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1. Amounts & Agreements

Topic	Details	Investment/Loan Amount	Purpose
ADB Loan for Electricity Distribution in West Bengal	The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$241.3 million loan to improve electricity distribution in West Bengal. This program is aligned with the government's 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme' to strengthen the operational efficiency of power distribution companies.	\$241.3 million	To improve electricity distribution and strengthen power distribution companies' operational efficiency.
\$200 Million Loan for Uttarakhand Livability Improvement Project	The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$200 million loan to improve water supply, sanitation, urban mobility, and other services in Uttarakhand. The project is co-financed by the European Investment Bank with \$191 million.	\$200 million (plus \$191 million co-financing by EIB)	To improve water supply, sanitation, urban mobility, and urban services.
IFC and Bajaj Finance Partnership	The International Finance Corporation (IFC) partnered with Bajaj Finance to invest \$400 million as part of a \$1 billion fundraising effort. The investment will aid the expansion of EV Fleet, energy-efficient consumer goods, and women empowerment initiatives.	\$400 million	Expansion of EV Fleet, energy-efficient goods, and women empowerment initiatives.
HUDCO Loan for Amaravati	The Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO) announced a loan of Rs 11,000 crore for the construction of Amaravati greenfield capital city in Andhra Pradesh.	₹11,000 crore	Construction of Amaravati greenfield capital city.
European Investment Bank Loan for Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP)	The European Investment Bank (EIB) granted a €300 million loan for the Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project. Once operational, the project is expected to reduce CO2 emissions by 43%.	€300 million	Development of Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project to reduce CO2 emissions and improve urban mobility.
World Bank and ADB Loan for Amaravati Development	The World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB) granted a loan worth ₹13,500 crore (\$1.6 billion) for the development of Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh's capital city. The funds will be used for infrastructure, roads, utilities, and 24x7 clean water supply.	₹13,500 crore (\$1.6 billion)	Development of Amaravati's infrastructure, roads, utilities, and clean water supply.

2. Appointments & Resignations

Name	Position	Organization/Entity	Details	Key Points
Sumathi Dharmawardena	Independent Chairman	ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit	Appointed as the Independent Chairman of ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit.	First appointment in this role for ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit .
Rajesh Kumar Singh	Defence Secretary	Government of India	Succeeded Giridhar Aramane as Defence Secretary.	Plays a key role in national defence planning .
Duma Boko	6th President of Botswana	Botswana Government	Elected as the 6th President, succeeding Mokgweetsi Masisi .	Botswana is the 2nd-largest diamond producer after Russia .
Shubha Tole	President-elect	International Brain Research Organisation	First scientist from a developing country to be elected as President-elect of IBRO .	Historic appointment, represents developing nations in brain research.
Akash Tripathi	President & CEO	National eGovernance Division (NeGD) & DIC	Former MyGov CEO given dual responsibility in Digital India Corporation and NeGD .	Heads Digital India initiatives and e-governance programs.
Abhyuday Jindal	President	Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	Managing Director of Jindal Stainless Limited appointed as ICC President.	Brij Bhushan Agarwal and Parthiv Vikram Neotia hold Senior VP and VP roles, respectively.
Manoj Bihari Verma	Ambassador	India to Liberia	Appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Liberia .	Represents India's interests in Liberia .
Chitra Jayasimha	Chairperson	National Pension System (NPS) Trust	Replaced Venkata Rao Yadagani as Chairperson.	Heads India's pension reforms and trust management .
Vikram Dev Dutt	Secretary	Ministry of Coal	Succeeded VL Kantha Rao as Secretary of the Ministry of Coal .	Oversees India's coal production and policies .



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James P. Gorman	Chairman	The Walt Disney Company	Will assume the role effective January 2, 2025 .	Predecessor's role shifts to Chair Emeritus .
Donald Trump	President	United States	Won the 2024 US Presidential Election with 277 electoral votes.	James David Vance elected as Vice President .
Rishi Chhabra	Country Manager	Visa India	Appointed as Country Manager for Visa India.	Leads Visa's India operations .
Susie Wiles	White House Chief of Staff	United States Government	First female White House Chief of Staff , appointed by Donald Trump .	Makes history in Trump's administration .
Ted Pick	Chairman	Morgan Stanley	Will replace James Gorman as Chairman in January 2025.	James Gorman will hold the title Chair Emeritus .
S Gopalakrishnan	Chairman	Staff Selection Commission (SSC)	Succeeded Rakesh Ranjan as SSC Chairman.	Heads India's staff recruitment commission .
V Umashankar	Secretary	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways	Appointed as Secretary.	Plays a major role in India's infrastructure development .
Justice Sanjiv Khanna	Chief Justice of India (CJI)	Supreme Court of India	Appointed as the 51st Chief Justice of India , succeeding Justice D.Y. Chandrachud .	Heads India's judiciary system .
Vikram Misri	Foreign Secretary	Ministry of External Affairs	Extension of tenure until July 14, 2026 , beyond superannuation.	Critical role in India's foreign policies .
Harsha Vardhan Agarwal	President	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (FICCI)	Succeeded Anish Shah as FICCI President for 2024-25.	Vice Chairman of Emami Limited .
Navin Ramgoolam	Prime Minister	Mauritius Government	Former two-time Prime Minister elected again, succeeding Pravind Jugnauth .	Leads Mauritius's political landscape .
Rajat Verma	CEO	DBS Bank India	Head of Institutional Banking at DBS India, appointed to CEO position.	DBS Bank HQs : Mumbai, Maharashtra.



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Vijay Chandok	MD & CEO	National Securities Depository (NSDL)	Former MD & CEO of ICICI Securities , appointed to NSDL.	Heads India's securities depository system .
Arvinder Singh Sahney	Chairman	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)	Assumed the role on November 13, 2024 .	Leads India's oil and gas sector giant .
Amandeep Johl	CEO	Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)	Assumes the role effective January 1, 2025 , succeeding Uttam Singh Mundy .	Heads India's professional golf association .

3. Arts & Cultural Affairs

4. Awards, Rewards, Recognition

Person	Award/Recognition	Key Points
460+ Police Personnel	Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak 2024	Awarded for work in Special Operations, Investigation, Intelligence, and Forensic Science .
María Corina Machado & Edmundo González Urrutia	2024 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought	Recognized for efforts to restore democracy and freedom in Venezuela ; ceremony to be held on December 18 in Strasbourg.
Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)	FICCI Best University Award	Won " Best University of the Year - Established Category " at the 19th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2024 .
Manjusha Kanwar, Vineet Kumar, Kavitha Selvaraj	Arjuna Award (Lifetime)	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports replaced " Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award " with the " Arjuna Award (Lifetime) ".
Ricky Kej & Anoushka Shankar	Grammy Nominations	Ricky Kej nominated for album ' Break of Dawn '; Anoushka Shankar nominated for ' Chapter II: How Dark It Is Before Dawn '.
Phillip Noyce	Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award	Honored at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) , featuring Michael Gracey's "Better Man" as the opening film.



Person	Award/Recognition	Key Points
Mines of NLC India Ltd (NLCIL)	Star Rating Awards for Coal & Lignite Mines	43 mines achieved a five-star rating ; Barsingar lignite mine in Rajasthan received top honors for 2022-23 .
Samantha Harvey	2024 Booker Prize	Won for her novel ' Orbital ', set on the International Space Station (ISS) ; first woman to win since 2019 .
Darasing Khurana	Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award	Recognized for mental health awareness at Oxford University's Ashmolean Museum .
Prime Minister Narendra Modi	Dominica Award of Honour	Announced by Dominica for his contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic ; will be conferred at the India-CARICOM Summit in Guyana .

5. Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

Topic	Details	Key Points
SEBI Allows Overseas MF Investments	Permitted mutual funds to invest in foreign unit trusts with restrictions on Indian securities exposure (maximum 25%) and blind pool requirements.	Increases opportunities for diversified investments .
SBI Research on Tax Simplification	Report titled " How Tax Simplification has given a necessary fillip to ITR Filing " observed increased ITR filings ; 74.2% decline in income disparity for lower earners since FY2014.	Highlights improvements in tax compliance and simplification .
Fine on Union Bank of India by FIU	FIU imposed ₹54 lakh fine on Union Bank of India for non-compliance with the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and suspicious transaction reporting failures.	Reflects stricter regulatory compliance requirements .
SEBI Mandates UPI for Stock Trading	Stockbrokers must offer UPI block mechanisms or 3-in-1 trading systems starting February 2025; Combines trading, demat, and bank accounts.	Aims at streamlining stock market transactions .
RBI Guidelines for FPIs	Directed Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to obtain government approvals if equity holdings exceed 10% of paid-up equity ; must divest or reclassify holdings within 5 days .	Tightens rules for FPI compliance .
Web Series on RBI's History	Star India awarded ₹6.5 crore tender to produce a 5-episode web series celebrating 90 years of RBI , promoting financial literacy.	Highlights RBI's journey and legacy .



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Shriram MF Launches Multi-Sector Fund	Launched a multi-sector rotation fund to invest in 3-6 high-performing sectors; Uses Shriram AMC's Enhanced Quantamental Investment (EQI) framework.	Targets short-term sectoral outperformance .
October Inflation Data	CPI inflation reached 6.21% , a 14-month high, driven by food inflation at 10.87% ; Rural inflation higher at 6.68% than urban at 5.62% .	Reflects rising cost pressures on essential goods .
ADB's First Biodiversity Bond	Issued a \$100 million bond under its Sustainable Development Theme Bonds program ; Supported by Dai-ichi Life Insurance.	Promotes sustainable and biodiversity-friendly investments .
Performance of PSBs in H1 FY25	Public Sector Banks (PSBs) showed 26% growth in net profit , achieving ₹236.04 lakh crore business during H1 FY25; Credit grew 12.9% YoY , deposits up 9.5% YoY .	Indicates robust financial performance by PSBs.
Alliance Network with Axis Bank	Partnered to promote POS aggregation services , targeting growth in merchant payments and digital transformation in India.	Enhances Axis Bank's merchant payment solutions .
RBI Report on Forex Reserves	India's forex reserves stood at \$688.27 billion as of October 2024, comprising \$598.24 billion FCA , \$67.44 billion in gold , and others.	Reflects strong external reserve management .
Tax Devolution to States	Union government released ₹1,78,173 crore to states as tax devolution; Uttar Pradesh received the highest amount of ₹31,962 crore .	Boosts state-level fiscal capacity .
Razorpay Venture Investment Program	Launched to fund 50+ early-stage B2B startups with up to \$1 million each , in collaboration with Peak XV and Lightspeed .	Strengthens the startup ecosystem .
UPI for Her Initiative	Aimed at empowering women micro-business owners by raising awareness of UPI-based solutions , in collaboration with WWB, MobiKwik, and PhonePe .	Promotes financial inclusion for women entrepreneurs.
Systemically Important Banks	RBI classified SBI, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank as D-SIBs (Domestic Systemically Important Banks) requiring additional capital buffers .	Recognized as 'too big to fail' institutions.
Tata AIG Launches Health Products	Launched five health insurance products: Mental Wellbeing, EmpowerHer, OPD Care , among others; Targets expanding agent base.	Focuses on diverse healthcare needs .
NPCI UPI Safety Campaign	Launched the 'Main Moorkh Nahi Hoon' campaign with Pankaj Tripathi as the ambassador to raise awareness about UPI fraud prevention .	Promotes safe digital payment practices .



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PhonePe Introduces NPS Contributions	Enabled contributions to the National Pension System (NPS) under the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) .	Encourages long-term savings through NPS.
Mandatory Invoice Discounting	Businesses with turnover over ₹250 crore and CPSEs must adopt TReDS by March 2025, facilitating MSME invoice discounting .	Eases MSMEs' access to capital .
Mastercard's Pay Local	Launched " Mastercard Pay Local " enabling card payments through local digital wallets in Asia Pacific, including DANA (Indonesia) and Touch 'n Go (Malaysia) .	Promotes cross-border payment innovation .
Blue Green Ventures Maiden Fund	Raised a \$75 million fund targeting climate tech, fintech, and B2C startups .	Focuses on sustainability-driven startups .
RBI Penalizes Cooperative Banks	Imposed ₹11.64 lakh fine on 5 cooperative banks , with the highest penalty of ₹6.34 lakh on Jaynagar Mozilpur People's Cooperative Bank Ltd.	Enforces stricter banking compliance norms .
India's Outward FDI Commitments	Rose to \$3.24 billion in October 2024 , compared to \$2.55 billion a year earlier; Debt (loan) commitments accounted for \$1.24 billion .	Indicates growing outward investment flows .
Galaxy Health Insurance Plans	Launched " Galaxy Promise " offering coverage from ₹3 lakh to ₹1 crore , with women-centric healthcare benefits.	Tailored for comprehensive health coverage needs .
WPI Inflation Data	Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rose to 2.36% in October , with food inflation at 11.59% .	Indicates rising input cost pressures .
RBI's NDS-OM Platform	Expanded access to regulated entities like RRBs, NBFCs, Provident Funds , etc.; Entities must have an SGL account and current account with RBI .	Broader access to government securities trading via NDS-OM.
Chief General Manager Post	5 more nationalized banks , including Bank of Maharashtra and Central Bank of India , approved for CGM posts; Total CGM posts now 144 .	Increased leadership roles in banking.
Extension of IFRS 17 Deadline	New deadline set for FY 2026-27 ; IFRS 17 provides a framework for reporting insurance contracts .	Supports global accounting standards adoption .
IOB's Mahila Shaksham Scheme	Financing for women SHG members under DAY-NRLM with credit support of up to Rs 10 lakh .	Promotes women empowerment through targeted financing.
RBI Gold Reserves	Added 102 tonnes of gold from the Bank of England , increasing total holdings to 854.73 metric tonnes .	Strengthens India's financial stability through higher gold reserves.
UPI Sets New Record	16.58 billion transactions worth Rs 23.5 trillion recorded in October 2024 ; Daily transactions exceeded Rs 75,801 crore in	Represents a milestone in India's digital payments growth .



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Mintoak and Axis Bank Partnership	Collaboration to boost financial inclusion and expand digital payment adoption ; Axis Bank will use Mintoak's SaaS platform.	Focused on improving SME merchant solutions and digital payments .
e-Bank Guarantee by Punjab & Sind Bank	Launched e-BG facility with NeSL, replacing paper-based guarantees with digital stamping and signatures .	Improves efficiency and security in bank guarantees.
IMF Report: World's Fastest Growing Economies	India is projected to become the 4th largest economy by FY2025, overtaking Japan; USA, China, and Germany are the top three economies.	Highlights India's rapid economic growth among global peers.
Special Campaign 4.0 by PSBs & FIs	Realized Rs 4.5 crore through scrap disposal; LIC settled 12.77 lakh unclaimed policies worth Rs 10,742 crore ; Dormant accounts worth 79.97 lakh activated .	Aimed at improving public grievance redressal and financial efficiency .
Israel Joins ADB	Israel became the 69th member of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the 20th non-regional member .	Expands ADB's geographical representation .
SBI Mutual Fund Surpasses Rs 10 Lakh Crore	SBI Mutual Fund became the first in India to exceed Rs 10 lakh crore in Assets Under Management (AUM); Total industry AUM grew by 12% to Rs 66.22 lakh crore .	Sets a benchmark for mutual fund industry growth .
RBI Adds 13 Entities to Forex Alert List	Added 13 unauthorized Forex trading platforms , bringing the total number to 88 .	Enhances vigilance on illegal forex trading activities .
HDFC Bank Opens Branch in Singapore	HDFC Bank inaugurated its first branch in Singapore after obtaining a wholesale banking license from the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).	Strengthens HDFC's international banking presence .
Canara HSBC Life Insurance - Promise4Future	Introduced Promise4Future , a non-linked participating plan offering wealth creation and long-term protection.	Caters to savings and protection needs .
Karur Vysya Bank Gets CARE Ratings	Received ' A1+ ' and ' AA ' (Stable) ratings for short-term deposits and other instruments.	Reflects strong creditworthiness .
IDFC First Bank Real-Time Tracking	Became the first Indian bank to offer real-time tracking of cross-border money transfers under the LRS in partnership with Swift.	Innovates in global remittance solutions .
SBI Innovation Hub	Launched by State Bank of India in collaboration with APIX , creating a sandbox for fintech startups.	Fosters financial innovation and encourages startups.



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RBI Guidelines for NBFCs	Directed NBFCs to maintain at least 25% of borrowings from capital market instruments; Risk weight on loans to NBFCs raised by 25% .	Strengthens regulatory controls over NBFC borrowing practices .
RBI Expands FAR Investments	Expanded Fully Accessible Route (FAR) to include 10-year Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) , allowing non-resident investments .	Promotes green finance and foreign participation .
GenWise UPI for Elders	Introduced UPI payments targeted at senior citizens , partnering with Axis Bank for support.	Facilitates digital inclusion for elderly users .
National MSME Cluster Outreach Programme	Launched by Nirmala Sitharaman with support from SIDBI to connect 150 MSME clusters , encouraging women entrepreneurship.	Aims to empower women and MSMEs .
IndiaP2P Monthly Income Plan	Launched Monthly Income Plan-Plus offering 18% interest per annum with monthly payouts under RBI guidelines .	Boosts lending opportunities in P2P markets .



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6. Defence Affairs

Topic	Details	Key Points
India-Indonesia Joint Exercise "Garud Shakti"	9th edition held in Jakarta , involving Special Forces from both countries.	Aims to strengthen military cooperation .
India-US Joint Exercise "Vajra Prahar"	15th edition conducted at Orchard Combat Training Centre , Idaho, focusing on Special Forces operations .	Enhances joint counter-terrorism capabilities .
VINBAX 2024 - Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise	5th edition held in Ambala and Chandimandir , Haryana, from November 4-23, 2024 ; involves bi-service level participation of Army and Air Force.	Focuses on UN Peacekeeping Operations under Chapter VII.
Indian Navy's MAHASAGAR Initiative	3rd edition held virtually with Indian Ocean Region leaders; Theme: " Training Cooperation to Mitigate Common Maritime Security Challenges in IOR ".	Promotes regional maritime security cooperation .
Top Destinations for Indian Defence Exports	United States, France, and Armenia are top destinations; Armenia is the first foreign customer of Akash air defence missiles .	Reflects India's growth in defence exports .
AUSTRALIND 3rd Edition	Joint military exercise between India and Australia held in Pune , focusing on multi-domain operations .	Strengthens interoperability between the two nations.
Launch of Bollard Pull Tug "Ashva"	Third 25T Bollard Pull Tug , part of Atmanirbhar Bharat , launched by Cmde Ajay Yadav at Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd, Kolkata .	Enhances Naval ship and submarine support capabilities .
Swavlamban 2024 - Indian Navy Innovation Seminar	3rd edition held in New Delhi ; Featured innovations like the " Vajra Shot " anti-drone jammer gun , capable of jamming signals up to 4 km .	Encourages defence indigenisation and innovation.
Joint Tri-Services Exercise "Poorvi Prahar"	Conducted from November 10-18 in the eastern theatre along the India-China border , focusing on satellite communications and AI-driven analytics .	Demonstrates India's capability in multi-domain warfare .
Antariksha Abhyas - 2024	Conducted by the Defence Space Agency (DSA) from November 11-13 , simulating threats to Space-Based Assets .	Focuses on protecting critical space infrastructure .



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Zen Technologies Launches RCWS Systems	Launched four remote-controlled weapon systems: Parashu, Fanish, Sharur, Durgam , featuring thermal imaging and anti-drone capabilities .	Advances modern military surveillance and weaponry .
Maiden Flight Test of LRLACM	DRDO successfully tested the Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) in Chandipur, Odisha , from mobile and ship-based systems .	A milestone in indigenous missile development .
DRDO's Deep Tech Innovation Projects	Funded ₹50 crore each for five projects focusing on quantum technologies, blockchain, and AI for military applications.	Advances India's defence technology capabilities .
India Ships Akash Weapon System to Armenia	India delivered the Akash surface-to-air missile system to Armenia , marking its first foreign shipment of the weapon.	Showcases India's defence export potential .
Indian Navy to Conduct Sea Vigil-24	4th edition of Coastal Defence Exercise , involving six ministries and 21 organizations , scheduled for November 20-21, 2024 .	Strengthens India's coastal defence preparedness .
Exercise Garuda Shakti - 9th Edition	Concluded in Jakarta, Indonesia , focusing on joint military operations in counter-terrorism environments .	Strengthens India-Indonesia defence ties .

7. International Affairs

Topic	Details	Key Points
India Re-Elected as ISA President	India re-elected as President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for 2024-2026 , with France elected as Co-President .	Ashish Khanna of India appointed as the 3rd Director General , succeeding Dr Ajay Mathur .
New Indian Consulate in Brisbane	India's new consulate inaugurated in Brisbane, Queensland by Minister S. Jaishankar; Neetu Bhagotia appointed as consul general.	Brisbane, Ipswich, and Hyderabad are sister cities; Queensland is home to 100,000 Indian-origin people .
India-Pakistan Renew Kartarpur Corridor Agreement	Agreement renewed for 5 more years until 2029 , allowing visa-free access for Indian Sikh pilgrims to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur .	Symbolizes peaceful cooperation for religious access.
Australia to Ban Social Media for Children Under 16	Australian government plans to ban children under 16 from using social media , citing concerns over harmful impacts .	Aims to protect children from social media risks.



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India-Russia Trade Target	Announced a \$100 billion trade target by 2030 at the India-Russia Business Forum in Mumbai , with focus on connectivity corridors like INSTC and Chennai-Vladivostok .	Strengthens India-Russia economic ties through enhanced connectivity routes .
WHO's Global Strategic Preparedness, Readiness, and Response Plan (SPRP)	Launched by WHO to tackle dengue and Aedes-borne arboviruses ; requires \$55 million for implementation until September 2025 .	Focus on health preparedness , with 5 key components like emergency coordination and community protection .
Global Framework on Chemicals	Targets safe management of chemicals and waste , offering \$300,000 to \$800,000 funding for selected projects with 25% co-financing requirement .	Adopted at the 5th International Conference on Chemicals Management in Bonn , September 2023 .

8. Meetings, Conferences, and Summits

Topic	Place	Details	Key Points
Asian Buddhist Summit (ABS)	New Delhi, India	The 1st Asian Buddhist Summit , organized by the Government of India and International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) , was held on November 5-6, 2024 .	Theme: " Role of Buddha Dhamma in Strengthening Asia ".
27th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2024)	Apia, Samoa	Themed " One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth "; Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey appointed as Commonwealth Secretary-General .	Focused on resilience and sustainable development ; replaced Patricia Scotland as Secretary-General.
India-UAE High-Level Joint Task Force Meeting	Mumbai, India	12th meeting co-chaired by Piyush Goyal and Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan ; Collaborated on " JAYWAN " domestic card scheme for UAE.	Strengthened India-UAE financial cooperation through NPCI-AI Etihad Payments collaboration .
COP29 (UNFCCC)	Baku, Azerbaijan	Focused on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) to replace the previous \$100 billion annual commitment ; India represented by Kirti Vardhan Singh .	Collaboration among COP Presidencies Troika : UAE (COP28), Brazil (COP30).
18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Scheduled for January 8-10, 2025 , themed " Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat "; Awards to be conferred by President Droupadi Murmu .	Celebrates the Indian diaspora's role in India's development.



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India-Saudi Strategic Partnership Council	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Union Minister Piyush Goyal participated in the 8th Edition of FII and launched the ' Lulu Wali Diwali Festival ' at Lulu Hypermarket.	Unveiled the ' One District, One Product (ODOP) Wall ' at the Indian Embassy.
25th SATRC Meeting	New Delhi, India	Themed " Accelerating Telecommunication and ICT Development for Growth and Inclusiveness "; focused on enhancing South Asia's ICT ecosystem.	Strengthened regional collaboration in telecommunications and ICT development .

9. Miscellaneous

Day/Event	Date	Theme	Other Points
World Vegan Day	Nov-01	-	Promotes veganism and its benefits for health and the environment.
Rajyotsava Day (Karnataka Formation Day)	Nov-01	-	Celebrates the formation of Karnataka State in 1956.
International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists	Nov-02	-	Raises awareness about justice for crimes against journalists .
World Jellyfish Day	Nov-03	-	Recognizes the ecological importance of jellyfish .
Vigilance Awareness Week	October 28 - November 3	"Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity"	Aims to promote transparency and integrity in governance .
World Biosphere Reserve Day (UNESCO)	Nov-03	-	Celebrates conservation and sustainable use of biosphere reserves.
World Tsunami Awareness Day	Nov-05	"Empowering the Next Generation with the Lessons of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami - 20 Years On"	Commemorates the 20th anniversary of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami .
International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	Nov-06	-	Highlights the impact of armed conflicts on the environment .



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Infant Protection Day	Nov-07	-	Focuses on improving infant health and reducing infant mortality .
National Cancer Awareness Day	Nov-07	-	Promotes awareness about cancer prevention, detection, and treatment .
World Radiography Day	Nov-08	"Radiographers: Seeing the Unseen"	Celebrates the role of radiographers in healthcare .
World Urbanism Day	Nov-08	"Homes Start with Planning"	Promotes sustainable urban planning and development .
National Legal Services Day	Nov-09	-	Celebrates access to justice for all .
World Freedom Day	Nov-09	-	Commemorates the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.
Uttarakhand Foundation Day	Nov-09	-	Marks the 25th anniversary of Uttarakhand's formation in 2000.
World Immunization Day	Nov-10	-	Highlights the importance of vaccination for disease prevention .
World Science Day for Peace and Development	Nov-10	"Youth at the Forefront"	Promotes the role of science in building peaceful societies .
World Quality Week	November 11-15	"Quality: From Compliance to Performance"	Focuses on improving quality standards in businesses and industries .
National Education Day	Nov-11	-	Observed on the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad , a prominent Indian educationist.
World Pneumonia Day	Nov-12	"Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia in its Track"	Raises awareness about pneumonia prevention and care .
World Kindness Day	Nov-13	-	Celebrates acts of kindness to inspire positive change .
World Children's Day	Nov-14	"Listen to the Future"	Highlights the need for children's rights and their future aspirations .
World Usability Day	Nov-14	"Designing for a Better World"	Focuses on creating user-friendly designs that improve lives.
World Diabetes Day	Nov-14	"Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps"	Raises awareness about diabetes management and prevention .



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Day/Event	Date	Theme	Other Points
Guru Nanak Jayanti (555th Birth Anniversary)	Nov-15	-	Celebrates the birth of Guru Nanak Dev , the founder of Sikhism.
Foundation Day of Jharkhand	Nov-15	-	Marks the formation of Jharkhand state in 2000.

Topic	Details	Key Points
Azores Islands	Located in Portugal .	Known for their volcanic landscapes and biodiversity .
Mexico City Grand Prix Winner 2024	Carlos Sainz (Ferrari) won the race.	Highlighted Sainz's victory in Formula 1 .
Captain Amit Bhardwaj Setu	Also called Kaksar Bridge , located in Ladakh .	Provides strategic connectivity in border regions .
Neora Valley National Park	Located in West Bengal .	Known for its rich biodiversity and red panda population .
"The Golden Road" by William Dalrymple	A book titled " The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World ".	Highlights Ancient India's contributions to the world.
Manas National Park	Located in Assam .	A UNESCO World Heritage Site , known for its endangered species .
Maitri Baag Zoological Park	Located in Chhattisgarh .	Features a zoo-cum-park facility .
Mountain Abi Gamin	Elevation of 7,355 meters , located in Uttarakhand .	Part of the Himalayan mountain range .
Banjara Virasat 'Nagara' Museum	Located in Pohradevi, Maharashtra .	Focuses on Banjara culture and heritage .
Kuno National Park & Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary	Both located in Madhya Pradesh .	Kuno is known for Asiatic lion and cheetah reintroduction projects .
Euronaval 2024	Held in France .	Focused on global naval defense and innovation .
Nagarhole National Park	Located in Karnataka .	Part of India's Project Tiger Reserve .
India's 1st AI Datacenter by RackBank	Located in Indore, Madhya Pradesh .	Aims to promote artificial intelligence infrastructure in India.
Moin-ul-Haq Stadium	Located in Patna, Bihar .	Hosts various sports and events , with a focus on cricket .
Intanki National Park	Located in Nagaland .	Known for its tropical forests and rich fauna .
International Gita Mahotsav 2024	Held in Kurukshetra, Haryana .	Celebrates the philosophy of Bhagavad Gita .
Right to Information (RTI) Museum	Located in Beawar, Rajasthan .	First museum focused on promoting RTI awareness .
Meluri Declared as a District	Declared as the 17th district of Nagaland .	Enhances administrative efficiency in the region .
Great Indian Bustard (GIB) Conservation Breeding Centre	Inaugurated in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan .	Aims to conserve and breed the critically endangered GIB species .
BIMSTEC Energy Centre	Established in Bengaluru, Karnataka .	Focuses on energy cooperation among BIMSTEC countries .



Topic	Details	Key Points
Passing of Harinder Singh Sodhi	Former Indian Polo player and Arjuna Awardee .	Known for his contributions to Indian Polo .
Mahakumbh 2025	To be held in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh .	A major Hindu pilgrimage and festival.
Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki	Located in Indonesia .	A part of Indonesia's volcanic system .
Pong Dam Lake	Located in Himachal Pradesh .	Known for its wetland ecosystem and migratory birds.
Haldia Dock Complex	Located in West Bengal .	A major shipping and trade hub in eastern India.
Jebel Ali Port	Located in the UAE .	One of the world's largest and busiest ports .
P.V. Sindhu Badminton Centre	Located in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh .	Promotes badminton training and development .
Aranya Zoological Park	Located in Himachal Pradesh .	Focused on wildlife conservation and education .

10. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

MoU/Agreement Between	Purpose	Other Elements
NTPC and ONGC Joint Venture	Formed a 50:50 joint venture company (JVC) to promote renewable and new energy initiatives .	Collaboration involves green energy subsidiaries of both companies.
Cairn Oil & Gas and UNEP	Signed an MoU under UNEP's OGMP 2.0 for a 5-year methane reduction target .	Cairn Oil & Gas is the first Indian company to join this initiative.
Rajasthan and UAE	Signed an MoU for a ₹3 lakh crore investment in solar, wind, and hybrid projects of 60 GW.	Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit-2024 will be held in Jaipur from December 9-11, 2024 .
Zomato	Introduced "Food Rescue" to reduce food wastage by offering cancelled orders at discounted rates.	Over 4,00,000 cancelled orders per month available within a 3 km radius of users.
US-India Commercial Dialogue	Signed an MoU to expand and diversify critical minerals supply chains .	The 6th dialogue was held in Washington DC , co-chaired by Piyush Goyal and Gina Raimondo .
Tata Power and Noida International Airport (NIA)	Partnership to supply renewable energy to the Jewar airport .	Investment of ₹550 crore for developing solar and wind power capacities.
Andhra Pradesh and Reliance Industries	Signed an MoU to establish 500 compressed biogas (CBG) plants with an investment of ₹65,000 crore .	The first biofuel project will begin on December 28, 2024 , in Kanigiri, Prakasam district .
NICDC, Bihar Government, and BIADA	Agreements to establish an Integrated Manufacturing Cluster (IMC) in Gaya under the AKIC.	Estimated investment potential of ₹16,524 crore .
Ministry of Labour &	Enhance employment opportunities through	Career lounges will be set up in



MoU/Agreement Between	Purpose	Other Elements
Employment (MoLE) and TeamLease EdTech	the National Career Service (NCS) portal.	Model Career Centers to guide job seekers.

11. National & States Affairs

Topic	Key Points	Additional Information
New Lady Justice Statue	Unveiled in the Supreme Court by CJI Justice D.Y. Chandrachud; represents decoloniality and constitutional supremacy.	Sanctioned strength of SC judges : 34.
Deepotsav in Ayodhya	Two Guinness World Records : most people performing aarti (1,121 participants) and largest display of oil lamps (25,12,585 lamps).	A celebration of cultural heritage and unity.
Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park	Located in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh; India's 1st zoo with IGBC certification for sustainability.	Project cost: ₹619 crore.
Renaming of Maharashtra State Skills University	Renamed as "Padma Vibhushan Ratan Tata Skills University"; Udyog Bhavan renamed as "Ratan Tata Udyog Bhavan".	Ratan Tata was the first recipient of the Ratan Tata Udyog Ratna Award (2023).
Chhattisgarh's Sugam App	Aims to enhance transparency in property registration and reduce fraud by recording the geographical position of properties.	Helps minimize revenue loss to the government.
Foundation Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) Training	Andhra Pradesh launched FLN Training Program for Grade 1 and Grade 2 teachers, with 34,000 teachers participating.	Improves literacy and numeracy skills in children aged 3-8 years.
Equity Infusion in FCI	Cabinet approved ₹10,700 crore equity infusion for FCI to convert 'Ways and Means Advance' to equity in FY 2024-25.	FCI's authorized capital increased to ₹21,000 crore.
Shilp Samagam Mela 2024	Held at Dilli Haat, New Delhi, showcasing handicrafts from 16 states across 105 stalls (Nov 5-15, 2024).	Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the TULIP program for marginalized artisans.
PNGRB Committee on Gas Monopolies	PNGRB formed an 8-member committee chaired by Ajay Tyagi to address monopolies in gas transportation and marketing.	The committee will submit its report within 3 months.
RPF's SOP for Child Protection	RPF launched SOP to protect vulnerable children at railway premises; states urged to establish Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs).	Initiatives include Operation Nanhe Farishte, Operation AAHT, and Operation Meri Saheli.
Mission Basundhara 3.0 in Assam	Launched to provide land rights to indigenous people and manage non-registrable documents via the Digidoc app.	CUG SIM cards provided for critical communication among officials.
8th International	Organized by IGNCA, New Delhi,	Exhibition title: "Metaphysical,



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Topic	Key Points	Additional Information
Ancient Arts Festival	focusing on the therapeutic essence of ancient arts .	Symbolic, and Healing Themes in Visual Arts ".
Fire Services Modernization	Union Home Minister Amit Shah approved ₹725.62 crore for fire services in Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and West Bengal .	Funded under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) .
Centralized Pension Payment System	MoLE will adopt a centralized pension system in 2025 using EPFO's enhanced IT-based platform .	Trial run disbursed ₹11 crore to over 49,000 accounts .
UGC Ph.D. Excellence Citation	Instituted to reward 10 exceptional Ph.D. theses annually across various disciplines, aligned with NEP 2020 .	Eligible universities must be NAAC-accredited .
First All-Women CISF Battalion	Approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) with 1,025 personnel for specialized security roles.	Part of CISF's initiatives to enhance women's participation .
National Technical Textiles Mission	Approved 12 new research projects worth ₹13.3 crore , focusing on sustainable and smart textiles .	Total approved projects under the mission: 168 worth ₹509 crore .
FSSAI's New Directive for Food Operators	Mandated 30% minimum shelf life for e-commerce food delivery; emphasized training and health checkups for staff .	Enhances food safety and hygiene standards .
Health Pavilion at IITF 2024	Inaugurated by Dr. V K Paul, NITI Aayog , showcasing innovations like U-WIN App and Ayushman Bharat (AB-PMJAY) .	Theme: "One Health" .
Commemorative Postage Stamps for UPU	Released by the Department of Posts to celebrate 150 years of Universal Postal Union (UPU) .	India Post aligns with UPU's goals of modernizing postal services globally .
Launch of E-Chitha in Assam	Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launched e-Chitha land valuation certificates and community response portals.	Flood Preparedness Score Cards ranked districts like Morigaon and Nalbari as top performers.
Foundation of AIIMS Darbhanga	Laid by PM Modi in Bihar; second AIIMS in the state after Patna.	Project cost: ₹1,264 crore; related projects worth ₹12,000 crore also inaugurated .
New Guidelines by DoPPW for Family Pension	Specified eligibility for unmarried, widowed, or divorced daughters to receive pensions.	Aligns with provisions of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) .
Floating Solar Power Projects in UP	Uttar Pradesh to establish floating solar plants across seven reservoirs , targeting 14,000 MW solar capacity by 2027.	Received ₹7 trillion investment proposals for renewable energy.
Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC)	Reconstituted for 3 years with 54 members ; chaired by Jayant Chaudhary .	Focuses on increasing industry uptake of apprenticeships .
NCLAT Extends Moratorium for IL&FS	Ordered IL&FS to resolve debt for 58 entities by March 31, 2025 .	Resolved ₹37,700 crore debt so far, with 114 entities pending resolution .
Operation Dronagiri	A pilot project under the National Geospatial Policy 2022 , aimed at improving urban planning and disaster management .	Implemented in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra in Phase 1.

**12. Persons in News****13. Ranks, Reports & Surveys**

Report/Index	Published By	India's Rank/Indian Entity	Top	Other Important Information
Kaziranga National Park	-	Second-largest hub for butterfly diversity in India (446 species recorded).	-	18 butterfly species newly recorded in India.
Henley Passport Index 2024	Henley & Partners	India ranked 83rd (visa-free access to 58 countries).	Singapore	Singapore retains the title of the world's most powerful passport with visa-free access to 195 countries.
World Education Statistics 2024	UNESCO	India allocated 4.1%-4.6% GDP to education between 2015-2024.	-	Education 2030 Framework recommends countries allocate 4-6% of GDP to education.
ISA's High-Level Conference	International Solar Alliance (ISA)	-	-	Global solar capacity reached 1,418.97 GW in 2023, creating 16.2 million clean energy jobs.
Emissions Gap Report 2024	UNEP	India among top three emitters (with China and the US).	-	Global emissions reached 57.1 GtCO ₂ e in 2023, with the world on track for 3.1°C warming by the end of the century.
Edelgive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024	Edelgive-Hurun	Shiv Nadar topped the list with ₹2,153 crore in donations.	Shiv Nadar	Nikhil Kamath (Zerodha) was the youngest philanthropist.
WIPO's World Intellectual Property Indicators	WIPO	India showed a 15.7% growth in patent filings (64,480 applications in 2023).	China	China ranked first, followed by the US and Japan.



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Report 2024				
Global City Index 2024	Brand Finance	-	London	Dubai ranked as the highest in the Middle East and Africa and 5th globally.
77% Indian Children Lack Diet Diversity	WHO	77% of children (6-23 months) lack diet diversity.	-	Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh reported the highest inadequacy levels.
QS Asia Rankings 2025	QS Rankings	IIT Delhi ranked 44th, followed by IIT Bombay at 48th.	-	Anna University achieved a perfect score in Papers Per Faculty indicator.
Rule of Law Index 2024	World Justice Project	India ranked 79th out of 142 countries.	Denmark	Nepal (69) and Sri Lanka (75) ranked higher than India in South Asia.
MGNREGA Report	MoRD	Total person days generated rose to 2,923 crore (FY15-FY25); Budget increased to ₹86,000 crore (FY25).	-	Wage rate increased by 7% to ₹279.
Hindalco in S&P CSA Rankings	S&P Global CSA Rankings	Hindalco ranked the world's most sustainable aluminium company for the 5th consecutive year.	-	Earned the Energy Transition Changemaker award at COP28.
India's Solar Product Exports	-	Solar exports surged 23 times to \$2 billion in FY2024.	US	The US accounted for 97% of India's solar photovoltaic (PV) exports.
India's CO2 Emissions	Global Carbon Project	India's emissions expected to rise 4.6% in 2024.	-	India contributes 8% to global CO2 emissions.
Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2025	Lonely Planet	Puducherry featured as the only Indian destination.	-	Puducherry listed among top 30 must-visit destinations globally.

14. Schemes & Initiatives

Initiative/Scheme	Launched By/Approved By	Purpose/Objective	Financial Outlay/Key Details	Other Important Information
Namo Drone Didi Scheme	Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (DAFW)	Provide drones to 14,500 women SHGs for rental services to farmers.	80% Central Financial Assistance , up to ₹8 lakh per drone.	Implementation period: 2024-2026 .
EDLI Scheme Extension	Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)	Extend insurance benefits to EPFO subscribers and their family members.	Minimum benefit: ₹2.5 lakh , Maximum benefit: ₹7 lakh .	Applicable till further notice .
Deepam 2.0 Scheme	Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu	Provide 3 free gas cylinders annually to eligible families.	Part of the "Super Six Promises" initiative.	Includes other schemes like 'Yuvashakti' and 'Annadatha' for youth and farmers.
Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS)	South African Government	Increase Indian tourists from 16,000 to 1,00,000 annually.	-	Focus on India and China markets.
PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme	Union Cabinet	Provide collateral-free loans for higher education to meritorious students.	Loans for students admitted to 860 Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs) .	Promotes access to higher education .
One Rank One Pension (OROP)	Government of India	Ensure equal pension for military veterans with the same rank and service length.	Benefitted 25 lakh veterans in its 10 years of implementation (2015-2025).	Launched on November 7, 2015 .



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Strengthening Medical Devices Industry	Union Minister JP Nadda	Support India's medical devices industry.	₹500 crore allocated for facilities, skill development, and clinical studies.	Market expected to grow from \$14 billion to \$30 billion by 2030.
PM-KISAN 18th Instalment	PM Narendra Modi	Provide ₹2,000 to farmers under PM-KISAN scheme.	₹3.45 lakh crore total disbursement since inception; benefitted over 9.4 crore farmers.	Launched "Gau Chip" and "Mahish Chip" for cattle and buffalo.
Atal Pension Yojana (APY)	Government of India (2015)	Provide guaranteed monthly pensions from ₹1,000 to ₹5,000.	Crossed 7 crore enrolments.	Ensures social security for informal workers

15. Science & Technology

Initiative/Project	Description	Key Details
NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance (NETRA)	Developed an Indigenous Catalyst for CO2 Hydrogenation to Methanol with IIP Dehradun.	Aims to reduce CO2 emissions from fossil-fired power plants.
Handheld X-Ray for TB Screening	Developed by IIT Kanpur and ICMR .	Costs less than half of imported X-ray devices; improves TB screening accessibility .
Space Kidz India's ShakthiSAT	Launched to inspire 12,000 young girls globally through space exploration.	Led by Srimathy Kesan , Founder & CEO of Space Kidz India .
Japan's Wooden Satellite "LignoSat"	World's first wooden satellite , launched by Kyoto University and JAXA .	Tests the viability of sustainable wood materials in satellite construction.
ISRO to Launch ESA's Proba-3 Mission	Launching ESA's Proba-3 Mission in December 2024.	World's first precision formation flying mission with two satellites to study the Sun's corona .
Zimbabwe's ZimSat-2	Zimbabwe launched its 2nd earth observation satellite from Vostochny Cosmodrome, Russia .	Aids in earth observation, agriculture, and environmental protection .
Millimeter Wave Transceiver for 5G	Collaboration between C-DOT and IIT Roorkee .	Supports 5G Rural Connectivity under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) Scheme .
IIT Madras' Retinal	Developed a mild laser-induced	Aims to treat retinal tears and diabetic



Initiative/Project	Description	Key Details
Treatment Method	convection technique to enhance drug delivery for retinal issues.	retinopathy.
Gnani.ai's Speech-to-Speech LLM	Launched a speech-to-speech large language model (LLM) .	Handles 10 million daily voice interactions using NVIDIA AI-accelerated computing platform .
China's Shenzhou-19 Crewed Spacecraft	China's 33rd flight mission for the Tiangong Space Station (TSS) .	Crew includes Cai Xuzhe, Song Lingdong, and Wang Haoze .
IIT Madras & ISRO Collaboration	Signed MoU to establish a Centre of Excellence for research in Fluid and Thermal Sciences .	ISRO allocated ₹1.84 crore for infrastructure and equipment.
Amazon India's Learning Facility	Launched a robotics, AI, and 3D printing education facility in Bengaluru.	Aims to empower 4,000 underserved students by 2025 under the Amazon Future Engineer Makerspace program.
Discovery of Underground Ocean	Scientists discovered a vast underground ocean 700 km below Earth's surface.	Contains water trapped in the structure of ringwoodite mineral ; size is three times all surface oceans combined .
NASA's LISA Telescope Prototype	Unveiled a prototype of 6 telescopes for the LISA mission .	A joint effort by NASA and ESA , it will be the first gravitational wave detector in space .
AI and 5G Telecom Network	Piloted by Nvidia and SoftBank Corp as the world's first AI-RAN (Artificial Intelligence Radio Access Network).	Allows AI and 5G workloads to run concurrently.
Nazara Technologies' gCommerce Platform	Integrated with ONDC to create an in-game monetization platform .	India's gaming market grew 23% YoY to \$3.8 billion in FY2024 and is projected to reach \$9.2 billion by FY2029 .

16. Sports & Games

Event	Winner/Key Details	Location	Additional Information
Commonwealth Games 2026	Dropped sports include hockey, badminton, squash, and shooting.	-	Aim: To limit costs and streamline logistics , reducing total sports to 10 from 19 in 2022.
U19 World Boxing Championships	Krishna Verma (India) won Gold; Chanchal Chaudhary, Rahul Kundu, Vini, and Akansha Phalaswal won Silver.	-	Krishna Verma defeated Lerika Simon (Germany) to secure Gold.
Youngest FIDE Chess Player	Anish Sarkar (3 years, 8 months, 19 days) became the youngest-rated FIDE chess player.	West Bengal, India	Scored 5.5 points from 8 rounds in the West Bengal state U-9 Open.



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Event	Winner/Key Details	Location	Additional Information
WTT Feeder Caracas 2024	Harmeet Desai won the men's singles and the mixed doubles with Krittwika Roy .	Caracas, Venezuela	Demonstrated exceptional performance in table tennis .
ICC Rankings Update	Deepthi Sharma achieved No. 2 in Women's ODI bowlers' rankings; Kagiso Rabada is the No. 1 Test bowler.	-	Rabada replaced Jasprit Bumrah at the top.
International Tennis Hall of Fame 2025	Inductees: Maria Sharapova, Bob Bryan, and Mike Bryan .	Newport, Rhode Island, US	The induction will occur on August 23, 2025 .
ISSF Athlete of the Year Awards	Liu Yukun (China) won Male Athlete; Yang Ji-in (Korea) won Female Athlete.	-	Organized by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) .
Almaty Open 2024	Arjun Kadhe and Rithvik Bollipalli (India) won men's doubles; Karen Khachanov won men's singles.	Almaty, Kazakhstan	Featured outstanding performances in ATP 250 tennis tournament .
Mandeep Jangra's WBF World Title	Mandeep Jangra (India) won the World Boxing Federation's super featherweight title.	Cayman Islands	Defeated Britain's Conor McIntosh to claim the title.
ACO World Chess Championship 2024	Gurpreet Pal Singh (India) won Gold.	Crete, Greece	Recognized as FIDE Master in the global chess championship.
FIH Hockey Awards 2024	Harmanpreet Singh (Men's Player), PR Sreejesh (Men's Goalkeeper), Yibbi Jansen (Women's Player).	49th FIH Congress, Oman	Ye Jiao (China) won Women's Goalkeeper of the Year.
Pankaj Advani's 28th World Title	Pankaj Advani (India) won the IBSF World Billiards Championship 2024.	Doha, Qatar	Defeated Robert Hall to claim his 28th world title .
Coco Gauff Wins WTA Finals	Coco Gauff won her maiden WTA Finals singles title; doubles title went to Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe .	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Riyadh will host the 2024-2026 WTA Finals .
AFC Annual Awards 2024	Son Heung-min (South Korea) and Ellie Carpenter (Australia) named Asia's International Players of the Year.	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Other awards: Gianni Infantino (Diamond of Asia) , Go Oiwa (Men's Coach of the Year) .



Event	Winner/Key Details	Location	Additional Information
Senior Women's T20 Trophy	Mumbai defeated Bengal to win the title.	Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai	Player of the Match: Jagravi Pawar; Player of the Series: Humairaa Kaazi (Mumbai).
PWR DUPR India Masters Pickleball	Armaan Bhatia won titles in men's singles, men's doubles (with Harsh Mehta), and mixed doubles (with Roos van Reek).	India	Exceptional dominance in pickleball tournaments.
New Zealand White washes India in Test Series	New Zealand became the first team to inflict a 3-0 white wash over India under Rohit Sharma's captaincy.	Bengaluru, Pune, Mumbai, India	Marked a historic performance in India's home test series history.

17. Quick Revision

- ADB Loan for Electricity Distribution in West Bengal:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$241.3 million loan to improve electricity distribution in West Bengal. This program aligns with the government's 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme' to strengthen the operational efficiency of power distribution companies.
- \$200 Million Loan for Uttarakhand Livability Improvement Project:** The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$200 million loan to improve water supply, sanitation, urban mobility, and other services in Uttarakhand. The project is co-financed by the European Investment Bank (EIB) with \$191 million.
- IFC and Bajaj Finance Partnership:** The International Finance Corporation (IFC) partnered with Bajaj Finance to invest \$400 million as part of a \$1 billion fundraising effort. The investment will aid the expansion of EV Fleet, energy-efficient consumer goods, and women empowerment initiatives.
- HUDCO Loan for Amaravati:** The Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO) announced a loan of ₹11,000 crore for the construction of Amaravati greenfield capital city in Andhra Pradesh.
- European Investment Bank Loan for Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP):** The European Investment Bank (EIB) granted a €300 million loan for the Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project. Once operational, the project is expected to reduce CO2 emissions by 43%.
- World Bank and ADB Loan for Amaravati Development:** The World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB) granted a loan worth ₹13,500 crore (\$1.6 billion) for the development of Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh's capital city. The funds will be used for infrastructure, roads, utilities, and 24x7 clean water supply.
- Sumathi Dharmawardena** was appointed as Independent Chairman of ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit, marking a key leadership role in combating corruption in cricket.
- Rajesh Kumar Singh** was appointed as Defence Secretary, succeeding Giridhar Aramane, to lead India's national defence strategy.



9. **Duma Boko** was elected as the **6th President of Botswana**, succeeding **Mokgweetsi Masisi**; **Botswana** is the **2nd-largest diamond producer** after **Russia**.
10. **Shubha Tole** was appointed as the **President-elect** of the **International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO)**, becoming the **first scientist from a developing country** to hold this position.
11. **Akash Tripathi**, former **CEO of MyGov**, was appointed as **President & CEO** of the **National eGovernance Division (NeGD)** and also given additional charge as **MD & CEO** of **Digital India Corporation (DIC)**.
12. **Abhyuday Jindal**, Managing Director of **Jindal Stainless Limited**, was appointed as the **President** of the **Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)**; **Brij Bhushan Agarwal** and **Parthiv Vikram Neotia** were appointed as **Senior Vice President** and **Vice President**, respectively.
13. **Manoj Bihari Verma** was appointed as the next **Ambassador of India to the Republic of Liberia**, representing India's diplomatic interests in **Liberia**.
14. **Chitra Jayasimha** was appointed as the **Chairperson** of the **National Pension System (NPS) Trust**, replacing **Venkata Rao Yadagani**, to lead India's **pension reforms**.
15. **Vikram Dev Dutt** assumed charge as **Secretary** of the **Ministry of Coal**, succeeding **VL Kantha Rao**, to oversee India's **coal production policies**.
16. **James P. Gorman** was appointed as the **Chairman** of **The Walt Disney Company**, effective **January 2, 2025**, with **James Gorman** taking on the title of **Chair Emeritus**.
17. **Donald Trump** won the **2024 US Presidential Election**, securing **277 electoral votes**, defeating **Kamala Harris**; **James David Vance** will be the new **Vice President**.
18. **Rishi Chhabra** was appointed as the **Country Manager** for **India** at **Visa**, leading Visa's **India operations**.
19. **Susie Wiles** was appointed as the first **female White House Chief of Staff** by **President-elect Donald Trump**, making history in the **White House**.
20. **Ted Pick** will become **Chairman** of **Morgan Stanley** in **January 2025**, replacing **James Gorman**, who will assume the title of **Chair Emeritus**.
21. **S Gopalakrishnan** was appointed as **Chairman** of the **Staff Selection Commission (SSC)**, succeeding **Rakesh Ranjan**, to head India's **staff recruitment commission**.
22. **V Umashankar** was appointed as **Secretary** in the **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**, to play a pivotal role in India's **infrastructure development**.
23. **Justice Sanjiv Khanna** was appointed as the **51st Chief Justice of India (CJI)**, succeeding **Justice D.Y. Chandrachud**, to lead the **Supreme Court of India**.
24. **Vikram Misri** received an **extension** as **Foreign Secretary** for **19 months**, extending his tenure until **July 14, 2026**, beyond his superannuation.
25. **Harsha Vardhan Agarwal**, Vice Chairman of **Emami Limited**, was elected as **President** of **FICCI** for **2024-25**, succeeding **Anish Shah**.
26. **Navin Ramgoolam**, former two-time **Prime Minister**, won elections in **Mauritius** and will replace **Pravind Jugnauth** as the next **Prime Minister**.
27. **Rajat Verma**, head of **Institutional Banking** at **DBS India**, was nominated to become the next **CEO** of **DBS Bank India**, succeeding **Surojit Shome**; **DBS Bank HQs** are in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
28. **Vijay Chandok**, MD & CEO of **ICICI Securities**, was appointed as MD & CEO of the **National Securities Depository (NSDL)**, leading India's **securities depository system**.
29. **Arvinder Singh Sahney** was appointed as **Chairman** of **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)** on **November 13, 2024**, to lead India's **oil and gas sector**.
30. **Amandeep Johl** was appointed as **CEO** of the **Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)**, effective **January 1, 2025**, succeeding **Uttam Singh Mundy**.
31. **460+ police personnel** were awarded the **Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak 2024** for their exemplary work in **Special Operations, Investigation, Intelligence, and Forensic Science**.



32. **María Corina Machado** and **President-elect Edmundo González Urrutia** were announced as recipients of the **2024 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought** for their efforts to **restore democracy and freedom in Venezuela**; the award ceremony will take place on **December 18** in **Strasbourg**.
33. **Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)** received the **FICCI “Best University of the Year - Established Category”** award at the **19th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2024**.
34. The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** replaced the **“Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement”** with the **“Arjuna Award (Lifetime)”**; the **2023 recipients** were **Manjusha Kanwar, Vineet Kumar, and Kavitha Selvaraj**.
35. **Ricky Kej** received his **4th Grammy nomination** for the album **‘Break of Dawn’**, while **Anoushka Shankar** was nominated for her album **‘Chapter II: How Dark It Is Before Dawn’**.
36. **Phillip Noyce** will receive the **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award** during the **55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**, which features the Asia premiere of **“Better Man”** by **Michael Gracey**.
37. **Rajasthan**, received top honors in the **Star Rating Awards for Coal & Lignite Mines**, with **43 mines** achieving a **five-star rating** for **2022-23**.
38. **Samantha Harvey** won the **2024 Booker Prize** for her novel **‘Orbital’**, set on the **International Space Station (ISS)**, and became the **first woman to win since 2019**.
39. **Darasing Khurana** received the **Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award** at **Oxford University’s Ashmolean Museum** for his efforts in **mental health awareness**.
40. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will be honored with the **Dominica Award of Honour**, **Dominica’s highest national award**, for his contributions during the **COVID-19 pandemic**, to be conferred at the **India-CARICOM Summit** in **Guyana**.
41. **RBI's NDS-OM Platform** expanded access to **RRBs, NBFCs, Provident Funds**, requiring an **SGL account and current account with RBI**.
42. **Chief General Manager Post** approved for **5 more nationalized banks**, increasing total **CGM posts** to **144**.
43. **Extension of IFRS 17 Deadline** shifted to **FY 2026-27**, standardizing the reporting of **insurance contracts**.
44. **IOB's Mahila Shaksham Scheme** offers financing for **women SHG members** with a credit limit of **Rs 10 lakh** under **DAY-NRLM**.
45. **RBI Gold Reserves** grew by **102 tonnes**, increasing total holdings to **854.73 metric tonnes**, sourced from the **Bank of England**.
46. **UPI Sets New Record** with **16.58 billion transactions** worth **Rs 23.5 trillion** in **October 2024**, the highest since its launch.
47. **Mintoak and Axis Bank Partnership** aims to enhance **SME merchant payments**, leveraging **Mintoak’s SaaS platform**.
48. **Punjab & Sind Bank** launched the **e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG)** facility, digitizing guarantees with **NeSL**.
49. **IMF Report** projects **India** as the **4th largest economy** by **FY2025**, overtaking **Japan**.
50. **Special Campaign 4.0** by **PSBs & FIs** realized **Rs 4.5 crore** from scrap disposal and resolved all **public grievances**.
51. **Israel Joins ADB** as its **69th member**, marking its entry as a **non-regional member**.
52. **SBI Mutual Fund** became the first to surpass **Rs 10 lakh crore** in **Assets Under Management (AUM)**.
53. **RBI Adds 13 Entities** to the **Forex Alert List**, increasing the total number of flagged platforms to **88**.
54. **HDFC Bank** Opens **First Branch in Singapore** after obtaining a **wholesale banking license** from **MAS**.



55. **Canara HSBC Life Insurance** launched the **Promise4Future plan**, offering **wealth creation** and **long-term protection**.
56. **Karur Vysya Bank** Gets **CARE Ratings** of **A1+** and **AA (Stable)** for short-term deposits and fixed instruments.
57. **IDFC First Bank Real-Time Tracking** became the **first Indian bank** to offer cross-border payment tracking under **LRS**.
58. **SBI Innovation Hub** launched in collaboration with **APIX**, fostering **fintech innovation**.
59. **RBI Guidelines** for NBFCs require at least **25% borrowings** from capital markets, with increased risk weight on loans.
60. **RBI Expands FAR Investments** to include **10-year Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs)** for non-resident investors.
61. **GenWise Launches UPI for Elders**, enabling digital payments tailored for **senior citizens** in partnership with **Axis Bank**.
62. **National MSME Cluster Outreach Programme** connects **150 MSME clusters**, promoting **women entrepreneurs** via **SIDBI**.
63. **IndiaP2P Monthly Income Plan-Plus** offers up to **18% interest per annum**, boosting **P2P investments**.
64. **SEBI Allows Overseas MF Investments** with a **25% cap** on Indian securities in foreign mutual funds.
65. **SBI Research on Tax Simplification** highlighted a **74.2% decline** in tax disparities for low earners since **FY2014**.
66. **Fine on Union Bank of India** by **FIU** imposed a **₹54 lakh penalty** for non-compliance with the **PMLA**.
67. **SEBI Mandates UPI for Stock Trading**, requiring brokers to offer **UPI block mechanisms** by February 2025.
68. **RBI Guidelines for FPIs** mandate divestment or reclassification if equity holdings exceed **10% of paid-up capital**.
69. **Web Series on RBI's History** to be produced by **Star India** with a **₹6.5 crore budget**, promoting financial literacy.
70. **Shriram MF Multi-Sector Fund** launched to focus on **3-6 high-performing sectors** using **EQI framework**.
71. **October Inflation Data** reported **CPI inflation** at **6.21%**, with food inflation at a staggering **10.87%**.
72. **ADB's First Biodiversity Bond** issued a **\$100 million bond** for sustainable development, backed by **Dai-ichi Life Insurance**.
73. **Performance of PSBs in H1 FY25** showed a **26% growth in net profit**, with total business reaching **₹236.04 lakh crore**.
74. **Alliance Network and Axis Bank** partnered for **POS aggregation**, enhancing **merchant payment services**.
75. **RBI Report on Forex Reserves** detailed reserves at **\$688.27 billion**, including **\$67.44 billion in gold**.
76. **Tax Devolution to States** released **₹1,78,173 crore**, with **Uttar Pradesh** receiving the highest allocation of **₹31,962 crore**.
77. **Razorpay Venture Investment Program** launched to support **50+ startups** with investments up to **\$1 million**.
78. **UPI for Her Initiative** empowers **women entrepreneurs**, focusing on **UPI-based solutions** through **PhonePe**.
79. **RBI Classifies SBI, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank** as **D-SIBs**, requiring higher **capital buffers** for systemic importance.



80. **Tata AIG Health Insurance** introduced **five new products**, including **Mental Wellbeing** and **EmpowerHer**.
81. **NPCI UPI Safety Campaign** launched the **"Main Moorkh Nahi Hoon"** initiative with **Pankaj Tripathi**.
82. **PhonePe** Introduces **NPS Contributions**, facilitating pension payments under the **Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)**.
83. **Mandatory Invoice Discounting** on **TReDS** for businesses with over **₹250 crore turnover** to support MSMEs.
84. **Mastercard** Launches **Pay Local**, enabling **cross-border card payments** through local wallets like **DANA (Indonesia)**.
85. **BlueGreen Ventures Fund** launched a **\$75 million fund** targeting **climate tech** and **fintech startups**.
86. **RBI Penalizes Cooperative Banks**, imposing a **₹6.34 lakh fine** on the largest violator in **West Bengal**.
87. **India's Outward FDI Commitments** rose to **\$3.24 billion** in **October 2024**, showing a **26% YoY increase**.
88. **Galaxy Health Insurance Plans** introduced **"Galaxy Promise,"** offering coverage up to **₹1 crore**.
89. **WPI Inflation Data** showed a rise to **2.36%**, with food inflation spiking to **11.59%** in **October 2024**.
90. **NPCI UPI Milestone** reached a record **16.58 billion transactions**, with **daily values exceeding ₹75,801 crore**.
91. The **9th edition of India-Indonesia Joint Exercise "Garud Shakti"** was held in **Jakarta**, with **Special Forces** from both countries participating to strengthen **military cooperation**.
92. The **15th edition of India-US Joint Exercise "Vajra Prahar"** took place at the **Orchard Combat Training Centre, Idaho**, focusing on enhancing **Special Forces operations**.
93. The **5th edition of VINBAX 2024**, the **Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise**, was held in **Ambala and Chandimandir, Haryana**, with **bi-service participation** from the **Army and Air Force** of both nations.
94. The **Indian Navy's MAHASAGAR Initiative** hosted its **3rd edition** virtually, themed **"Training Cooperation to Mitigate Common Maritime Security Challenges in IOR"**.
95. **United States, France, and Armenia** were identified as the **top destinations for Indian defence exports**, with **Armenia** becoming the first foreign customer for the **Akash air defence missile system**.
96. The **3rd edition of AUSTRAHIND**, a joint military exercise between **India and Australia**, focused on **multi-domain operations** and was conducted in **Pune, Maharashtra**.
97. The **third 25T Bollard Pull Tug "Ashva"**, part of **Atmanirbhar Bharat**, was launched by **Cmde Ajay Yadav** at **Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd, Kolkata**, to assist **Naval ships and submarines**.
98. The **Swavlamban 2024** seminar featured the **"Vajra Shot" anti-drone jammer gun**, capable of jamming signals up to **4 km**, promoting **defence innovation**.
99. The **Joint Tri-Services Exercise "Poorvi Prahar"** was conducted from **November 10-18** along the **India-China border**, utilizing **AI-driven analytics** and **advanced weaponry** like **Chinook helicopters**.
100. The **Defence Space Agency (DSA)** conducted **Antariksha Abhyas - 2024**, simulating threats to **Space-Based Assets** with participation from the **Defence Cyber and Intelligence Agencies**.
101. **Zen Technologies Ltd** launched four **Remote-Controlled Weapon Systems (RCWS)**: **Parashu, Fanish, Sharur, and Durgam**, enhancing **military surveillance and anti-drone capabilities**.
102. The **maiden flight test of the Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM)** was conducted by **DRDO** at the **Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur**, showcasing its **indigenous missile development**.
103. **DRDO's Deep Tech Innovation Projects** allocated **₹50 crore each** to five projects, focusing on **quantum technologies, blockchain, and AI** for advanced military applications.



104. India shipped its first Akash Weapon System to Armenia, a surface-to-air missile (SAM) system with a range of 25 km, manufactured by BEL.
105. The 4th edition of Sea Vigil-24, a pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise, is scheduled for November 20-21, 2024, involving six ministries and 21 organizations.
106. The 9th edition of Exercise Garuda Shakti, conducted in Jakarta, Indonesia, focused on joint counter-terrorism military operations to enhance bilateral cooperation.
107. India was re-elected as the President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for 2024-2026, with France elected as Co-President, and Ashish Khanna appointed as the 3rd Director General.
108. India's new consulate in Brisbane, Queensland, was inaugurated by Minister S. Jaishankar, with Neetu Bhagotia appointed as consul general; Queensland hosts 100,000 Indian-origin residents.
109. India and Pakistan renewed the Kartarpur Corridor Agreement for 5 more years, allowing visa-free access for Indian Sikh pilgrims to visit the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur.
110. The Australian government announced plans to ban children under 16 from using social media, aiming to prevent harm caused by social media platforms.
111. India-Russia Trade Target of \$100 billion by 2030 was announced at the India-Russia Business Forum, focusing on connectivity corridors like the INSTC and the Chennai-Vladivostok Maritime Corridor.
112. WHO's Global Strategic Preparedness, Readiness, and Response Plan (SPRP) aims to tackle dengue and Aedes-borne arboviruses with \$55 million funding and implementation until September 2025.
113. The Global Framework on Chemicals launched its first call for projects, offering \$300,000 to \$800,000 funding for safe chemical and waste management with a 25% co-financing requirement.
114. The 1st Asian Buddhist Summit (ABS) was held in New Delhi, India, on November 5-6, 2024, organized by the Government of India and International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) with the theme "Role of Buddha Dhamma in Strengthening Asia".
115. The 27th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2024) was held in Apia, Samoa, with the theme "One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth", and Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey was appointed as the new Commonwealth Secretary-General.
116. The India-UAE High-Level Joint Task Force Meeting took place in Mumbai, India, co-chaired by Piyush Goyal and Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, collaborating on the "JAYWAN" domestic card scheme for UAE through NPCI and Al Etihad Payments.
117. COP29 (UNFCCC) is being held in Baku, Azerbaijan, focused on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) to replace the previous \$100 billion annual commitment, with India represented by Kirti Vardhan Singh.
118. The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention will be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from January 8-10, 2025, with the theme "Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat", and awards to be conferred by President Droupadi Murmu.
119. The India-Saudi Strategic Partnership Council meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, saw Piyush Goyal participating in the 8th Edition of FII, launching the 'Lulu Wali Diwali Festival', and unveiling the 'One District, One Product (ODOP) Wall' at the Indian Embassy.
120. The 25th SATRC Meeting was held in New Delhi, India, with the theme "Accelerating Telecommunication and ICT Development for Growth and Inclusiveness", aiming to enhance South Asia's ICT ecosystem.
121. World Vegan Day was observed on November 1, promoting veganism and its benefits for health and the environment.
122. Rajyotsava Day or Karnataka Formation Day was celebrated on November 1, marking the formation of Karnataka State in 1956.



123. The **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists** was observed on **November 2**, raising awareness about **justice for crimes against journalists**.
124. **World Jellyfish Day** was celebrated on **November 3**, recognizing the **ecological importance of jellyfish**.
125. **Vigilance Awareness Week** was held from **October 28 to November 3**, with the theme "**Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity**", promoting **transparency in governance**.
126. **World Biosphere Reserve Day**, organized by UNESCO, was celebrated on **November 3**, focusing on **conservation and sustainable use of biosphere reserves**.
127. **World Tsunami Awareness Day** was observed on **November 5**, with the theme "**Empowering the Next Generation with the Lessons of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami - 20 Years On**".
128. The **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict** was marked on **November 6**, highlighting the **impact of armed conflicts on the environment**.
129. **Infant Protection Day** was celebrated on **November 7**, focusing on **improving infant health and reducing mortality rates**.
130. **National Cancer Awareness Day** was observed on **November 7**, promoting **cancer prevention, detection, and treatment**.
131. **World Radiography Day** was celebrated on **November 8**, with the theme "**Radiographers: Seeing the Unseen**", recognizing the role of **radiographers in healthcare**.
132. **World Urbanism Day** was observed on **November 8**, with the theme "**Homes Start with Planning**", focusing on **sustainable urban development**.
133. **National Legal Services Day** was celebrated on **November 9**, emphasizing **access to justice for all**.
134. **World Freedom Day** was observed on **November 9**, commemorating the **fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989**.
135. The **25th Foundation Day of Uttarakhand** was celebrated on **November 9**, marking its **formation in 2000**.
136. **World Immunization Day** was observed on **November 10**, highlighting the importance of **vaccination for disease prevention**.
137. **World Science Day for Peace and Development** was celebrated on **November 10**, with the theme "**Youth at the Forefront**", promoting the role of **science in building peaceful societies**.
138. **World Quality Week** was observed from **November 11 to 15**, with the theme "**Quality: From Compliance to Performance**", focusing on improving **business and industry standards**.
139. **National Education Day** was celebrated on **November 11**, honoring the **birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, a prominent Indian educationist.
140. **World Pneumonia Day** was observed on **November 12**, with the theme "**Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia in its Track**", raising awareness about **pneumonia prevention and care**.
141. **World Kindness Day** was celebrated on **November 13**, promoting acts of kindness to inspire **positive change**.
142. **World Children's Day** was observed on **November 14**, with the theme "**Listen to the Future**", focusing on **children's rights and aspirations**.
143. **World Usability Day** was celebrated on **November 14**, with the theme "**Designing for a Better World**", highlighting the need for **user-friendly designs**.
144. **World Diabetes Day** was observed on **November 14**, with the theme "**Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps**", emphasizing **diabetes management and prevention**.
145. **Guru Nanak Jayanti**, marking the **555th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev**, was celebrated on **November 15**.
146. **Foundation Day of Jharkhand** was observed on **November 15**, commemorating the **state's formation in 2000**.



147. **Azores Islands** are located in **Portugal**, known for their **volcanic landscapes** and **biodiversity**.
148. **Carlos Sainz (Ferrari)** won the **Mexico City Grand Prix 2024**, marking a significant **Formula 1** victory.
149. The **Captain Amit Bhardwaj Setu (Kaksar Bridge)** in **Ladakh** enhances **strategic connectivity** in border areas.
150. **Neora Valley National Park**, located in **West Bengal**, is known for its **rich biodiversity** and **red panda** population.
151. "The Golden Road" by **William Dalrymple** highlights **Ancient India's** contributions to the world.
152. **Manas National Park**, located in **Assam**, is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** known for its **endangered species**.
153. **Maitri Baag Zoological Park**, located in **Chhattisgarh**, is a **zoo-cum-park** facility.
154. **Mountain Abi Gamin**, located in **Uttarakhand**, has an elevation of **7,355 meters** and is part of the **Himalayan range**.
155. The **Banjara Virasat 'Nagara' Museum**, located in **Pohradevi, Maharashtra**, preserves **Banjara culture and heritage**.
156. **Kuno National Park** and **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary**, located in **Madhya Pradesh**, are significant for **Asiatic lion and cheetah reintroduction projects**.
157. **Euronaval 2024**, held in **France**, focused on **global naval defense and innovation**.
158. **Nagarhole National Park**, located in **Karnataka**, is a part of **India's Project Tiger Reserve**.
159. **India's 1st AI Datacenter by RackBank**, located in **Indore, Madhya Pradesh**, aims to boost **artificial intelligence infrastructure** in India.
160. **Moin-ul-Haq Stadium**, located in **Patna, Bihar**, hosts **sports events** with a focus on **cricket**.
161. **Intanki National Park**, located in **Nagaland**, is known for its **tropical forests and rich fauna**.
162. The **International Gita Mahotsav 2024**, held in **Kurukshetra, Haryana**, celebrates the **philosophy of Bhagavad Gita**.
163. The **Right to Information (RTI) Museum**, located in **Beawar, Rajasthan**, is the **first museum to promote RTI awareness**.
164. **Meluri** was declared as the **17th district of Nagaland**, improving **administrative efficiency** in the state.
165. The **Great Indian Bustard (GIB) Conservation Breeding Centre** in **Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**, aims to **conserve and breed critically endangered GIB species**.
166. The **BIMSTEC Energy Centre**, established in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**, focuses on **energy cooperation among BIMSTEC countries**.
167. **Harinder Singh Sodhi**, a former **Indian Polo player** and **Arjuna Awardee**, was known for his **contributions to Indian Polo**.
168. **Mahakumbh 2025** will be held in **Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh**, as a **major Hindu pilgrimage festival**.
169. **Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki**, located in **Indonesia**, is part of the country's **volcanic system**.
170. **Pong Dam Lake**, located in **Himachal Pradesh**, is known for its **wetland ecosystem and migratory birds**.
171. **Haldia Dock Complex**, located in **West Bengal**, serves as a **major shipping and trade hub**.
172. **Jebel Ali Port**, located in the **UAE**, is one of the **world's largest and busiest ports**.
173. The **P.V. Sindhu Badminton Centre**, located in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**, promotes **badminton training and development**.
174. **Aranya Zoological Park**, located in **Himachal Pradesh**, is focused on **wildlife conservation and education**.
175. **NTPC and ONGC** formed a **50:50 joint venture company (JVC)** to promote **renewable and new energy initiatives** through their **green energy subsidiaries**.



176. **Cairn Oil & Gas** signed an MoU with **UNEP's OGMP 2.0** to implement a **5-year methane reduction target**, becoming the **first Indian company** to join the initiative.
177. The **Rajasthan government** signed an MoU with the **UAE** for a **₹3 lakh crore investment** in **solar, wind, and hybrid projects** with a capacity of **60 GW**, ahead of the **Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit-2024** in **Jaipur (December 9-11, 2024)**.
178. **Zomato** launched "**Food Rescue**", enabling users to purchase **cancelled food orders** at discounted rates, targeting over **4,00,000 orders per month** within a **3 km radius**.
179. An MoU was signed during the **6th US-India Commercial Dialogue** in **Washington DC** to **expand and diversify critical minerals supply chains**, co-chaired by **Piyush Goyal** and **Gina Raimondo**.
180. **Tata Power** partnered with **Noida International Airport (NIA)** to **supply renewable energy** to the **Jewar airport**, investing **₹550 crore** in **solar and wind power capacities**.
181. The **Andhra Pradesh government** signed an MoU with **Reliance Industries** to establish **500 compressed biogas (CBG) plants** over three years with an investment of **₹65,000 crore**, starting in **Kanigiri, Prakasam district** on **December 28, 2024**.
182. **NICDC**, the **Bihar Government**, and **BIADA** signed agreements to develop an **Integrated Manufacturing Cluster (IMC)** in **Gaya**, under the **Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC)**, with an investment potential of **₹16,524 crore**.
183. The **Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE)** signed an MoU with **TeamLease EdTech** to enhance **employment opportunities** via the **National Career Service (NCS) portal**, and **Career Lounges** will be established in **Model Career Centers**.
184. The **New Lady Justice Statue** was unveiled in the **Supreme Court** by **CJI Justice D.Y. Chandrachud**, symbolizing **decoloniality** and the supremacy of the **Indian Constitution**.
185. The **Deepotsav in Ayodhya** set two **Guinness World Records**: most people performing **aarti (1,121 participants)** and the **largest display of oil lamps (25,12,585 lamps)**.
186. The **Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park** in **Kangra, Himachal Pradesh**, is India's **first zoo with IGBC certification** for sustainability, costing **₹619 crore**.
187. **Maharashtra State Skills University** was renamed "**Padma Vibhushan Ratan Tata Skills University**", and **Udyog Bhavan** was renamed "**Ratan Tata Udyog Bhavan**".
188. The **Chhattisgarh government** launched the **Sugam App** to enhance **transparency in property registration**, recording **geographical positions** of properties to curb fraud.
189. **Andhra Pradesh** introduced the **Foundation Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) Training Program** for **Grade 1 and Grade 2 teachers**, involving **34,000 participants**.
190. The Cabinet approved an **equity infusion of ₹10,700 crore** into the **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** to support farmers and enhance its **working capital**.
191. The **Shilp Samagam Mela 2024** was held at **Dilli Haat, New Delhi**, showcasing **handicrafts from 16 states**, with the launch of the **TULIP program** for artisans.
192. **PNGRB** formed an **8-member committee** led by **Ajay Tyagi** to address monopolies in **gas transportation and marketing**, with a report due in **3 months**.
193. The **RPF** launched an updated **SOP for Child Protection**, focusing on initiatives like **Operation Nanhe Farishte** and **Operation Meri Saheli**.
194. **Mission Basundhara 3.0** was launched in **Assam** to provide **land rights to indigenous people** and manage non-registrable documents via the **Digidoc app**.
195. The **8th International Ancient Arts Festival** was organized by **IGNCA, New Delhi**, emphasizing the **therapeutic essence of ancient arts** and their healing impact.
196. A high-level committee, chaired by **Union Home Minister Amit Shah**, approved **₹725.62 crore** for **fire services modernization** in **Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and West Bengal**.
197. The **Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE)** will adopt a **Centralized Pension Payment System** in 2025, utilizing **EPFO's IT-based platform**.



198. The **UGC Ph.D. Excellence Citation** was launched to recognize **10 exceptional Ph.D. theses annually** across disciplines, aligning with **NEP 2020**.
199. The **first all-women CISF battalion**, comprising **1,025 personnel**, was approved by the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** to enhance women's participation.
200. The **National Technical Textiles Mission** approved **12 new research projects worth ₹13.3 crore**, focusing on **smart and sustainable textiles**.
201. **FSSAI** mandated a **minimum shelf life of 30%** for food deliveries and emphasized **training and health checkups for delivery staff**.
202. The **Health Pavilion at IITF 2024**, themed "**One Health**", showcased innovations like the **U-WIN App** and **Ayushman Bharat (AB-PMJAY)**.
203. The **Department of Posts** released **commemorative postage stamps** marking **150 years of the Universal Postal Union (UPU)**, emphasizing global postal modernization.
204. **Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched **e-Chitha land valuation certificates** and a **community response portal** under **Mission Basundhara 3.0**.
205. **PM Modi** laid the foundation for **AIIMS Darbhanga**, the second AIIMS in **Bihar**, with a project cost of **₹1,264 crore**.
206. **DoPPW** introduced new pension guidelines, ensuring **unmarried, widowed, or divorced daughters** are eligible under the **Old Pension Scheme (OPS)**.
207. **Uttar Pradesh** plans to establish **floating solar power projects** across **seven reservoirs**, targeting **14,000 MW solar capacity** by 2027.
208. The **Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC)** was reconstituted for **3 years** with **54 members**, chaired by **Jayant Chaudhary**.
209. **NCLAT** extended the moratorium for **IL&FS entities** to complete **debt resolution for 58 entities** by **March 31, 2025**.
210. **Operation Dronagiri**, a pilot project under the **National Geospatial Policy 2022**, aims to improve **urban planning and disaster management** in **five states**.
211. **Kaziranga National Park** is the **second-largest hub for butterfly diversity in India**, recording **446 species**, including **18 newly recorded species**.
212. **India ranked 83rd** in the **Henley Passport Index 2024**, with visa-free access to **58 countries**, while **Singapore topped** with access to **195 countries**.
213. According to **World Education Statistics 2024** by **UNESCO**, **India allocated 4.1%-4.6% of its GDP** to education (2015–2024), meeting the **Education 2030 Framework recommendation of 4%-6%**.
214. The **ISA High-Level Conference** reported global solar capacity reaching **1,418.97 GW in 2023**, creating **16.2 million clean energy jobs**.
215. The **Emissions Gap Report 2024** by **UNEP** identified **India as one of the top three emitters** (with **China and the US**), with global emissions at **57.1 GtCO₂e in 2023**.
216. **Shiv Nadar** topped the **Edelgive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024**, donating **₹2,153 crore**, with **Nikhil Kamath (Zerodha)** as the **youngest philanthropist**.
217. **India recorded a 15.7% growth** in patent filings in **WIPO's World Intellectual Property Indicators Report 2024**, with **64,480 applications**, ranking behind **China, the US, and Japan**.
218. In the **2024 Global City Index** by **Brand Finance**, **Dubai ranked 5th globally** and topped in **Middle East and Africa**, while **London secured the top position**.
219. **WHO reported** that **77% of Indian children aged 6–23 months** lack dietary diversity, with the highest inadequacy in **Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh**.
220. In the **QS Asia Rankings 2025**, **IIT Delhi ranked 44th** and **IIT Bombay 48th**, while **Anna University** achieved a **perfect score in Papers Per Faculty indicator**.



221. India ranked 79th out of 142 countries in the Rule of Law Index 2024 by World Justice Project, with Denmark topping the list and Nepal (69) and Sri Lanka (75) ranking higher in South Asia.
222. The MGNREGA Report by MoRD highlighted total person days generated increasing to 2,923 crore (FY15–FY25), with a budget of ₹86,000 crore for FY25.
223. Hindalco Industries was ranked as the world's most sustainable aluminium company for the 5th consecutive year in the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment 2024.
224. India's solar product exports surged 23 times to \$2 billion in FY2024, with the US accounting for 97% of the exports.
225. According to the Global Carbon Project, India's CO2 emissions are expected to rise by 4.6% in 2024, contributing 8% to global CO2 emissions.
226. Puducherry was featured as the only Indian destination in Lonely Planet's "Best in Travel 2025", listed among the top 30 global must-visit locations.
227. The Namo Drone Didi Scheme, launched by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (DAFW), aims to provide drones to 14,500 women SHGs for rental services to farmers, with 80% Central Financial Assistance up to ₹8 lakh per drone during 2024-2026.
228. The EDLI Scheme Extension, approved by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), continues to provide insurance benefits to EPFO subscribers, with a minimum benefit of ₹2.5 lakh and a maximum benefit of ₹7 lakh.
229. Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu launched the Deepam 2.0 Scheme, offering 3 free gas cylinders annually to eligible families under the "Super Six Promises" initiative, which also includes 'Yuvashakti' for youth and 'Annadatha' for farmers.
230. South Africa launched the Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS) to increase Indian tourists from 16,000 to 1,00,000 annually, focusing on India and China markets.
231. The PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme, approved by the Union Cabinet, provides collateral-free loans for higher education to meritorious students admitted to 860 Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs).
232. The One Rank One Pension (OROP) Scheme, launched on November 7, 2015, ensures equal pension for military veterans with the same rank and service length, benefiting over 25 lakh veterans in 10 years.
233. Union Minister JP Nadda launched the Strengthening Medical Devices Industry Scheme, allocating ₹500 crore for facilities, skill development, and clinical studies, targeting market growth from \$14 billion to \$30 billion by 2030.
234. PM Narendra Modi released the 18th instalment of PM-KISAN, providing ₹2,000 to over 9.4 crore farmers, with the scheme surpassing a total disbursement of ₹3.45 lakh crore; also launched the "Gau Chip" and "Mahish Chip" for cattle and buffalo.
235. The Atal Pension Yojana (APY), launched in 2015, crossed 7 crore enrolments, offering guaranteed pensions ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 per month, ensuring social security for informal workers.
236. NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance (NETRA) developed an Indigenous Catalyst for CO2 Hydrogenation to Methanol in collaboration with IIP Dehradun to mitigate CO2 emissions from fossil-fired power plants.
237. IIT Kanpur and ICMR developed an indigenous handheld X-ray device for TB screening, costing less than half of imported devices.
238. Space Kidz India launched the ShakthiSAT initiative to inspire and empower 12,000 young girls globally, led by Srimathy Kesan, Founder & CEO.
239. Japan launched "LignoSat", the world's first wooden satellite, developed by Kyoto University and JAXA, to test sustainable wood materials for satellites.



240. **ISRO will launch ESA's Proba-3 Mission in December 2024**, the world's first precision formation flying mission to study the Sun's corona.
241. **Zimbabwe launched ZimSat-2**, its 2nd earth observation satellite, from Vostochny Cosmodrome, Russia, to support agriculture and environmental protection.
242. **C-DOT and IIT Roorkee collaborated to develop a Millimeter Wave Transceiver for 5G Rural Connectivity under the TTDF Scheme.**
243. **IIT Madras developed a mild laser-induced convection technique** to treat retinal tears and diabetic retinopathy by enhancing drug delivery.
244. **Gnani.ai launched a speech-to-speech large language model (LLM)** capable of handling 10 million daily voice interactions, powered by the NVIDIA AI platform.
245. **China launched "Shenzhou-19"**, its 33rd flight mission for the Tiangong Space Station (TSS), with a crew including Cai Xuzhe, Song Lingdong, and Wang Haoze.
246. **IIT Madras signed an MoU with ISRO to establish a Centre of Excellence** for research in Fluid and Thermal Sciences, with ISRO funding of ₹1.84 crore.
247. **Amazon India launched a learning facility in Bengaluru** to provide free education in robotics, AI, and 3D printing under the Amazon Future Engineer Makerspace program, targeting 4,000 students by 2025.
248. **Scientists at Northwestern University discovered a vast underground ocean** located 700 km below Earth's surface, three times the size of all surface oceans, in the mineral ringwoodite.
249. **NASA unveiled the LISA Telescope Prototype**, a collaboration with ESA, for the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna mission, the first gravitational wave detector in space.
250. **Nvidia and SoftBank Corp piloted the world's first AI and 5G Telecom Network**, termed Artificial Intelligence Radio Access Network (AI-RAN), enabling AI and 5G workloads to run concurrently.
251. **Nazara Technologies launched gCommerce**, an in-game monetization platform integrated with ONDC, as India's gaming market grew 23% YoY to \$3.8 billion in FY2024, projected to reach \$9.2 billion by FY2029.
252. **The Commonwealth Games 2026 reduced the total sports to 10 (from 19 in 2022)**, dropping hockey, badminton, squash, shooting, and more, aiming to limit costs and streamline logistics.
253. **In the U19 World Boxing Championships, Krisha Verma (India) won Gold** by defeating Lerika Simon (Germany), while Chanchal Chaudhary, Rahul Kundu, Vini, and Akansha Phalaswal won Silver.
254. **Anish Sarkar (3 years, 8 months, 19 days) from Kolkata became the youngest-rated FIDE chess player**, scoring 5.5 points from 8 rounds in the West Bengal State U-9 Open.
255. **In the WTT Feeder Caracas 2024, Harmeet Desai won the men's singles title and the mixed doubles title with Krittwika Roy in Caracas, Venezuela.**
256. **In the ICC Rankings Update, Deepti Sharma achieved a career-best No. 2 ODI bowler ranking**, while Kagiso Rabada (South Africa) replaced Jasprit Bumrah as the No. 1 Test bowler.
257. **Tennis Hall of Fame's Class of 2025**, with the ceremony on August 23, 2025, in Newport, Rhode Island, US.
258. **In the ISSF Athlete of the Year Awards, Liu Yukun (China) and Yang Ji-in (Korea) were declared the Male and Female Athletes of the Year**, respectively.
259. **At the Almaty Open 2024, Arjun Kadhe and Rithvik Bollipalli (India) won the men's doubles title**, while Karen Khachanov won the men's singles title.
260. **Mandeep Jangra (India) won the World Boxing Federation's Super Featherweight World Title**, defeating Britain's Conor McIntosh in the Cayman Islands.
261. **Gurpreet Pal Singh (India) won Gold at the ACO World Chess Championship 2024** held in Crete, Greece, and earned the title of FIDE Master.



262. In the **FIH Hockey Awards 2024**, **Harmanpreet Singh** (Men's Player), **PR Sreejesh** (Men's Goalkeeper), **Yibbi Jansen** (Netherlands) (Women's Player), and **Ye Jiao** (China) (Women's Goalkeeper) won major awards.
263. **Pankaj Advani** (India) claimed his **28th World Title** by winning the **IBSF World Billiards Championship 2024**, defeating **Robert Hall** in Doha, Qatar.
264. **Coco Gauff** won her maiden **WTA Finals Singles Title** in **Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**, while **Gabriela Dabrowaski** and **Erin Routliffe** won the doubles title; **Riyadh will host the WTA Finals in 2024, 2025, and 2026.**
265. In the **AFC Annual Awards 2024**, **Son Heung-min** (South Korea) and **Ellie Carpenter** (Australia) were named Asia's International Players of the Year, while **Gianni Infantino** received the **Diamond of Asia** award.
266. **Mumbai** defeated **Bengal** to win the **Senior Women's T20 Trophy** at **Wankhede Stadium**, with **Jagravi Pawar** named **Player of the Match** and **Humairaa Kaazi** as **Player of the Series.**
267. **Armaan Bhatia** won **three titles** at the **PWR DUPR India Masters Pickleball Championship**, including men's singles, men's doubles (with **Harsh Mehta**), and mixed doubles (with **Roos van Reek**).
268. **New Zealand** became the **first team to inflict a 3-0 Test series white wash over India** at home under **Rohit Sharma's** captaincy, with matches held in **Bengaluru, Pune, and Mumbai.**