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**ప్రియమైన విద్యార్థులారా!** ఉద్యోగార్థం నిరంతరం శ్రమిస్తూ, కుటుంబానికి, జన్మస్థలానికి దూరంగా ఉండి ఎన్నో త్యాగాలు చేస్తూ నంద్యాలలో విద్యను అభ్యసిస్తున్న విద్యార్థులకు NBCC విద్యార్థుల యొక్క విజయాన్ని తెలియజేసే ప్రయత్నంలో భాగంగా ఈ క్రింది విషయాలను మీతో పంచుకోవాలని ఆశిస్తున్నాము.

## NBCC సంద్యాలలో స్థాపించిన పిమ్మట ఉద్యోగాలు సాధించిన మా విద్యార్థులు

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పై విజయాలు సాధించుటకు మా వద్ద 4 నుండి 5 సంవత్సరాలు చదువుతున్న విద్యార్థులు లేరు. మా విద్యార్థులందరూ కేవలం 1 నుండి 2 సంవత్సరాల లోపలే ఉద్యోగాలు సాధించారనే అసాధారణమైన విషయాన్ని గమనించగలరని ప్రార్థన.

పైన పేర్కొన్న విజయాలు సాధించడంలో మా విద్యార్థుల కృషి, నంద్యాలలో ఉన్న వసతిగృహాల యజమానుల సహకారం మరియు స్థానిక ప్రజలు మా వెన్నంటి నడిచి మా విజయాలలో భాగస్వాములైనందుకు మా హృదయపూర్వక ధన్యవాదములు.

ఈ విజయాలు సాధించడానికి మేము చాలా పెను సవాళ్ళనే ఎదుర్కొన్నాము. అందులో కొన్నింటిని మీరు గమనించగలరని మా మనవి.

### - :: మేము ఎదుర్కొన్న పెను సవాళ్ళు :: -

- 1) NBCC స్థాపించిన వెంటనే మాది ఫేక్ ఇన్స్టిట్యూట్ అని, డమ్మి ఇన్స్టిట్యూట్ అని, కేటుగాళ్ళు, డూప్లికేట్ గాళ్ళు అని మాపై బురద చల్లే ప్రయత్నం చేసారు (ఇప్పటికీ ఆ ప్రయత్నం కొనసాగుతూనే వుంది)
- 2) కొన్ని ఇతర కోచింగ్ సెంటర్లు ఆటో డ్రైవర్లతో కుమ్మక్కై ఒక విద్యార్థిని చేర్చిస్తే ఆ ఆటో డ్రైవర్ కి కొంత మూల్యాన్ని, బిరియాని, ..... మొదలగునవి సమర్పిస్తున్నారు. (దయచేసి పైన పేర్కొన్న భాళిని మీరే పూరించగలరు)
- 3) కొన్ని కోచింగ్ సెంటర్స్ యజమానులు వారి విద్యార్థులు తప్ప NBCC విద్యార్థులు వసతి గృహాలలో ఉండరాదని, వసతి గృహాల యజమానులకు హాకుం జారీ చేసారు. (దీనిని అమలుపరుచుటకు వారి సెక్యూరిటీ సిబ్బందిని వినియోగించి ప్రతి వసతి గృహాన్ని చెక్ చేసేవారు)
- 4) హెల్త్ బెంచెస్ పేరిట రహదారుల కూడలి వద్ద వారి మనుషులను మొహరించి విద్యార్థులను తప్పుదారి పట్టిస్తూ వారి కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ కే తీసుకెళ్లే ప్రయత్నం చేస్తున్నారు. ఈ దుష్ట కార్యాన్ని అమలు పరుచుటకు ఉదయం 5 గంటల నుండి రాత్రి 10 గంటల వరకు ప్రత్యేక సిబ్బంది పనిచేస్తున్నారు.
- 5) అఖిందన సభ, విజయయాత్ర పేరిట సుమారు 5000 మంది విద్యార్థులతో NBCC కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ మీద రాడ్ లతో, రాళ్ళతో దాడిచేసి ప్రయత్నం చేసారు.
- 6) కొన్ని కోచింగ్ సెంటర్స్ వారు తమ యొక్క కోచింగ్ సెంటర్స్ పోలీస్ పేరును (సిమిలర్ నేమ్స్) మా నంద్యాల బ్యాంకింగ్ కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ కు పెట్టారు అని విష ప్రచారాన్ని కొనసాగిస్తున్నారు. కానీ ఒక్క అక్షరం కూడా మా నంద్యాల బ్యాంకింగ్ కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ కు మరి ఏ ఇతర కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ పేర్లతో కలవలేదు. నంద్యాల బ్యాంకింగ్ కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ లో “గ” అక్షరం, “గు” అక్షరం, “ర” అక్షరం, “రు” అక్షరం, “రా” అక్షరం, “ఘ” అక్షరం, “వే” అక్షరం, “ద్ర” అక్షరం, “త” అక్షరం తదితర అక్షరాలు ఏవీ లేవు.

ఇలాంటి ఎన్నో సవాళ్ళను మేము ఎదుర్కొని నిలబడ్డాము. కావున విద్యార్థులందరూ విజయాన్ని సాధించాలంటే గెలవాలనే తపన, వెనుకంజవేయని మనస్తత్వం, దుష్టశక్తులతో పోరాడేతత్వం, కష్టపడే మనస్తత్వం మరియు నైతిక విలువలు పొందించే మనస్తత్వం ఉంటే చాలా విజయం మీ స్వంతం అవుతుంది.

**విద్యార్థులకు ముఖ్య గమనిక :-** ప్రతి 15 రోజుల కరెంట్ అఫైర్స్ (థియరీ, యం.సి.క్యూ), కంప్యూటర్ నాలెజ్ మెటీరియల్, డిస్ క్రిప్టివ్ ఇంగ్లీష్ (లెటర్ రైటింగ్, ఎస్సీ రైటింగ్), ఇంగ్లీష్ ఒకాబులరీ, బ్యాంకింగ్ అవేరేజెస్ (స్టాటిక్) మరియు మిగతా మెటీరియల్స్ కొరకు క్రింద తెలిపిన వెబ్ సైట్ ను సందర్శించగలరు.

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"ಉದ್ಯೋಗಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಶ್ರಮಿಸುತ್ತಾ, ಕುಟುಂಬದಿಂದ ದೂರವಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ತ್ಯಾಗಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ, ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರೆಸುತ್ತಿರುವ NBCC ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಯಶಸ್ಸನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಲು ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನದ ಭಾಗವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಮಗೆ ಹಂಚಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಆಶಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ"

**Please refer our Students Photo's who got Jobs (in Front Page)**

"ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಯಶಸ್ಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸಲು ನಮ್ಮ ಬಳಿ 4 ರಿಂದ 5 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಓದುವ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲ.

ನಮ್ಮ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಕೇವಲ 1 ರಿಂದ 2 ವರ್ಷಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುದು ಎಂಬುದು ಅಸಾಧಾರಣ ಸಂಗತಿ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ನೀವು ಗಮನಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ವಿನಂತಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಈ ಯಶಸ್ಸುಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಶ್ರಮದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ, ನಂದ್ಯಾಲಿನ ವಸತಿ ಗೃಹಗಳ ಮಾಲೀಕರ ಸಹಕಾರವೂ, ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ನಾಗರಿಕರು ನಮ್ಮೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದು, ಅವರೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಯಶಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲುದಾರರಾಗಿದ್ದು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕ ಧನ್ಯವಾದಗಳು.

ಈ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸಲು ನಾವು ಅನೇಕ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಸವಾಲುಗಳನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಆ ಸವಾಲುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವನ್ನಾದರೂ ನೀವು ಗಮನಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಮ್ಮ ಆಶಯ."

**NBCC ಎದುರಿಸಿದ ಸವಾಲುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ತಪ್ಪು ಪ್ರಚಾರಗಳು :**

1. NBCC ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಯಾದ ನಂತರ, ತಕ್ಷಣವೇ — ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಕೆಲವರು ನಕಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಡಬ್ಬಿ ಇನ್ಸ್ಟಿಟ್ಯೂಟ್ ಎಂದು ಬಣ್ಣಿಸಿ, ಕೇಡುಗೊಳಿಸುವ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತಪ್ಪು ಪ್ರಚಾರ ನಡೆಸಿದರು. (ಇತ್ತೀಚಿಗೂ ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ದ್ವೇಷದ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳು ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿವೆ.)
2. ಕೆಲವು ಕೋಚಿಂಗ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್‌ಗಳು ಆಟೋ ಚಾಲಕರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಗುಟ್ಟು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು, ಒಬ್ಬ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಯನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿದರೆ ಆ ಆಟೋ ಚಾಲಕರಿಗೆ ಹಣ, ಬಿರಿಯಾನಿ, ಅಥವಾ (ಇತರ ಆಮಿಷಗಳು) ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.
3. ಕೆಲವು ಕೋಚಿಂಗ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಮಾಲೀಕರು NBCC ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ವಸತಿ ಗೃಹಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇರಬಾರದೆಂದು ವಸತಿ ಗೃಹಗಳ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಗೆ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮ ಭದ್ರತಾ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯನ್ನು ಬಳಸಿ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ವಸತಿ ಗೃಹವನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು.
4. 'ಹೆಲ್ಪ್ ಬೆಂಚ್' ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ — ರಸ್ತೆ ಗೂಡುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸಿ, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪು ದಾರಿಗೆ ಎಳೆದು ತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಚಿಂಗ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರೆದೊಯ್ಯುವ ಯತ್ನಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 5ರಿಂದ ರಾತ್ರಿ 10ರವರೆಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.
5. ಅಭಿನಂದನಾ ಸಭೆ ಅಥವಾ ವಿಜಯಯಾತ್ರೆ ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು 5000 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿ, NBCC ಕೋಚಿಂಗ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಕಬ್ಬಿಣದ ರಾಡ್, ಕಲ್ಲುಗಳಿಂದ ಹಲ್ಲೆ ನಡೆಸುವ ಯತ್ನ ನಡೆದಿದೆ.

**ಇದು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಪಟ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಗಳನ್ನು ಸತ್ಯದೊಂದಿಗೆ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಘನತಪೂರ್ಣ ರೂಪವಾಗಿದೆ.**

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**ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಸೂಚನೆ:**

ಪ್ರತಿ 15 ದಿನಗಳಿಗೊಮ್ಮೆ, ಕರಂಟ್ ಅಫೈರ್ಸ್ (ವ್ಯಾಖ್ಯಾನ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಹು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು) ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ನೋಲೇಜ್ ಮೆಟೀರಿಯಲ್, ಡಿಸ್ಕ್ರಿಪ್ಟಿವ್ ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್ (ಪತ್ರ ಬರವಣಿಗೆ, ಪ್ರಬಂಧ ಬರವಣಿಗೆ, ಶಬ್ದಕೋಶ), ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿಂಗ್ ಜ್ಞಾನ (ಸ್ಥಿರ ಮಾಹಿತಿ) ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಉಪಯುಕ್ತ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಅನ್ನು ಭೇಟಿ ಮಾಡಿ

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

### I. Economic Affairs, Banking, and Finance

1. The Centre approved a **₹15,095.83 Crore Procurement Plan for Pulses and Oilseeds under PM-AASHA**.
2. The plan covers the procurement of moong (green gram), urad (black gram), tur (red gram), and soybean at their Minimum Support Prices (MSPs).
3. This procurement scheme covers Telangana, Odisha, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh.
4. Farmers in Madhya Pradesh are set to receive price differences through the Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS).
5. The **World Bank approved a USD 280 Million** (approximately ₹2,450 crore) loan for the Kerala Health System Resilience Programme (KHSRP).
6. **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** sold a 10% stake in Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company.
7. PNB's remaining stake in the insurance company is 13% (down from 23%).
8. **NABARD** launched the **₹750 crore "AgriSURE Fund"** to support Agri Startups and Rural Enterprises.
9. The AgriSURE Fund corpus consists of ₹250 crore from the Government of India, ₹250 crore from NABARD, and ₹250 crore from Private investors.
10. The fund will be managed by NABVENTURES Ltd, NABARD's wholly-owned subsidiary.
11. **State Bank of India (SBI)**'s Q2 FY26 Net Profit rose 10% to **₹20,160 crore**.
12. This profit rise was largely driven by the sale of a 13.18% stake in Yes Bank, which earned ₹4,593 crore.
13. Key metrics for SBI included Net Interest Income (NII) growth of +3.28%, a Net Interest Margin (NIM) of 3.09%, Gross NPA of 1.73%, and Net NPA of 0.42%.
14. SBI became **India's sixth company to cross the USD 100-billion market-capitalisation mark**.
15. Other companies in the USD 100-billion club are Reliance Industries (USD 228 bn), HDFC Bank (USD 171 bn), Bharti Airtel (USD 135 bn), Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) (USD 123 bn), and ICICI Bank (USD 106 bn).
16. SBI won the WSBI-ESBG Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Award 2025 in the Climate Finance Category.
17. SBI launched the annual employee excellence award **"SBI STAR"**.
18. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced the interest rate for the GOI Floating Rate Bond (FRB) 2034 as 6.54% per annum for the period October 30, 2025 – April 29, 2026.
19. The coupon for this bond is calculated as the 182-day T-Bill WAY average (last three auctions) plus 0.98% and is revised every six months.
20. The total value of **₹2,000 banknotes in circulation** fell to **₹5,817 crore** as of October 31, 2025.
21. This indicates that 98.37% of the notes have returned to the banking system since the withdrawal announcement on May 19, 2023.
22. All major Indian banks, including the State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, and Axis Bank, migrated their official websites to the new **".bank.in" domain**.
23. **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** was the first Public Sector Bank to migrate its corporate website to the secure '.bank.in' domain.
24. The RBI instructed all banks to complete their migration to the exclusive '.bank.in' domain by October 31, 2025.

25. The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) is the sole registrar for the new domain.

## II. Digital Payments, Technology, and Governance

26. UPI (Unified Payments Interface) set all-time highs in October 2025, recording **20.7 billion transactions** worth **₹27.28 trillion**.
27. The average daily UPI usage reached 668 million transactions worth ₹87,993 crore/day.
28. NIPL (NPCI International) and NTT DATA Japan signed a pact enabling UPI acceptance in Japan.
29. NIPL and Razorpay Curlec collaborated to enable UPI payments in Malaysia.
30. UPI is now operational in approximately 10 countries, including Bhutan, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, UAE, Qatar, and Japan.
31. Paytm enables UPI for NRIs via international mobile numbers.
32. The RBI recognized SRPA (Self-Regulated PSO Association) as the self-regulatory body for Payment System Operators (PSOs).
33. UIDAI launched "Aadhaar Vision 2032" Framework, a 10-year digital roadmap to modernise India's Aadhaar ecosystem.
34. This framework was developed by a High-level Expert Committee headed by Neelkanth Mishra, Chairman UIDAI.
35. Aadhaar requires Mandatory Biometric Updates (MBU) for enrolled children upon attaining the age of 5 and again at 15 years.
36. UIDAI waived all charges for MBU for the 7–15 age group for one year starting October 1, 2025, benefiting around 6 crore children.
37. The Department of Consumer Affairs proposed making the 'Country of Origin' filter mandatory on E-Commerce Platforms.
38. The Prime Minister launched a **₹1 Lakh Crore Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme**.

## III. Energy, Infrastructure, and Environment

39. India's Total Installed Power Capacity Crossed **500 GW**, reaching 500.89 GW as of September 30, 2025.
40. The capacity is 51% non-fossil (256.09 GW) and 49% fossil.
41. Non-fossil sources include Solar (127.33 GW) and Wind (53.12 GW).
42. India achieved its COP-26 goal of 50% non-fossil fuel-based capacity five years ahead of the 2030 deadline.
43. Renewables met 51.5% of electricity demand on July 29, 2025.
44. India's next targets include 500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030 and Net-Zero by 2070.
45. The **8th Session of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly 2025** was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on October 28, 2025.
46. ISA was jointly launched by India and France in 2015 at COP-21 (Paris).
47. ISA is the first inter-governmental body headquartered in India (Gurugram, Haryana).
48. India is the ISA President (2024–26), and France is the Vice-President.
49. The current membership of ISA is 125 Member and Signatory Countries.
50. Five major global ISA initiatives launched were: SUNRISE, OSOWOG, Global Capability Centre (GCC), ISA Academy, and SIDS Solar Procurement Platform (jointly with the World Bank).
51. **Shri Manohar Lal** inaugurated India's largest and first MWh-scale **Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB)** system.
52. The NHAI reduced Toll Collection Cost by **₹2,062 Crore** in FY 2024–25.

53. Punjab became the **first state** in India to implement the “**Amended Bharat Net Scheme**” throughout the state.
54. The Union Cabinet approved the rationalisation of royalty rates for four critical minerals: **graphite, caesium, rubidium, and zirconium**.
55. **Gogabeel Lake, Bihar**, located in Katihar District, was designated **India's 94th Ramsar Site**.
56. Gogabeel Lake was Bihar's first community reserve (2019).
57. Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Ramsar sites.
58. The **17th GRIHA Summit** was held under the theme: “**Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World**”.
59. India joined the “**Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF)**” as an **Observer** at the Leaders' Summit in Belem, Brazil.

#### IV. Space, Defence, and Technology

60. ISRO's LVM3-M5 '**Bahubali**' successfully launched **CMS-03 (GSAT-7R)**, India's heaviest communication satellite.
61. The satellite, weighing approximately **4,410 kg**, was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, for the Indian Navy.
62. CMS-03 (GSAT-7R) is designed to strengthen secure communication across the Indian Ocean Region and replace GSAT-7 (Rukmini, 2013).
63. ISRO aims for seven launches by March 2026.
64. A tripartite MoU was signed between **ISRO, BCCL (Dhanbad HQ), and CMPDI (Ranchi HQ)** to Map Coal Fires & Land Subsidence in the Jharia Coalfield (2025–27).
65. The Prime Minister unveiled India's first **Quantum Computing Chip 'QSIP'**, a 25-qubit QPU, and the first Indigenous **CAR-T Cell Therapy 'NexCAR19'**.
66. NexCAR19 is India's first Indigenous CAR-T Cell Therapy, developed by ImmunoACT (an IIT Bombay start-up), and is the world's first humanised CAR-T therapy.
67. **IIT Bombay** developed **India's First Indigenous Quantum Diamond Microscope**.
68. **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** signed a **USD 1 billion engine contract** with General Electric (GE), USA, for powering 97 LCA Tejas Mk1A aircraft.
69. The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, took a sortie in the **Rafale Fighter Jet** at Ambala AFS, Haryana (Oct 2025), becoming the first Indian President to fly in two different IAF Fighters (the first being the Sukhoi-30 MKI in April 2023).
70. The **Border Security Force (BSF)** raised its first **all-female drone unit**, the “**Durga Drone Squadron**”, at its academy in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
71. The Indian Navy commissioned '**INS Ikshak**'.
72. **Visakhapatnam** is scheduled to host three global naval events in 2026: International Fleet Review (IFR) 2026, Exercise MILAN 2026, and IONS Conclave of Chiefs.
73. **Exercise MALABAR 2025** (29th Edition), a Multilateral Naval Drill, was held at Guam, USA.
74. **INS Sahyadri**, an indigenously designed Guided Missile Stealth Frigate, participated in Malabar-2025.
75. India–**Sri Lanka** Joint Military Exercise **MITRA SHAKTI-XI (2025)** commenced at the Foreign Training Node, Belagavi (Karnataka).

#### V. Social, Health, and Education

76. **Kerala** declared itself **free from extreme poverty** on November 1, 2025 (Kerala Piravi), becoming the first Indian state to make this declaration following the Extreme Poverty Eradication Programme (EPEP) started in 2021.
77. **Karnataka** became the **first Indian state** to approve **1 day of paid menstrual leave** per month for all women employees across government and private sectors.

78. The "Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan" campaign, run by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), achieved **Three Guinness World Records**.
79. The records included: Most people registered on a health platform in one month (3,21,49,711), Most sign-ups for breast-cancer screening online in one week (9,94,349), and Most vital-sign screenings (online, state level) in one week (1,25,406).
80. **Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**, launched in 2018, is the world's largest public health insurance scheme.
81. AB-PMJAY provides a health cover of up to ₹5 lakh per family per year, targeting 12 crore families.
82. **Chhattisgarh** was adjudged the '**Best Performing State**' under PM-JAY, with 97% of its empanelled hospitals active (highest in India).
83. The **National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)**, implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, provides basic social security to elderly persons, widows, and persons with disabilities (BPL families).
84. India's **unemployment rate dipped to 5.2%** in Q2 FY26.
85. Rural unemployment declined to 4.4%, while Urban unemployment edged up to 6.9%.
86. The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) improved slightly to 55.1%.
87. **IIT Delhi** became **India's highest-ranked institute** (123rd globally) in the QS World University Rankings 2026.
88. India is the 4th most represented nation in the rankings, with 54 institutions.

## VI. International Affairs and Global Rankings

89. The **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** black-listed (High-Risk Jurisdictions) **North Korea, Iran, and Myanmar**.
90. FATF removed Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Nigeria, and South Africa from the Grey List.
91. FATF introduced "Horizon Scan" for monitoring AI and deep-fake financial risk.
92. The **World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2025** ranked India **86th** out of 143 countries, with India scoring 0.49.
93. Denmark and Norway topped the WJP index.
94. **Amul (GCMF)** and **IFFCO** were ranked the **World's Top 2 cooperatives** in the Global Cooperative Rankings 2025, published by World Cooperative Monitor (ICA & EURICSE).
95. **Ethiopia** adopted **India's DAY-NRLM model** to combat rural poverty and empower women.
96. **Maldives** became the **first country** in the world to implement a **Generational Smoking Ban**.
97. **Albania** appointed the **world's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated minister, named "Diella"**.
98. India and **Dominica** signed 5 MoUs for Quick Impact Projects (QIPs), with India providing USD 250,000 in financial assistance.
99. India–**Saudi Arabia** signed an MoU on Cultural Cooperation in Riyadh on November 9, 2025.

## VII. Sports and Culture

100. **India won the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 final** at DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai, defeating South Africa by 52 runs.
101. The captain was Harmanpreet Kaur, Shafali Verma was Player of the Match, and Deepti Sharma was Player of the Tournament.
102. **Samrat Rana** won the Men's 10m Air Pistol Gold at the ISSF World Championship in Cairo, becoming the first Indian to win an individual air pistol world title.
103. Samrat Rana joined four other Indian shooters who have won a world title in an Olympic event.



104. **Anish Bhanwala** became the first Indian pistol shooter to win a medal at the ISSF World Championships.
105. **Indian Oil Mumbai** won the 42nd Surjit Hockey Trophy.
106. India is set to celebrate 100 years of Indian Hockey.
107. **India's Bhadohi Craftsmen** created the **World's Largest Handmade Rug** (12,464.29 sq m), which entered the Guinness World Records.
108. The rug was installed in the Grand Mosque of Astana, Kazakhstan, and features the Persian design "Jannatul Firdaus".
109. The Booker Prize charity announced a new **50,000-pounds "Children's Booker Prize"** for fiction, set to open for nominations in 2026 and awarded annually from 2027.

## 2. Amounts & Agreements

### I. International Financial Agreements and Institutional Details

1. **Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank Group (WBG) Agreement:**
  - ADB and the WBG signed a landmark **USD 3 billion Sovereign Exposure Exchange Agreement (EEA)**.
  - **ADB Institutional Details:**
    - Headquarters (HQ): Mandaluyong, Philippines.
    - President: Masato Kanda.
    - Members: 69.
  - **World Bank Institutional Details:**
    - Headquarters (HQ): Washington D.C..
    - President: Ajay Banga.
    - MD & CFO: Anshula Kant.
    - Members: 189.
2. **European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Investment:**
  - **EFTA nations committed USD 100 billion investment in India over 15 years** under the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA).
  - The EFTA members involved are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland.
  - This investment aims to create **1 million direct jobs** in manufacturing and services.
  - **EFTA Institutional Details:**
    - Headquarters (HQ): Geneva, Switzerland.
    - Secretary-General: Kurt Jager.
    - Founded: 1960.

### II. Loans and Financial Assistance to States

3. **World Bank Loan to Kerala:**
  - The World Bank approved a **USD 280 million** loan for the Kerala Health System Improvement Programme (KHSIP).
  - The loan is approximately **₹2,450 crore**.
  - This is part of the State's Resilient Health Roadmap.
  - The aim is to **strengthen primary and secondary care facilities and digital health systems** post-pandemic.

- This programme was previously referred to as the Kerala Health System Resilience Programme (KHSRP).

**4. ADB Loans and Debt Financing:**

- ADB provided a **USD 460 million loan to Maharashtra for Agricultural Solarisation.**
- ADB provided **USD 331 million** (approximately ₹2,935 crore) in debt financing to ReNew Energy Global Plc.
- This financing is for a clean energy project in Andhra Pradesh.
- The project supports India's **Net Zero 2070 Target.**
- **ReNew Energy Global Plc Institutional Details:**
  - Founded: 2011.
  - Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana.
  - Chairman & CEO: Sumant Sinha.
  - Sector: Renewable Energy (Solar, Wind & Storage).

**III. Corporate Investments and Infrastructure Agreements****5. International Finance Corporation (IFC) Loan to City Union Bank (CUB):**

- The IFC extended a **USD 50 million loan to City Union Bank (CUB).**
- The purpose is to **promote green financing for MSMEs** (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) in India for solar and wind energy projects.
- This supports the Net-Zero by 2070 goal and expands renewable energy lending for small businesses.
- **City Union Bank MD & CEO:** Dr. N. Kamakodi.
- CUB previously received an IFC loan for MSME Energy Efficiency.

**6. Hinduja Group Investment in Andhra Pradesh:**

- The Hinduja Group signed a **₹20,000 Crore MoU with the Andhra Pradesh Government.**
- This investment is aimed at **strengthening Andhra Pradesh's power and infrastructure capacity.**
- The project involves the **Expansion of the Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Plant**, which is operated by Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd (HNPC).

**7. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Contract:**

- HAL signed a **USD 1 billion (₹8,868 crore) contract with General Electric (GE), USA.**
- The contract is for engines for the **LCA Tejas Mk1A** aircraft.

**8. India-Nepal Power Transmission:**

- India and Nepal reached agreements to **develop new 400 kV cross-border power transmission lines by 2030.**

**9. Competition Commission of India (CCI) Approval:**

- The CCI approved the **acquisition of 11%–20% shareholding in AWL Agri Business Limited by Lence Pte. Ltd..**

**IV. Government Bond Interest Rate****10. GOI Floating Rate Bond (FRB) 2034:**

- The half-year interest rate for the GOI Floating Rate Bond (FRB) 2034 was fixed at **6.54% per annum.**
- This rate is applicable for the period **October 30, 2025 – April 29, 2026.**
- The coupon for this bond is calculated as the 182-day T-Bill WAY average (last three auctions) plus 0.98%, and is revised every six months.



### 3. Appointments & Resignations

#### I. Judicial and Quasi-Judicial Appointments

1. **Justice Surya Kant** was appointed as the **53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI)**.
  - He succeeds Justice Bhushan R. Gavai on November 24, 2025.
  - His term will run until February 9, 2027.
  - He is the **First CJI from Haryana**.
  - He has authored landmark verdicts regarding the Article 370 abrogation, Electoral Bonds, and One Rank, One Pension (OROP).
  - *Supreme Court Details:* Established on January 26, 1950; sanctioned strength is 34 judges; retirement age is 65 years.
2. **Justice Ashok Bhushan** was reappointed as the Chairperson of the **National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)**.
3. **Justice Prathiba M. Singh** was appointed as the **Chairperson** (for the 2025–27 term) of the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Advisory Board of Judges**.
  - *WIPO Details:* Headquarters (HQ) is in Geneva, Switzerland; Director General (DG) is Daren Tang.

#### II. Financial and Banking Appointments (India and International)

4. **Dr. Urjit Patel** was appointed as the **Executive Director (ED)** at the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**.
  - He is a former RBI Governor.
  - His appointment is for a 3-year term (2025–2028).
  - He will represent the constituency comprising **India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka**.
5. **Daniel Katz** was appointed as the **First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD)** of the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**.
  - *IMF Details:* HQ is Washington D.C., USA; Managing Director (MD) is Kristalina Georgieva; Founded in 1944.
6. **Rajiv Ranjan** was appointed as the **Vice-President & Chief Risk Officer (CRO)** of the **New Development Bank (NDB)**.
  - *NDB Details:* HQ is Shanghai, China; President is Dilma Rousseff.
7. **Indranil Bhattacharyya** (RBI Executive Director) was appointed as an **Ex-Officio Member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)**.
8. **Mahavir Lunawat** was re-elected as the **Chairman** of the **Association of Investment Bankers of India (AIBI)**.
9. **S Krishnan** was appointed as the **Part-Time Chairman** of **Jammu & Kashmir Bank**.
  - *J&K Bank Details:* HQ is Srinagar; MD & CEO is Amitava Chatterjee; Founded in 1938; Tagline is "Serving to Empower".
10. **Vivek Singla** was appointed as the **Managing Director & CEO** of **Power Exchange India Limited (PXIL)**.

#### III. Government, Defence, and Regulatory Appointments (India)



11. Vishvajit Sahay assumed charge as the **Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)** on November 1, 2025.
12. Sanjay Garg assumed charge as the **Director General (DG)** of the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**.
  - *BIS Details:* HQ is Manek Bhawan, Old Delhi.

## IV. Corporate and Industry Appointments

13. Tarun Garg was appointed as the **MD & CEO** of **Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL)**.
14. Anant Goenka was announced as the **President-Elect** of **FICCI** for the 2025–26 term.
15. S. Sankarasubramanian was appointed as the **Chairman** of the **Fertiliser Association of India (FAD)**.
16. Shailesh Chandra was appointed as the **President** of the **International Organisation of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA)**.
17. Pushpinder S. Puniha joined the **Advisory Board** of **Blue Ocean Corporation**.
  - *Blue Ocean Corporation Details:* HQ is Dubai, UAE; CEO is Dr. Sathya Menon; Chairman is Abdul Azeez.

## V. Global and Political Appointments

18. Samia Suluhu Hassan was sworn in for a **Second Term** as **President** of **Tanzania**.
19. Colonel Michael Randrianirina was sworn in as the **Transitional President** of **Madagascar**.
  - *Madagascar Details:* Capital is Antananarivo; Currency is Ariary.
20. Khaled ElEnany (Egypt) was elected as the **12th Director-General** of **UNESCO**.

## VI. Brand Ambassadors and Icons

21. Rohit Shetty, Harbhajan Singh, and Saina Nehwal were appointed as **"Fit India Icons"**.
22. Karan Tacker, Vishwas Patil, Krishna Prakash, and Ankur Garg were appointed as **Fit India Ambassadors**.

## 4. Arts & Cultural Affairs

### I. Literary Works and Dictionaries

1. The book **'Modi Mission'** by **Berjis Desai** was released.
2. The book **"Sivam Subham – The Biography of a Couple (M. S. Subbulakshmi & T. Sadasivam)"** was authored by **B. K. Harinarayanan**.
3. The book **"Unseen: The Untold Story of Deepinder Goyal and the Making of Zomato"** was authored by journalist **Megha Vishwanath**.
4. **Dictionary.com** declared **"67 (Six-Seven)"** as the **Word of the Year 2025**.
  - The meaning of "67 (Six-Seven)" is Internet slang implying **"so-so"** or **"maybe"**.
  - Its origin is Skrilka's viral song **"Doot Doot (6 7)"**.
5. **Collins Dictionary** named **"Vibe Coding"** as the **Word of the Year 2025**.

### II. Historical Commemorations and Cultural Significance



6. India celebrated the **150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** on **October 30, 2025**, in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.
  - On this occasion, PM Narendra Modi released a **₹150 commemorative coin and stamp**.
  - Projects worth **₹1,140 crore** were inaugurated, and e-buses were flagged off.
  - The theme was **"Unity in Diversity"**.
7. India is set to mark **150 Years of 'Vande Mataram'** starting from **November 7, 2025**.
  - The original composition was written by **Bankimchandra Chatterji** on Akshaya Navami, **November 7, 1875**.

### III. Festivals, Awards, and Events

8. **Art of Living Founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar** was honored with the **"2025 World Leader for Peace and Security Award"** by the Boston Global Forum and AI World Society (AIWS).
9. The **Serendipity Arts Festival** was organized in **Goa**.
10. The **International Purple Festival** was held in **Panaji, Goa**.
11. The **Devaragattu Banni Utsavam Festival** was held in **Andhra Pradesh**.
12. The historic 10-day-long cultural festival **'Kartik Naach'** concluded in **Nepal**.
  - The festival is held in **Patan Durbar Square**, located in Lalitpur, Nepal.
  - Patan Durbar Square is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
  - The festival was initiated by **King Siddhinarasingh Malla**.
13. **Diwali** was declared a **State Holiday in California (United States)**.

### IV. Technology and Environmental Certifications

14. **A. R. Rahman**, India's Oscar-winning composer, partnered with **Google Cloud** to launch **"Secret Mountain"**.
  - "Secret Mountain" is described as the **world's first metahuman-avatar music band** blending AI, music, and storytelling.
  - *Google Details:* Headquarters (HQ) is California, USA; CEO is Sundar Pichai; Founded in 1998.
15. **Kovalam Beach** was awarded **Blue Flag certification** for the **fifth consecutive year**.
  - Kovalam Beach is located in the **Chengalpattu district of Tamil Nadu**.
  - It first earned Blue Flag certification on September 21, 2021, making it **Tamil Nadu's first Blue Flag-certified beach**.

## 5. Awards, Rewards, Recognition

### I. Major Literary Prizes and Awards

1. **Booker Prize 2025:**
  - **David Szalay** won the Booker Prize 2025 for his novel **"flesh"**.
  - The prize money is **£50,000**.
  - Szalay is a Hungarian-British writer.
  - The novel "flesh" is a narrative focusing on displacement, masculinity, and moral choices.
2. **Children's Booker Prize:**
  - The Booker Prize charity launched a new **Children's Prize** worth **£50,000**.
  - It will celebrate the best contemporary fiction for children aged eight to 12 years old.

- The fiction must be written in or translated into English and published in the UK and/or Ireland .
  - Nominations are set to open in 2026, and the award will be given annually starting in 2027 .
3. **SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2025:**
- **Dr. Alexander Smith (USA)** was awarded the 2025 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize .
  - The award is for his **Outstanding Contributions in Mathematics** .
4. **British Academy Book Prize 2025:**
- **Sunil Amrith** won the 2025 British Academy Book Prize.
  - The award was for his book “**The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years**”.
5. **M.S. Subbulakshmi Award for Music 2025:**
- This award was conferred upon **Dr. K. J. Yesudas**.

## II. Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025

6. The Sahitya Akademi – Bal Sahitya Puraskar awardees receive a cheque for **Rs. 50,000/-** each and a bronze plaque.
7. The Sahitya Akademi recognizes English and Rajasthani in addition to the 22 languages enumerated in the Constitution of India for its program implementation.
8. The awarded books and awardees are:
- **Assamese:** *Mainaahantar Padya* (poetry), **Surendra Mohan Das**.
  - **Bengali:** *Ekhono Gaye Kanta Daye* (stories), **Tridib Kumar Chattopadhyay**.
  - **Bodo:** *Khanthi Bwswn Arw Akhu Danai* (stories), **Binay Kumar Brahma**.
  - **Dogri:** *Nanhi Tor* (poetry), **P.L. Parihar ‘Shauq’**.
  - **English:** *Dakshin : South Indian Myths and Fables Retold* (stories), **Nitin Kushalappa MP**.
  - **Gujarati:** *Tinchak* (poetry), **Kirtida Brahmabhatt**.
  - **Hindi:** *Ek Batey Barah* (non-fiction & memoir), **Susheel Shukla**.
  - **Kannada:** *Notebook* (short stories), **K. Shivalingappa Handihal**.
  - **Kashmiri:** *Shure Te Tchure Gyush* (short stories), **Izhar Mubashir**.
  - **Konkani:** *Belabaicho Shanker Ani Heir Kanyo* (stories), **Nayana Adarkar**.
  - **Maithili:** *Chukka* (short stories), **Munni Kamat**.
  - **Malayalam:** *Penguinukalude Vankaravil* (novel), **Sreejith Moothedath**.
  - **Manipuri:** *Angangshing-Gee Shannabungshida* (play), **Shanto M.**.
  - **Marathi:** *Abhaimaya* (poetry), **Suresh Govindrao Sawant**.
  - **Nepali:** *Shanti Van* (novel), **Sangmu Lepcha**.
  - **Odia:** *Kete Phula Phutichi* (poetry), **Rajakishore Parhi**.
  - **Punjabi:** *Jaddu Patta* (novel), **Pali Khadim (Amrit Pal Singh)**.
  - **Rajasthani:** *Pankheruv Ni Peeda* (play), **Bhogilal Patidar**.
  - **Sanskrit:** *Balvisvam* (poetry), **Preeti R. Pujara**.
  - **Santali:** *Sona Miru-ag Sandesh* (poetry), **Haralal Murmu**.
  - **Sindhi:** *Asmani Pari* (poetry), **Heena Agnani ‘Heer’**.
  - **Tamil:** *Otturai Siragu Oviya* (novel), **Vishnupuram Sarvanan**.
  - **Telugu:** *Kaburla Devatha* (story), **Gangisetty Sivakumar**.
  - **Urdu:** *Qaumi Sitare* (articles), **Ghazanfar Iqbal**.

## III. Honors and Recognitions (Individuals)

9. **Neeraj Chopra** was conferred the **Honorary Rank of Lieutenant Colonel**.
- This recognition is for his national record throw of **90.23 m (2025)** and for promoting physical fitness among youth.



- His earlier honors include the Arjuna Award (2018), Khel Ratna (2021), Padma Shri, and Param Vishisht Seva Medal (2022).
- 10. **Sir James Michael Anderson (England)** was awarded Knighthood for his **Services to Cricket**.
- 11. **Sunil Kant Munjal** was conferred France's "**Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite**".
- 12. **CEC Gyanesh Kumar** received IIT Kanpur's "**Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA)**" during the 66th Foundation Day.
- 13. **Chef Sanjeev Kapoor** was named among the "**Top Agri-Food Pioneers**" by the World Food Prize Foundation.
- 14. **Balaji Krishnan** won the "**Best Paper Award**" (**ICCCNet-UK 2025**) for his work on Ethical, Auditable AI for Personal Finance.

#### IV. Sports and Fitness Icons

- 15. **Rohit Shetty, Harbhajan Singh, and Saina Nehwal** were felicitated as **Fit India Icons 2025**.
  - Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya felicitated them.
  - The Fit India Movement was launched on August 29, 2019 .
- 16. **Abhishek Sharma and Smriti Mandhana** were named **ICC Players of the Month (September 2025)**.
  - *ICC Details:* Chairman is Jay Shah; CEO is Sanjog Gupta; Members are 108 countries.

#### V. Corporate and Institutional Recognition

- 17. **Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)** was granted **Mini Ratna (Category I) Status**.
  - HSL was established in 1941 at Visakhapatnam.
  - It is India's oldest ship-building yard and operates under the Ministry of Defence.
  - The CMD is Commodore Giridip Singh.
- 18. **Jindal Global Business School and Goa Institute of Management** received **AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) Accreditation**.
- 19. **Dr. Sonali Ghosh**, Field Director of Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve (Assam), received the **IUCN Kenton R. Miller Award 2025**.
  - The award was given at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 in Abu Dhabi.
  - *IUCN Details:* Organized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature; HQ is Gland, Switzerland.
- 20. **M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) Mobile App "Fisher Friend"** won the **IUCN Tech4Nature Conservation Award**.
  - The app supports India's coastal fishing communities, serving around **1,22,000 registered users** across 9 coastal states and 1 Union Territory.
  - It is available in 9 Indian languages.
  - The app was initially launched after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami with support from Qualcomm and INCOIS.
- 21. **Go Digit General Insurance** won the '**Digital Insurer of the Year**' award for the 3rd time at the 29th Asia Insurance Industry Awards (AIIA) 2025.
  - **Jasleen Kohli** (MD & CEO of Digit Insurance) received '**Woman Leader of the Year**' at AIIA 2025.
  - The **Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC)** won the **Technology Initiative of the Year** for the SEWANxt platform.
- 22. **Himachal Pradesh** won the "**People First Integration Award**" for the DigiLocker initiative.
- 23. The **Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Awards** were conferred in Guwahati.
  - These awards recognize excellence in literature, music, cinema, scholarship, and cultural preservation.
- 24. **Sushakthi** (a Kerala SHG network) was launched as a state social initiative for the rehabilitation of differently-abled individuals and families.

## VI. Philanthropy and Highest Donations (EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025)

25. **Shiv Nadar & Family** (founders of HCL Technologies) topped the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025.
  - Their total donations amounted to **₹2,537 crore** between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025.
26. **Reliance Industries Limited** topped corporate CSR contributions with **₹1,309 crore**, followed by Rungta Sons with ₹181 crore.
27. The sector with the highest donations was **Education** (₹4,166 crore), followed by Healthcare (₹971 crore).
28. **Rohini Nilekani** became the **most generous woman philanthropist** with **₹204 crore** in donations.
29. **Nikhil Kamath (39) and Nithin Kamath (46)** of Zerodha donated **₹147 crore** through the Rainmatter Foundation, ranking among the youngest philanthropists.
30. **Mumbai** recorded the highest share of philanthropists in the list (28%).
31. The Top 5 in the 2025 list were: Shiv Nadar & Family, Mukesh Ambani & Family, Bajaj Family, Kumar Mangalam Birla & Family, and Gautam Adani & Family.

## VII. Science and Environmental Awards

32. **Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025:**
  - **Sai Gautam Gopalakrishnan** (Assoc. Prof., Materials Engineering, IISc Bengaluru) was selected as the winner.
  - The selection followed expert scrutiny chaired by Anil Kakodkar.
33. **Kovalam Beach** received the **Blue Flag Certification for the 5th Straight Year**.
  - The beach is Tamil Nadu's first Blue Flag beach, certified in 2021.
  - The award is given by the **Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), Denmark**.

## VIII. National Water Awards 2024 (6th Edition)

34. **Maharashtra** was awarded the **Best State** in the 6th National Water Awards 2024.
  - The ranking for the Best State Category was: 1st – Maharashtra, 2nd – Gujarat, 3rd – Haryana.
35. **Best District (Zone-wise) winners:**
  - East: Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh).
  - West: Khargone (Madhya Pradesh).
  - North: Mirzapur (Uttar Pradesh).
  - South: Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu).
  - North-East: Sepahijala (Tripura).
36. **Best Urban Local Body winners:**
  - 1st – Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra).
  - 2nd – Bhavnagar (Gujarat).
  - 3rd (joint) – Agra (Uttar Pradesh) & Nabadiganta Industrial Township (West Bengal).
37. **Best Institution (Other than School/College) winners (joint rankings):**
  - 1st – **IIT Gandhinagar (Gujarat)** and ICAR–CCARI (Goa).
  - 2nd – BITS Pilani (Rajasthan) and Islamic University of Science & Technology (J&K).
  - Assam Rifles (Manipur) received a special mention.
38. **Best Civil Society Category winners:**
  - 1st – **Banaskantha Milk Producers' Union (Gujarat)**.
  - 2nd – Ambuja Foundation (Rajasthan).





- 3rd – Art of Living Foundation (Karnataka).

**39. Best Village Panchayat winners (shared 1st rank):**

- Dubbiganipalli (Andhra Pradesh) and Payam (Kerala).



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## 6. Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

### I. Economic Affairs, Fiscal Data, and Foreign Investment

**1. Foreign Liabilities & Assets Census (2024-25):**

- Total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India was ₹68.76 lakh crore, reflecting an 11.1% Year-on-Year (YoY) increase.
- FDI is defined as foreign investment coming into India.
- Top sources for FDI were:
  - USA (20 %)
  - Singapore (14.3 %)
  - Mauritius (13.3 %)
  - UK (11.2 %)
  - Netherlands (9 %)
- USA and Singapore together account for over one-third of India's FDI (FY2024–25).
- Overseas Direct Investment (ODI) is Indian investment going out of India.
- Top ODI destinations were Singapore, US, and UK.

**2. Fiscal Data (H1 FY26):**

- India's Fiscal Deficit for H1 FY26 (April–September 2025) was ₹5.73 lakh crore.
- This deficit represents 36.5% of the full-year target.

- The Fiscal Deficit Target for FY26 is 4.4% of GDP.
  - Total Receipts for H1 FY26 were ₹17.30 lakh crore.
  - Total Expenditure for H1 FY26 was ₹23.03 lakh crore.
  - ₹2000 banknotes in circulation as of 31 October 2025 totaled ₹5,817 crore.
3. **GST Collection (October 2025):**
- Gross GST Collection reached ₹ 1.95 lakh crore.
  - This marks a 4.6% YoY increase compared to ₹ 1.87 lakh crore in October 2024.
  - Domestic GST increased by 2%.
  - Import GST increased by 12.9%.
4. **Economic Forecasts and Goals:**
- India's GDP is likely to have grown 7.2% in Q2 FY26, according to an Ind-Ra Projection.
  - India's Net-Zero emissions target is by 2070.
  - India is projected to become the epicenter of oil demand growth by 2035, with import dependency hitting 92% (IEA forecast).
  - The World Bank – India Financial Sector Assessment (FSA) 2024 found India's financial system to be more resilient, diversified, and inclusive compared to the 2017 assessment.
  - India's Capital Markets expanded from 144% of GDP (2017) to approximately 175% (2025).

## II. Banking Performance and Corporate Milestones

5. **Public Sector Banks (PSBs) Performance (H1 FY26):**
- PSBs recorded a cumulative profit of ₹49,456 crore in Q2 FY26, showing a 9% year-on-year growth.
  - The Department of Financial Services (DFS) review showed PSBs posting ₹93,675 crore net profit for H1 FY 2025–26.
  - The aggregate PSB profit for H1 FY26 crossed ₹90,000 crore for the first time.
  - Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) recorded the highest profit growth of 58% among all PSBs.
  - Key performance metrics (H1 FY 2025–26):
    - Aggregate Business: ₹261 lakh crore.
    - Advances (Credit) Growth: 12.3% YoY.
    - Deposit Growth: 9.6% YoY.
    - Gross NPA Ratio: 2.30% (declining trend).
    - Net NPA Ratio: 0.45%.
    - Return on Assets (RoA): 1.08%.
6. **State Bank of India (SBI) Highlights:**
- SBI launched 'SBI STAR' (Staff Talent Acknowledgement & Recognition) – an Annual Employee Excellence Awards Framework.
  - SBI recorded a Q2 Net Profit of ₹20,160 crore, a 10 percent YoY growth.
  - SBI alone contributed 40% of the total PSB profit in Q2 FY26.
  - SBI became the first Indian bank to cross ₹100 Trillion in Total Business.
  - SBI became the sixth Indian company to cross the USD 100-billion market-capitalisation mark.
  - SBI executed its First Gold Trade as a Special Category Client (SCC) on the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) at GIFT City.
  - SBI and French Partner Amundi plan to divest a 10% stake in SBI Mutual Fund via IPO.
  - SBI Institutional Details: HQ: Mumbai; Chairman: Challa Sreenivasulu Setty.

- Other companies in the USD 100B club include Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), and ICICI Bank.

**7. Other Banking Updates:**

- VFS Capital Ltd, a Kolkata-based microfinance entity, withdrew its Small Finance Bank (SFB) licence application under RBI's "on-tap" guidelines.
- IDBI Bank declared Reliance Communications' ₹750 crore loan account as "fraud," citing alleged diversion/misuse of funds.
- Balance in Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) Accounts crossed the ₹2.75 Lakh Crore Mark.
- Bank of Baroda paused its plan to sell a majority stake in Nainital Bank.

**III. Regulatory Actions and Schemes****8. RBI Regulatory/Initiatives:**

- RBI institutional details: Governor: Sanjay Malhotra (26th Governor); Established: 1 April 1935; Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- RBI launched the Digital Payments Intelligence Platform (DPIP) at the Global Fintech Fest 2025 (Mumbai) to tackle digital fraud.
- RBI launched three key surveys for Monetary Policy Inputs: Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH), Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS), and Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS).
- RBI granted recognition as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) to the Self-Regulated PSO Association (SRPA) for India's payment system operators.
- SRPA HQ: Mumbai; Director: Vishwas Patel.

**9. RBI Revised Bank Locker Regulations (Effective 1 Nov 2025):**

- Mandatory requirements include biometric entry and 24×7 CCTV surveillance.
- Footage storage is mandatory for 180 days.
- Compensation for loss due to bank negligence is up to 100 times the annual locker rent.
- Rent ranges from ₹ 2,000–₹ 10,000.
- Up to 4 nominees are allowed.

**10. EPFO Updates:**

- EPFO launched the Vishwas Scheme to Resolve Penal-Damage Litigation.
- The scheme was approved at the 238th meeting of the Central Board of Trustees (CBT, EPF), chaired by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.
- The scheme aims to settle ₹ 2,406 crore pending across 6,000 cases and 21,000 disputes under a time-bound window.
- Partial withdrawal rules were simplified (education 10 times, marriage 5 times, service eligibility 12 months).
- EPFO HQ: New Delhi | CEO: Ramesh Krishnamurthi.

**11. NABARD and Agri-Finance:**

- NABARD launched the ₹750 crore "AgriSURE Fund" for agriculture start-ups and rural enterprises.
- The fund size includes contributions of ₹250 crore from the Government of India, ₹250 crore from NABARD, and ₹250 crore from Private investors.
- NABVENTURES Ltd, NABARD's wholly-owned subsidiary, will act as the Investment Manager.

**12. Cooperation Ministry Initiatives:**

- Union Minister Amit Shah launched Sahakar Digi Pay (digital payments app for smallest UCBs) and Sahakar Digi Loan (online loan processing system) at CoOp Kumbh 2025.





- CoOp Kumbh 2025 Theme: "Digitalising Dreams – Empowering Communities".
- The target is to have 1 UCB in every Indian city with a population greater than 2 lakh by 2030.
- The Non-Performing Assets (NPA) in cooperative banks reduced from 2.8% (2021) to 0.06% (2025).

## IV. Export and Investment Promotion

### 13. Export Incentive Review:

- A Panel was formed (Chair: Neeraj Kumar Gupta) to Review Export Incentive Rates under RoDTEP & RoSCTL.
- RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) refunds non-reimbursed taxes/duties/levies in manufacturing & distribution.
- RoSCTL (Rebate of State & Central Taxes and Levies) applies to apparel/embedded taxes.

### 14. Export Promotion Mission (EPM):

- EPM is a flagship export initiative with a total outlay of ₹25,060 crore for FY 2025–26 to FY 2030–31.
- The Nodal Implementing Agency is the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).
- EPM includes two sub-schemes: NIRYAT PROTSAHAN (Financial support) and NIRYAT DISHA (Non-financial support).
- The Union Cabinet approved the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE) with ₹20,000 Crore Collateral-Free Credit Support.
- India's textile exports showed resilience and diversification in 111 global markets, contributing USD 8,489.08 million during April–September 2025 (10% growth).

## V. Corporate News and Insurance

### 15. Market Capitalization and Investment:

- NVIDIA became the **World's First \$5 Trillion Company** (Market Cap) due to the AI Boom.
- NVIDIA CEO is Jensen Huang.
- Japan's SoftBank sold its entire stake in Nvidia for USD 5.83 billion.

### 16. Insurance Sector Updates:

- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) increased its stake in Tata Consumer Products (6.633% → 8.645%) and Dabur India (4.918% → 6.985%).
- LIC Institutional Details: HQ: Mumbai; Chairperson: Siddhartha Mohanty; Established: 1956.
- IRDAI imposed a ₹1 Crore Penalty on Liberty General Insurance.
- IRDAI Institutional Details: HQ: Hyderabad, Telangana; Chairperson: Ajay Seth; Founded: 1999.
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) invested ₹285 Cr in Axis Max Life to Improve Insurance Access.
- Mahindra & Mahindra and Canada-based Manulife agreed to form a 50:50 joint venture for a life insurance company in India (pending approval).
- **Go Digit General Insurance** won 'Digital Insurer of the Year' for the 3rd time at the 29th Asia Insurance Industry Awards (AIIA) 2025.
- Jasleen Kohli (MD & CEO of Digit Insurance) received 'Woman Leader of the Year' at AIIA 2025.
- Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC) won the Technology Initiative of the Year for the SEWANxt platform.

## **VI. Partnerships and Institutional Collaborations**

### **17. Payments and Fintech Collaborations:**

- Credilio and DCB Bank launched 'Novio' – a UPI-Linked Secured Credit Card.
- Muse Wearables and NPCI introduced India's First Complete Wearable Payments Ecosystem.
- NPCI International (NIPL) and Razorpay Curlec collaborated for UPI Expansion to Malaysia.
- NIPL partnered with BENEFIT (Bahrain's fintech company) to enable real-time cross-border remittances between India and Bahrain.
- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) partnered with NPST to deploy UPI 123Pay, a voice-based UPI payment system for non-internet users.
- City Union Bank (CUB) launched an EPF remittance service in collaboration with EPFO.
- EPFO signed an MoU with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for providing Digital Life Certificate (Jeevan Pramaan) services at the subscriber's residence.

### **18. Tech, Energy, and Defense Collaborations:**

- IBM Corporation (USA) and Bharti Airtel formed a Strategic Partnership to Expand "Airtel Cloud".
- PhonePe and OpenAI collaborated to Integrate ChatGPT Across the PhonePe Ecosystem.
- Coal India Limited (CIL) and IIT Madras signed an MoU to Establish a "Centre for Sustainable Energy".
- JSW Energy commissioned India's Largest Green Hydrogen Plant at Vijayanagar, Karnataka, under the National Green Hydrogen Mission and SIGHT Programme.
- The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) and SIDBI Venture Capital (SVCL) signed an agreement to operationalize a ₹1,000 crore Venture Capital Fund dedicated to the Indian space sector.

### **19. Government and Financial Institutions:**

- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) launched the "Startup Common Application" journey on the 'Jan Samarth Portal'.
- The application was developed by the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) in collaboration with PSB Alliance.
- IEPFA (Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority) and SEBI held 'Niveshak Shivir' in Amritsar on 1 November 2025 to resolve investor grievances and unclaimed dividend issues.

### **20. City Union Bank (CUB) Details:**

- CUB received an International Finance Corporation (IFC) loan for MSME Energy Efficiency.
- CUB was established in 1904.
- CUB Headquarters: Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu.
- CUB Tagline: "Trust and Excellence since 1904".

## 7. Defence Affairs

### I. Joint Military Exercises and International Engagements

1. **Exercise MALABAR 2025 (29th Edition):**
  - This multilateral naval drill was held at Guam, USA.
  - It involves the QUAD nations: India, the United States, Japan, and Australia.
  - The Indian ship INS Sahyadri participated.
  - **INS Sahyadri** details: It is an indigenously designed Guided Missile Stealth Frigate. It is part of Project 17 (Shivalik-class), built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd., Mumbai, and commissioned in 2012.
2. **Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-XI (2025):**
  - This is a joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka.
  - It commenced at Belagavi, Karnataka.
  - The dates were from November 10–23, 2025.
3. **Exercise VINBAX 2025 (6th Edition):**
  - This is a bilateral exercise between Vietnam and India.
  - It began on November 11, 2025, at the National Military Training Centre 4 in Hanoi, Vietnam.
4. **Exercise SAMUDRA SHAKTI 2025 (5th Edition):**
  - This naval exercise between India and Indonesia was conducted at Visakhapatnam.
  - The Indian Ship participating was INS Kavaratti.
  - The Indonesian Ship participating was KRI John Lie.
5. **India and EU Counter-Terrorism Training:**
  - India and the European Union (EU) conducted their first joint counter-terrorism training.
  - The venue was the National Security Guard (NSG) Campus, Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana.
  - *EU Institutional Details:* Headquarters (HQ) is Brussels, Belgium; President, European Commission is Ursula von der Leyen.
6. **Young Leaders Forum (YLF) 2025:**
  - The Indian Army hosted this forum in New Delhi.
  - Organizers included the Indian Army in collaboration with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS).
  - Theme: “Veer Yuva: Empowering Youth for India’s National Security and Development”.

### II. Tri-Service and Domestic Exercises

7. **Tri-Service Exercise ‘Cold Start’:**
  - This exercise tested Drone and Counter-Drone Systems.
  - It was conducted in Madhya Pradesh.
  - It saw participation from the Army, Navy, Air Force, R&D organizations, and industry partners.
  - *Service Chiefs:* IAF Chief: Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh; Army Chief: Gen Upendra Dwivedi; Navy Chief: Adm Dinesh K. Tripathi.
8. **Tri-Services Exercise ‘Trishul’:**
  - This exercise took place from October 30–November 10, 2025.



- It covered the Western border (Gujarat & Rajasthan) and the Northern Arabian Sea.
- It was led by the Western Naval Command, along with the Army Southern Command and SWAC.
- Exercise Brahmashira was conducted by the Indian Army within the Rann & Creek Sector under Exercise Trishul.

### III. Indian Navy Infrastructure and Events

#### 9. Global Maritime Events at Visakhapatnam (Feb 2026):

- Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) will host three major global naval events from February 15–25, 2026.
- This is the first time India will conduct all three events together.
- The events are: International Fleet Review (IFR 2026), Exercise MILAN 2026, and Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs.
- 55 nations confirmed participation; China, Pakistan, and Turkey are excluded.
- The Indian Navy is set to assume the IONS Chairmanship for the 2025–27 term.
- The “**Trinetra**” static firing facility for naval weapons testing was inaugurated at Visakhapatnam.

#### 10. Naval Commissions and Deliveries:

- The Indian Navy commissioned ‘**INS Ikshak**’.
- INS Ikshak is the **Third Survey Vessel (Large)** built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd., Kolkata.
- Cochin Shipyard delivered “**Mahe**”, which is the first of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC).

### IV. Defence Research and Development (DRDO & Industry)

#### 11. DRDO Technology Transfer (LATOTs):

- DRDO handed over **12 Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology (LATOTs)**.
- This occurred during “Samanvay 2025,” a two-day industry synergy meet organized by the Electronics & Communication Systems (ECS) Cluster of DRDO in Bengaluru.
- *DRDO Institutional Details:* Chairman: Dr Samir V. Kamat; HQ: New Delhi; Founded: 1958.

#### 12. Counter-Drone System “SAKSHAM”:

- The Indian Army and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) developed the counter-drone system named **SAKSHAM**.
- SAKSHAM stands for Situational Awareness for Kinetic Soft and Hard-kill Assets Management.

#### 13. L&T and GA-ASI Partnership:

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) entered a strategic partnership with US-based GA-ASI (General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc.).
- The goal is to manufacture **unmanned aircraft systems** for India’s armed forces.

#### 14. Pravaig Dynamics EV ‘VEER’:

- Pravaig Dynamics unveiled ‘**VEER**’, which is **India’s first Defence EV (Electric Vehicle)**.

#### 15. Russia's Poseidon Drone:

- Russia tested the nuclear-powered underwater drone “**Poseidon**”.
- The drone is capable of speeds up to 200 kph.

### V. Government Initiatives and Institutional Status

**16. Mission Sudarshan Chakra:**

- This is a **Decade-long national security mission** announced by PM Modi on Independence Day 2025.

**17. Ex-Servicemen Welfare Grants Increase:**

- Rajnath Singh approved a **100% increase in Ex-Servicemen Welfare Grants**, effective November 1, 2025.
- The financial impact is estimated at **₹257 crore annually**.
- Revised Grants:
  - Penury Grant: ₹8,000 per month (up from ₹4,000).
  - Marriage Grant: ₹1 lakh (up from ₹50,000).
  - Education Grant: ₹2,000/month per child.

**18. Miniratna (Category-I) Status:**

- Four Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) were granted Miniratna (Category-I) status and felicitated.
- The four DPSUs are:
  - Munitions India Limited (MIL).
  - Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL).
  - India Optel Limited (IOL).
  - Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL).
- This status grants DPSU boards greater financial powers, allowing independent investment decisions up to **₹500 crore** or an amount equal to their net worth, whichever is lower.

**19. Sekhon Indian Air Force Marathon (SIM-25):**

- The **First-Ever Sekhon Indian Air Force Marathon** was organized in Delhi.
- It was held to honor Param Vir Chakra awardee Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon.

## 8. International Affairs

### I. International Organizations and Institutional Memberships

**1. ASEAN Membership and Summits:**

- **East Timor became the 11th member of ASEAN.**
- This occurred during the 2025 Summit in Kuala Lumpur.
- The President of East Timor is José Ramos-Horta (1996 Nobel Laureate).
- **2026 was declared the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation .**

**2. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA):**

- The 69th IAEA General Conference was held with the theme "Leveraging Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development".
- **Eleven nations were elected to the IAEA Board of Governors (2025-27).**
- The new members are Belgium, Chile, Jordan, Lithuania, Niger, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, and Togo.
- **Maldives was approved as the 181st IAEA Member State.**
- IAEA Headquarters (HQ) is in Vienna.
- The Director General is Rafael Mariano Grossi.
- IAEA was founded in 1957.

**3. United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP):**

- India was elected as Co-Chair of UN-GGIM-AP.
  - The election took place at the 14th Plenary Meeting held in Goyang-si, Republic of Korea.
  - India's representative was Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana, Surveyor General of India.
  - India's tenure is from 2025–2028.
4. **International Solar Alliance (ISA):**
- The **8th ISA Assembly** was held in New Delhi.
  - Key initiatives/themes included: **SUNRISE** (Solar Upcycling Network for Recycling, Innovation & Stakeholder Engagement) and “**One Sun, One World, One Grid**”.
  - **China is set to join ISA.**
  - ISA HQ is in Gurugram, Haryana.
5. **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN):**
- **Armenia joined the IUCN as a State Member.**
6. **Abraham Accords:**
- **Kazakhstan is set to join the Abraham Accords with Israel.**

## II. Political Appointments and Governance

7. **Cameroon Presidential Election:**
- **Paul Biya won Cameroon's 2025 Presidential Election.**
  - He is the World's Longest-Serving President.
  - Paul Barthélemy Biya'a bi Mvondo, aged 92, has been President of Cameroon since 1982.
8. **New York City Mayor:**
- **Zohran Mamdani was elected New York City's first Muslim and South Asian mayor.**
  - He is the youngest mayor since 1917.
  - Zohran Mamdani was appointed the 111th Mayor of New York City.
  - He is of Indian origin, born in Uganda, and raised in New York City.
9. **Tanzania Presidency:**
- **Samia Suluhu Hassan was re-elected as President of Tanzania.**
  - Tanzania Capital: Dodoma | Currency: Tanzanian Shilling.
10. **Albania AI Minister:**
- **Albania appointed the world's first AI-generated government minister, named “Diella”.**
  - This appointment is intended to ensure corruption-free public tendering.
  - Albania Capital: Tirane | Currency: Albanian Lek.
  - Prime Minister: Edi Rama | President: Bajram Begaj.

## III. Social, Health, and Regulatory Measures

11. **Tobacco Ban (Maldives):**
- **Maldives enforced the world's first generational tobacco ban, effective November 1, 2025.**
  - Anyone born on or after January 1, 2007, cannot purchase, use, or sell tobacco (including vaping).
12. **Trachoma Elimination (Fiji):**
- **Fiji became the 26th country to eliminate Trachoma as a Public Health Problem.**
13. **Ethiopia Poverty Reduction:**
- **Ethiopia announced the adoption of India's DAY-NRLM model** (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission).
  - The goal is to combat rural poverty and empower women.
  - Ethiopia Capital: Addis Ababa | Currency: Ethiopian Birr.





- Prime Minister: Abiy Ahmed Ali | President: Taye Atske Selassie.

#### 14. Social Media Ban Proposal (Denmark):

- Denmark announced a plan to ban social media use for children under 15 years.

## IV. Disasters, Technology, and Infrastructure

#### 15. Severe Weather Events:

- **Hurricane Melissa**, described as the 'Beast Among Atlantic Storms', peaked at 296 kmph (Jamaica Impact).
- **Typhoon Fung-wong** (locally known as "Uwan") struck the Philippines.
- This was one of the most powerful storms to hit the region in 2025, leading to over one million evacuations.

#### 16. Defence Technology (Russia):

- Russia successfully tested the nuclear-powered Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (UUV) "Poseidon".
- It is also known as "Kanyon" (NATO classification).

#### 17. Cashless Status (Sweden):

- Sweden officially became the world's first cashless nation.

#### 18. India-Funded School (Sri Lanka):

- India funded a Multi-Ethnic Trilingual School in Sri Lanka.
- The school is located in Polonnaruwa, North Central Province.
- It was built with an Indian grant of LKR 320 million.

## 9. Meetings, Conferences, and Summits

### I. Major Global and International Conferences

#### 1. IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) World Conservation Congress 2025:

- **Venue:** Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- **Theme:** "Powering Transformative Conservation".
- **Leadership:** Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak was re-elected as President.
- **Recognition:** India's Vivek Menon became the first Asian Chair of the Species Survival Commission.
- **India's Model:** India's Dugong Conservation Reserve (Tamil Nadu Palk Bay) was recognized as a global model.

#### 2. Conference of the Parties (COP30):

- The 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) has begun.
- **Venue:** Belém, Brazil.

#### 3. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit 2025:

- **Venue:** South Korea.
- The summit brought together 21 member economies.
- India participated with observer status.

#### 4. International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2025):

- India hosted the 3rd International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2025).
- **Venue:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

#### 5. UNESCO 43rd General Conference:

- **Venue:** Paris, France.
- **Adoption:** UNESCO adopted the world's first global ethical framework for neurotechnology, titled **"Recommendation on the Ethics of Neurotechnology"**.
- **UNESCO Institutional Details:**
  - Headquarters: Paris, France.
  - Director-General: Khaled El-Enany.
  - Founded: 1945.
  - Members: 194 countries.

## II. Urban Development and Climate Assessment Summits

### 6. Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2025 (18th Edition):

- **Venue:** New Delhi.
  - **Future Edition:** The 19th UMI 2026 will be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from October 23–25, 2026.
  - **Awards for Urban Transport Excellence (Eight Categories):**
    - **City with Best Public Transport System:** Winner – Chennai Metropolitan Transport Corporation Ltd.; Commendation – Hubballi–Dharwad BRTS Company Ltd..
    - **Best Non-Motorized Transport System:** Winner – Udaipur Smart City Ltd.; Special Mention – Thrissur State Mission Management.
    - **Most Innovative Financing Mechanism:** Winner – Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation.
    - **Best Green Transport Initiative:** Winner – Hyderabad (Telangana Renewable Energy Development Corporation Ltd – TGREDCO); Commendation – Kochi Metro Rail Ltd..
    - **Metro Rail with Best Multimodal Integration:** Winner – Chennai Metro Rail Ltd..
    - **Metro Rail with Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction:** Winner – Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.; Commendation – Chennai Metro Rail Ltd..
    - **Running Trophy for State/UT Implementing Best Urban Transport Projects:** Winners – Kolkata (West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Ltd.) and Mysuru (Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation); Special Mention – Bhubaneswar (Capital Region Urban Transport – CRUT).
    - **Special Award:** Aizawl (Town & Country Planning Department, Mizoram) for innovative traffic management.
  - **Exhibitors' Awards:** 1st Prize – National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC); 2nd Prize – Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Ltd; 3rd Prize – Embassy of Spain.
- ### 7. Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) Summit 2025 (17th Edition):
- **Venue:** New Delhi.
  - **Theme:** "Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World".

## III. Financial, Energy, and Defence Summits

- ### 8. Global Fintech Festival (GFF 2025) (6th Edition):
- **Venue:** Mumbai.
- ### 9. Global Energy Leaders' Summit 2025 (December):
- **Venue:** Puri, Odisha.
  - **Theme:** "Powering India: Sufficiency, Balance, Innovation".
- ### 10. Indian Army–CLAWS "Young Leaders Forum (YLF): Veer Yuva":
- This was a pre-event to the Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025.



- **Venue:** Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- **CDD Theme:** "Reform to Transform: Sashakt, Surakshit aur Viksit Bharat".

## IV. Cultural, Tribal, and Specialized Events

### 11. Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS 4.0) (Fourth Edition):

- **Venue:** Varanasi.
- **Date:** December 2–15, 2025.
- **Theme:** "Let us Learn Tamil – Karpom Tamil".
- **Organizers:** Ministry of Education, in collaboration with IIT Madras and Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

### 12. Tribal Business Conclave 2025:

- **Venue:** Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi.

### 13. "Aadi Chitra" – National Tribal Painting Exhibition:

- **Venue:** Mumbai.

### 14. International Conference "Libraries Empowering Communities":

- **Focus:** Kerala 80-year library movement.
- **Venue:** Thiruvananthapuram.

### 15. Cyber Bharat Setu Workshop:

- This workshop focused on the Tripura Cyber Security Policy 2025.

## V. Census and Surveys

### 16. National Marine Fisheries Census (MFC) 2025 (5th Edition):

- **Launch Venue:** Kochi, Kerala.

## 10. Miscellaneous

## I. Important National and International Days (October – November 2025)

1. **World Standards Day 2025:** Observed on October 14.
2. **World Food Day 2025:** Observed on October 16, commemorating the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945.
  - Theme: Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future.
  - FAO Headquarters (HQ) is in Rome, Italy.
  - FAO Director-General is Dr Qu Dongyu.
3. **Vigilance Awareness Week 2025:** Observed from October 27 – November 2, 2025, by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
  - Theme: Vigilance – Our Shared Responsibility.
4. **International Day for Biosphere Reserves:** Observed on November 3, 2025.
5. **World Tsunami Awareness Day:** Observed on November 5, 2025.
  - Theme: "Be Tsunami Ready: Invest in Tsunami Preparedness".
6. **World Urbanism Day / World Town Planning Day:** Observed on November 8.
  - Theme: "With Planning We Can!"
7. **National Legal Services Day (India):** Observed on November 9.
  - 23.58 crore cases were resolved through Lok Adalats between 2022–25.
8. **World Science Day for Peace and Development:** Observed on November 10.





- Theme (2025): "Trust, Transformation, and Tomorrow: The Science We Need for 2050".
- 9. **Public Service Broadcasting Day or Jan Prasaran Divas**: Observed on November 12.
- 10. **World Pneumonia Day**: Observed on November 12.
  - Theme: "Child Survival".
- 11. **World Kindness Day**: Observed on November 13.

## II. Infrastructure, Energy, and Corporate Milestones

- 12. **National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited**:
  - NHPC Limited, a Navratna Enterprise, celebrated its **51st Raising Day** on November 7, 2025, marking 50 years of establishment.
  - Shri Manohar Lal, Union Minister of Power, Housing & Urban Affairs, released a **₹50 commemorative coin** to mark 50 years of NHPC.
- 13. **Digital Library (Odisha)**:
  - **Gyana Yagnya Mandap** in Odisha is a digital library established to safeguard invaluable records and manuscripts associated with Jagannath Temple, Puri.

## III. Environment, Conservation, and Natural Phenomena

- 14. **Cyclones and Typhoons (October-November 2025)**:
  - **Cyclone "Shakti"** was a Severe Cyclonic Storm in the Arabian Sea (early October 2025).
  - The name "Shakti" (meaning power or strength in Sanskrit and Tamil) was suggested by Sri Lanka under the WMO-ESCAP Cyclone Naming System for the North Indian Ocean.
  - Cyclone Shakti caused rough sea conditions along the Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Pakistan coasts.
  - **Typhoon Kalmaegi (Tino)** hit the Philippines' Palawan Island.
  - **Typhoon Fungwong / Super Typhoon Uwan** hit the northeastern Philippines, especially Luzon, on November 9, 2025.
- 15. **Biosphere Reserves and Parks**:
  - India has **18 Biosphere Reserves** (covering 91,425 sq km).
  - **13 of India's Biosphere Reserves** are recognized under UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR).
  - **Khangchendzonga National Park (Sikkim)** was rated 'Good' in the IUCN World Heritage Outlook 4th edition.
  - In 2016, UNESCO recognized Khangchendzonga National Park as **India's first "mixed" World Heritage Site** (acknowledging both its natural and cultural significance).
  - **NAMO VAN** became **Rajasthan's first 'Namo Biodiversity Park'**, located in Alwar.
  - **Anokhi Duniya** is the **World's First Park Built Entirely from Ceramic Waste**, located at Khurja, Uttar Pradesh.
- 16. **Coral and Geological Discoveries**:
  - **Southeast Asia's first Coral Larvae Cryobank** was established in the Philippines.
  - India's **only active mud volcano** is located in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- 17. **New Species and Climate Outlook**:
  - **Six new butterfly species** were discovered in Simong Community Forest, Upper Siang, Arunachal Pradesh.
  - The UNEP Adaptation Gap Report 2025 and EGR 2024 mentions that **India ranks 3rd in the clean-energy pipeline with 65 projects worth \$150+ billion** (in the context of COP28).

## IV. Technology and Digital Initiatives

**18. Google Project Suncatcher:**

- Google launched “**Project Suncatcher**” to send **AI data centres** into space.

**19. IIT Ropar Partnership:**

- IIT Ropar collaborated with **iDG10 Solutions** for **Subsea Pipeline Design Technology**, aiming to build India-based capabilities in this field.

**20. Maharashtra Satellite Internet:**

- Maharashtra signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with **Starlink** for **satellite internet** services.

**21. Delhi Pink Saheli Smart Card:**

- Delhi launched the “**Pink Saheli Smart Card**” for women and transgender commuters on DTC and Cluster buses.
- This card replaces pink paper tickets with a digital smart card.
- Eligibility requires being a Delhi resident, women/girls/transgender, and aged 12 years or older.

**V. Archaeological Findings and Language****22. Archaeological Discovery (Turkey):**

- A **12,000-year-old T-shaped pillar** carved with a human face was found at Karahan Tepe, a Pre-Pottery Neolithic archaeological site, in Turkey.

**23. Dictionary.com Word of the Year:**

- Dictionary.com declared “**67**” (**Six-Seven**) as the Word of the Year 2025.
- “67” is slang popularized on TikTok, often referencing NBA highlights of LaMelo Ball, and means “so-so” or “maybe”.

**11. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships****I. Energy, Infrastructure, and Defense Collaborations****1. BPCL and Oil India Refinery Project:**

- **BPCL** and **Oil India** signed an MoU for a **Greenfield Refinery Project** in Andhra Pradesh.
- The project location is at **Ramayapatnam Port, Nellore District**.

**2. Coal India Limited (CIL) Partnerships:**

- CIL signed an MoU with **IIT Madras** to establish a **Centre for Sustainable Energy**.
- CIL's CMD is P. M. Prasad, and its Headquarters (HQ) is in Kolkata.
- CIL entered into a partnership with **Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)** for a **₹21,000-crore thermal power expansion project** in Jharkhand.
- DVC's HQ is also in Kolkata, West Bengal, and its Chairman is S Suresh Kumar.
- CIL's Interim CMD is Sanoj Kumar Jha.

**3. India–Nepal Agreements:**

- India and Nepal signed **Joint Venture (JV)** and **Shareholders' Agreements** between **Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (POWERGRID)** and **Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)**.
- India and Nepal inked a **Letter of Exchange (LoE)** deal to boost **Rail Trade Connectivity**.

**4. India–US Defence Framework:**

- India and the United States signed a **10-year Defence Cooperation Framework**.



- This signing occurred during the **12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus)** in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

## II. Banking, Payments, and Digital Services

### 5. EPFO and IPPB Collaboration:

- The **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** and **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** signed an MoU.
- The purpose is to provide **door-step digital life-certificate services** to pensioners.
- IPPB HQ is in New Delhi, its CEO is J. Venkatramu, and it was established in 2018.

### 6. Maharashtra Satellite Internet:

- **Maharashtra** became the **first Indian state** to sign a **Letter of Intent (LoI)** with **Elon Musk's Starlink Satellite Communications Pvt. Ltd.**

## III. Technology, Research, and Academic Partnerships

### 7. IBM and Bharti Airtel:

- **IBM (USA)** and **Bharti Airtel Ltd.** collaborated to **expand Airtel Cloud** using IBM's AI and hybrid-cloud expertise.

### 8. IIT Ropar and iDG10 Solutions:

- **IIT Ropar** and **iDG10 Solutions** signed an MoU for **sub-sea pipeline design technology**.

### 9. C-DOT and IIT Gandhinagar:

- The **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)** signed an MoU with **IIT Gandhinagar** to establish a **Centre of Excellence (CoE)**.
- C-DOT is the premier R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications.

### 10. IIT Dhanbad and University of Cambridge (UK):

- The **Technology Innovation in Exploration & Mining Foundation (TEXMiN)** at **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad** signed a **Letter of Intent (LoI)** with the **University of Cambridge (UK)**.
- The focus is joint research on **AI in mining safety and energy-efficient exploration**.

### 11. UIDAI and Behavioural Insights Limited:

- **UIDAI** partnered with **Behavioural Insights Limited** to enhance the adoption of **Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU)** for children.

## IV. Trade, Culture, and International Development

### 12. IndiGo and China Southern Airlines:

- **IndiGo** signed an MoU with **China Southern Airlines** to establish a **codeshare and cooperation agreement**.
- The aim is to enhance **air connectivity between India and China**.

### 13. India and Saudi Arabia Cultural Cooperation:

- A bilateral **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cultural Cooperation** was signed between India and Saudi Arabia.
- The Indian Signatory was **Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**, Minister of Culture and Tourism.
- The Saudi Signatory was **H.H. Prince Badr Bin Abdullah Bin Farhan Al Saud**, Minister of Culture of Saudi Arabia.

### 14. India and Dominica Quick Impact Projects (QIPs):

- India and Dominica signed **MoUs for Five Quick Impact Projects (QIPs)**.



- India will provide **financial assistance of USD 250,000** under its Development Partnership Programme to support these projects.
- The MoUs were exchanged between Pradeep Rajpurohit (High Commissioner of India to Dominica) and Vince Henderson (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Energy, Dominica).

## V. Agriculture and Institutional Verification

### 15. Banas Dairy (Amul) and BBSSL:

- An MoU was signed between **Banas Dairy (Amul)** and **Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL)**.
- The purpose is to **develop a Seed-to-Market High-Quality Seed Potato Value Chain** under the “**Sahakar se Samridhhi**” initiative.

### 16. ICAI and Indian Army Verification:

- The **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** signed an MoU with the **Army Purchase Organisation (APO)**, DGST, Indian Army.
- The MoU is for **real-time UDIN (Unique Document Identification Number) verification**.

## 12. National & States Affairs

## I. Key State Initiatives and Achievements

### 1. Kerala's Social Goals:

- Kerala is set to become **India's First Extreme-Poverty-Free State**, based on the World Bank's International Poverty Line of people earning less than \$2.15 per day.
- Kerala launched “**Sushakthi**,” an SHG Network specifically for Persons with Disabilities and their families.
- *Kerala State Details:* Capital – Thiruvananthapuram; CM Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.

### 2. Karnataka's Workplace Policy:

- Karnataka became the **first Indian State to approve one day of paid menstrual leave per month** for all women employees across both government and private sectors.
- Bihar and Odisha currently provide menstrual leave only to government employees, and Kerala offers it to female university students, making Karnataka's decision the broadest in coverage.
- **JSW Energy** launched **India's Largest Green Hydrogen Plant** in Vijayanagar, Karnataka.

### 3. Madhya Pradesh (MP) Tourism and Logistics:

- MP became the first and only state with **air ambulance and helicopter tourism services**.
- The state aims to double tourists by 2030 and achieve a ₹50,000 crore tourism economy.
- Dr. Mohan Yadav inaugurated the services, which include regular operations from November 20, 2025, covering sectors like Indore–Ujjain–Omkareshwar and Bhopal–Madai–Pachmarhi.

### 4. Delhi Government Schemes:

- Delhi launched the ‘**Pink Saheli Smart Card**’ for **free bus travel** for women and transgender commuters aged 12 years and above on DTC and Cluster buses.

- *Delhi State Details:* CM Rekha Gupta, Lt. Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.

**5. Gujarat Education and Research:**

- The Gujarat Government disbursed over **₹1,000 crore** under the **Namo Lakshmi and Namu Saraswati Vigyan Sadhana Yojana**.
- The Namu Lakshmi Yojana provides ₹50,000 over four years to support girl students in Classes 9–12.
- The Namu Saraswati Vigyan Sadhana Yojana provides ₹25,000 over two years for science-stream students (Classes 11–12) who achieve at least 50% in Class 10.
- Gujarat launched **India's First Genome Sequencing Project for Tribal Communities** under the Genome India Framework.

**6. Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Telangana:**

- Andhra Pradesh set up a '**Data Centre Advisory Council**', targeting 6,000 MW capacity by 2030, with Visakhapatnam as the flagship location.
- The MoRD launched the '**Water shed Mahotsav**' in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Kondareddypally, Telangana**, became **South India's 1st fully solar-powered village**.

**7. Meghalaya Development:**

- Meghalaya launched the "**Meghalaya Next**" Vision to build a \$10 Billion Green and Inclusive Economy by 2028.
- Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia laid the foundation stone for the "**Integrated Sohra Circuit Development Project**" (Cost: ₹650 crore), which includes ₹221 crore under the PM-DevINE Scheme.
- Meghalaya also launched the "**Bamboo Villages**" Initiative.
- *Meghalaya State Details:* Chief Minister: Conrad K. Sangma; Governor: C.H. Vijayashankar; Capital: Shillong.

**8. Tamil Nadu Health:**

- Tamil Nadu launched **India's First "Women's Wellness on Wheels (WWW)" Mobile Cancer Screening Initiative**.
- The program has an outlay of ₹41 crore and includes 38 mobile units for early detection of breast and cervical cancer in rural areas.
- The state will provide **free HPV vaccination** to girls aged 14 and below.

## II. Central Government Schemes and Digital Governance

**9. Financial Inclusion and Social Security:**

- The **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**, administered by PFRDA, reached **8.27 crore subscribers** as of October 2025.
- Top-performing states under APY are Jharkhand, Bihar, and Tripura.
- APY provides a minimum monthly pension of ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 after 60 years of age and excludes income-tax payers since October 1, 2022.
- The Finance Ministry allocated an **additional ₹7,000 crore to the Food Corporation of India (FCI)** for grain management, bringing the total food subsidy budget for FY26 to ₹2.1 lakh crore.
- The Union Cabinet approved the introduction of the **Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)**, providing **100% credit guarantee coverage** up to **₹20,000 crore** to eligible exporters.

**10. Employment and Research:**

- The **PM-Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)** is an employment-linked scheme aimed at generating **3.5 crore jobs by 2027**, with a budget of ₹1 lakh crore.
- PM-VBRY Part A provides ₹15,000 in two installments to new employees, and Part B provides a ₹3,000/month subsidy for four years to employers hiring additional workers.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **₹1 Lakh Crore Research, Development & Innovation (RDI) Scheme ("Anusandhan National Research Fund")**.

- The RDI Scheme focuses on supporting high-risk, high-impact research projects, and includes the establishment of **25,000 additional Atal Tinkering Labs** and **10,000 new PM Research Fellowships (PMRF)**.

**11. Ministry of Labour and Employment (EPFO):**

- The **Employees' Enrolment Scheme (EES) 2025** was launched, operational from November 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026.
- EES 2025 allows employers to voluntarily register and declare employees engaged between July 1, 2017, and October 31, 2025, who were previously uncovered under the EPF Act.
- The **Vishwas Scheme** was launched to resolve **₹2,406 Crore** in pending penal-damage litigation for delayed PF remittances across over 6,000 cases.
- *Union Minister (Labour & Employment):* Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.

**12. Ministry of AYUSH and Health:**

- **SPARK 4.0** (Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken) was introduced by the Ministry of AYUSH to promote research among BAMS students.
- 300 students are selected, each receiving a ₹50,000 fellowship for two months.
- **POSHAN Abhiyaan** (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition) aims for an annual reduction target of 2% for stunting and under-nutrition, and 3% for anemia in women/adolescent girls.
- *Union Minister (AYUSH):* Sarbananda Sonowal; *Union Minister (MoWCD):* Smriti Zubin Irani.
- The **Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana (NPY)** provides **₹1,000 per month** nutritional support to each TB patient via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). This amount was increased from ₹500.
- Over 1.37 crore TB patients have received about ₹4,406 crore since NPY launched in April 2018.
- The **National Health Authority (NHA)**, implementing AB-PMJAY and ABDM, is now led by new CEO Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal.

### III. UIDAI, Census, and Digital Platforms

**13. UIDAI Initiatives:**

- UIDAI constituted an Expert Panel, chaired by **Neelkanth Mishra**, to develop the '**Aadhaar Vision 2032**' Strategic Roadmap, a 10-year plan to modernize India's digital identity ecosystem.
- The roadmap integrates AI, Blockchain, Quantum Computing, and Advanced Encryption.
- UIDAI partnered with **Behavioural Insights Limited (UK)** to improve the adoption of the Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU) required at 5 and 15 years.
- All charges for MBU have been waived for the 7–15 age group for one year, starting October 1, 2025.

**14. Coal and Mines Digital Platforms:**

- The Ministry of Coal and Mines launched two digital platforms: **KOYLA SHAKTI Dashboard** and **CLAMP Portal**.
- KOYLA SHAKTI Dashboard integrates real-time data for the entire coal value chain.
- CLAMP Portal digitizes land acquisition, compensation, and rehabilitation processes.
- The Ministry of Mines recognized two new Centres of Excellence (CoEs) under the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM): **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru** and **Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Hyderabad**.

**15. Census and Elections:**

- The **National Marine Fisheries Census (MFC) 2025** was launched as the **First Fully Digitised Survey**, utilizing the mobile apps **VyAS Bharat** and **VyAS Sutra**.



- MFC 2025 covers 1.2 million fisher households across 9 coastal states and 4 Union Territories.
- Two census mobile applications, **Digital Layout Map (DLM)** and **Census 2027–Houselist**, and a Test Portal for Self-Enumeration were launched for **India's first Digital Population Census 2027**.
- The Election Commission of India (ECI) activated the **National Voter Helpline 1950** and the **'Book-a-Call with BLO'** service for citizen grievances.
- The Bihar Legislative Assembly Elections recorded a historic voter turnout of **66.91%**, the highest since 1951, with 16 international delegates visiting to observe polling.

#### IV. Environment, Agriculture, and Energy

##### 16. Biosphere Reserves and Conservation:

- **Gogabeel Lake (Katihar, Bihar)**, an oxbow wetland (86.6 ha), was designated as **India's 94th Ramsar Site**.
- India now has 94 Ramsar sites, ranking 1st in Asia and 3rd globally.
- **Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve (Himachal Pradesh)** was added to the UNESCO World Network, becoming India's **13th site** and the **first high-altitude cold desert reserve**.
- **Khangchendzonga National Park (Sikkim)** was rated **'Good'** in the IUCN World Heritage Outlook 2025, the only Indian site to receive this status. It was recognized as India's first 'mixed' UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2016.
- The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) released **₹29.40 lakh to the Odisha Forest Department** for the conservation and protection of **Red Sanders**.

##### 17. Project Cheetah and Fisheries:

- India will receive **8 new cheetahs from Botswana** under **Project Cheetah** by December 2025, to be released in **Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh**.
- India currently has 27 cheetahs.
- **India's First Deep Sea Fishing Vessels** were inaugurated by Minister Amit Shah in Mumbai under PMMSY to modernize marine fisheries.
- The Centre notified **New Deep-Sea Fishing Rules** introducing the Mother-and-Child Vessel Concept and banning destructive methods like LED light fishing.
- India ranks 2nd globally in fish production and aquaculture.

##### 18. Agriculture and Cotton:

- The Government re-imposed a **30% Import Duty on Yellow Peas**, effective November 1, 2025.
- The **"Kapas Kisan" Mobile App** was launched by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) to enhance transparency in MSP cotton procurement, allowing farmers to track weighment, quality tests, and payments digitally.
- The **Kapas Kranti Mission (₹600 Crore)** was launched for high-yield cotton cultivation.
- APEDA facilitated the **First-Ever Air Shipment of GI-Tagged Indi and Puliyanakudi Limes to the UK**.
- India exported the **First Consignment of Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) from Chhattisgarh to Costa Rica**.

##### 19. Green Energy and Climate Targets:

- India's **National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)** targets the production of **5 million metric tonnes (MMT) of Green Hydrogen annually by 2030**.
- The NGHM has a total financial outlay of **₹19,744 crore** for FY 2023–30, including ₹17,490 crore for the SIGHT Programme.
- A new **₹100 crore Call for Proposals** was announced for pilot projects developing green hydrogen from Biomass and Waste materials.
- India's non-fossil fuel installed capacity has crossed 250 GW.

- India is set to unveil a **National Policy on Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)** with blending targets of **1% by 2027** and **2% by 2028**.
- The **Vanadium Flow Battery (VRFB)** system, **India's First MWh-Scale**, was inaugurated by Shri Manohar Lal at NTPC NETRA.

## V. Economy, Employment, and Industry

### 20. Economic Targets and Performance:

- India's **Bioeconomy Sector** is projected to reach **USD 300 Billion by 2030**.
- The **all-India unemployment rate dipped to 5.2%** in Q2 FY26 (down from 5.4% in Q1).
- Rural unemployment declined to 4.4%, while urban unemployment increased slightly to 6.9%.
- The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) improved to 55.1%, with female LFPR rising to 33.7%.

### 21. Industrial Development:

- The **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 1.2 for Specialty Steel** (outlay ₹6,322 crore) launched its Third Round on November 4, 2025.
- The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) upgraded **NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) from Schedule 'B' to Schedule 'A' CPSE**.
- The NPA (Non-Performing Assets) ratio in **Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) dropped sharply from 2.8% in 2021 to just 0.06% in 2025**.
- The Delhi Declaration 2025 aims to establish at least one UCB in every Indian city with a population above 2 lakh by 2030.

### 22. International Context (GHG Emissions):

- Global Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reached a record 57.7 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2024.
- Among the six largest emitters, **India showed the second-fastest growth (3.6%)** after Indonesia (4.6%).
- India's NDC target is to reduce the emissions intensity of GDP by 45% from 2005 levels by 2030.

## VI. Other Notable Affairs

### 23. Infrastructure and Transport:

- The **Namo Bharat train** on the Delhi–Meerut RRTS officially became the **fastest train in India** with a maximum speed of 160 km/h.
- Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the first-of-its-kind **“Gateway of Guwahati Terminal and Jetty”** on the Brahmaputra River in Guwahati, Assam.

### 24. Global Adoption of Indian Model:

- **Ethiopia** announced the implementation of **India's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY–NRLM) model** for rural poverty alleviation.

### 25. Historical and Cultural Events:

- India is set to celebrate **100 Years of Indian Hockey (1925 – 2025)**, with the main event scheduled for November 7, 2025, at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi.

### 26. Corporate Incubation:

- **Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV)** and **IIM Calcutta Innovation Park** launched a **“Social Impact Incubation Programme”**.

## 13. Persons in News

### I. Appointments, Honors, and Records (Individuals)

1. **President Droupadi Murmu** became the **first Indian President** to fly in two different IAF combat aircraft.
  - She undertook a sortie in a **Rafale fighter jet** from IAF Station Ambala, Haryana.
  - She had earlier flown a **Sukhoi-30 MKI** at Tezpur (Assam) in April 2023.
  - She serves as the **Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces**.
2. **Abhinav Bindra** was selected as a **Torchbearer for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics**.
  - He is India's first individual Olympic gold medallist (2008 Beijing – 10 m Air Rifle).
  - This is his **second successive honour** after the Paris 2024 Olympics.
  - He also serves as the **IOC Mental-Health Ambassador** and a member of the **IOC Athletes' Commission**.
3. **Dr. Ashokkumar Veeramuthu (India)** was named among the **World's Top 2% Scientists**.
4. **Deepika Padukone** was appointed **India's First Mental Health Ambassador**.
5. **Bharath Thammineni** became the **First Indian to climb nine 8,000-metre peaks**.
  - He scaled **Mt Cho Oyu (8,188 m)**.
6. **Dr. Sonali Ghosh** won the **Kenton R. Miller Award** from IUCN in Abu Dhabi.
  - The award was for innovation in **National Park sustainability** at **Kaziranga**.
7. **Sunil Kant Munjal** was honored with France's '**Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite**' award in New Delhi.
8. **A. R. Ilamparathi** was recognized as **India's 90th Grandmaster**.
9. **Dr George Kurian** launched the **National Marine Fisheries Census 2025**.
  - He is also the MoS for Fisheries.

### II. Sports Achievements and Milestones

10. **Para-Archer Sheetal Devi** became the **First Indian Para-Athlete Selected for the Able-Bodied National Archery Team**.
  - She is an **18-year-old** para-archer from **Jammu & Kashmir**.
  - She is recognized as **India's first female armless world champion in para-archery**.
  - She is also the **youngest Indian Paralympic medallist** (17 years, 2024).
11. **Kane Williamson (New Zealand)** retired from **T20Is**.

### III. Beauty Pageant Winners

12. **Manika Vishwakarma** was crowned **Miss Universe India 2025**.
13. **Opal Suchata (Thailand)** won **Miss World 2025**.
  - The event was hosted in **Hyderabad, India**.

### IV. Passings and Retirements

14. **Gopichand Parmanand Hinduja**, Chairman of the **Hinduja Group**, passed away.
15. **French cyclist Charles Coste** passed away at age 100.
  - He retired from professional cycling in 1959.



- At age 100, he served as a torchbearer during the **Paris 2024 Olympics opening ceremony**.

16. **Former U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney** passed away.

17. **Former Karnataka Minister and MP H.Y. Meti** passed away.

## V. International Political Outcomes

18. **Paul Biya** was **re-elected as President of Cameroon** for his **8th term**.

- He is the **World's oldest & longest-serving President** (92 years).

## 14. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

### I. Global Rankings and Indices (India and Key Countries)

1. **Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 38):**

- **GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City)** ranked **43rd** globally.
- This is an improvement from its previous rank of 54.
- The index is compiled by Z/Yen Group and China Development Institute.
- Top 3 countries were **New York, London, and Singapore**.
- The CEO of GIFT City is Dipesh Shah.

2. **Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2025:**

- **India ranked 102nd** out of 123 countries.
- India's score was **25.8**, placing it in the **"Serious"** category.
- This shows an improvement from the 105th rank in 2024.
- The global average score was 18.3, indicating Moderate Hunger.
- Top countries included Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, and Chile.
- The report is jointly published by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe.

3. **Henley Passport Index 2025:**

- **India ranked 82nd** globally. (You may see 85<sup>th</sup> rank in some sources but the official source i.e. <https://www.henleyglobal.com/passport-index/ranking> shows 82 only)
- Indian passport holders have **Visa-Free/VoA Access to 57 destinations**.
- Top 3 countries were: Singapore (193 destinations), South Korea (190), and Japan (189).

4. **IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2025:**

- **India ranked 41st**.
- This is a decrease of two places from the 39th rank in 2024.
- Top 3 Countries were **Singapore, Switzerland, and Denmark**.

5. **Global Happiness Report 2025:**

- **India ranked 92nd**.
- This is a marginal improvement from the 94th rank in 2024.
- Top 3 Countries were **Finland, Denmark, and Iceland**.
- The report is published by the United Nations SDSN (Sustainable Development Solutions Network).

6. **WJP (World Justice Project) Rule of Law Index 2025:**

- **India ranked 86th** with a score of 0.49.
- The top-ranked country was **Denmark**, followed by Norway (2nd rank).
- Venezuela was ranked last (143rd).

## II. Corporate, Economic, and Financial Reports (India)

7. **ICA World Cooperative Monitor 2025 / Global Cooperative Rankings 2025:**
  - **Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF)**, the marketer of the Amul brand, ranked **1st** globally.
  - **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)** ranked **2nd** globally.
  - The ranks were announced during the ICA CM50 Conference in Doha, Qatar.
  - GCMMF HQ is Anand, Gujarat, and its MD is Jayen Mehta.
  - IFFCO HQ is New Delhi, and its Chairman is Dileep Sanghani.
8. **India's Global FinTech Adoption Rank:**
  - **India ranked 3rd** globally in FinTech adoption in 2025.
  - India ranked after China and the USA.
9. **RBI Financial Stability Report (March 2025):**
  - India's **Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) Ratio fell to 2.3%**.
10. **Fortune Global 500 (2025):**
  - **Reliance Industries** was the **Highest-Ranked Indian Company (88th)**.
  - Other ranked Indian firms included: LIC (95), IOC (127), SBI (163), ONGC (181), HDFC Bank (258), Tata Motors (283), BPCL (285), and ICICI Bank (464).
11. **RBI Foreign Liabilities & Assets (FLA) Census 2024–25:**
  - Total **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** was **₹68.76 lakh crore** (an increase of 11.1%).
  - Top sources of FDI: **US (20%)**, Singapore (14.3%), Mauritius (13.3%), UK (11.2%), and Netherlands (9%).
  - Outward **Overseas Direct Investment (ODI)** was **₹11.67 lakh crore** (an increase of 17.9%).
  - The top ODI destination was **Singapore (22.2%)**.
  - **97% of DI entities** were unlisted.

## III. Education and Service Sector Reports

12. **QS Asia University Rankings 2026 / QS World University Rankings 2026:**
  - **IIT Delhi** was the **Top Indian institution**.
  - In the QS Asia University Rankings 2026, IIT Delhi ranked **59th**.
  - In the QS World University Rankings 2026, IIT Delhi ranked **123rd** globally.
  - Other ranked Indian institutions included: IIT Bombay (129), IIT Madras (180), IIT Kharagpur (215), IISc Bangalore (219), and IIT Kanpur (222).
  - University of Delhi ranked within the Top 350.
  - A total of 54 Indian institutions were included.
  - India became the **4th most represented nation globally** in the QS Rankings.
13. **NITI Aayog Services Sector GVA Report (2023–24 & 2024–25):**
  - The **Services sector share in GVA** was **55%** in 2024–25.
  - The sector employed **188 million workers** (approximately 30% of the workforce).
  - **Chandigarh** had the **highest share of services in GVA at 88.8%** (2023–24).
  - Top States by Services Share: Karnataka (62.3%), Kerala (61.5%), and Telangana (60.3%).
  - The State with the lowest share was Chhattisgarh (33.9%).

## IV. Labour, Employment, and Health Surveys

14. **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) July–September 2025:**
  - **Overall Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)** (15+ years) increased to **55.1%** (up from 55.0% in April–June 2025).

- **Female LFPR** (15+ years) increased to **33.7%** (up from 33.4%).
- The **Overall Worker Population Ratio (WPR)** (15+ years) increased to **52.2%** (up from 52.0%).
- The **Unemployment Rate (UR)** (15+ years) **decreased to 5.2%** (down from 5.4%).
  - Rural UR decreased to 4.4%.
  - Urban UR saw a slight increase for men and women (around 6.2–9.0% range).
- Employment estimates show **56.2 crore employed persons** (15+ years), comprising 39.6 crore males and 16.6 crore females.

**15. WHO Mental Health Statistics (2025):**

- Around **1 in 7 people globally** ( $\approx$  **1.1 billion individuals**) are living with a mental disorder.
- **10.6% of Indian adults** ( $\approx$  **11 in every 100**) are living with a diagnosable mental disorder at any time.
- India has only **0.75 psychiatrists per 1 lakh population** (WHO norm is 3 per 1 lakh).
- India recorded **1,71,418 suicides in 2023**.
- The **National Suicide Prevention Strategy (NSPS, 2022)** aims to reduce suicide deaths by **10% by 2030**.
- **Tele-MANAS** was launched on October 10, 2022, and provides 24x7 tele-counselling (helplines: 14416 and 1800-891-4416).

**V. Environmental and Urban Reports****16. FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025:**

- **India ranks 9th globally** in Total Forest Area.
- India's forest cover is **8.27 lakh sq km (25.17% of geographical area)**.
- India ranks **3rd in annual forest area gain**.
- Top countries in forest cover are Russia, Brazil, Canada, USA, and China.
- India confirms progress towards the **33% forest-cover target** (National Forest Policy 1988).
- FAO HQ is Rome, and its DG is Dr Qu Dongyu.

**17. UNEP Emission Gap Report (EGR) 2024:**

- Global **GHG emissions reached 57.7 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e** in 2024 (+2.3% Year-on-Year).
- The G20 accounts for 77% of emissions.
- Current policies imply a temperature rise of  $\approx$  2.8°C.
- **India** is among the six largest emitters, showing the **highest absolute growth** (vs 2023).
- India's per capita emissions are below the world average (6.4 tCO<sub>2</sub>e).
- India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) target a **45% emission intensity cut** (2005–2030) and **50% non-fossil power capacity by 2030**.

**18. Industrial Transition Accelerator (COP28-linked):**

- **India ranks 3rd** in the clean-energy industrial project pipeline.

**19. Swachh Survekshan 2025:**

- **Madurai** was ranked the  **dirtiest city** among Indian cities with a population above 10 lakhs (40th rank).
- Other low-ranked cities (Population >10 lakhs) were Chennai (38th) and Ludhiana (39th).

**20. IUCN World Heritage Outlook 4th edition:**

- **Khangchendzonga National Park (Sikkim)** was rated 'Good'.
- It was recognized by UNESCO in 2016 as **India's first "mixed" heritage site**.

**VI. City Rankings and Welfare Reports****21. Asia's Happiest Cities 2025 (Time Out City Life Index 2025):**

- **Mumbai topped the list of Asia's Happiest Cities**.

- **94% of Mumbaikars** reported the city brings them joy.
  - 94% of residents affirmed their city makes them happy.
  - Other findings for Mumbai: 89% felt happier in Mumbai than anywhere else, 88% believed local residents are genuinely cheerful, and 87% believed overall happiness has recently increased.
  - Asia's Top 5 Happiest Cities: Mumbai, Beijing (China), Shanghai (China), Chiang Mai (Thailand), and Hanoi (Vietnam).
22. **World's Top 5 Happiest Cities (2025):**
- Abu Dhabi (UAE), Medellín (Colombia), Cape Town (South Africa), Mexico City (Mexico), and Mumbai (India).
23. **NITI Aayog's "India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2025":**
- **Delhi topped** the index among states.
24. **PM-JAY Scheme Performance:**
- **Chhattisgarh** was ranked the **Best-Performing State** under PM-JAY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana).
  - Chhattisgarh had the **highest percentage (97%) of active empanelled hospitals**.
  - The national average was 52%.
  - The scheme provides **₹5 lakh health cover** and was launched on September 23, 2018.

## VII. Philanthropy and Wildlife Estimation

25. **EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025:**
- **Shiv Nadar & Family** (HCL Technologies Founder) topped the list as India's most generous philanthropist.
  - Total donation: **₹2,708 crore**. This is equivalent to ₹7.4 crore per day.
  - The contributions increased by 26% year-on-year, mostly routed through the Shiv Nadar Foundation.
  - Rank 2: **Mukesh Ambani & family** (Reliance Industries) donated **₹626 crore**.
  - **Rohini Nilekani** was the **most generous woman philanthropist**, donating **₹204 crore** (ranked 8th in the top 10).
  - The **youngest philanthropists** were **Nikhil & Nithin Kamath** of Zerodha, who donated **₹147 crore**.
26. **Wildlife Institute of India (WII) Elephant Report:**
- The report, "Status of Elephants in India: DNA-based Synchronous All-India Population Estimation of Elephants," estimates **22,466 elephants in India**.
  - **Karnataka, Assam, and Tamil Nadu** together account for **59.29%** of the national population (13,308 elephants).
  - State-wise top populations: Karnataka (6,013), Assam (4,159), and Tamil Nadu (3,136).
  - Top Landscape: **Western Ghats** (11,934 elephants, or 53.2%).

## 15. Schemes & Initiatives

### I. Education, Research, and Social Empowerment Schemes

1. **SPARK 4.0 – Studentship Programme for Ayurveda Research Ken:**
- Launched by the **Ministry of AYUSH**.
  - Aims to encourage **evidence-based Ayurveda research** among BAMS students.
  - **300 students** are selected from NCISM-recognised colleges.



- Each student receives a **₹50,000 fellowship** (₹25,000 per month for two months).
- Implemented by the **Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)**.
- 2. **Namo Lakshmi Yojana (Gujarat):**
  - The Gujarat Government disbursed over **₹1,000 crore** under this scheme.
  - More than **10.49 lakh girl students** benefited from the disbursement.
- 3. **POSHAN Abhiyaan & Mission POSHAN 2.0:**
  - This is the flagship programme of the **Ministry of Women & Child Development (MoWCD)** since 2018.
  - **Annual reduction targets** are set for: Stunting (2%), Under-nutrition (2%), Anaemia (3%), and Low Birth Weight (2%).
  - **Mission POSHAN 2.0 (2021)** integrates Anganwadi Services (AWS) and Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG).
  - The mission aims to bring stunting below **25% among children by 2026**.
- 4. **Mission Shakti (Effective April 1, 2024):**
  - Goal: To create a **safe, supportive, and empowering environment for women** nationwide.
  - Structure: Consists of **two sub-schemes**:
    - **Sambal** (focuses on women's safety & security). Includes One Stop Centres, Women Helpline (WHL), and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.
    - **Samarthya** (focuses on women's empowerment). Includes Swadhar Greh, Ujjwala, Working Women Hostels, National Creche Scheme, and PM Matru Vandana Yojana.
- 5. **'Sushakthi' Initiative (Kerala):**
  - Aims at **empowering Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in Kerala**.
  - Involves the formation of **Self-Help Groups (SHGs)** of 10–20 members.
  - These SHGs must have a minimum of **40% PwDs**, including women and transgender members.
  - Focuses on skill training, rehabilitation, arts, and entrepreneurship linked with banks and financial institutions.

## II. Infrastructure, Energy, and Development Programs

- 6. **PM Surya Ghar – Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG:MBY):**
  - Launched on **February 15, 2024**, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
  - Objective: To provide **free electricity to 1 crore households** via rooftop solar panels.
  - **Total Outlay: ₹75,000 crore** (for FY 2024–27).
  - **Free Power:** Up to **300 units/month** per household.
  - **Subsidy:** 40% of the installation cost (e.g., ₹30,000 for 1kW, ₹60,000 for 2kW, ₹78,000 for 3kW).
  - **Loan Facility:** Collateral-free at approximately **7% interest**.
  - **Implementation Targets:** 10 lakh households by March 2025; 20 lakh by October 2025; 40 lakh by March 2026; **1 crore by March 2027**.
  - **Top-performing states:** Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, and Rajasthan.
- 7. **PM-DevINE – Integrated Sohra Circuit Project (Meghalaya):**
  - This is a **₹650 crore eco-tourism project** in the Cherrapunji region of Meghalaya.
  - It is **100% centrally funded** under the PM-DevINE scheme.
  - The PM-DevINE scheme has an overall outlay of **₹6,600 crore** for 2022–26.
  - The project includes a **₹115 crore Sohra Experience Centre** and multiple eco-sites.

## III. Agriculture and Climate-Smart Initiatives

- 8. **Kapas Kranti Mission (₹600 Cr):**

- Announced by the Government of India to promote **high-yield long-staple cotton cultivation**.
- Focus areas are **Maharashtra & Telangana**.
- Introduces scientific farming techniques and mechanised harvesting.
- Aims to enhance the income of **24 lakh cotton farmers** and reduce imports of extra-long staple fibre.
- Implemented by the **Ministry of Textiles** and the **Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)**.

**9. National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM):**

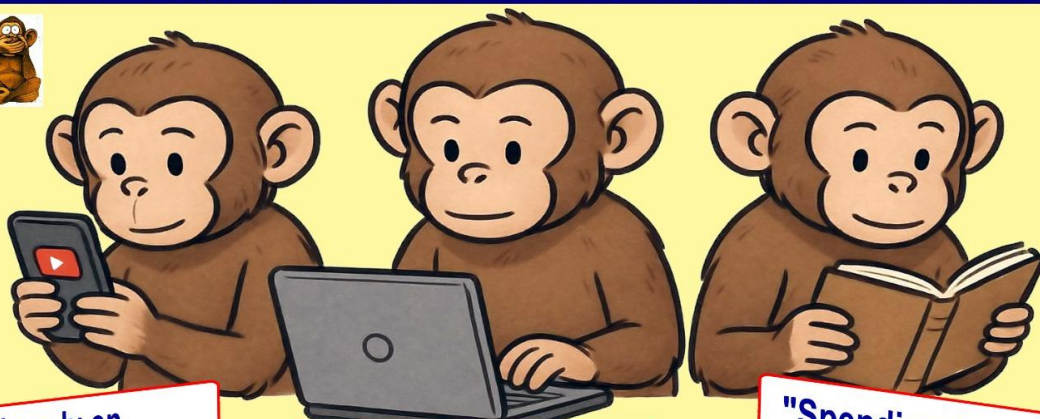
- A **Central Sector Scheme** spanning FY 2020–21 to 2025–26.
- Implemented by the **National Bee Board**.
- Aim: To achieve the **Sweet Revolution**.
- India is the **2nd largest honey exporter** (after China), up from 9th in 2020.
- Exports total approximately **1.07 lakh MT natural honey** (USD 177.52 million).
- Top exports destinations: USA, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Libya.
- **Madhukranti Portal** is used for registration and traceability.
- **Top producer states (FY 2023–24):** UP (17%), WB (16%), Punjab (14%), Bihar (12%), and Rajasthan (9%).

**10. Seed Processing Facilities and Digital Platforms:**

- Launched by Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** on October 27, 2025.
- Location of launch: Beej Bhawan, Pusa Complex, New Delhi.
- Objective: To enhance the availability of **high-quality certified seeds** and ensure transparency in seed production and distribution.
- **New Facilities:**
  - 1-ton/hour Vegetable & Flower Seed Processing Plant at Beej Bhawan.
  - Five Regional NSC Plants (Bareilly, Dharwad, Hassan, Suratgarh, Raichur) each with **4-ton/hour capacity**.
- **Digital Launches:** 'Seed Management 2.0' platform and an online seed booking portal under 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan'.
- **Implementing Agency:** National Seeds Corporation (NSC).
- **Supporting Ministry:** Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

**11. "SMART-CROP" Project for Climate-Smart Agriculture:**

- **Initiated By:** SBI Foundation, in collaboration with the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) Raichur, ICRISAT, and Agribridge.
- **Launched Under:** Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Accelerator Programme (LEAP).
- **Duration:** 3 years.
- **Coverage:** **8,000 smallholder farmers**.
- Areas covered: Karnataka (Bidar, Kalaburagi, Raichur) and Telangana (Sangareddy, Vikarabad).
- ICRISAT Headquarters: Patancheru, Hyderabad, Telangana (established 1972).



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## 16. Science & Technology

### I. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Space Missions

#### 1. Gaganyaan Mission (India's First Human Spaceflight):

- India's first human spaceflight is set for **2027**.
- ISRO successfully conducted a critical test of the **main parachutes** for the Gaganyaan crew module.
- The parachute test was performed at the **Babina Field Firing Range in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh**.
- Gaganyaan is a key part of the vision for human spaceflight and future lunar missions.

#### 2. Long-Term Space Vision (India):

- India aims to build the **Bharatiya Antriksh Station (BAS)**, the National Space Station, by **2035**.
- The long-term vision includes Indians landing on the **Moon by 2040**.

#### 3. ISRO Launches and Institutional Details:

- ISRO successfully completed its **100th Launch** using **GSLV-F15**.
- This launch deployed the **NVS-02 satellite**.
- ISRO Headquarters (HQ) are in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- ISRO was founded on **August 15, 1969**.
- The Chairman is **Dr. V. Narayanan**.

#### 4. NASA and ISRO Collaboration:

- NASA and ISRO are progressing on the **Gaganyaan** human spaceflight and future lunar missions.

## II. AI, Computing, and Digital Innovation

### 5. Anusandhan National Research Fund (India):

- Union Minister **Piyush Goyal** launched the **₹1 Lakh Crore** “Anusandhan National Research Fund”.
- This fund is intended to boost innovation and technology.

### 6. AI Applications and Benchmarks:

- **IIT Palakkad** launched “**Tutoz**,” which is touted as **India’s First AI-Powered Learning Application**.
- NASA introduced “**Surya**,” an **AI Model for Solar Weather Forecasting**.
- **OpenAI** (U.S.), the creator of ChatGPT, introduced **IndQA**.
  - IndQA is a benchmark designed to evaluate AI systems’ understanding of **Indian languages and cultural contexts**.
- Paytm launched a new **Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered travel app** called ‘**Paytm Check-in**’.

### 7. Quantum and Computing Technology:

- Google unveiled the “**Willow**” **quantum chip**, claiming the **first verifiable quantum advantage**.
- Google launched “**Project Suncatcher**,” aiming to put **AI Computing from Space**.
- The **India Deep Tech Alliance** saw **Nvidia** join, accompanied by **\$850+ million** in new commitments.

## III. Defence Technology and Energy Infrastructure

### 8. Pravaig Dynamics Electric Vehicle:

- Bengaluru-based start-up Pravaig Dynamics launched the **Electric Tactical Vehicle “VEER”**.
- VEER is an indigenous defence all-terrain electric vehicle.
- It is the winner of the ‘**iDEX Award**’ 2025.
- Key features include a **90.9 kWh battery pack**, a **500 km range**, and 0–100 km/h acceleration in **4.9 seconds**.
- It aims to enhance India’s green defence mobility and reduce the carbon footprint of armed forces.

### 9. Electronic Warfare (EW) Upgrades:

- The **Swayam Raksha Kavach EW Suite** was integrated on the **TEJAS Mk-1A**.
- This represents an Indigenous Electronic Warfare Upgrade.
- DRDO integrated this EW technology on the **LCA TEJAS Mk-1A**.

### 10. Ballistic Missile Test (US):

- The **United States** tested an unarmed “**Minute man III**” **Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)**.
- The test, conducted under ‘**Glory Trip 254**,’ was launched from **Vandenberg Space Force Base**.

### 11. Energy Storage:

- India’s **First 3 MWh Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB)** was installed at **NTPC NETRA** in Greater Noida.

## IV. Global Space and Astronomical Discoveries

### 12. New Moon of Uranus:

- NASA’s **James Webb Space Telescope** discovered a new moon of Uranus, named “**S/2025 U1**”.



- "S/2025 U1" is approximately **10 km in diameter**, making it the **29th known moon** of **Uranus**.

**13. Other Space Missions:**

- **China** launched the **Shenzhou-21** crewed spacecraft to the **Tiangong Space Station**.
- The launch took place from the **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center**.
- **Blue Origin** launched its huge **New Glenn rocket** carrying a pair of **Nasa spacecraft** destined for **Mars**.

**14. NASA Institutional Details:**

- NASA Headquarters (HQ) are in **Washington D.C., USA**.
- The Administrator is **Bill Nelson**.

**V. Biomedical and Telecommunications Research****15. Animal Stem Cell Biobank (India):**

- **India's 1st Animal Stem Cell Biobank** was inaugurated at **NIAB (National Institute of Animal Biotechnology)**, **Hyderabad**.

**16. C-DOT and IIT Gandhinagar Collaboration:**

- The **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)** signed an MoU with **IIT Gandhinagar**.
- The purpose is to establish a **Centre of Excellence** for **telecom and cybersecurity innovation**.

**17. Sports & Games****I. Major Championships and Tournaments Hosted by India****1. ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025:**

- India won its **first-ever ICC Women's Cricket World Cup**.
- The 13th edition was co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka.
- This was India's 4th time hosting (after 1978, 1997, 2013).
- The Final was played at **DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai**, where India defeated South Africa by 52 runs.
- **Indian Team Details:** Captain – Harmanpreet Kaur; Coach – Amol Muzumdar.
- **Individual Awards:** 'Player of the Match' – Shafali Verma (87 runs, 2 wickets); 'Player of the Tournament' – Deepti Sharma (22 wickets).
- **Prize Money:** Winner received USD 4.48 million ( $\approx$  ₹37.3 Cr); Runner-up received USD 2.24 million ( $\approx$  ₹18.6 Cr). The winner's prize money saw a 239% increase over the previous edition. BCCI announced a ₹51 Cr bonus.

**2. BWF World Junior Championships 2025:**

- Held in **Guwahati**, at the National Centre of Excellence, Assam.
- This was the second time India hosted the event (the first was in 2008).
- India won its **first-ever bronze** in the Suhandinata Cup (Mixed Team Event).
- **Tanvi Sharma** won Silver in Girls' Singles (China won Gold).

**3. 4th South Asian Athletics Federation (SAAF) Senior Championships 2025:**

- **Jharkhand** is set to host this event in **Ranchi**.
- This is the third time India hosts the regional meet (after Kochi 1997 & 2008).
- **Mascot:** "Dalma," the state animal (elephant) adorned with Sohrai & Khovar tribal art.

- The official anthem was released in the Nagpuri language.
- 4. **Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025:**
  - Held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
  - **Mirabai Chanu (India)** won the Gold Medal (193 kg Total) in the women's 49 kg category.
  - Mirabai Chanu's win qualifies her for the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.
  - **Soumya Dalvi** won Silver; Ruth Nyong (Nigeria) won Bronze.
  - Youth Golds were won by Dharmajyoti Dewgharia, Payal, and Preetismita Bhoi.
- 5. **FIDE Chess World Cup 2025:**
  - India is set to host this event in **Goa** in November 2025.
- 6. **Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025:**
  - Held at Dal Lake, Srinagar (J&K).
- 7. **Commonwealth Games 2030:**
  - **Ahmedabad (Gujarat)** was approved by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) as **India's official bid city**.
  - The games are proposed to be held across venues in the Sardar Patel Sports Enclave and Motera Stadium.
  - The proposal includes an infrastructure investment of  $\approx ₹ 7,200$  crore and proposes a green and digital Games model.
  - This marks India's return to hosting after 20 years (Delhi 2010).

## II. Indian Victories and Medal Triumphs

- 8. **KogniVera International Polo Cup 2025:**
  - **India won** the cup, defeating Argentina.
  - Venue: Jaipur Polo Ground, New Delhi.
- 9. **Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Trophy 2025 (42nd Edition):**
  - **Indian Oil Mumbai won** the trophy, defeating Indian Railways Delhi 2-1 in the final.
  - This marks their **3rd consecutive and 7th overall title**.
  - **Best Player:** Talwinder Singh (Indian Oil).
  - **Best Scorer:** Harmanpreet Singh (Punjab Police Captain).
- 10. **Pro Kabaddi League Season 12:**
  - **Dabang Delhi K.C. were the champions**.
  - They beat Puneri Paltan 31-28.
  - This is their 2nd PKL title (after Season 8) and the first time a home team won since U Mumba (2015).
- 11. **Asian Youth Games 2025 (3rd Edition):**
  - India achieved its **Best-Ever Performance** at the games.
  - Hosted in **Manama, Bahrain**, featuring athletes under 18 years.
  - **India's Medal Tally: 48 medals** (13 Gold, 18 Silver, 17 Bronze).
  - **Historic Moments:**
    - The **Girls' Kabaddi team won India's first gold** (defeating Iran).
    - **Priteesmita Bhoi** (Weightlifting) set a **World Youth Record** in the 44kg Clean & Jerk.
    - **Khushi** (15 years) won India's **first-ever medal** (Bronze) in Girls' Kurash.
  - The games served as a qualifying platform for the 2026 Youth Olympics (Dakar, Senegal).
  - **Gold Medalists included:** Priteesmita Bhoi (Weightlifting), Girls' Kabaddi Team, Dhanush Babu (Beach Wrestling), Avinash Mali, Vishnu Tiwari, Naman Rana (Boxing), Annu Rani (Athletics – Javelin Throw), Sonu, Anushka, Gudey (Wrestling), and Binisha, Mohar, Tejaswini (Karate).

**12. World Para Powerlifting Championships 2025 (Cairo):**

- Held for the first time in Africa (11–18 Oct 2025).
- **Vinay (India) won Gold**, becoming India's **first-ever gold medallist in Para Powerlifting**.
- India's total medal tally: 1 Gold (Vinay), 2 Bronze (Arunmoli – Women 86+ kg; Joby Mathew – Men 65 kg Masters).
- The next edition is scheduled for Manama, Bahrain (Dec 2026).
- Organizer: World Para Powerlifting (under IPC); HQ: Bonn, Germany.

**13. ISSF World Championships (Cairo):**

- **Samrat Rana won India's first-ever Senior World Title** in Men's 10m Air Pistol.
- Samrat Rana (22 years old) is the fifth Indian to win a world title in an Olympic shooting event.
- India also won team gold (Samrat + Varun Tomar + Sharvan Kumar).
- **Anish Bhanwala won a Silver Medal** in the Men's 25-metre Rapid Fire Pistol event.
- Anish Bhanwala (23 years old) is the **first Indian individual pistol shooter** to win a World Championships medal at an Olympic event.

**14. Para Shooting World Cup (Dubai):**

- **Avani Lekhara won Gold** at the 2025 Para Shooting World Cup, held in Al Ain, Dubai.

**15. Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025:**

- **Masters Category:** Winner – Vincent Keymer (Germany); 2nd – Anish Giri; 3rd – Arjun Erigaisi (India).
- **Challengers Category:** Winner – M. Pranesh (India).

**16. KogniVera International Polo Cup 2025:**

- India defeated Argentina to win the cup.

### III. Individual Accomplishments and Records

**17. Neeraj Chopra (Javelin Throw):**

- He is a **Two-time Olympic gold medallist** (Paris 2024 & Los Angeles 2028).
- He placed **2nd at the Diamond League Final 2025** (Zurich) with an 85.01 m throw.
- The winner was Julian Weber (Germany, 91.51 m).
- The World Record Holder is Jan Zelezny (Czech Republic) with 98.48 m.

**18. Smriti Mandhana (Cricket):**

- Crossed **5,000 runs in Women's cricket**.

**19. Sheetal Devi (Para-Archery):**

- Became the **First Female Armless Archer** to qualify for **India's Able-Bodied Archery Team** for the Asia Cup 2025.
- She is a para-archer from Jammu and Kashmir.

**20. Bhavina Patel (Para Table Tennis):**

- Became **World No. 1** in Para Table Tennis (Wheelchair Classes 1–5).

### IV. Chess Grandmasters (GMs)

**21. Ilamparthi A.R.:**

- Became **India's 90th Chess Grandmaster**.
- The 16-year-old Tamil Nadu prodigy earned his final GM norm at the GM4 Bijeljina Open 2025 (Bosnia).
- Recent new GMs before him were Divya Deshmukh and Rohith K.S..

**22. Raahul V.S.:**

- Became **India's 91st Chess Grandmaster**.



- The 21-year-old from Chennai, Tamil Nadu, achieved the title after winning the **6th ASEAN Individual Chess Championship** held in the Philippines and crossing 2500 FIDE rating.
- He is Tamil Nadu's 36th Grandmaster and India's second GM within a week, after Ilamparthi AR.

## V. International Governing Bodies and Events

### 23. FIFA World Cup 2026 (USA, Mexico, Canada):

- FIFA unveiled the mascots and the official match ball for the first-ever joint World Cup host (USA, Mexico, and Canada).
- **Three Mascots:** Clutch (the Bald Eagle, USA), Zayu (the Jaguar, Mexico), and Maple (the Moose, Canada).
- **Official Match Ball:** "TRIONDA," designed by Adidas; its name means "three waves".
- Iconography depicts a maple leaf (Canada), an eagle (Mexico), and a star (USA) with gold detailing.
- The tournament will feature **48 teams** (16 more than earlier editions).
- The Mascot of the 2022 World Cup (Qatar) was La'eeb (a floating keffiyeh).
- FIFA HQ: Zurich, Switzerland; President: Gianni Infantino.

## VI. Hockey History and Milestones

### 24. 100 Years of Indian Hockey Glory:

- The Indian Hockey Federation was founded on **November 7, 1925**.
- It was later replaced by Hockey India (2009).
- **Olympic Dominance:** India won 13 Olympic medals, including 8 Gold medals.
- **Golden Era (1928–1956):** India won six consecutive golds, remaining unbeaten with 178 goals scored and 7 conceded.
- **Recent Success:** Bronze medals at Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024, ending a 41-year drought.
- **World Cup:** India's only title was in 1975, defeating Pakistan in Kuala Lumpur.
- **Asian Games:** Gold medals in 1966, 1998, 2014, and 2022.
- **Asian Champions Trophy:** Record five titles (2011, 2016, 2018, 2023, 2024).
- **Women's Hockey:** Gold in 1982 Asian Games; 4th place at Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

## VII. Passings

### 25. Lenny Wilkens (Basketball):

- The basketball legend, record-holding NBA Coach and Hall of Famer, passed away at 88.
- He was known as a "Godfather of Seattle Basketball".



## 18. Multiple Choice Questions

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

1. Who has been appointed as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI)? Ans: Justice Surya Kant
2. What was the total value of ₹2,000 notes remaining in circulation as of October 31, 2025? Ans: ₹5,817 crore
3. What was the total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India during Financial Year (FY) 2024–25 according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? Ans: ₹68,75,931 crore (or ₹68.76 lakh crore)
4. State Bank of India (SBI) became which number company in India to cross the USD 100-billion market-capitalisation mark? Ans: Sixth company
5. Which Public Sector Bank (PSB) was the first to migrate its corporate website to the secure '.bank.in' domain? Ans: Punjab National Bank (PNB)
6. What was the Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) Collection amount for October 2025? Ans: ₹1.95 lakh crore
7. What is the total outlay of the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) approved for the period Financial Year (FY) 2025–26 to Financial Year (FY) 2030–31? Ans: ₹25,060 crore
8. What is the total outlay of the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar – Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG:MBY) launched in February 2024? Ans: ₹75,000 crore (for FY 2024–27)
9. Who was appointed as the Executive Director (ED) at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) representing India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka? Ans: Dr. Urjit Patel
10. What is the total corpus of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)'s "AgriSURE Fund" launched to support Agri Startups and Rural Enterprises? Ans: ₹750 crore
11. The Non-Performing Assets (NPA) ratio in Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) dropped sharply to what percentage in 2025? Ans: 0.06%
12. What is the maximum claim amount that can be taken to the Internal Ombudsman under Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) guidelines? Ans: ₹50 lakh
13. Who was elected the 12th Director-General of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)? Ans: Khaled El-Enany
14. Which Indian state declared itself the first to eradicate extreme poverty on November 1, 2025? Ans: Kerala
15. Who topped the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025? Ans: Shiv Nadar & Family
16. What was India's rank in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2025? Ans: 102nd out of 123 countries
17. What was India's rank in the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2025? Ans: 86th out of 143 countries
18. Which Indian cooperative organization ranked 1st globally in the Global Cooperative Rankings 2025? Ans: Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF) (Amul)
19. Which three countries were blacklisted by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in its 4th plenary meeting held in Paris? Ans: North Korea, Iran, and Myanmar
20. Which country adopted India's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) model to combat rural poverty and empower women? Ans: Ethiopia
21. India and the United States (US) signed a Defence Cooperation Framework for how many years during the 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus)? Ans: 10 years
22. Which country became the first in the world to implement a Generational Smoking Ban, effective November 1, 2025? Ans: Maldives

23. Which team won the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 final? Ans: India
24. Who won the "Player of the Tournament" in the 2025 International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's World Cup? Ans: Deepti Sharma
25. What was India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2025, with Visa-Free/Visa on Arrival (VoA) access to 57 destinations? Ans: 82nd
26. What is the Fiscal Deficit Target for India for Financial Year (FY) 2026, expressed as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)? Ans: 4.4% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
27. What was India's overall unemployment rate in the second quarter (Q2) of Financial Year (FY) 2026, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)? Ans: 5.2%
28. What is the total value of the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme ("Anusandhan National Research Fund") launched by the Prime Minister? Ans: ₹1 Lakh Crore
29. Which city was acknowledged by the Prime Minister (PM) for being designated a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Creative City of Gastronomy? Ans: Lucknow
30. Which Indian state became the first to approve one day of paid menstrual leave per month for all women employees across government and private sectors? Ans: Karnataka
31. Which Indian state launched India's first "Women's Wellness on Wheels (WWW)" mobile cancer screening initiative? Ans: Tamil Nadu
32. India aims to build the Bharatiya Antriksh Station (BAS), the National Space Station, by which year? Ans: 2035
33. India's first human spaceflight, the Gaganyaan Mission, is set for which year? Ans: 2027
34. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed an engine contract worth USD 1 billion with General Electric (GE), United States of America (USA), for powering which aircraft? Ans: 97 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mark 1 Alpha (Mk1A) aircraft
35. What is the full form of the defence pension platform SPARSH, introduced by the Ministry of Defence? Ans: System for Pension Administration (Raksha)
36. India's largest and first Megawatt-hour (MWh)-scale Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB) system was inaugurated at which location? Ans: National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) National Environmental Technology Research and Training Institute (NETRA), Greater Noida
37. Which company launched India's Largest Green Hydrogen Plant in Vijayanagar, Karnataka? Ans: JSW Energy Limited
38. What is the total financial outlay of India's National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) for Financial Year (FY) 2023–30? Ans: ₹19,744 crore
39. Which Indian state became the first to launch a tribal-focused genome-sequencing project under the Genome India Framework? Ans: Gujarat
40. Which lake in the Katihar District of Bihar was designated as India's 94th Ramsar Site? Ans: Gogabeel Lake
41. Which Indian city topped the list of Asia's Happiest Cities 2025 (Time Out City Life Index 2025)? Ans: Mumbai
42. Which bank launched the women-centric banking program "M Circle"? Ans: AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB)
43. Who was appointed as the Part-Time Chairman of Jammu & Kashmir Bank with effect from November 13, 2025? Ans: S Krishnan
44. What is the estimated investment in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)'s proposed refinery project at Ramayapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh? Ans: ₹1 lakh crore
45. What is the maximum speed of India's fastest train, the Nammo Bharat Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)? Ans: 160 km/h
46. Who became India's first individual pistol shooter to win a World Championships medal at an Olympic event (Men's 25-metre Rapid Fire Pistol Silver)? Ans: Anish Bhanwala



47. Who is the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Health Authority (NHA), implementing Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)? Ans: Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal
48. What is the revised monthly nutritional support amount provided to each Tuberculosis (TB) patient via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under the Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana (NPY)? Ans: ₹1,000 per month (increased from ₹500)
49. Which country became the 11th member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 2025? Ans: East Timor (Timor-Leste)
50. Which major country will join the International Solar Alliance (ISA), as announced during the 8th ISA Assembly in Delhi? Ans: China

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ఇటీవల కొందరు విద్యార్థులు సరియైన విచారణ చెయ్యకుండా ఎదో ఒక Coaching Institute లో Join అయ్యి, అక్కడ కూర్చోవడానికి కనీసం Benches కూడా లేవని, ఏ ఒక్క Subject కూడా సరిగ్గా Explain చెయ్యరని, Teachers వారి వద్దనున్న Answers Screen పై చూపించి చదువుతున్నారని, ఏదైనా ఒక సందేహం వస్తే Class లో అడిగే అవకాశమే లేదని, teacher ఒక Shed లో వుండి విద్యార్థులు మరొక shed లో కూర్చోని ఒక Radio లో Answers వింటున్నట్లుగా ఉందని, Teachers కనీసం విద్యార్థుల ముఖము కూడా చూడకుండా Answers చదువుతున్నారని, అక్కడ Coaching సరిగ్గా లేదని, వెరే ఏదైనా మంచి Coaching Center లో Join అవుదామని, Nandyal Banking Coaching Center వద్దకు వచ్చి Fees లో రాయితీ ఇవ్వమని మనవి చేస్తున్నారు. ఇది మాకు చాలా భారంగా ఉంది .

కనుక తల్లిదండ్రులు విద్యార్థులను ఏ Coaching Institute లో నైన చేర్పించే ముందు అన్ని విషయాలు (Digital Class, Benches, Faculty Qualification, Class లో doubt అడిగే అవకాశం..... ) విచారించి సరియైన Coaching Institute ఐన Nandyal Banking Coaching Center లో చేర్పించవలసినదిగా కోరుచున్నాము.

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ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಕೆಲವು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಸರಿಯಾದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡದೆ ಯಾವದೋ ಒಂದು Coaching Institute ನಲ್ಲಿ join ಆಗಿ , ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ Bench ಗಳೂ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ,ಯಾವುದೇ ಒಂದು Subject ಅನ್ನೂ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ explain ಮಾಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು,ಅಲ್ಲಿ Teachers ಅವರ ಕಡೆ ಇರುವ Answers ಅನ್ನೂ screen ಮೇಲೆ ತೋರಿಸಿ ಸುಮ್ಮನೆ ಓದುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂದು, ಯಾವುದೇ ಒಂದು ಸಂದೇಹ ಬಂದರೆ class ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವೇ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು, Teacher ಒಂದು shed ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಇನ್ನೊಂದು shed ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಂಡು ಒಂದು Radio ದಲ್ಲಿ Answers ಕೇಳಿದ ಹಾಗೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು, Teachers ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಮುಖವನ್ನೂ ನೋಡದೆ Answers ಓದುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂದು,ಅಲ್ಲಿ Coaching ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು, ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ Coaching Institute ನಲ್ಲಿ join ಆಗಬೇಕೆಂದು NBCC ಕಡೆಗೆ ಬಂದು Fees ನಲ್ಲಿ ರಿಯಾಯಿತಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ನಮಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಭಾರವೆನಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ತಂದೆ-ತಾಯಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ Coaching Institute ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಸುವ ಮುನ್ನ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು (Digital Class, Benches, Faculty Qualification, Class ನಲ್ಲಿ doubt ಕೇಳುವ ಅವಕಾಶ.....) ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿ ಸರಿಯಾದ Coaching Institute ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

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1. What was the total value of ₹2,000 notes remaining in circulation as of October 31, 2025?  
Ans: ₹5,817 crore
2. What was the total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India during Financial Year (FY) 2024–25 according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?  
Ans: ₹68,75,931 crore (or ₹68.76 lakh crore)
3. What is the total outlay of the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) approved for the period Financial Year (FY) 2025–26 to Financial Year (FY) 2030–31?  
Ans: ₹25,060 crore
4. Who has been appointed as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI)?  
Ans: Justice Surya Kant
5. Which Indian state declared itself the first to eradicate extreme poverty on November 1, 2025?  
Ans: Kerala
6. Which two countries accounted for over one-third of India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s 2024–25 census?  
Ans: United States and Singapore
7. What is the interest rate announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the Government of India (GOI) Floating Rate Bond (FRB) 2034 for the period October 30, 2025 – April 29, 2026?  
Ans: 6.54% per annum
8. What is the total corpus of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)'s "AgriSURE Fund" launched to support Agri Startups and Rural Enterprises?  
Ans: ₹750 crore
9. State Bank of India (SBI) became which number company in India to cross the USD 100-billion market-capitalisation mark?  
Ans: Sixth company
10. Who topped the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025?  
Ans: Shiv Nadar & Family
11. What was the total value of bank frauds reported in India in Financial Year (FY) 2024–25?  
Ans: ₹36,014 crore
12. Which Public Sector Bank (PSB) was the first to migrate its corporate website to the secure '.bank.in' domain?  
Ans: Punjab National Bank (PNB)
13. The International Finance Corporation (IFC) extended a loan of USD 50 million to which Indian bank to promote green financing for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)?  
Ans: City Union Bank (CUB)
14. Which association was recognized by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as the Self-Regulatory Body (SRO) for Payment System Operators (PSOs)?  
Ans: Self-Regulated Payment System Operators Association (SRPA)
15. What is the name of the 10-year digital roadmap launched by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to modernise India's Aadhaar ecosystem?  
Ans: Aadhaar Vision 2032
16. What is the total value of the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme ("Anusandhan National Research Fund") launched by the Prime Minister?  
Ans: ₹1 Lakh Crore
17. What is the maximum claim amount that can be taken to the Internal Ombudsman under Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) guidelines?  
Ans: ₹50 lakh
18. Which bank launched the women-centric banking program "M Circle"?  
Ans: AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB)
19. Which Indian state became the first to approve one day of paid menstrual leave per month for all women employees across government and private sectors?



Ans: Karnataka

20. Which country became the world's first cashless society in 2025?

Ans: Sweden

21. Which three countries were blacklisted by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in its 4th plenary meeting held in Paris?

Ans: North Korea, Iran, and Myanmar

22. Which Indian cooperative organization ranked 1st globally in the Global Cooperative Rankings 2025?

Ans: Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF) (Amul)

23. What was India's rank in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2025?

Ans: 102nd out of 123 countries

24. What was India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2025, with Visa-Free/Visa on Arrival (VoA) access to 57 destinations?

Ans: 82nd

25. What was India's rank in the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2025?

Ans: 86th out of 143 countries

26. What was India's rank in the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) World Competitiveness Ranking 2025?

Ans: 41st

27. What was the global rank of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI) 38?

Ans: 43rd

28. Which Indian company was the Highest-Ranked Indian Company (88th) in the Fortune Global 500 (2025)?

Ans: Reliance Industries Limited

29. What was India's overall unemployment rate in the second quarter (Q2) of Financial Year (FY) 2026, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)?

Ans: 5.2%

30. What was the Female Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) (15+ years) in India during July–September 2025?

Ans: 33.7%

31. What is the Fiscal Deficit Target for India for Financial Year (FY) 2026, expressed as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?

Ans: 4.4% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

32. What was the Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) Collection amount for October 2025?

Ans: ₹1.95 lakh crore

33. The Non-Performing Assets (NPA) ratio in Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) dropped sharply to what percentage in 2025?

Ans: 0.06%

34. Who won the World Savings and Retail Banking Institute (WSBI)–European Savings and Retail Banking Group (ESBG) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Award 2025 in the Climate Finance Category?

Ans: State Bank of India (SBI)

35. Which Public Sector Bank (PSB) recorded the highest profit growth of 58% in the second quarter (Q2) of Financial Year (FY) 2026?

Ans: Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)

36. The Union Cabinet approved the introduction of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE), providing 100% credit guarantee coverage up to what amount?

Ans: ₹20,000 crore

37. What is the new maximum period allowed for the realization and repatriation of export proceeds under the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s Trade Relief Measures?

Ans: 15 months from the date of export (up from nine months)



38. The maximum credit period for pre-shipment and post-shipment export credit has been extended from 270 days to how many days until March 31, 2026?  
Ans: 450 days
39. How many Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts had been opened cumulatively till October 2025?  
Ans: 56.85 crore
40. Who was appointed as the Executive Director (ED) at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) representing India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka?  
Ans: Dr. Urjit Patel
41. Who was appointed as the Part-Time Chairman of Jammu & Kashmir Bank with effect from November 13, 2025?  
Ans: S Krishnan
42. Which major country will join the International Solar Alliance (ISA), as announced during the 8th ISA Assembly in Delhi?  
Ans: China
43. Which country became the 11th member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 2025?  
Ans: East Timor (Timor-Leste)
44. Which year has been declared as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)–India Year of Maritime Cooperation?  
Ans: 2026
45. Where was the 8th Session of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly 2025 held?  
Ans: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
46. What is the theme of the 8th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly held on November 1, 2025?  
Ans: “One Sun, One World, One Grid”
47. What is the value of the Sovereign Exposure Exchange Agreement (EEA) signed between the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank Group (WBG)?  
Ans: USD 3 billion
48. The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) nations committed how much investment in India over 15 years under the India–EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)?  
Ans: USD 100 billion
49. Which country adopted India’s Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY–NRLM) model to combat rural poverty and empower women?  
Ans: Ethiopia
50. Which country became the first in South Asia to join the United Nations (UN) Water Convention (1992 Helsinki Convention)?  
Ans: Bangladesh
51. Which country became the first in the world to implement a Generational Smoking Ban, effective November 1, 2025?  
Ans: Maldives
52. Which country appointed the world’s first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated minister, named “Diella”?  
Ans: Albania
53. Who was elected the 12th Director-General of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?  
Ans: Khaled El-Enany
54. Which 1,020 Megawatt (MW) capacity hydropower project was jointly inaugurated by the Prime Minister and the King of Bhutan on November 11, 2025?  
Ans: Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project
55. Which country was approved as the 181st International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Member State?  
Ans: Maldives





56. Which satellite, described as India's heaviest communication satellite (approx. 4,410 kg), was successfully launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?  
Ans: Communication Satellite (CMS)-03 (Geostationary Satellite (GSAT)-7R)
57. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) aims for how many launches by March 2026?  
Ans: Seven launches
58. India aims to build the Bharatiya Antriksh Station (BAS), the National Space Station, by which year?  
Ans: 2035
59. India's first human spaceflight, the Gaganyaan Mission, is set for which year?  
Ans: 2027
60. What is Google's new space-based Artificial Intelligence (AI) data center initiative called?  
Ans: Project Suncatcher
61. What is the name of the new moon of Uranus discovered by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s James Webb Space Telescope?  
Ans: S/2025 U1
62. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed a engine contract worth USD 1 billion with General Electric (GE), United States of America (USA), for powering which aircraft?  
Ans: 97 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mark 1 Alpha (Mk1A) aircraft
63. What is the name of the Border Security Force (BSF)'s first all-female drone unit raised at its academy in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh?  
Ans: Durga Drone Squadron
64. Which Indian city is scheduled to host three major global naval events, including the International Fleet Review (IFR) 2026 and Exercise MILAN 2026, in February 2026?  
Ans: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
65. Where was the 29th Edition of Exercise MALABAR 2025, a multilateral naval drill involving QUAD nations, held?  
Ans: Guam, United States of America (USA)
66. Which joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka commenced at the Foreign Training Node, Belagavi, Karnataka?  
Ans: MITRA SHAKTI-XI (2025)
67. Exercise VINBAX 2025, the 6th Edition, is being conducted between India and which country in Hanoi?  
Ans: Vietnam
68. What is the name of the counter-drone system developed by the Indian Army and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)?  
Ans: Situational Awareness for Kinetic Soft and Hard-kill Assets Management (SAKSHAM)
69. Which Indian state launched India's first "Women's Wellness on Wheels (WWW)" mobile cancer screening initiative?  
Ans: Tamil Nadu
70. Which vaccination will Tamil Nadu give for free to girls aged 14 and below under the "Women's Wellness on Wheels" initiative?  
Ans: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine
71. Which state became India's first to launch a tribal-focused genome-sequencing project under the Genome India Framework?  
Ans: Gujarat
72. Which lake in the Katihar District of Bihar was designated as India's 94th Ramsar Site?  
Ans: Gogabeel Lake
73. Which Indian state has the highest number of Ramsar sites?  
Ans: Tamil Nadu
74. India's largest and first Megawatt-hour (MWh)-scale Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB) system was inaugurated at which location?  
Ans: National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) National Environmental Technology Research and Training Institute (NETRA)



75. Which Indian state became the first to implement the Amended Bharat Net Scheme throughout the state?  
Ans: Punjab
76. The Union Cabinet approved the rationalisation of royalty rates for which four critical minerals?  
Ans: Graphite, Caesium, Rubidium, and Zirconium
77. India's Total Installed Power Capacity crossed which milestone, reaching 500.89 Gigawatt (GW) as of September 30, 2025?  
Ans: 500 GW
78. What percentage of India's total installed power capacity came from non-fossil sources as of September 30, 2025?  
Ans: 51% (256.09 GW)
79. What are India's blending targets for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) by 2027 and 2028?  
Ans: 1% by 2027 and 2% by 2028
80. India's Bioeconomy Sector is projected to reach what valuation by 2030?  
Ans: USD 300 Billion
81. What is the total financial outlay of India's National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) for FY 2023–30?  
Ans: ₹19,744 crore
82. India ranks which number globally in the clean-energy industrial project pipeline, according to the Industrial Transition Accelerator (COP28-linked)?  
Ans: 3rd
83. Which company launched India's Largest Green Hydrogen Plant in Vijayanagar, Karnataka?  
Ans: JSW Energy Limited
84. What innovative vessel concept has been introduced under the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Rules 2025 for deep-sea fishing?  
Ans: "Mother-and-Child" vessel concept
85. India's first dedicated Drone City is coming up at which location near Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh?  
Ans: Orvakal Industrial Node (in about 300 acres)
86. Who became the first Indian President to fly in two different Indian Air Force (IAF) combat aircraft?  
Ans: Droupadi Murmu
87. Who became India's first individual pistol shooter to win a World Championships medal at an Olympic event (Men's 25-metre Rapid Fire Pistol Silver)?  
Ans: Anish Bhanwala
88. Who won the Men's 10m Air Pistol Gold at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship 2025 in Cairo?  
Ans: Samrat Rana
89. Which team won the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 final?  
Ans: India
90. Who won the "Player of the Tournament" in the 2025 International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's World Cup?  
Ans: Deepti Sharma
91. Which Indian naval ship participated in Exercise Malabar 2025?  
Ans: Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sahyadri
92. What is the full form of the defence pension platform SPARSH, introduced by the Ministry of Defence?  
Ans: System for Pension Administration (Raksha)
93. Who became New York City's first Muslim and South-Asian mayor-elect in 2025?  
Ans: Zohran Mamdani
94. Who won the Booker Prize 2025 for his novel "flesh"?  
Ans: David Szalay
95. Who won the SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2025 for outstanding contributions in Mathematics?  
Ans: Alexander Smith



96. Who was honoured with France's 'Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite' in New Delhi?  
Ans: Sunil Kant Munjal
97. Which dictionary named "Vibe Coding" as the Word of the Year 2025?  
Ans: Collins Dictionary
98. Which word was chosen as Dictionary.com's Word of the Year for 2025?  
Ans: 67
99. On which day is National Education Day observed in India in honour of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad?  
Ans: November 11
100. When is National Legal Services Day observed in India?  
Ans: November 9
101. What was the theme for World Tsunami Awareness Day 2025, observed on November 5?  
Ans: "Be Tsunami Ready: Invest in Tsunami Preparedness"
102. What is the theme of World Science Day for Peace and Development 2025, observed on November 10?  
Ans: "Trust, Transformation, and Tomorrow: The Science We Need for 2050"
103. Who was the Chairman of Hinduja Group who recently passed away in November 2025?  
Ans: Gopichand Parmanand Hinduja
104. Which French Olympic gold medallist cyclist, who served as a torchbearer during the Paris 2024 Olympics, passed away at 100?  
Ans: Charles Coste
105. Who won the Gold Medal in the Women's 49 kg category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat?  
Ans: Mirabai Chanu
106. How many total medals did India win at the 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025 held in Manama, Bahrain?  
Ans: 48 medals (13 Gold, 18 Silver, 17 Bronze)
107. Which team won the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12 title in 2025?  
Ans: Dabang Delhi K.C.
108. What is India's estimated elephant population according to the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) DNA-based Synchronous All-India Population Estimation?  
Ans: 22,466 elephants
109. Which Indian state has the highest number of elephants, according to the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) report?  
Ans: Karnataka (6,013 elephants)
110. What is the revised monthly nutritional support amount provided to each Tuberculosis (TB) patient via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under the Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana (NPY)?  
Ans: ₹1,000 per month (increased from ₹500)
111. Which portal integrates Permanent Account Number (PAN), Goods and Services Tax (GST), Udyam, Income Tax Return (ITR), and credit bureau data for Startup loan applications up to ₹20 crore?  
Ans: Jan Samarth Portal
112. Who became India's 91st Chess Grandmaster after winning the 6th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Individual Chess Championship?  
Ans: Raahul V.S. (Tamil Nadu)
113. Who was recognized as India's 90th Chess Grandmaster?  
Ans: A. R. Ilamparthi
114. Which Indian city topped the list of Asia's Happiest Cities 2025 (Time Out City Life Index 2025)?  
Ans: Mumbai
115. Which city was ranked the dirtiest among those with a population above 10 lakhs in Swachh Survekshan 2025?  
Ans: Madurai (40th rank)



116. Which state was adjudged the 'Best Performing State' under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)?  
Ans: Chhattisgarh
117. Which national park in India received a 'Good' rating in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s World Heritage Outlook 2025?  
Ans: Khangchendzonga National Park (Sikkim)
118. Which Mobile App developed by the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) won the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Tech4Nature Award 2025?  
Ans: Fisher Friend Mobile App (FFMA)
119. Who won the Kenton R. Miller Award from International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for innovation in National Park sustainability at Kaziranga?  
Ans: Dr. Sonali Ghosh
120. Who received the "Distinguished Alumni Award" from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur during its 66th Foundation Day?  
Ans: Gyanesh Kumar
121. Who became the first Indian to head the International Organisation of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA)?  
Ans: Shailesh Chandra
122. Who was reappointed as Chairman of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)?  
Ans: Justice Ashok Bhushan
123. Which Public Sector Bank (PSB) was upgraded from Schedule 'B' to Schedule 'A' Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)?  
Ans: NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL)
124. Who authored the book "Modi Mission"?  
Ans: Berjis Desai
125. Which Indian city was acknowledged by the Prime Minister (PM) for being designated a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Creative City of Gastronomy?  
Ans: Lucknow
126. India is set to mark 150 Years of 'Vande Mataram' starting from which date?  
Ans: November 7, 2025
127. Who became the most generous woman philanthropist according to the 2025 Hurun list?  
Ans: Rohini Nilekani
128. Which company topped Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions in the 2025 EdelGive Hurun list?  
Ans: Reliance Industries Limited (₹1,309 crore)
129. Which digital platform was launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) at the Global Fintech Fest 2025 (Mumbai) to tackle digital fraud?  
Ans: Digital Payments Intelligence Platform (DPIP)
130. Under the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Revised Bank Locker Regulations, footage storage from Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance is mandatory for how many days?  
Ans: 180 days
131. What is the total size of the Venture Capital Fund (VCF) launched for the Indian space sector by the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) and Small Industries Development Bank of India Venture Capital Limited (SVCL)?  
Ans: ₹1,000 crore
132. What is the cost of the "Integrated Sohra Circuit Development Project" in Meghalaya, 100% centrally funded under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE) scheme?  
Ans: ₹650 crore
133. Which Indian state became the first to sign a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Elon Musk's Starlink Satellite Communications Pvt. Ltd. for satellite internet?





Ans: Maharashtra

134. What is the name of the Studentship Program introduced by the Ministry of AYUSH to promote research among Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) students?  
Ans: Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK) 4.0
135. Mission Pradhan Mantri's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition (POSHAN) 2.0 aims to bring stunting below what percentage among children by 2026?  
Ans: 25 %
136. What is the total outlay of the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar – Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG:MBY) launched in February 2024?  
Ans: ₹75,000 crore (for FY 2024–27)
137. Under the Viksit Bharat Mission, what target was set for raising India's Healthy Life Expectancy by the 2nd Department of Health Research (DHR)-Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Health Research Excellence Summit 2025?  
Ans: 75 years
138. India's agriculture workforce accounts for about what percentage of the country's total employed workforce?  
Ans: 45.8 %
139. From November 1, 2025, India re-imposed an import duty of what percentage on yellow peas?  
Ans: 30 %
140. Which card was launched by the Delhi Government for free bus travel for women and transgender commuters aged 12 years and above?  
Ans: Pink Saheli Smart Card
141. Which village in Telangana became South India's 1st fully solar-powered village?  
Ans: Kondareddypally
142. Where will the 3rd International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2025) be hosted?  
Ans: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
143. Which city won the "City with Best Public Transport System" award at the Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2025?  
Ans: Chennai Metropolitan Transport Corporation Ltd.
144. Which city won the award for "Best Non-Motorized Transport System" at the Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2025?  
Ans: Udaipur Smart City Ltd.
145. Which Indian institute topped the QS World University Rankings 2026 among Indian institutions?  
Ans: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi
146. What is the name of the decade-long national security mission announced by Prime Minister Modi on Independence Day 2025?  
Ans: Mission Sudarshan Chakra
147. What is the maximum speed of India's fastest train, the Nammo Bharat Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)?  
Ans: 160 km/h
148. Who inaugurated Deep Sea Fishing Vessels under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in Mumbai?  
Ans: Amit Shah
149. Who received the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Lifetime Achievement Award 2025?  
Ans: Salman Rushdie
150. Which Indian cricketer retired from Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) in 2025?  
Ans: Kane Williamson
151. What are the names of the three official mascots of the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup?  
Ans: Clutch (Bald Eagle, United States of America), Zayu (Jaguar, Mexico), and Maple (Moose, Canada)



152. What is the theme of the Global Energy Leaders' Summit (GELS) 2025 to be hosted in Puri, Odisha?  
Ans: "Powering India: Sufficiency, Balance, Innovation"
153. Which bank launched an Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) payment remittance service in collaboration with the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)?  
Ans: City Union Bank (CUB)
154. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which bank to provide door-step digital life-certificate services to pensioners?  
Ans: India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
155. Which Indian airline signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China Southern Airlines to establish a codeshare and cooperation agreement?  
Ans: IndiGo
156. Which state became the first and only state in India with air ambulance and helicopter tourism services?  
Ans: Madhya Pradesh
157. India is set to celebrate 100 Years of Indian Hockey from which starting year?  
Ans: 1925
158. Who was honored with the "2025 World Leader for Peace and Security Award" by the Boston Global Forum and AI World Society (AIWS)?  
Ans: Art of Living Founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
159. Which organization awards the Blue Flag certification to beaches?  
Ans: Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), Denmark
160. Kovalam Beach (Tamil Nadu) received Blue Flag certification for how many consecutive years?  
Ans: Five years
161. How many new cheetahs will India receive from Botswana under Project Cheetah by December 2025?  
Ans: Eight
162. India joined which facility as an Observer at the Leaders' Summit in Belem, Brazil, ahead of Conference of Parties (COP) 30?  
Ans: Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF)
163. What is the total outlay of the Kapas Kranti Mission launched for high-yield cotton cultivation?  
Ans: ₹600 Crore
164. Which country suggested the name "Shakti" for the severe cyclonic storm in the Arabian Sea under the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)–Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Cyclone Naming System?  
Ans: Sri Lanka
165. Which Indian city's craftsmen created the world's largest handmade rug?  
Ans: Bhadohi (Uttar Pradesh)
166. Where was the World's Largest Handmade Rug (12,464.29 square metres) created by India's Bhadohi Craftsmen installed?  
Ans: Grand Mosque, Astana, Kazakhstan
167. Which train on the Delhi–Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) officially became the fastest train in India?  
Ans: Namo Bharat train
168. What is the name of India's census data collection app for mapping, launched for the first Digital Population Census 2027?  
Ans: Digital Layout Map (DLM)
169. Who is the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Health Authority (NHA), implementing Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)?  
Ans: Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal



170. Who was appointed as the Chairperson (for the 2025–27 term) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Advisory Board of Judges?  
Ans: Justice Prathiba M. Singh
171. Who was appointed as the Vice-President & Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of the New Development Bank (NDB)?  
Ans: Rajiv Ranjan
172. Who assumed charge as the Director General (DG) of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in November 2025?  
Ans: Sanjay Garg
173. Who won the Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025 for his work in Materials Engineering?  
Ans: Sai Gautam Gopalakrishnan (Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru)
174. What penalty was imposed by the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) on each of the two coaching centres (Dikshant Indian Administrative Service (IAS) & Abhimanu Indian Administrative Service (IAS))?  
Ans: ₹8,00,000
175. Who took charge as Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) on November 1, 2025?  
Ans: Vishvajit Sahay
176. India ranks which number globally in Total Forest Area?  
Ans: 9th
177. What is the prize money of the new “Children’s Booker Prize” for fiction, set to be awarded annually from 2027?  
Ans: 50,000-pounds
178. Which benchmark was introduced by OpenAI to evaluate Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems’ understanding of Indian languages and cultural contexts?  
Ans: IndQA
179. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) launched “Tutoz,” touted as India’s First Artificial Intelligence (AI)-Powered Learning Application?  
Ans: IIT Palakkad
180. Which tri-service exercise was held along the western border 2025?  
Ans: Exercise Trishul
181. Where was India’s 1st Animal Stem Cell Biobank inaugurated?  
Ans: National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad
182. Which city won the award for “Most Innovative Financing Mechanism” at the Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2025?  
Ans: Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation
183. Which city won the Running Trophy for implementing the Best Urban Transport Projects at the Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2025?  
Ans: Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation
184. What is the financial aid provided over four years to support girl students in Classes 9–12 under the Namo Lakshmi Yojana of Gujarat?  
Ans: ₹50,000
185. Which Indian state declared 2025 as the Year of Investment & Employment?  
Ans: Madhya Pradesh
186. Who was selected as a Torchbearer for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics?  
Ans: Abhinav Bindra
187. Who was conferred the Honorary Rank of Lieutenant Colonel for promoting physical fitness among youth?  
Ans: Neeraj Chopra
188. Which medal has been introduced at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2025 to honour cinematic excellence promoting peace and non-violence?  
Ans: The International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication (ICFT)-United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Gandhi Medal



189. Which ministry achieved 100% of its targets under 'Special Campaign 5.0'?
- Ans: Department of Health & Family Welfare
190. What is the name of the Mobile App launched by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) to enhance transparency in Minimum Support Price (MSP) cotton procurement?
- Ans: "Kapas Kisan" Mobile App
191. Which bank has unveiled the cultural property "Bharat Surotsav" as an immersive dance and music fusion festival?
- Ans: Federal Bank
192. Which two Indian business schools received Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International accreditation in 2025?
- Ans: Jindal Global Business School & Goa Institute of Management
193. Which UT had the highest share of services in Gross Value Added (GVA) at 88.8% in 2023-24?
- Ans: Chandigarh
194. What was India's rank in the Global Happiness Report 2025?
- Ans: 92nd
195. Which company won the 'Digital Insurer of the Year' award for the third time at the 29th Asia Insurance Industry Awards (AIIA) 2025?
- Ans: Go Digit General Insurance Limited
196. Which bank contributed 40% of the total Public Sector Bank (PSB) profit in the second quarter (Q2) of Financial Year (FY) 2026?
- Ans: State Bank of India (SBI)
197. Where was India's first glass suspension bridge, Bajrang Setu, inaugurated?
- Ans: Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
198. Which new country joined the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as a State Member?
- Ans: Armenia
199. Which satellite, described as India's heaviest communication satellite, was successfully launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?
- Ans: Communication Satellite (CMS)-03 (Geostationary Satellite (GSAT)-7R)
200. Which bank partnered with Network People Services Technologies (NPST) to deploy UPI 123Pay, enabling digital payments for users without internet access?
- Ans: Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)
201. Which country partnered with India through National Payments Corporation of India International (NIPL) and BENEFIT for real-time remittances using its Fawri+ service?
- Ans: Bahrain
202. What is the full form of the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund 2025?
- Ans: Anusandhan National Research Fund
203. The Extreme Poverty Eradication Programme (EPEP) of Kerala began in which year?
- Ans: 2021
204. India aims to become the 3rd-largest global economy by which year?
- Ans: 2030
205. What is the total size of the Venture Capital Fund (VCF) launched for the Indian space sector?
- Ans: ₹1,000 crore
206. Which state will provide free Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to girls aged 14 and below?
- Ans: Tamil Nadu
207. Which two institutes were recognized as Centres of Excellence (CoEs) under the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM)?
- Ans: Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore and Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET) Hyderabad
208. Which Biosphere Reserve was added to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Network, becoming India's 13th site?
- Ans: Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve (Himachal Pradesh)





209. India and the United States (US) signed a Defence Cooperation Framework for how many years during the 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus)?  
Ans: 10 years
210. Where was the 22nd Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)–India Summit held?  
Ans: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
211. Under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana, how many units of free electricity are provided per month?  
Ans: 300 units
212. Who was appointed as the Chairperson (for the 2025–27 term) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Advisory Board of Judges?  
Ans: Justice Prathiba M. Singh
213. Which tri-services exercise, announced on November 2, 2025, was named Tri-Services Exercise (TSE)-2025?  
Ans: "Trishul"
214. Which state was awarded the Best State in the 6th National Water Awards 2024?  
Ans: Maharashtra
215. Which digital platform was launched by the Ministry of Coal and Mines to integrate real-time data for the entire coal value chain?  
Ans: KOYLA SHAKTI Dashboard
216. Which American astronaut is the heavy-lift rocket New Glenn of Blue Origin named after?  
Ans: John Glenn
217. Where was India's first glass suspension bridge, Bajrang Setu, inaugurated?  
Ans: Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
218. Who was the Chairman of Hinduja Group who recently passed away in November 2025?  
Ans: Gopichand Parmanand Hinduja
219. Who assumed charge as the Director General (DG) of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in November 2025?  
Ans: Sanjay Garg
220. Which Indian bank won the World Savings and Retail Banking Institute (WSBI)–European Savings and Retail Banking Group (ESBG) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Award 2025 in the Climate Finance Category?  
Ans: State Bank of India (SBI)
221. Which company won the 'Digital Insurer of the Year' award for the third time at the 29th Asia Insurance Industry Awards (AIIA) 2025?  
Ans: Go Digit General Insurance Limited
222. What is India's global rank in fish production and aquaculture?  
Ans: Second
223. Which institution signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in telecom and cybersecurity?  
Ans: Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
224. Where was the 5th National Marine Fisheries Census (MFC) 2025 launched?  
Ans: Kochi, Kerala
225. Which Indian university launched India's first university-led startup program "Campus Tank"?  
Ans: Chandigarh University (Uttar Pradesh Campus)
226. Under the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), who inaugurated India's first deep-sea fishing vessels in Mumbai?  
Ans: Amit Shah
227. Which French Olympic gold medallist cyclist, who served as a torchbearer during the Paris 2024 Olympics, passed away at 100?  
Ans: Charles Coste
228. Which new country joined the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as a State Member?



Ans: Armenia

229. What is the total outlay of the Kapas Kranti Mission launched for high-yield cotton cultivation?

Ans: ₹600 Crore

230. Which city won the Running Trophy for implementing the Best Urban Transport Projects at the Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2025?

Ans: Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation

231. What is the total profit recorded by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in Q2 FY26?

Ans: ₹49,456 crore

232. Which country became the first in South Asia to join the United Nations (UN) Water Convention (1992 Helsinki Convention)?

Ans: Bangladesh

233. Who authored the book "Unseen: The Untold Story of Deepinder Goyal and the Making of Zomato"?

Ans: Megha Vishwanath

234. What is the name of the new moon of Uranus discovered by the National Aeronautics and Space Telescope (NASA)'s James Webb Space Telescope?

Ans: S/2025 U1

235. Who was honored with the "2025 World Leader for Peace and Security Award"?

Ans: Art of Living Founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

236. Who was re-elected as President of Cameroon for his 8th term, making him the World's oldest & longest-serving President?

Ans: Paul Barthélémy Biya'a bi Mvondo

237. Which state was adjudged the 'Best Performing State' under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)?

Ans: Chhattisgarh

238. What is the maximum health cover provided per family per year under AB-PMJAY?

Ans: Up to ₹5 lakh

239. Which Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) was upgraded from Schedule 'B' to Schedule 'A' Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)?

Ans: NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL)

240. What is the name of India's first indigenous Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR)-T Cell Therapy?

Ans: NexCAR19

241. Where did the 12th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus) take place?

Ans: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

242. Who assumed charge as the Financial Advisor (Defence Services) on November 1, 2025?

Ans: Shri Raj Kumar Arora

243. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)'s Employees' Enrolment Scheme (EES) – 2025 remains open from which dates?

Ans: November 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026

244. Who was given the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited (CIL) on November 1, 2025?

Ans: Sanoj Kumar Jha

245. Where did National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) begin drilling India's first Carbon Dioxide (CO2) storage well?

Ans: Pakri Barwadih (Jharkhand)

246. For how many days did the celebration of Bharat Parv run, starting November 1, 2025, to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?

Ans: 15 days (November 1 to 15)

247. The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) banned the entry of commercial goods vehicles registered before which year into Delhi on November 1, 2025?

Ans: 2015



248. The Extreme Poverty Eradication Programme (EPEP) through which Kerala declared itself free from extreme poverty began in which year?  
Ans: 2021
249. Which company delivered India's first indigenously made 220-kiloVolt (kV) Mobile Gas-Insulated Switchgear System?  
Ans: Toshiba Transmission & Distribution Systems (India) Pvt Ltd
250. What is the name of Russia's nuclear-powered underwater drone that was recently tested?  
Ans: Poseidon
251. Manuel Frederick, who recently passed away in November 2025, was associated with which sport?  
Ans: Hockey (former Indian goalkeeper)
252. Punjab National Bank (PNB) reduced its stake in Canara HSBC Life Insurance to what percentage after selling a 10% stake?  
Ans: 13%
253. Who was Malaysia's Prime Minister co-chairing the 22nd Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India Summit?  
Ans: Anwar Ibrahim
254. Who won the silver medal in the Girls' Singles event at the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Junior Championships 2025 held in Guwahati?  
Ans: Tanvi Sharma
255. Which social media platform popularized the slang term "67 (Six-Seven)," chosen as Dictionary.com's Word of the Year 2025?  
Ans: TikTok
256. Which country's President, José Ramos-Horta, is a Nobel Peace Prize laureate from 1996?  
Ans: East Timor (Timor-Leste)
257. What is the name of the initiative aimed at creating digital hubs called "Samriddhi Kendras" in pilot villages?  
Ans: Samriddh Gram Phygital Services Pilot
258. Farmers in which Indian state are set to receive price differences through the Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) under the procurement plan for pulses and oilseeds?  
Ans: Madhya Pradesh
259. Punjab National Bank (PNB) sold what percentage stake in Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company, retaining a 13% stake?  
Ans: 10%
260. How much did the Government of India contribute to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)'s "AgriSURE Fund" corpus?  
Ans: ₹250 crore
261. Which Indian company holds the largest market capitalization (USD 228 billion) among the six Indian companies that crossed the USD 100-billion market-cap mark?  
Ans: Reliance Industries
262. Which annual employee excellence award framework was launched by the State Bank of India (SBI)?  
Ans: SBI STAR (Staff Talent Acknowledgement & Recognition)
263. Which organization is the sole registrar for the new secure '.bank.in' domain for banking websites?  
Ans: Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)
264. National Payments Corporation of India International (NIPL) signed a pact with which company to enable Unified Payments Interface (UPI) acceptance in Japan?  
Ans: NTT DATA Japan
265. National Payments Corporation of India International (NIPL) and which company collaborated to enable Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments in Malaysia?  
Ans: Razorpay Curlec
266. Who chaired the High-level Expert Committee that developed the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)'s 'Aadhaar Vision 2032' Strategic Roadmap?



Ans: Neelkanth Mishra (Chairman, UIDAI)

267. The Department of Consumer Affairs proposed making which consumer protection filter mandatory on E-Commerce Platforms?

Ans: 'Country of Origin' filter

268. India achieved its Conference of the Parties (COP)-26 goal of 50% non-fossil fuel-based capacity how many years ahead of the 2030 deadline?

Ans: Five years

269. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) was jointly launched by India and France in which year and at which Conference of the Parties (COP) event?

Ans: 2015 at COP-21 (Paris)

270. What is the current number of Member and Signatory Countries in the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

Ans: 125

271. Which International Solar Alliance (ISA) initiative was launched jointly with the World Bank?

Ans: Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Solar Procurement Platform

272. Who inaugurated India's largest and first Megawatt-hour (MWh)-scale Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB) system at NTPC NETRA, Greater Noida?

Ans: Shri Manohar Lal (Union Minister)

273. By what amount did the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) reduce its Toll Collection Cost in Financial Year (FY) 2024-25?

Ans: ₹2,062 Crore

274. Which lake in Bihar, recently designated as India's 94th Ramsar Site, was previously declared Bihar's first Community Reserve in 2019?

Ans: Gogabeel Lake

275. Where was the Leaders' Summit on the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF) held, where India joined as an Observer?

Ans: Belém, Brazil

276. Which launch vehicle successfully launched the Communication Satellite (CMS)-03 (Geostationary Satellite (GSAT)-7R), India's heaviest communication satellite?

Ans: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3)-M5 'Bahubali'

277. The Communication Satellite (CMS)-03 (Geostationary Satellite (GSAT)-7R) was launched to strengthen secure communication across the Indian Ocean Region for which organization?

Ans: The Indian Navy

278. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL), and Central Mine Planning & Design Institute (CMPDI) signed an MoU to map Coal Fires and Land Subsidence in which region?

Ans: Jharia Coalfield

279. India's first Quantum Computing Chip, 'QSIP', unveiled by the Prime Minister, is a Quantum Processing Unit (QPU) of how many qubits?

Ans: 25-qubit

280. Which fighter jet did President Droupadi Murmu fly in April 2023, making her the first Indian President to fly in two different Indian Air Force (IAF) combat aircraft?

Ans: Sukhoi-30 MKI

281. Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sahyadri, which participated in Exercise MALABAR 2025, is a Guided Missile Stealth Frigate built under which project?

Ans: Project 17 (Shivalik-class)

282. Kerala declared itself extreme-poverty free based on the World Bank's International Poverty Line of people earning less than what amount per day?

Ans: Less than USD 2.15 per day



283. Which Ministry implements the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), which provides social security to the elderly, widows, and persons with disabilities from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families?  
Ans: Ministry of Rural Development
284. Which initiative did the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) introduce for monitoring Artificial Intelligence (AI) and deep-fake financial risks?  
Ans: Horizon Scan
285. Which two countries topped the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2025?  
Ans: Denmark and Norway
286. India provided financial assistance of what amount to Dominica for five Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) under its Development Partnership Programme?  
Ans: USD 250,000
287. Where was the bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cultural Cooperation signed between India and Saudi Arabia on November 9, 2025?  
Ans: Riyadh
288. Who won the "Player of the Match" award in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 final?  
Ans: Shafali Verma
289. What is the full form of the Exposure Exchange Agreement (EEA) signed between the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank Group (WBG)?  
Ans: Exposure Exchange Agreement
290. The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) nations committed a USD 100 billion investment in India over how many years under the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)?  
Ans: 15 years
291. The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) investment in India is aimed at creating how many direct jobs in manufacturing and services?  
Ans: 1 million direct jobs
292. The World Bank approved a USD 280 million loan for Kerala for which health program (previously known as KHSRP)?  
Ans: Kerala Health System Improvement Programme (KHSIP)
293. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) provided a USD 460 million loan to which Indian state for Agricultural Solarisation?  
Ans: Maharashtra
294. Who is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ReNew Energy Global Plc, which secured debt financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?  
Ans: Sumant Sinha
295. The International Finance Corporation (IFC) extended a USD 50 million loan to City Union Bank (CUB) specifically to promote green financing for which sector?  
Ans: Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
296. Who is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB)?  
Ans: Dr. N. Kamakodi
297. The Hinduja Group signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) worth ₹20,000 Crore with which state government for investment in power and infrastructure capacity expansion?  
Ans: Andhra Pradesh
298. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Oil India Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a Greenfield Refinery Project at which location in Andhra Pradesh?  
Ans: Ramayapatnam Port, Nellore District
299. Coal India Limited (CIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) to establish a Centre for Sustainable Energy?  
Ans: IIT Madras



300. India and Nepal signed Joint Venture (JV) agreements for cross-border power transmission between which two entities?  
Ans: Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (POWERGRID) and Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)
301. IBM (United States) and Bharti Airtel Ltd. collaborated to expand "Airtel Cloud" using which technological expertise?  
Ans: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and hybrid-cloud expertise
302. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which company for sub-sea pipeline design technology?  
Ans: iDG10 Solutions
303. The Technology Innovation in Exploration & Mining Foundation (TEXMiN) at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) (ISM) Dhanbad signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with which international university for joint research on AI in mining safety?  
Ans: University of Cambridge (UK)
304. Who was the Indian Signatory for the bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cultural Cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia?  
Ans: Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Minister of Culture and Tourism)
305. Who was the High Commissioner of India to Dominica who exchanged the MoUs for the Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) with Dominica?  
Ans: Pradeep Rajpurohit
306. Banas Dairy (Amul) signed an MoU with which cooperative body to develop a Seed-to-Market High-Quality Seed Potato Value Chain under the "Sahakar se Samridhi" initiative?  
Ans: Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL)
307. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) signed an MoU with the Indian Army for real-time verification of which document identification number?  
Ans: Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN)
308. At which Indian National Congress session was 'Vande Mataram' first sung publicly by Rabindranath Tagore?  
Ans: 1896 session
309. What is the name of the portal that registers mechanized and large motorized fishing craft under the new deep-sea fishing rules?  
Ans: ReALCRaft (Registration and Licensing of Fishing Craft) portal
310. What percentage additional discount on locker rentals is offered under AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB)'s women-centric banking program "M Circle"?  
Ans: 25 percent additional discount
311. In which year was the joint military exercise Mitra Shakti between India and Sri Lanka first launched?  
Ans: 2013
312. Which portal was launched by the Defence Minister to link industries with defence establishments and encourage self-reliance?  
Ans: SRIJAN-DEEP (Defence Establishments and Entrepreneurs Platform) portal
313. What medal did para-archer Sheetal Devi win at the 2024 Paris Paralympics in the Mixed Team Compound event?  
Ans: Bronze
314. Who won the Best Actor award at the 10th Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) Awards 2025 for the movie 'Chandu Champion'?  
Ans: Kartik Aaryan
315. Who won the Best Actress award at the 10th Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) Awards 2025?  
Ans: Kriti Sanon for Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya
316. Who won the Best Director award at the 10th Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) Awards 2025 for the movie 'Chandu Champion'?  
Ans: Kabir Khan



317. What was India's total defence production value in Financial Year (FY) 2024-25?  
Ans: ₹1.51 lakh crore
318. What is the monetary value of the SASTRA Ramanujan Prize, awarded to Dr. Alexander Smith in 2025?  
Ans: USD 10,000
319. Which prominent scientist, known for co-discovering the Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)'s double-helix structure, recently passed away?  
Ans: James Watson
320. Which two companies launched a dual loan financing program for electric vehicles (EVs) in India?  
Ans: JSW MG Motor India and Axis Bank
321. The State Bank of India (SBI) and its French partner, Amundi, plan to divest a 10% stake in SBI Funds Management via which method?  
Ans: Initial Public Offering (IPO)
322. Who became China's youngest astronaut at 32 during the Shenzhou-21 mission to the Tiangong Space Station?  
Ans: Wu Fei
323. Who coined the term "Vibe Coding" which was named Collins Dictionary's Word of the Year 2025?  
Ans: Andrej Karpathy
324. Cyclone Shakti, which formed in the Arabian Sea in October 2025, dissipated off the coast of which country?  
Ans: Oman
325. Which harmful fishing practices are prohibited under the New Deep-Sea Fishing Rules notified in November 2025?  
Ans: LED light fishing, pair trawling, and bull trawling
326. The Fisher Friend Mobile App (FFMA), which won the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Tech4Nature Award, was originally developed after which disaster?  
Ans: 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami
327. Which country's president awarded Donald Trump the "Grand Order of Mugunghwa," the country's highest civilian decoration?  
Ans: South Korea
328. Kerala launched the "Sushakthi" Self-Help Group (SHG) Network specifically for the empowerment of which demographic?  
Ans: Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and their families
329. What amount of financial support is provided under the Gujarat Government's Namō Saraswati Vigyan Sadhana Yojana for eligible science-stream students in Classes 11-12?  
Ans: ₹25,000 over two years
330. The Ministry of Rural Development launched the 'Watershed Mahotsav' in which district of Andhra Pradesh?  
Ans: Guntur
331. The Integrated Sohra Circuit Development Project (₹650 crore) in Meghalaya includes an allocation of how much under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme?  
Ans: ₹221 crore
332. Under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY), what is the minimum monthly pension provided to subscribers after 60 years of age?  
Ans: ₹1,000 to ₹5,000
333. After allocating an additional ₹7,000 crore to the Food Corporation of India (FCI), what is the total food subsidy budget for Financial Year (FY) 2026?  
Ans: ₹2.1 lakh crore
334. The Pradhan Mantri-Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) is an employment-linked scheme aimed at generating how many jobs by 2027?



Ans: 3.5 crore jobs

335. The ₹1 Lakh Crore Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme includes the establishment of how many additional Atal Tinkering Labs?

Ans: 25,000

336. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)'s Employees' Enrolment Scheme (EES) 2025 allows employers to register employees engaged between which dates who were previously uncovered?

Ans: July 1, 2017, and October 31, 2025

337. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Vishwas Scheme aims to settle pending penal-damage litigation amounting to approximately what value?

Ans: ₹2,406 Crore

338. How many students are selected under the Ministry of AYUSH's Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK) 4.0, each receiving a ₹50,000 fellowship?

Ans: 300 students

339. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)'s 'Aadhaar Vision 2032' Strategic Roadmap integrates which major future technologies?

Ans: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Quantum Computing, and Advanced Encryption

340. What is the name of the digital platform launched by the Ministry of Coal and Mines that digitizes the land acquisition, compensation, and rehabilitation processes?

Ans: CLAMP Portal

341. Which two mobile applications were utilized for the First Fully Digitised National Marine Fisheries Census (MFC) 2025?

Ans: VyAS Bharat and VyAS Sutra

342. How many Ramsar Sites does India currently have, ranking 1st in Asia and 3rd globally?

Ans: 94

343. Khangchendzonga National Park (Sikkim) was recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2016 as India's first what type of heritage site?

Ans: 'Mixed' World Heritage Site

344. India will receive eight new cheetahs from which country under Project Cheetah by December 2025?

Ans: Botswana

345. The eight new cheetahs arriving in India by December 2025 will be released in which National Park in Madhya Pradesh?

Ans: Kuno National Park

346. India's National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) targets the production of how many million metric tonnes (MMT) of Green Hydrogen annually by 2030?

Ans: 5 million metric tonnes (MMT)

347. The total financial outlay of the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) includes ₹17,490 crore allocated for which specific programme?

Ans: Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) Programme

348. What is the financial outlay of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 1.2 for Specialty Steel?

Ans: ₹6,322 crore

349. Among the six largest global emitters, India showed the second-fastest growth (3.6%) in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in 2024, after which country (4.6%)?

Ans: Indonesia

350. Who inaugurated the first-of-its-kind "Gateway of Guwahati Terminal and Jetty" on the Brahmaputra River in Guwahati, Assam?

Ans: Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

351. Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) partnered with which Indian Institute of Management (IIM) to launch a "Social Impact Incubation Programme"?

Ans: IIM Calcutta Innovation Park





352. Who released the ₹50 commemorative coin marking National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)'s 50 years of establishment?  
Ans: Union Minister Manohar Lal
353. What is the theme of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS 4.0) 2025 event to be held in Varanasi?  
Ans: "Let us Learn Tamil – Karpom Tamil"
354. Which two digital applications were launched at Co-Op Kumbh 2025 by Union Minister Amit Shah for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs)?  
Ans: Sahakar Digi Pay and Sahakar Digi Loan
355. In which region did the Indian Army conduct Exercise Brahmashira, which falls under the larger Exercise Trishul?  
Ans: Rann and Creek Sector
356. Which three Indian shooters won the Men's 10m Air Pistol Team Gold at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championships 2025 in Cairo?  
Ans: Samrat Rana, Varun Tomar, and Sharvan Kumar
357. India announced a concessional Line of Credit worth how much for Bhutan's energy projects during the State Visit on November 12, 2025?  
Ans: INR 40 billion
358. Who became the first Indian to climb nine 8,000-metre peaks, including Mt Cho Oyu (8,188 m)?  
Ans: Bharath Thammineni
359. Who launched India's first fully digitised National Marine Fisheries Census (MFC) 2025 in Kochi, Kerala?  
Ans: Dr. George Kurian (Minister of State for Fisheries)
360. Who was crowned Miss World 2025 at the event hosted in Hyderabad, India?  
Ans: Opal Suchata (Thailand)
361. What is the total outlay allocated for the Niryat Protsahan sub-scheme under the ₹25,060 crore Export Promotion Mission (EPM)?  
Ans: ₹10,401 crore
362. Which agency will implement the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) for the period FY 2025–26 to FY 2030–31?  
Ans: Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)
363. The ₹2,095.70 crore contract signed by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) with the Ministry of Defence is to enhance the lethality of which specific tank model using INVAR anti-tank missiles?  
Ans: T-90 tanks
364. India Ratings projects India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth for the second quarter (Q2) of Financial Year (FY) 2026 at what rate?  
Ans: 7.2%
365. India's textile exports grew by what percentage during April–September 2025 across 111 countries?  
Ans: 10%
366. Tuberculosis (TB) incidence in India reduced to how many cases per lakh population in 2024?  
Ans: 187 per lakh
367. India's Tuberculosis (TB) mortality rate declined to how many deaths per lakh population in 2024?  
Ans: 21 per lakh
368. Which organization will provide 100% credit guarantee coverage up to ₹20,000 crore under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)?  
Ans: National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC)
369. Approximately what percentage of India's total exports is contributed by Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)?  
Ans: Nearly 45%
370. What is the name of the mascot unveiled for Tripura's cyber security initiative?  
Ans: Raksha Mitra
371. Who became the fastest Indian to reach 1,000 runs in Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is)?  
Ans: Abhishek Sharma



372. Karnataka, Assam, and Tamil Nadu together account for what percentage of India's estimated elephant population?  
Ans: 59.29%
373. Which landscape region supports the largest share (53.2%) of India's estimated elephant population?  
Ans: Western Ghats landscape
374. Which two organizations co-hosted the "Aadi Chitra" National Tribal Painting Exhibition inaugurated in Mumbai?  
Ans: Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) and Ministry of Tribal Affairs
375. The total funding package provided by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for ReNew Energy Global Plc.'s hybrid project amounts to what value?  
Ans: USD 477 million
376. Under which commemorative initiative did the government organize Jan Sunwayi (public hearings) at more than 25,000 Adi Seva Kendras, marking the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda?  
Ans: Jan Jatiya Gaurav Varsh (JJGV)
377. Which three cities topped the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI) 38?  
Ans: New York, London, and Singapore
378. What was India's score in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2025, which placed it in the "Serious" category?  
Ans: 25.8
379. Which three countries topped the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) World Competitiveness Ranking 2025?  
Ans: Singapore, Switzerland, and Denmark
380. Which three countries topped the Global Happiness Report 2025?  
Ans: Finland, Denmark, and Iceland
381. Which Indian cooperative organization, ranking 2nd globally in the Global Cooperative Rankings 2025, is headquartered in New Delhi?  
Ans: Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)
382. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Financial Stability Report (March 2025), India's Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) Ratio fell to what percentage?  
Ans: 2.3%
383. Which Indian public sector company was ranked 95th in the Fortune Global 500 (2025)?  
Ans: Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)
384. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) census, which country was the top Overseas Direct Investment (ODI) destination for India?  
Ans: Singapore (22.2%)
385. What was the services sector share in India's Gross Value Added (GVA) in 2024-25?  
Ans: 55%
386. What was the Overall Worker Population Ratio (WPR) (15+ years) in India during July-September 2025 according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)?  
Ans: 52.2%
387. India currently has approximately how many psychiatrists per 1 lakh population, compared to the World Health Organization (WHO) norm of 3 per 1 lakh?  
Ans: 0.75 psychiatrists
388. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025, India ranks 3rd globally in which environmental metric?  
Ans: Annual forest area gain
389. India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) target a 45% reduction in emissions intensity of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from 2005 levels by which year?  
Ans: 2030



390. Which three cities were ranked lowest among those with a population above 10 lakhs in Swachh Survekshan 2025?  
Ans: Madurai (40th), Chennai (38th), and Ludhiana (39th)
391. Who were the youngest philanthropists featured in the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025, donating ₹147 crore through the Rainmatter Foundation?  
Ans: Nikhil and Nithin Kamath
392. How many bank fraud cases were recorded in India in Financial Year (FY) 2024–25 according to the Reserve Bank of India's annual report?  
Ans: 23,953 cases
393. How many bank fraud cases were reported specifically by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in Financial Year (FY) 2024–25?  
Ans: 6,935 cases
394. By what deadline did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) instruct all banks to migrate their corporate websites and internet banking portals to the secure “.bank.in” domain?  
Ans: By October 31, 2025
395. What is the total outlay of the “Women’s Wellness on Wheels (WWW)” mobile cancer screening programme launched by Tamil Nadu?  
Ans: ₹41 crore
396. Who won the ‘Woman Leader of the Year’ award at the 29th Asia Insurance Industry Awards (AIIA) 2025?  
Ans: Jasleen Kohli (Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Go Digit General Insurance Limited)
397. Under the Amended Bharat Net Scheme implemented in Punjab, which public sector telecom company acts as the project management agency for operation and maintenance of the network?  
Ans: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
398. Before joining Jammu & Kashmir Bank as Part-Time Chairman, S Krishnan was the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of which private sector bank?  
Ans: Tamilnad Mercantile Bank
399. The Startup Common Application Journey on the Jan Samarth Portal was developed jointly by which two organizations?  
Ans: The Indian Banks’ Association (IBA) and PSB Alliance
400. To be eligible for loans under the Startup Common Application Journey on the Jan Samarth Portal, a startup must have been operational for less than how many years?  
Ans: Less than 10 years
401. Which Indian digital payments company partnered with OpenAI to integrate ChatGPT features into its consumer and business applications?  
Ans: PhonePe
402. In the System for Pension Administration (Raksha) (SPARSH), what is the fixed length of the Pension Payment Order (PPO) number assigned to each defence pensioner?  
Ans: 12 digits
403. What is the fellowship amount received by each student under the Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK) 4.0 for two months?  
Ans: ₹50,000
404. Mission Shakti, effective from April 1, 2024, is structured into which two sub-schemes focusing on women’s safety/security and empowerment, respectively?  
Ans: Sambal and Samarthya
405. What subsidy amount is provided for installing a 1-kiloWatt (kW) rooftop solar system under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar – Muft Bijli Yojana?  
Ans: ₹30,000 (40% of installation cost)
406. What is the overall outlay of the Prime Minister’s Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE) scheme for the period 2022–26?  
Ans: ₹6,600 crore



407. The Kapas Kranti Mission, launched for high-yield cotton cultivation, primarily focuses on which two Indian states?  
Ans: Maharashtra and Telangana
408. Which organization implements the National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) to achieve the "Sweet Revolution"?  
Ans: National Bee Board
409. What is the name of the portal used for registration and traceability under the National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM)?  
Ans: Madhukranti Portal
410. Which project was initiated by the State Bank of India (SBI) Foundation in collaboration with the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) Raichur and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) for Climate-Smart Agriculture?  
Ans: "SMART-CROP" Project
411. Where did the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conduct the critical test of the main parachutes for the Gaganyaan crew module?  
Ans: Babina Field Firing Range in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
412. India aims for Indians landing on the Moon by which year?  
Ans: 2040
413. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully completed its 100th Launch using which launch vehicle?  
Ans: Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV)-F15
414. Which Union Minister launched the ₹1 Lakh Crore "Anusandhan National Research Fund" (RDI Scheme)?  
Ans: Piyush Goyal
415. What is the name of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) model introduced by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for Solar Weather Forecasting?  
Ans: "Surya"
416. Which new Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered travel application did Paytm launch?  
Ans: 'Paytm Check-in'
417. Which quantum chip did Google unveil, claiming the first verifiable quantum advantage?  
Ans: "Willow"
418. The indigenous defence all-terrain electric vehicle "VEER," launched by Pravaig Dynamics, is the winner of which Defence Excellence award?  
Ans: 'iDEX Award' 2025
419. The United States tested the unarmed "Minuteman III" Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) under which mission name?  
Ans: 'Glory Trip 254'
420. The heavy-lift New Glenn rocket, launched by Blue Origin, was carrying a pair of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) spacecraft destined for which planet?  
Ans: Mars
421. Where was the final of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 held?  
Ans: DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai
422. What was the prize money received by India for winning the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Cricket World Cup 2025?  
Ans: USD 4.48 million (approximately ₹37.3 Crore)
423. Where were the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Junior Championships 2025 held?  
Ans: Guwahati, Assam
424. Which city in Jharkhand is set to host the 4th South Asian Athletics Federation (SAAF) Senior Championships 2025?  
Ans: Ranchi





425. What is the name of the mascot for the 4th South Asian Athletics Federation (SAAF) Senior Championships 2025, representing the state animal of Jharkhand?  
Ans: "Dalma" (Elephant)
426. Which city was approved by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) as India's official bid city for the 2030 Commonwealth Games?  
Ans: Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
427. Where was the KogniVera International Polo Cup 2025, won by India, held?  
Ans: Jaipur Polo Ground, New Delhi
428. Indian Oil Mumbai won the 42nd Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Trophy, defeating which team in the final?  
Ans: Indian Railways Delhi
429. The 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025 served as a qualifying platform for which major future event?  
Ans: 2026 Youth Olympics (Dakar, Senegal)
430. Who won India's first-ever gold medal in Para Powerlifting at the World Para Powerlifting Championships 2025 in Cairo?  
Ans: Vinay
431. Who won the Masters Category at the Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025?  
Ans: Vincent Keymer (Germany)
432. Neeraj Chopra won which medal at the Diamond League Final 2025 (Zurich)?  
Ans: Silver medal
433. Who became World No. 1 in Para Table Tennis (Wheelchair Classes 1–5)?  
Ans: Bhavina Patel
434. What is the official match ball of the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup?  
Ans: "TRIONDA"
435. When was the Indian Hockey Federation, whose centenary India is celebrating in 2025, founded?  
Ans: November 7, 1925
436. Lenny Wilkens, a record-holding National Basketball Association (NBA) Coach and Hall of Famer who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?  
Ans: Basketball
437. Which constitutional office holder congratulated tennis player Rohan Bopanna upon his retirement in November 2025?  
Ans: The Vice-President (of India)
438. What amount of foreign debt inflows were recorded in India in 2025 under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR) framework?  
Ans: ₹69,073 crore
439. How many Guinness World Records did the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare achieve under the "Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan"?  
Ans: Three
440. What was the name of the tri-service exercise conducted by the Indian armed forces in Madhya Pradesh to test Drone and Counter-Drone Systems?  
Ans: Exercise Cold Start
441. Who was named the "Most Valuable Player" in the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12 in 2025?  
Ans: Fazel Atrachali
442. Who captained the Indian Women's Cricket Team that won the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's World Cup 2025?  
Ans: Harmanpreet Kaur
443. Who received the M.S. Subbulakshmi Award for Music in 2025?  
Ans: Dr. K.J. Yesudas



444. Including Lucknow (Creative City of Gastronomy), how many Indian cities are now part of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Creative Cities Network?  
Ans: Nine
445. Justice Surya Kant, the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI), succeeds which former CJI?  
Ans: Justice Bhushan R. Gavai
446. Who was appointed as the First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?  
Ans: Daniel Katz
447. Who was appointed as the President-Elect of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for the 2025–26 term?  
Ans: Anant Goenka
448. India celebrated the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on which date?  
Ans: October 30, 2025
449. Which historic 10-day-long cultural festival, held in Patan Durbar Square, concluded recently in Nepal?  
Ans: 'Kartik Naach'
450. Which Indian tennis player announced retirement from professional tennis on November 1, 2025?  
Ans: Rohan Bopanna
451. Which renowned personality, who was recently awarded the Padma Shri in 2025, passed away?  
Ans: Ramdarash Mishra
452. Who won the 2025 British Academy Book Prize for the book "The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years"?  
Ans: Sunil Amrith
453. Who were named the International Cricket Council (ICC) Players of the Month for September 2025?  
Ans: Abhishek Sharma and Smriti Mandhana
454. Which four Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) were recently granted Miniratna (Category-I) status?  
Ans: Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL), India Optel Limited (IOL), and Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)
455. The Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC) won the Technology Initiative of the Year award for which platform at the 29th Asia Insurance Industry Awards (AIIA) 2025?  
Ans: SEWANxt platform
456. Which city won the Best Urban Local Body award in the 6th National Water Awards 2024?  
Ans: Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra)
457. Which two institutions shared the 1st rank for the Best Institution (Other than School/College) in the 6th National Water Awards 2024?  
Ans: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar and ICAR–Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute (CCARI), Goa
458. A new species of jumping spider named Pilia malenadu was recently discovered in which Indian state?  
Ans: Karnataka
459. The Katkari tribal community is primarily found in which two Indian states?  
Ans: Maharashtra and Gujarat
460. Where was the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) CM50 Conference 2025 held, during which the Global Cooperative Rankings were announced?  
Ans: Doha, Qatar
461. How many projects, worth ₹4,927 crore, were sanctioned under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE) scheme as of February 2025?  
Ans: 36 projects



462. State Bank of India (SBI) executed its First Gold Trade as a Special Category Client (SCC) on which platform?  
Ans: India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)
463. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Vishwas Scheme aims to settle pending penal-damage litigation for delayed PF remittances across approximately how many cases?  
Ans: Over 6,000 cases
464. Which technology company became the World's First USD 5 Trillion Company (Market Cap) due to the Artificial Intelligence (AI) boom?  
Ans: NVIDIA
465. Japan's SoftBank Group Corp. sold its entire stake in which major technology company for USD 5.83 billion?  
Ans: NVIDIA
466. The International Finance Corporation (IFC) invested ₹285 crore in which Indian life insurance company to improve insurance access?  
Ans: Axis Max Life Insurance Limited
467. Muse Wearables and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) introduced India's First Complete Wearable Payments Ecosystem based on which technology?  
Ans: Near-Field Communication (NFC) technology
468. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) revised index rules stating the maximum weight allowed for the top constituent in an index is what percentage?  
Ans: 20%
469. Who is the current Chief of Naval Staff (Navy Chief) as of late 2025?  
Ans: Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi
470. The Indian Navy is set to assume the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Chairmanship for which term?  
Ans: 2025–27
471. The 100% increase in Ex-Servicemen Welfare Grants approved by the Defence Minister is estimated to have an annual financial impact of what amount?  
Ans: ₹257 crore annually
472. Miniratna (Category-I) status grants Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) boards independent investment decisions up to what financial amount?  
Ans: ₹500 crore or an amount equal to their net worth, whichever is lower
473. Which agency successfully launched the Copernicus Sentinel-1D satellite?  
Ans: European Space Agency (ESA) and Arianespace
474. Which major metropolitan area launched the Pink Saheli Smart Card scheme for free bus travel for women and transgender commuters aged 12 years and above?  
Ans: Delhi
475. Which Ministry of Railways corporation observed 150 years of "Vande Mataram" with mass singing across its region on November 7, 2025?  
Ans: Konkan Railway Corporation Limited
476. India was elected as Co-Chair of which United Nations body at its 14th Plenary Meeting in Goyang-si, Republic of Korea?  
Ans: United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP)
477. India funded the construction of a Multi-Ethnic Trilingual School in which neighboring country?  
Ans: Sri Lanka
478. Which company received Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approval in November 2025 to issue Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs)?  
Ans: Junio Payments Pvt Ltd
479. Which Bengaluru-based startup developed India's first 500-km quantum-based secure network?  
Ans: QNu Labs Pvt. Ltd.



480. On which date is National Cancer Awareness Day observed in India?  
Ans: November 7
481. Which Indian company operates the copper smelter in Gujarat, described as the world's largest single-location facility?  
Ans: Kutch Copper Ltd (Adani Enterprises)
482. Approximately how many criminal cases have been resolved under the Legal Aid Defence Counsel System in India over the last three years?  
Ans: Nearly 8 lakh cases
483. Which city won the Best Green Transport Initiative award at the Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2025?  
Ans: Hyderabad (Telangana Renewable Energy Development Corporation Ltd – TGREDCO)
484. Which Metro Rail won the award for Best Multimodal Integration at the Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2025?  
Ans: Chennai Metro Rail Ltd.
485. Where was the 6th Edition of the Global Fintech Festival (GFF 2025) held?  
Ans: Mumbai
486. Where was the "Aadi Chitra" National Tribal Painting Exhibition, commemorating Bhagwan Birsa Munda, inaugurated?  
Ans: Mumbai
487. India signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for five Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) with which country?  
Ans: Dominica
488. Which city received a special award for innovative Traffic Management System at the Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2025?  
Ans: Aizawl, Mizoram
489. What is the annual payment offered to countries under the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF) for protecting forests?  
Ans: USD 4 per hectare protected
490. Under which mission was a ₹1,000 crore Hill & Himalayan Cities Focused Fund launched for solid-waste management?  
Ans: Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0
491. National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited celebrated its 51st Raising Day, marking how many years of establishment?  
Ans: 50 years
492. The digital library 'Gyana Yagnya Mandap' in Odisha was established to safeguard records associated with which famous temple?  
Ans: Jagannath Temple, Puri
493. The slang "67 (Six-Seven)," named Dictionary.com's Word of the Year 2025, was popularized referencing National Basketball Association (NBA) highlights of which sportsperson?  
Ans: LaMelo Ball
494. Where is the headquarters of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) located?  
Ans: Mandaluyong, Philippines
495. Who is the current President of the World Bank Group (WBG)?  
Ans: Ajay Banga
496. Where is the headquarters of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) located?  
Ans: Geneva, Switzerland
497. Where is the headquarters of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) located?  
Ans: Washington D.C., United States of America (USA)
498. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) located?  
Ans: Paris, France





499. Who is the current Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

Ans: Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh

500. Who is the current Chief of the Indian Army?

Ans: General Upendra Dwivedi

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