1)Google Pay (2)PhonePe (3)Paytm (4)BRISKPE
5. Which award did RBI win in 2025 for its digital transformation?
(1)Central Banking Award 2025 (2)Fintech Innovation Award 2025 (3)Global Banking Award 2025 (4)Digital Transformation Award 2025
6. What was the primary purpose of RBI's 'Saarathi' initiative launched in January 2023?
(1)To enhance customer service operations (2)To fully digitize RBI's internal workflows (3)To create a mobile banking app (4)To digitize external regulatory applications
7. What currencies are used for the bilateral trade settlement between India and Maldives?
(1)INR and MVR (2)INR and USD (3)INR and Euro (4)INR and GBP
8. Where is the headquarters of the Asian Clearing Union (ACU) located?
(1)New Delhi, India (2)Tehran, Iran (3)Dubai, UAE (4)Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
9. Which banking partnership provides BOI customers with various types of insurance?
(1)Axis Bank and J.P. Morgan (2)BOI and New India Assurance Co Ltd (NIACL) (3)Piramal Capital & Housing Finance with Punjab & Sind Bank (4)Bandhan Bank and IAF
10. Which partnership marks the first instance of an Indian company making/receiving USD payments 24x7?
(1)BOI and NIACL (2)Piramal Capital & Housing Finance with Punjab & Sind Bank (3)Axis Bank and J.P. Morgan (4)Bandhan Bank and IAF
11. What is the name of the special corporate salary account offered by Bandhan Bank for IAF personnel?
(1)IAF Special Account (2)Defence Salary Account (3)Valor Salary Account (4)Shaurya Salary Account
12. What is the primary objective of the MoU between RBI and Bank of Mauritius?
(1)To promote cross-border use of INR and MUR (2)To launch a mobile banking app (3)To introduce contactless payments (4)To merge banking operations
13. What is the new timeline for rights issues as per SEBI reforms effective April 7, 2025?
(1)40 working days (2)23 working days (3)126 working days (4)317 working days
14. What is the new minimum investment threshold in Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) instruments on the Social Stock Exchange?
(1)₹10,000 (2)₹5,000 (3)₹1,000 (4)₹2,500
15. Until when is the suspension on derivatives trading in 7 agricultural commodities extended?
(1)March 2025 (2)December 2025 (3)March 2026 (4)June 2026
16. To what amount has SEBI raised the threshold for additional disclosures by Foreign Portfolio Investors?
(1)₹25,000 Cr (2)₹50,000 Cr (3)₹60,000 Cr (4)₹75,000 Cr
17. What is the maximum amount Power Finance Corporation (PFC) is set to raise via Zero Coupon Bonds?
(1)₹5,000 Crore (2)₹10,000 Crore (3)₹15,000 Crore (4)₹20,000 Crore
18. What is the discount amount on the Zero Coupon Bond of PFC (Power Finance Corporation) with a face value of ₹1 lakh?
(1)₹40,000 (2)₹49,546 (3)₹50,000 (4)₹45,000
19. What is the maturity period of the PFC Zero Coupon Bond?
(1)100 months (2)110 months (3)121 months (4)130 months
20. What was the all-time high value of CD issuances in FY2024-25 as per the RBI Bulletin?
(1)₹10.58 Lakh Crore (2)₹9.57 Lakh Crore (3)₹13.05 Lakh Crore (4)₹2.06 Lakh Crore



21. Which bank was the top issuer of CDs in FY25 with issuances of ₹2.16 Lakh Crore?
(1)HDFC Bank (2)PNB (3)Bank of Baroda (4)ICICI Bank
22. Which bank launched India's first Digital Balance Confirmation Certificate through the PSB Alliance portal?
(1)ICICI Bank (2)Canara Bank (3)HDFC Bank (4)Axis Bank
23. What is the primary function of Bank of Baroda's "mDigiNext" app?
(1)Mobile banking for retail customers (2)Cash management for corporate customers (3)Peer-to-peer payments (4)Investment portfolio management
24. Which bank is the exclusive banking partner for Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)?
(1)ICICI Bank (2)City Union Bank (CUB) (3)HDFC Bank (4)Axis Bank
25. Which country is NPCI International Payments Ltd partnering with to expand UPI acceptance?
(1)Australia (2)Singapore (3)UAE (4)UK
26. Which institution was penalized for non-compliance in large exposures and BSBD A?
(1)HDFC Bank (2)Punjab & Sind Bank (3)IDBI Bank (4)KLM Axiva Finvest
27. Which asset management company launched the "Choti SIP" for first-time mutual fund investors?
(1)HDFC AMC (2)Kotak Mahindra AMC (3)ICICI Prudential AMC (4)SBI Mutual Fund
28. What is the minimum monthly contribution for the "Choti SIP"?
(1)₹250 (2)₹500 (3)₹1000 (4)₹200
29. Which bank's mobile app features the "Ace" functionality to browse over 2500 mutual funds?
(1)HDFC Bank (2)Axis Bank (3)IDFC FIRST Bank (4)Yes Bank
30. Which partnership introduced the "JanNivesh ₹250 SIP" for mutual fund investments?
(1)Kotak Mahindra AMC & HDFC Bank (2)Paytm and SBI Mutual Fund (3)ICICI Bank & Axis Bank (4)IDFC FIRST Bank & Yes Bank
31. What is the name of the Tata Communications cloud fabric that claims up to 30% cost savings?
(1)Vayu (2)Akash (3)Prana (4)Neela
32. What is the minimum guaranteed pension under the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for employees with at least 10 years of service?
(1)₹5,000/month (2)₹7,500/month (3)₹10,000/month (4)₹12,000/month
33. By which date must Central Government employees opt in to the UPS?
(1)April 1, 2025 (2)May 15, 2025 (3)July 1, 2025 (4)June 30, 2025
34. By how much did India's GDP grow from 2015 to 2025 according to the IMF data?
(1)It doubled (2)It tripled (3)It increased by 50% (4)It remained the same
35. What is the estimated real GDP growth rate for India in 2025?
(1)4.1% (2)6.5% (3)8% (4)10%
36. According to the IMF data, what is India's current global economic ranking?
(1)3rd largest (2)4th largest (3)5th largest (4)6th largest
37. When was the 20% export duty on onions withdrawn?
(1)September 2024 (2)April 1, 2025 (3)June 30, 2025 (4)December 31, 2024
38. What is the new investment limit for a medium MSME as per the revised classification?
(1)₹25 Cr (2)₹125 Cr (3)₹10 Cr (4)₹2.5 Cr
39. What is the revised threshold for 'substantial interest' in the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024?
(1)₹5 lakh (2)₹50 lakh (3)₹2 crore (4)₹1 crore
40. What is the rate of the Equalisation Levy on online ads that will be abolished effective April 1, 2025?
(1)4% (2)6% (3)8% (4)10%
41. What is the government's borrowing target from the bond market for H1 FY26?
(1)₹8 lakh crore (2)₹10 lakh crore (3)₹5 lakh crore (4)₹12 lakh crore
42. What is the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit for short-term mismatches as per the borrowing plan for FY26?
(1)₹1 lakh Cr (2)₹1.25 lakh Cr (3)₹1.50 lakh Cr (4)₹1.75 lakh Cr
43. How much is planned to be raised via Sovereign Green Bonds for H1 FY26?
(1)₹5,000 crore (2)₹7,500 crore (3)₹10,000 crore (4)₹12,000 crore



44. As per the new guidelines effective May 1, 2025, what is the updated ATM interchange fee for financial transactions?
(1) ₹17 (2) ₹19 (3) ₹21 (4) ₹23
45. What is the new maximum charge per ATM transaction for customers exceeding the free monthly usage?
(1) ₹21 (2) ₹23 (3) ₹25 (4) ₹27
46. How many ATMs were there in total as of January 2025?
(1) 2.57 lakh (2) 2.21 lakh (3) 36,000 (4) 3 lakh
47. Under the revised Priority Sector Lending guidelines, what is the maximum housing loan limit for purchase/construction in areas with a population less than 10 lakh?
(1) ₹35 lakh (2) ₹45 lakh (3) ₹50 lakh (4) ₹25 lakh
48. What is the new redemption price set by RBI for Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) 2016–17 Series IV?
(1) ₹8,500/Unit (2) ₹8,624/Unit (3) ₹9,000/Unit (4) ₹8,700/Unit
49. By how much is the Standing Liquidity Facility (SLF) limit for Standalone Primary Dealers increased?
(1) From ₹10,000 Cr to ₹15,000 Cr (2) From ₹10,000 Cr to ₹12,000 Cr (3) From ₹15,000 Cr to ₹20,000 Cr (4) From ₹5,000 Cr to ₹10,000 Cr
50. What is the name of the human-centered design initiative launched by RBI Innovation Hub?
(1) DesignLab™ (2) InnovateX™ (3) DesignShala™ (4) FintechForge™
51. Where was the 614th Meeting of the RBI Central Board of Directors held?
(1) Mumbai (2) New Delhi (3) Thiruvananthapuram (4) Bengaluru
52. How many additional years did RBI grant to RRBs to amortize their pension liabilities?
(1) 3 years (2) 4 years (3) 5 years (4) 6 years
53. What is the minimum deposit amount for HDFC Bank's "Diplomat or Embassy Fixed Deposit"?
(1) USD 1,000 (2) USD 5,000 (3) USD 10,000 (4) USD 2,500
54. Which bank has introduced a GST Payment Facility approved by the Government of India?
(1) HDFC Bank (2) Yes Bank (3) IDFC FIRST Bank (4) ICICI Bank
55. Which scheme offers an 8.2% annual interest rate for senior citizen deposits?
(1) Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme (SCSS) (2) Diplomat Fixed Deposit (3) Special Retirement Scheme (4) Government Savings Certificate
56. Which two entities are collaborating to enhance online banking and payment gateway services?
(1) CCAvenue and The Sutex Co-Operative Bank (2) Paytm and PhonePe (3) HDFC Bank and SBI (4) ICICI Bank and Axis Bank
57. By what year does SATYA MicroCapital Ltd aim to reach 10 million households?
(1) 2028 (2) 2030 (3) 2032 (4) 2035
58. What percentage of the loans written off by Scheduled Commercial Banks (FY15–FY24) was linked to large industries/services?
(1) 45% (2) 57% (3) 63% (4) 70%
59. Which collaboration resulted in an AI underwriting solution that boosted credit managers' productivity by 40%?
(1) Tata Communications & HitPay (2) Poonawalla Fincorp & IIT Bombay (3) Luminous Power & SBI (4) Zuno General Insurance & InterGlobe Aviation
60. What is the maximum loan amount offered under the MoU between Luminous Power and SBI for solar installations?
(1) ₹5 Crore (2) ₹10 Crore (3) ₹15 Crore (4) ₹20 Crore
61. How much penalty was imposed on InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo) by the Income Tax Department?
(1) ₹500 Crore (2) ₹944.2 Crore (3) ₹800 Crore (4) ₹1,000 Crore
62. What is the new auto-settlement limit for advance claims as raised by EPFO?
(1) ₹1 Lakh (2) ₹3 Lakh (3) ₹5 Lakh (4) ₹7 Lakh
63. What was the value of India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) in Q3 FY25?
(1) \$10.4 Billion (2) \$11.5 Billion (3) \$12 Billion (4) \$9 Billion



64. According to RBI's 6th Remittance Survey (2023–24), which country is the largest contributor to remittances to India?
(1)UAE (2)UK (3)US (4)Australia
65. Which state receives the highest percentage of remittances according to RBI's 6th Remittance Survey (2023–24)?
(1)Kerala (2)Tamil Nadu (3)Telangana (4)Maharashtra
66. Who is the President of the World Bank?
(1)Kristalina Georgieva (2)Ajay Banga (3)Anshula Kant (4)Sunil Garg
67. How many member countries does the World Bank have?
(1)190 (2)189 (3)200 (4)175
68. How much in unclaimed deposits has been transferred to the DEA Fund by RBI (FY2019–20 to FY2024–25)?
(1)₹40,000 Crore (2)₹45,000 Crore (3)₹50,000 Crore (4)₹55,000 Crore
69. Approximately what percentage of the total unclaimed deposits' value is covered by the UDGAM portal?
(1)50% (2)70% (3)90% (4)100%
70. Which country is set to join the New Development Bank (NDB)?
(1)Indonesia (2)Malaysia (3)Thailand (4)Vietnam
71. Under the new terrorism insurance scheme by GIC Re, what is the maximum indemnity per location?
(1)₹200 Cr (2)₹1,000 Cr (3)₹2,000 Cr (4)₹2,500 Cr
72. How much is the loan provided by ADB and Shriram Finance Ltd to support MSMEs & electric vehicle financing in India?
(1)\$100 Million (2)\$150 Million (3)\$200 Million (4)\$250 Million
73. What is the outlay for the "Vigyan Dhara" scheme launched by the Ministry of Science & Technology?
(1)₹8,000 Crore (2)₹9,500 Crore (3)₹10,579.84 Crore (4)₹12,000 Crore
74. How many kilograms of GI-Tagged Dalle Chilly were exported from Sikkim as facilitated by APEDA?
(1)10,000 kg (2)15,000 kg (3)20,000 kg (4)25,000 kg
75. What was the record profit achieved by Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in FY2023–24?
(1)₹7,000 Crore (2)₹7,571 Crore (3)₹8,000 Crore (4)₹6,500 Crore
76. What is the primary objective of the BAANKNET portal?
(1)To enhance digital marketing (2)To improve transparency in banks' asset e-auctions (3)To launch mobile payment solutions (4)To consolidate customer data
77. BAANKNET is linked with which one-stop digital platform for government loans and subsidies?
(1)Udyog Sahay (2)Jan Samarth Portal (3)Bharat Finance (4)Digital India Hub
78. Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the Inter-Ministerial-Industry Committee on Fintech (IMICF)?
(1)M Nagaraju (2)Sanjay Malhotra (3)Rajneesh Karnatak (4)Deepak Mohanty
79. What was the growth percentage in India's Digital Payment Transactions from FY2021–22 to FY2023–24?
(1)40% (2)42% (3)46% (4)50%
80. After the new additions(6), how many sites does India have on the UNESCO Tentative List?
(1)58 (2)62 (3)65 (4)70
81. Which newly added site of UNESCO Tentative List is located in Chhattisgarh?
(1)Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs (2)Kanger Valley National Park (3)Gupta Temples (4)Palace-Fortresses of the Bundelas
82. How many World Heritage Sites does India currently have, and what is the categorization?
(1)40 sites: 30 Cultural, 9 Natural, 1 Mixed (2)43 sites: 35 Cultural, 7 Natural, 1 Mixed (3)45 sites: 33 Cultural, 10 Natural, 2 Mixed (4)50 sites: 40 Cultural, 8 Natural, 2 Mixed
83. Where is the UNESCO Headquarters located?
(1)London (2)New York (3)Paris (4)Geneva



84. In which year was UNESCO founded?
(1)1945 (2)1950 (3)1935 (4)1960
85. Who is the current Director-General of UNESCO?
(1)Audrey Azoulay (2)Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (3)Pramod Kumar Tiwari (4)V. Narayanan
86. How many member countries does UNESCO have?
(1)150 (2)194 (3)200 (4)175
87. What does the acronym PB-SHABD stand for?
(1)Prasar Bharati – Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination (2)Public Broadcasting – Shared Audio Broadcasting (3)Prasar Bharati – Superior Hub for Audio Broadcast (4)Public Broadcast – Shared Hub for Dissemination
88. Who is the CEO of Prasar Bharati?
(1)Gaurav Dwivedi (2)Navneet Kumar Sehgal (3)Jagat Prakash Nadda (4)C.R. Patil
89. Who holds the position of Chairman at Prasar Bharati?
(1)Navneet Kumar Sehgal (2)Gaurav Dwivedi (3)C.R. Patil (4)Pushkar Singh Dhami
90. Which public sector units initiated the SAKSHAM green energy and fuel conservation campaign?
(1)IOCL and BPCL (2)Indian Railways and IOCL (3)BPCL and JSW Steel (4)ISRO and IOCL
91. Which water board became the first in India to receive BIS certification for piped drinking water supply management?
(1)Mumbai Water Board (2)Chennai Water Board (3)BWSSB (4)Delhi Jal Board
92. Where is the BIS Headquarters, as per the content?
(1)Manek Bhawan, Old Delhi (2)Connaught Place, New Delhi (3)Mumbai Central (4)Kolkata
93. In which month and year was Mission Amrit Sarovar launched?
(1)April 2020 (2)April 2022 (3)January 2025 (4)March 2024
94. As of January 2025, approximately how many ponds have been completed under Mission Amrit Sarovar?
(1)50,000 (2)68,000 (3)75,000 (4)80,000
95. Under which mission was Indore's first PPP-based green waste processing plant launched?
(1)Digital India (2)Make in India (3)Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (4)Smart Cities Mission
96. For how many consecutive years has Indore been recognized as India's cleanest city?
(1)5 years (2)6 years (3)7 years (4)8 years
97. By which year does India aim to achieve Net Zero Emissions?
(1)2050 (2)2060 (3)2070 (4)2080
98. Where was the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain–2025' launched?
(1)Chandigarh (2)Panchkula (3)Jaipur (4)Lucknow
99. Which railway zone became the first to achieve 250 MT freight loading in FY25 for the second consecutive year?
(1)West Coast Railway (2)East Coast Railway (3)Northern Railway (4)Central Railway
100. By what percentage were MPs' salaries increased as per the new notification effective April 1, 2023?
(1)20% (2)24% (3)26% (4)30%
101. What is the new monthly salary for MPs after the hike?
(1)₹1.24 lakh (2)₹1 lakh (3)₹1.5 lakh (4)₹1.1 lakh
102. From which date will no new deposits under the Medium & Long-Term Government Deposit (MLTGD) be accepted?
(1)March 26, 2025 (2)April 1, 2025 (3)January 1, 2025 (4)December 31, 2024
103. What is the current milk production in India?
(1)~200 MMT (2)~239 MMT (3)~250 MMT (4)~300 MMT
104. By what percentage did milk production rise since the launch of the Rashtriya Gokul Mission in 2014?
(1)50% (2)55% (3)63.5% (4)70%
105. What is the per-person milk consumption in India?
(1)471 grams/day (2)500 grams/day (3)450 grams/day (4)600 grams/day

106. Which mission is responsible for developing and conserving indigenous breeds to enhance milk production?
(1) Make in India (2) Rashtriya Gokul Mission (3) Digital India (4) Swachh Bharat Mission
107. Which companies did JSW Steel surpass to become the world's most valuable steel company?
(1) Tata Steel & Reliance (2) ArcelorMittal & Nucor (3) ArcelorMittal & Tata Steel (4) Nucor & Reliance
108. According to the ILO report, what was India's social protection coverage in 2021?
(1) 24.4% (2) 30% (3) 40% (4) 48.8%
109. What is India's social protection coverage for 2024 as per the report?
(1) 35% (2) 42% (3) 48.8% (4) 55%
110. Which state experienced the highest absolute wage rise of +₹26 under MGNREGS, reaching ₹400 per day?
(1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Haryana (3) Maharashtra (4) Kerala
111. How many days of wage employment does MGNREGS provide per rural household (with additional days in calamity-hit areas)?
(1) 50 days (2) 75 days (3) 100 days (plus an extra 50 days in calamity-hit areas) (4) 120 days
112. How much subsidy has the Union Cabinet approved for Nutrient-Based Subsidy for Kharif 2025?
(1) ₹30,000 Crore (2) ₹37,216 Crore (3) ₹40,000 Crore (4) ₹45,000 Crore
113. What is the primary focus of the SANSAD BHASHINI Initiative?
(1) Infrastructure development (2) Linguistic inclusivity and digital workflows in Parliament (3) Healthcare reform (4) Environmental conservation
114. What is the maximum approval time set by IRDAI for cashless authorization requests?
(1) 30 minutes (2) 45 minutes (3) 1 hour (4) 90 minutes
115. Which country received Mizoram's exported Anthurium flowers?
(1) Malaysia (2) Singapore (3) Thailand (4) Indonesia
116. What is the entry fee imposed on tourists in Sikkim?
(1) ₹25 (2) ₹50 (3) ₹75 (4) ₹100
117. How many foreign satellites has India launched between 2015 and 2024?
(1) 350 (2) 393 (3) 400 (4) 420
118. What is the name of the anti-eve teasing squad launched by Delhi Police?
(1) Suraksha (2) Shishtachar (3) Nyay (4) Saathi
119. On which date is World Sparrow Day 2025 observed?
(1) March 20 (2) March 25 (3) April 10 (4) April 20
120. What is the theme for World Sparrow Day 2025?
(1) "Protect Our Sparrows" (2) "A Tribute to Nature's Tiny Messengers" (3) "Save the Sparrows" (4) "Sparrows in the City"
121. When is Chandrayaan-4 expected to launch?
(1) 2025 (2) 2026 (3) 2027 (4) 2028
122. How many young authors are selected for the National Camp for PM-YUVA 3.0 Authors, and what is their monthly stipend?
(1) 50 authors, ₹40,000 per month (2) 75 authors, ₹50,000 per month (3) 100 authors, ₹30,000 per month (4) 50 authors, ₹50,000 per month
123. Under the Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME), what guarantee coverage is provided and up to what credit limit?
(1) 50% guarantee up to ₹50 Crore (2) 60% guarantee up to ₹100 Crore (3) 70% guarantee up to ₹150 Crore (4) 80% guarantee up to ₹200 Crore
124. For the National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), what additional allocation did the Union Cabinet provide and what is the total budget for 2021–22 to 2025–26?
(1) Additional allocation of ₹500 Crore; total budget ₹2,500 Crore
(2) Additional allocation of ₹750 Crore; total budget ₹2,600 Crore
(3) Additional allocation of ₹1,500 Crore; total budget ₹3,000 Crore
(4) Additional allocation of ₹1,000 Crore; total budget ₹2,790 Crore

125. What is the increased allocation for the Vigyan Dhara Scheme for 2025–26 compared to the previous year's allocation?
(1) Increased from ₹250 Crore to ₹1,000 Crore (2) Increased from ₹400 Crore to ₹1,200 Crore
(3) Increased from ₹330.75 Crore to ₹1,425 Crore (4) Increased from ₹500 Crore to ₹1,000 Crore
126. What is the total outlay for the Vigyan Dhara Scheme for 2021–26, and when did it come into force?
(1) ₹9,500 Crore, effective 1 February 2025 (2) ₹10,579.84 Crore, effective 16 January 2025
(3) ₹11,000 Crore, effective 10 January 2025 (4) ₹8,750 Crore, effective 16 December 2024
127. As of March 2025, who are the beneficiaries of the Vigyan Dhara Scheme and what is their age group?
(1) 57,869 beneficiaries, primarily college students aged 18–22
(2) 40,000 beneficiaries, primarily school students aged 10–15
(3) 60,000 beneficiaries, primarily high school students aged 15–18
(4) 57,869 beneficiaries, primarily school students aged 10–15 in classes VI–X
128. Under which vision and during which Finance Commission period is the Vigyan Dhara Scheme aligned?
(1) Digital India 2030 vision under the 14th Finance Commission (2017–2022) (2) Atmanirbhar Bharat vision under the 15th Finance Commission (2021–2026)
(3) Viksit Bharat 2047 vision under the 15th Finance Commission (2021–2026)
(4) Make in India 2025 vision under the 16th Finance Commission (2022–2027)
129. What is the revised outlay for the Rashtriya Gokul Mission for 2021–26, and what new activity has been introduced?
(1) Revised outlay ₹3,400 Crore; new activity: Heifer Rearing Centres with 35% capital cost assistance (2) Revised outlay ₹2,500 Crore; new activity: Dairy Infrastructure Development
(3) Revised outlay ₹4,000 Crore; new activity: Cattle Health Centres (4) Revised outlay ₹3,000 Crore; new activity: Milk Processing Units
130. According to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, how many Jan Aushadhi Kendras were opened as of February 28, 2025?
(1) 12,000 (2) 10,500 (3) 14,200 (4) 15,057
131. Which state has the highest number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras and how many does it have?
(1) Kerala – 1,528 (2) Uttar Pradesh – 2,658 (3) Tamil Nadu – 1,363 (4) Karnataka – 1,425
132. Which Union Territory has the highest number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras and how many are there?
(1) Jammu & Kashmir – 318 (2) Puducherry – 33 (3) Delhi – 492 (4) Chandigarh – 11
133. When was PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana launched, who launched it, and what is its primary goal?
(1) Launched on February 13, 2024 by PM Narendra Modi; goal: free electricity to 1 crore households via rooftop solar
(2) Launched on January 15, 2024 by PM Narendra Modi; goal: solar panels for government offices
(3) Launched on March 10, 2024 by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy; goal: reduce carbon emissions
(4) Launched on April 1, 2024 by PM Narendra Modi; goal: promote electric vehicles
134. What financial benefits does PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana offer in terms of loans and installation cost for a rooftop solar system?
(1) Zero-interest loans up to ₹1 lakh; a 5 KW system for ₹20,000 yielding ₹10 lakh over 25 years
(2) Collateral-free loans up to ₹3 lakh; a 2 KW system for ₹10,000 yielding ₹12 lakh over 20 years
(3) Collateral-free loans up to ₹2 lakh at 6.75% subsidized rate; a 3 KW system installed at ₹15,000 yielding up to ₹15 lakh over 25 years
(4) Government grant of ₹2 lakh; free installation of a 3 KW system
135. What is the total outlay for PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana?
(1) ₹65,000 Crore (2) ₹75,021 Crore (3) ₹70,000 Crore (4) ₹80,000 Crore
136. What is the objective of Mission Amrit Sarovar, and under which ministry was it launched?
(1) To develop 100 ponds per district; launched under the Ministry of Environment in 2022

- (2) To renovate 50 ponds per district; launched under the Ministry of Urban Development in April 2022
- (3) To create 75 water reservoirs per state; launched under the Ministry of Rural Development in 2023
- (4) To construct or rejuvenate 75 ponds per district; launched under the Ministry of Rural Development in April 2022
137. What are the key features of AB-PMJAY as mentioned in the content?
- (1) Coverage of ₹2 lakh per family per year, targeting 400 million people, and is a premium health scheme
- (2) Coverage of ₹3 lakh per family per year, targeting 500 million people, and excludes secondary care
- (3) Coverage of ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary/tertiary care, targeting ~550 million people (bottom 40% of India's population), and is the world's largest government-sponsored health insurance scheme
- (4) Coverage of ₹10 lakh per family per year, targeting 600 million people, and is implemented only in urban areas
138. Which Bengaluru-based EV startup received the iDEX Award (Ministry of Defence) for their tactical all-terrain EV named "VEER"?
- (1) Ather Energy (2) Pravaig (3) Revolt Motors (4) Ola Electric
139. Who is the first Indian to win the 2025 Holberg Prize?
- (1) Arundhati Roy (2) Amartya Sen (3) Salman Rushdie (4) Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
140. Which individual, who also serves as the Honorary Consul General of Denmark in Chennai, received the Knight's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog?
- (1) R. K. Shriramkumar (2) Masaki Kashiwara (3) Vijay Sankar (4) Sidramappa Shivashankar Dharane
141. Who conferred the Knight's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog upon Vijay Sankar?
- (1) The Prime Minister of Denmark (2) The King of Denmark (3) The President of Denmark (4) The Danish Ambassador
142. How many journalists and categories were honored at the 19th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards?
- (1) 27 journalists in 20 categories (2) 20 journalists in 27 categories (3) 30 journalists in 15 categories (4) 15 journalists in 30 categories
143. Who is the recipient of the 2025 Stockholm Water Prize and for what research is he recognized?
- (1) Hydrologist Klaus Hasselmann for ocean current studies. (2) Hydrologist James Hansen for climate policy. (3) Hydrologist Michael E. Mann for global warming trends. (4) Hydrologist Günter Blöschl for groundbreaking research on flood risks and climate change impacts.
144. Who is the recipient of the 59th Jnanpith Award 2024, known for his outstanding contribution to Hindi literature and being the first from Chhattisgarh?
- (1) Jagadguru Rambhadracharya (2) Gulzar (3) G Sankara Kurup (4) Vinod Kumar Shukla
145. What are the components of the Jnanpith Award?
- (1) ₹10 lakh, a gold medal, and a trophy. (2) ₹11 lakh, a bronze statue of Saraswati, and a citation. (3) ₹15 lakh, a silver statue, and a certificate. (4) ₹5 lakh, a bronze medal, and an inscription.
146. In which year was the Jnanpith Award instituted, and who was its first recipient?
- (1) Instituted in 1960; first awarded to Gulzar. (2) Instituted in 1965; first awarded to Vinod Kumar Shukla. (3) Instituted in 1961; first awarded in 1965 to Malayalam poet G Sankara Kurup. (4) Instituted in 1962; first awarded to Jagadguru Rambhadracharya.
147. For what reason was Vinod Kumar Shukla awarded the 59th Jnanpith Award 2024?
- (1) For his outstanding contribution to Hindi literature. (2) For his achievements in English poetry. (3) For his contributions to scientific research. (4) For his excellence in journalism.
148. How many books were selected for the Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize 2024 and under whose chairmanship?

- (1)15 books under the chairmanship of President Droupadi Murmu. (2)22 books under the chairmanship of President Madhav Kaushik. (3)30 books under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. (4)18 books under the chairmanship of Minister Piyush Goyal.
149. Which veteran sculptor, aged 100 and known for creating the "Statue of Unity," received the Maharashtra Bhushan award?
(1)Ram Sutar (2)Anish Kapoor (3)Subodh Gupta (4)Ramesh Mehta
150. Which project was honored with the National Award for Excellence in Integrated Water Resources Management 2024?
(1)Maharashtra Irrigation Improvement Project. (2)Gujarat Water Conservation Scheme. (3)Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TNIAMP). (4)Rajasthan Desert Farming Initiative.
151. Who received the title of Sangita Kalanidhi at the Music Academy Awards 2025?
(1)R. K. Shriramkumar (violinist) (2)Shyamala Venkateswaran (Carnatic singer) (3)Thanjavur R. Govindarajan (Thavil artist) (4)Urmila Satyanarayana (Bharatanatyam)
152. Which two artists were honored with the title of Sangita Kala Acharya at the Music Academy Awards 2025?
(1)R. K. Shriramkumar and Urmila Satyanarayana (2)Madambi Subramania Namboothiri and Prof. C. A. Sridhara (3)J. T. Jeyaraaj Krishnan and Jaysri Jeyaraaj Krishnan (4)Shyamala Venkateswaran (Carnatic singer) and Thanjavur R. Govindarajan (Thavil artist)
153. Who was honored with the Musicologist Award at the Music Academy Awards 2025?
(1)Prof. C. A. Sridhara (2)Madambi Subramania Namboothiri (3)Thanjavur R. Govindarajan (4)R. K. Shriramkumar
154. Which artist received the Nritya Kalanidhi Award at the Music Academy Awards 2025?
(1)Shyamala Venkateswaran (2)J. T. Jeyaraaj Krishnan (3)Urmila Satyanarayana (4)Prof. C. A. Sridhara
155. How did India's GII ranking change from 2015 to 2024 as noted in the National Intellectual Property Awards?
(1)It declined from 39 to 81. (2)It improved from 81 in 2015 to 39 in 2024. (3)It remained constant at 60. (4)It improved from 90 to 50.
156. Who is recognized as the top Indian male individual for patents in the National Intellectual Property Awards 2024?
(1)Sidramappa Shivashankar Dharane (2)Masaki Kashiwara (3)Vijay Sankar (4)Rana Dasgupta
157. Who is recognized as the top Indian female individual for patents in the National Intellectual Property Awards 2024?
(1)Anju Singh (2)Meera Nair (3)Sunita Narain (4)Dr. Swagatika Panda
158. Who was the recipient of the Gold Mercury Award for Peace & Sustainability?
(1)Dalai Lama (2)Mahatma Gandhi (3)Mother Teresa (4)A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
159. Which Japanese mathematician received the 2025 Abel Prize, and what is the prize renowned for?
(1)T. Y. Lee; known for the Nobel Prize in Physics. (2)Hiroshi Amano; noted for contributions in chemistry. (3)Soichiro Honda; recognized for automotive engineering. (4)Masaki Kashiwara; the Abel Prize is considered the 'Nobel Prize for Mathematics'.
160. Which organization received the Oeko-Tex Accreditation (Germany) and for which product?
(1)North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation (NEHHDC) for Eri silk. (2)Gujarat Handloom Cooperative for cotton fabrics. (3)Maharashtra Handicrafts Board for wool products. (4)Rajasthan Silk Weavers for traditional silk.
161. What is unique about the Eri silk from Northeast India as mentioned in the accreditation details?
(1)It is the most expensive silk in the world. (2)It is produced using genetically modified silkworms. (3)It is hand-dyed using ancient techniques. (4)It is noted as the world's only vegan silk.
162. Who is recognized as the 'Fit India Icon' and by whom was this title conferred?
(1)Shah Rukh Khan, conferred by the Sports Authority. (2)Virat Kohli, conferred by the Ministry of Youth. (3)Ayushmann Khurrana, conferred by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. (4)Hrithik Roshan, conferred by the Prime Minister.

163. Who launched the Fit India Movement and when was it launched?
(1) Launched by the CM of Maharashtra on January 26, 2020. (2) Launched by PM Narendra Modi on August 29, 2019. (3) Launched by the Ministry of Health on March 15, 2018. (4) Launched by the Sports Ministry on April 1, 2020.
164. Which organization won two Gold Awards at the SKOCH Awards 2025?
(1) Muthoot Finance (2) Muthoot Microfin (3) HDFC Bank (4) ICICI Lombard
165. For which initiatives were the SKOCH Awards given to Muthoot Microfin?
(1) Microfinance Outreach and Rural Development Program. (2) Women Empowerment Scheme and Digital Banking Initiative. (3) Mahila Mitra Program and Griha Raksha Insurance Scheme. (4) Startup Incubation and Financial Literacy Campaign.
166. How many Indian institutes were featured in the 15th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025?
(1) 65 (2) 79 (3) 82 (4) 90
167. Which institute ranked 20th globally in Engineering–Mineral and Mining, topping the Indian list in the 15th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025?
(1) IIT Bombay (2) IIT Delhi (3) ISM Dhanbad (4) IIT Kharagpur
168. What position did IIT Delhi secure in the Engineering & Technology category in the 15th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025??
(1) 26th (2) 20th (3) 28th (4) 45th
169. Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences achieved which ranking in Dentistry in the 15th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025??
(1) 27th (2) 26th (3) 28th (4) 20th
170. In the Business & Management category, what rank did IIM Ahmedabad secure in the 15th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025??
(1) 27th (2) 26th (3) 20th (4) 28th
171. How did IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur rank in Engineering–Mineral and Mining respectively in the 15th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025??
(1) 28th and 45th (2) 45th and 28th (3) 26th and 35th (4) 20th and 40th
172. Regarding total entries in the QS rankings, which statement is correct about India in the 15th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025??
(1) India ranks 5th overall (2) India ranks 10th overall (3) India ranks 12th overall and has the 5th highest number of new entries (4) India ranks 8th overall
173. Which universities lead in subject rankings, and how many subjects do they top respectively in the 15th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025??
(1) MIT leads 15 subjects; Harvard leads 11 subjects (2) Harvard leads 15 subjects; MIT leads 11 subjects (3) Harvard leads 11 subjects; MIT leads 15 subjects (4) MIT leads 11 subjects; Harvard leads 20 subjects
174. In the overall academic disciplines, which country leads in 18 subjects in the 15th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025??
(1) United States (2) Canada (3) United Kingdom (4) Australia
175. What rank did India achieve in the free speech report among 33 countries, and what score did it receive?
(1) 24th with a score of 62.6 (2) 15th with a score of 70.2 (3) 28th with a score of 55.0 (4) 20th with a score of 68.3
176. Which country scored the highest in the free speech report and what was its score?
(1) Denmark, 87.0 (2) Norway, 87.9 (3) Sweden, 82.6 (4) Hungary, 85.5
177. Which institution published the World Happiness Report 2025?
(1) United Nations Development Programme (2) Wellbeing Research Centre, University of Oxford (3) World Health Organization (4) International Happiness Institute
178. For how many consecutive years has Finland been ranked the happiest country?
(1) 5 years (2) 8 years (3) 10 years (4) 7 years

179. Which country has been ranked as the unhappiest for the fourth consecutive year, and what is its rank?
(1) Lebanon, 145th (2) Afghanistan, 147th (3) Zimbabwe, 143rd (4) Sierra Leone, 146th
180. Which statement accurately reflects India's performance in the World Happiness Report 2025?
(1) It ranked 118th, with its highest ever at 94 in 2022 and lowest at 144 in 2012 (2) It ranked 126th, with a highest rank of 100 and lowest of 150 (3) It ranked 100th, showing a steady improvement from 120th (4) It ranked 90th with a happiness score of 5.0
181. How did India's happiness score change when comparing the periods 2021–23 and 2022–24?
(1) It dropped from 4.389 to 4.054 (2) It improved from 4.054 to 4.389 (3) It remained constant at 4.200 (4) It increased from 3.900 to 4.200
182. What was the growth of India's bio-economy from 2014 to 2024?
(1) From \$5 billion to \$100 billion (2) From \$10 billion to \$165.7 billion (3) From \$15 billion to \$200 billion (4) From \$8 billion to \$150 billion
183. What percentage of India's GDP is contributed by its bio-economy, and what is the compound annual growth rate (CAGR) over the past 4 years?
(1) 3.5% and 15.2% (2) 4.25% and 17.9% (3) 5% and 20% (4) 4.25% and 16.5%
184. By how many folds did India's bio-economy grow over a 10-year period?
(1) 10-fold (2) 12-fold (3) 16-fold (4) 20-fold
185. In terms of cumulative funding raised by women-founded companies, where does India rank globally?
(1) First (2) Second (3) Third (4) Fourth
186. Who is the first Indian woman to appear in the world's top 10 richest women according to the Hurun Global Rich List 2025?
(1) Nita Ambani (2) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (3) Roshni Nadar (4) Indra Nooyi
187. Who is the richest individual overall according to the Hurun Global Rich List 2025?
(1) Jeff Bezos (2) Mark Zuckerberg (3) Elon Musk (4) Larry Ellison
188. Who is listed as the richest person in India in the Hurun Global Rich List 2025?
(1) Gautam Adani (2) Mukesh Ambani (3) Roshni Nadar (4) Azim Premji
189. Which Indian city lost its title as "Asia's Billionaire Capital" and which city replaced it?
(1) Mumbai lost to Beijing (2) Delhi lost to Shanghai (3) Mumbai lost to Shanghai (4) Bangalore lost to Hong Kong
190. Who is the 3rd-richest person in India in 2025 as per Hurun Global Rich List 2025?
(1) Gautam Adani (2) Roshni Nadar (3) Dilip Shanghvi (4) Azim Premji
191. How much tea did India export in 2024 and what was its value?
(1) 300 Mkg, worth ₹7,500 crore (2) 254 Mkg, worth ₹7,112 crore (3) 200 Mkg, worth ₹6,000 crore (4) 280 Mkg, worth ₹7,200 crore
192. Which country exported more tea than India in 2024?
(1) Sri Lanka (2) Kenya (3) China (4) Vietnam
193. What is India's target for tea exports by 2030?
(1) 250 Mkg (2) 300 Mkg (3) 350 Mkg (4) 400 Mkg
194. Where is the Tea Board headquarters located in India?
(1) Mumbai (2) New Delhi (3) Kolkata (4) Chennai
195. Who is the chairman of the Tea Board as mentioned in the report?
(1) Roshni Nadar (2) Amardeep Singh Bhatia (3) Mukesh Ambani (4) Gautam Adani
196. According to the World Air Quality Report 2024, which country is identified as the most polluted?
(1) India (2) Chad (3) Pakistan (4) Nigeria
197. What is India's ranking in terms of air quality as per the report?
(1) 3rd (2) 5th (3) 7th (4) 9th
198. Which Indian city is mentioned as having the worst air quality?
(1) New Delhi (2) Chandigarh (3) Bhopal (4) Mumbai
199. Which team clinched the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2025 title?
(1) Delhi Capitals (2) Mumbai Indians (3) Gujarat Giants (4) Chennai Super Kings



200. Who captained the Mumbai Indians to their WPL 2025 title?
(1) Meg Lanning (2) Harmanpreet Kaur (3) Nat Sciver-Brunt (4) Sachin Tendulkar
201. Who won the Orange Cap in WPL 2025 by scoring 523 runs?
(1) Amelia Kerr (2) Amanjot Kaur (3) Nat Sciver-Brunt (4) Harmanpreet Kaur
202. Who claimed the Purple Cap in WPL 2025 by taking 18 wickets?
(1) Amelia Kerr (2) Nat Sciver-Brunt (3) Amanjot Kaur (4) Meg Lanning
203. Who was named the Emerging Player of the Season in WPL 2025?
(1) Amanjot Kaur (2) Deepika (3) Savita Punia (4) Araiyeet Singh Hundal
204. Which team won the inaugural INTERNATIONAL MASTERS LEAGUE (IML) 2025 T20?
(1) West Indies Masters (2) India Masters (3) Mumbai Indians (4) Chennai Super Kings
205. Who led India Masters to victory in the INTERNATIONAL MASTERS LEAGUE (IML) 2025 T20?
(1) Brian Lara (2) Sachin Tendulkar (3) Thomas Bach (4) Harmanpreet Singh
206. Which team did India Masters defeat in the final of the IML 2025 T20?
(1) West Indies Masters (2) Delhi Capitals (3) Chennai Super Kings (4) Gujarat Giants
207. For how many years has Equitas Small Finance Bank partnered with Chennai Super Kings?
(1) 4 years (2) 5 years (3) 6 years (4) 7 years
208. Who received the Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year (Men) in 2024?
(1) Harmanpreet Singh (2) Amit Rohidas (3) Hardik Singh (4) Abhishek
209. Who was honored as the Balbir Singh Sr Award Winner for Player of the Year (Women) in 2024?
(1) Deepika (2) Savita Punia (3) Araiyeet Singh Hundal (4) Prasara Bharati
210. What international milestone did Savita Punia achieve in 2024?
(1) Scored 100 goals (2) Crossed 300 international caps (3) Took 50 clean sheets (4) Captained the team for the first time
211. Which team received the Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award in 2024?
(1) The 1980 Olympic squad (2) The 1975 World Cup winning squad (3) The 2010 Champions Trophy team (4) The 2023 WPL champions
212. What was the cash prize accompanying the Lifetime Achievement Award?
(1) ₹25 lakh (2) ₹40 lakh (3) ₹50 lakh (4) ₹60 lakh
213. Which team won the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025?
(1) Hockey Haryana (2) Hockey Jharkhand (3) Delhi Capitals (4) Gujarat Giants
214. Who did Hockey Jharkhand defeat in the final?
(1) Hockey Haryana (2) Mumbai Indians (3) Chennai Super Kings (4) West Indies Masters
215. Which sport was officially approved for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics?
(1) Wrestling (2) Boxing (3) Squash (4) Sepaktakraw
216. Who is the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?
(1) Thomas Bach (2) Brian Lara (3) Sachin Tendulkar (4) Meg Lanning
217. Where is the IOC (International Olympic Committee) headquartered?
(1) Geneva, Switzerland (2) Lausanne, Switzerland (3) Zurich, Switzerland (4) Bern, Switzerland
218. Which edition of the Khelo India Winter Games took place in 2025?
(1) 3rd edition (2) 4th edition (3) 5th edition (4) 6th edition
219. Which team won 18 medals, including 7 gold, at the Khelo India Winter Games 2025?
(1) Himachal Pradesh (2) Indian Army (3) Maharashtra (4) Tamil Nadu
220. What is the name of the mascot for the Khelo India Winter Games 2025?
(1) Ujjwala (2) Sheen-E-She (Shan) (3) Snowy (4) Leopardine
221. The mascot "Sheen-E-She (Shan)" represents which animal?
(1) Tiger (2) Snow leopard (3) Himalayan bear (4) Ibex
222. Which team had also won the 2024 edition of the Khelo India Winter Games?
(1) Himachal Pradesh (2) Indian Army (3) Ladakh (4) Maharashtra
223. Where are the 2026 Olympic Winter Games scheduled to be held?
(1) Vancouver, Canada (2) Sochi, Russia (3) Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy (4) Oslo, Norway
224. In which city are the Khelo India Para Games 2025 primarily held?
(1) Mumbai (2) Kolkata (3) Delhi (4) Bengaluru



225. What is the mascot of the Khelo India Para Games 2025?
(1) Sheen-E-She (2) Ujjwala (3) Snowy (4) Sparky
226. The mascot 'Ujjwala' is themed after which animal?
(1) Sparrow (House sparrow) (2) Peafowl (3) Parrot (4) Eagle
227. What is the tagline for the Khelo India Para Games 2025?
(1) "Rise and Shine" (2) "Champions Beyond Limits" (or "Haunslon Ki Udaan") (3) "Victory for All" (4) "Unite to Win"
228. What is the official anthem of the Khelo India Para Games 2025?
(1) "Jeetega Jeetega Mera India" (2) "Khelega Khelega Mera India, Jeetega Jeetega Mera India" (3) "India Zindabad" (4) "Chak De India"
229. How many para-sports are featured in the Khelo India Para Games 2025?
(1) 4 (2) 5 (3) 6 (4) 7
230. Which state topped the medal tally at the Para Games with 104 medals?
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Haryana (4) Maharashtra
231. Which state finished second in the Para Games medal tally?
(1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Haryana (4) Delhi
232. In which edition of the Kabaddi World Cup 2025 was the tournament held in Wolverhampton, England?
(1) 1st edition (2) 2nd edition (3) 3rd edition (4) 4th edition
233. Where was the first edition of the Kabaddi World Cup held in 2019?
(1) India (2) Malaysia (3) England (4) Pakistan
234. Who did India defeat in the Men's final of the Kabaddi World Cup 2025?
(1) Scotland (2) England (3) Italy (4) Hong Kong China
235. Which team secured third place in the Men's category?
(1) England (2) Italy (3) Scotland (4) Hong Kong China
236. In the Women's final, which team did India beat?
(1) Scotland (2) Italy (3) Hong Kong China (4) England
237. Which team finished third in the Women's category?
(1) Italy (2) Scotland (3) Hong Kong China (4) England
238. Who was the Men's Team Captain of India at the Kabaddi World Cup 2025?
(1) Deepak Niwas Hooda (2) Poonam Sharma (3) Shubman Gill (4) Sachin Tendulkar
239. Who captained the Women's team for India in the Kabaddi World Cup 2025?
(1) Neha Jadhav (2) Savita Punia (3) Amanjot Kaur (4) Deepika
240. Who was named the Player of the Tournament in Kabaddi World Cup 2025?
(1) Deepak Niwas Hooda (2) Poonam Sharma (3) Rachel Collins (4) Meg Lanning
241. Who received the Best Defender award in the Tournament in Kabaddi World Cup 2025?
(1) Poonam Sharma (2) Neha Jadhav (3) Rachel Collins (4) Deepak Niwas Hooda
242. Which country did India defeat in the final of the Sepaktakraw World Cup 2025?
(1) South Korea (2) Japan (3) China (4) Thailand
243. What was India's overall ranking on the medal tally at the Sepaktakraw World Cup 2025?
(1) 2nd (2) 3rd (3) 4th (4) 5th
244. In which city is the All England Open Badminton 2025 held?
(1) London (2) Birmingham (3) Manchester (4) Liverpool
245. Who won the Women's Singles title at the All England Open Badminton 2025?
(1) Wang Zhiyi (2) An Se-young (3) Shi Yu Qi (4) Jessica Pegula
246. Who claimed the Men's Singles title in the tournament?
(1) Lee Chia-Hao (2) Shi Yu Qi (3) Novak Djokovic (4) Jakub Mensik
247. Which former Indian badminton legend has won the All England Open in 1980?
(1) Pullela Gopichand (2) Prakash Padukone (3) Saina Nehwal (4) Kidambi Srikanth
248. In which year did Prakash Padukone win the All England Open?
(1) 1980 (2) 1985 (3) 1990 (4) 1995
249. In which year did Pullela Gopichand win the title?



- (1)1999 (2)2001 (3)2003 (4)2005
250. Which medal did Pranati Nayak win in the vault event?
(1)Gold (2)Silver (3)Bronze (4)No medal
251. Who won the gold medal for India at Asian Wrestling Championships 2025 in Amman?
(1)Deepak Punia (2)Manisha Bhanwala (3)Udit (4)Sunil Kumar
252. In which weight category did Manisha Bhanwala win gold at Asian Wrestling Championships 2025 in Amman?
(1)Women's 60kg (2)Women's 62kg (3)Women's 64kg (4)Women's 66kg
253. Which country topped the overall medal tally at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2025?
(1)Iran (2)North Korea (3)Japan (4)India
254. Who set a new national record in the men's 100m at the Indian Grand Prix 1 (2025)?
(1)Amlan Borgohain (2)Manikanta Hoblidha (3)Gurindevir Singh (4)Shubman Gill
255. What time did Gurindevir Singh clock to become India's fastest man?
(1)10.23 seconds (2)10.20 seconds (3)10.25 seconds (4)10.22 seconds
256. Whose previous record did Gurindevir Singh break?
(1)Amlan Borgohain's (2)Manikanta Hoblidha's (3)Deepak Punia's (4)Sunil Kumar's
257. What was Manikanta Hoblidha's record time set in 2023?
(1)10.20 seconds (2)10.22 seconds (3)10.23 seconds (4)10.25 seconds
258. Who finished second in the men's 100m race at the event?
(1)Gurindevir Singh (2)Manikanta Hoblidha (3)Amlan Borgohain (4)Deepak Punia
259. How many total medals did India win at the 12th Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025?
(1)30 (2)31 (3)33 (4)35
260. In which city were the 12th Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025 held?
(1)Turin, Italy (2)Milan, Italy (3)Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy (4)Rome, Italy
261. What is the new name for the Commonwealth Games Federation?
(1)Commonwealth League (2)Commonwealth Sport (3)Commonwealth Games Council
(4)Commonwealth Athletics
262. In which upcoming Olympics is squash set to make its debut?
(1)2024 Paris (2)2028 Los Angeles (3)2032 Brisbane (4)2036
263. Who won the Women's Singles title at the Miami Open 2025?
(1)Jessica Pegula (2)Aryna Sabalenka (3)An Se-young (4)Wang Zhiyi
264. Which country does Aryna Sabalenka represent?
(1)USA (2)China (3)Belarus (4)South Korea
265. Who claimed the Men's Singles title at the Miami Open 2025?
(1)Novak Djokovic (2)Jakub Mensik (3)Shi Yu Qi (4)Kareem El Torkey
266. Which country does Jakub Mensik represent?
(1)Serbia (2)Czech Republic (3)Russia (4)USA
267. Who was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month in February 2025?
(1)Saina Nehwal (2)Alana King (3)Nat Sciver-Brunt (4)Savita Punia
268. Which country does Alana King represent?
(1)England (2)India (3)Australia (4)New Zealand
269. Who was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month in February 2025?
(1)Shubman Gill (2)Sachin Tendulkar (3)Harmanpreet Kaur (4)Deepak Niwas Hooda
270. Who was appointed as Chairman of Tata Communications Limited?
(1)N Ganapathy Subramaniam (2)A. S. Lakshminarayanan (3)Rahul Bhawe (4)N. Chandrasekaran
271. Who is the CEO of Tata Communications?
(1)A. S. Lakshminarayanan (2)N Ganapathy Subramaniam (3)Ajay Seth (4)Sanjay Malhotra
272. Who was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago?
(1)Dr. Keith Rowley (2)Justin Trudeau (3)Stuart Young (4)N Ganapathy Subramaniam
273. Who was elected as the 10th President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?
(1)Pierre de Coubertin (2)Sanjay Malhotra (3)Kirsty Coventry (4)A. S. Lakshminarayanan
274. How many Olympic medals did Kirsty Coventry win for Zimbabwe?

- (1)8 (2)7 (3)6 (4)5
275. Where are the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) located?
(1)Lausanne, Switzerland (2)Paris, France (3)Geneva, Switzerland (4)Zurich, Switzerland
276. When did Indranil Bhattacharyya take charge as the new Executive Director of RBI?
(1)March 19, 2025 (2)April 1, 2025 (3)March 19, 2024 (4)April 1, 2024
277. Which department will Indranil Bhattacharyya oversee at RBI?
(1)Department of Monetary Policy (2)Department of Economic and Policy Research (3)Department of Banking Regulation (4)Department of Financial Services
278. How many Executive Directors are there in RBI?
(1)10 (2)12 (3)16 (4)18
279. Which of the following are the Deputy Governors of RBI?
(1)Swaminathan Janakiraman, T. Rabi Sankar & M. Rajeshwar Rao (2)Sanjay Malhotra, A. S. Lakshminarayanan & N Ganapathy Subramaniam (3)Swaminathan Janakiraman, Bibek Debroy & M. Rajeshwar Rao (4)A. S. Lakshminarayanan, T. Rabi Sankar & Vivek Dewangan
280. Who was appointed as the Prime Minister of Tunisia?
(1)Kamel Madouri (2)Sarraz Zafrani Zenzri (3)Kais Saied (4)Rahul Bhawe
281. Who was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court?
(1)Rajiv Gauba (2)Justice Harish Tandon (3)Justice Biren Vaishnav (4)Suman Berry
282. Who was named Acting Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court?
(1)Justice Harish Tandon (2)Justice Biren Vaishnav (3)Bibek Debroy (4)Vivek Dewangan
283. Who has been appointed as India's new Finance Secretary?
(1)Ajay Seth (2)Nidhi Tewari (3)Jay Bhattacharya (4)Amitava Mukherjee
284. Whom did Ajay Seth succeed as Finance Secretary of India?
(1)Vivek Dewangan (2)Tuhin Kanta Pandey (3)Bibek Debroy (4)N. Chandrasekaran
285. Who was re-elected as the President of the New Development Bank (NDB)?
(1)Dilma Vana Rousseff (2)Jay Bhattacharya (3)Amitava Mukherjee (4)Mark Carney
286. Where is the New Development Bank (NDB) headquartered?
(1)Shanghai (2)Mumbai (3)New Delhi (4)Johannesburg
287. Which group of nations established the New Development Bank (NDB) in July 2014?
(1)G7 nations (2)BRICS nations (3)ASEAN nations (4)EU nations
288. Which country is set to join the NDB as the 9th member?
(1)Uruguay (2)Indonesia (3)Nigeria (4)Kenya
289. Which country is identified as a prospective member of the NDB?
(1)Uruguay (2)Indonesia (3)Mexico (4)Turkey
290. Who was elected as the Chairman of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)?
(1)Ashok Singh Thakur (2)Parminder Chopra (3)Jay Bhattacharya (4)Amitava Mukherjee
291. Who was appointed as a full-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)?
(1)Sanjay Kumar Mishra (2)Sanjeev Sanyal (3)Shamika Ravi (4)Rajiv Gauba
292. Whom did Sanjay Kumar Mishra replace in the EAC-PM?
(1)Bibek Debroy (2)Vivek Dewangan (3)Kamel Madouri (4)Nidhi Tewari
293. Along with Sanjay Kumar Mishra, who are the other full-time members of EAC-PM?
(1)Sanjeev Sanyal and Shamika Ravi (2)Rakesh Mohan and Sajjid Chinoy (3)Neelkanth Mishra and Nilesh Shah (4)T.T. Ram Mohan and Poonam Gupta
294. Who is the current Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)?
(1)Suman Berry (2)Rajiv Gauba (3)Bibek Debroy (4)Sanjeev Sanyal
295. Which former Cabinet Secretary was appointed as a full-time member of NITI Aayog?
(1)Bibek Debroy (2)Rajiv Gauba (3)Vivek Dewangan (4)N. Chandrasekaran
296. Parminder Chopra is the first woman to serve as CMD of which organization?
(1)RBI (2)IFCI Ltd. (3)Power Finance Corporation (4)NMDC
297. Who was appointed as the 18th Director of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH)?

- (1)Jay Bhattacharya (2)N. Chandrasekaran (3)Amitava Mukherjee (4)Mark Carney
298. Who was elected as the new Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for FY26?
(1)C.S. Setty (2)M.V. Rao (3)Nidhi Tewari (4)Sarra Zaafrani Zenzri
299. Whom did C.S. Setty succeed as Chairman of the IBA?
(1)M.V. Rao (2)Vivek Dewangan (3)Bibek Debroy (4)Tuhin Kanta Pandey
300. Which IFS officer (2014 Batch) became the Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
(1)Nidhi Tewari (2)Sarra Zaafrani Zenzri (3)Parminder Chopra (4)Jay Bhattacharya
301. Which Tata Sons Chairman joined the IMF MD's Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship & Growth?
(1)N. Chandrasekaran (2)Amitava Mukherjee (3)Sanjay Malhotra (4)Mark Carney
302. Who assumed office as the 7th Secretary General of the Commonwealth?
(1)Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey (2)Kais Saied (3)N. Chandrasekaran (4)Stuart Young
303. How many countries are members of the Commonwealth of Nations?
(1)48 (2)56 (3)64 (4)72
304. Who is set to become the Country Executive & CEO for India at Bank of America (subject to regulatory approval)?
(1)Vikram Sahu (2)Jay Bhattacharya (3)Amitava Mukherjee (4)Mark Carney
305. Who was appointed as the Whole-Time Member (Life) of IRDAI for five years?
(1)B.C. Patnaik (2)Swaminathan S. Iyer (3)Deepak Sood (4)Parmod Kumar Arora
306. Who is the Chairman of IRDAI?
(1)Debasish Panda (2)Swaminathan S. Iyer (3)Deepak Sood (4)Satyajit Tripathy
307. Who was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NMDC?
(1)Amitava Mukherjee (2)N. Chandrasekaran (3)Rahul Bhawe (4)Jay Bhattacharya
308. NMDC is recognized as India's largest producer of which resource?
(1)Coal (2)Iron ore (3)Bauxite (4)Copper
309. Who became the 24th Prime Minister of Canada?
(1)Justin Trudeau (2)Mark Carney (3)Stuart Young (4)Vikram Sahu
310. Whom did Mark Carney replace as Prime Minister of Canada?
(1)Justin Trudeau (2)Donald Trump (3)N. Chandrasekaran (4)Jay Bhattacharya

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8	2	28	1	48	2	68	2	88	1
9	2	29	3	49	1	69	3	89	1
10	3	30	2	50	3	70	1	90	1
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