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When choosing a coaching institute, you should look beyond **simply taking regular exams without proper explanation**. An institute that **only conducts tests—without offering clear explanations, doubt resolution, or effective teaching methods**—can leave you relying too heavily on external resources like YouTube videos or reading rooms. This self-directed approach can be both **time-consuming and less efficient** because you miss out on the insights and clarifications that come from a good teacher.

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మా విద్యార్థులందరూ కేవలం 1 నుండి 2 సంవత్సరాల తోపటే ఉద్దేశ్యాలు సాధంచారనే అసాధారణమైన విషయాల్ని గమనించగలరని ప్రార్థించాలి.

పై పేర్కొన్న విజయాలు సాధించడంలో మా విద్యార్థుల కృషి, నంద్యాలలో ఉన్న వసతిగ్రహపాల యజమానుల సహకారం మరియు స్థానిక ప్రజలు పూ వెనుంటే నడిచి పూ విజయాలలో భాగస్వాములనందుకు మా పూర్వులుపూర్వక ద్వారా దమ్మలు.

ఈ విజయాలు ప్రాధించడానికి మేము చాలా పెన్న సహాయివే ఎదర్లునాయి. అందుల్లో కొన్నింటిని పీట్రు గమించినటగలరని పూర్వం చెప్పాలి.

—:: మేము ఎదురాన్న పెను పుయాళు::—

ఇలాంటి ఎన్ని సువాళ్లను మేము ఎదుర్కొని నిలబడ్డాము. కావున విద్యార్థులందరూ విజయాన్ని సాధించాలంటే గెలవాలనే తపసు, వెనుకండివేయిని మనస్తత్వం, రుష్టికులతో పోరాడితప్పం, కష్టపడే మనస్తత్వం మరియు సైతిక విలువలు పాటించే మనస్తత్వం ఉంటేచాలు విజయం మీ సుంతరం అప్పుతుంది.

విశ్వాస్యులుంక ముఖ్య గుఫాలు :- ప్రతి 15 రోజుల కరెంట అప్పుక్క (ఫియర్, యం.సి.క్రూ, కంప్యూటర్ నాల్ట్ర్ మెపీరియల్, డిస్ట్రిబ్యూట్ ఇంగ్లీష్ లెట్టర్ రైట్టింగ్, ఎస్సె రైట్టింగ్, ఇంగ్లీష్ బాసులర్, బ్యాంకింగ్ అప్పెనెన్ (ప్రాబ్లిక్) పురియు ముగతా మెపీరియల్ క్రాచ్ కెండ తెలిసిన పేర్ సెట్పు సందర్భంల్గలరు

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"ಉದ್ಯೋಗಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಶ್ರಮಿಸುತ್ತಾ, ಕುಟುಂಬದಿಂದ ದೂರವಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ತಾಂಗಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ, ಸಂಸ್ತಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರೆಸುತ್ತಿರುವ NBCC ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಯಶಸ್ವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಲು ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನದ ಭಾಗವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಮಗೆ ಹಂಚಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅಶಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ"

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

"ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಯಂಡ ಯಶಸ್ವಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸಲು ನಮ್ಮ ಬಳಿ 4 ರಿಂದ 5 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಒಂದು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲ."

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

ಈ ಯಶಸ್ವಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಶ್ರಮದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ, ನಂದಾಲಿನ ವಸತಿಗೃಹಗಳ ಮಾಲೀಕರ ಸಹಕಾರವೂ, ಸ್ಕೋಲೀಯ ನಾಗರಿಕರು ನಮ್ಮೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಹಾಕಿದ್ದು, ಅವರೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಯಶಸ್ವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲುದಾರರಾಗಿದ್ದು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಹೃತ್ಕೂರ್ವಕ ಧನ್ಯವಾದಗಳು.

ಈ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸಲು ನಾವು ಅನೇಕ ದೋಡ್ಯು ಸಾಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಆ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವನ್ನಾದರೂ ನೀವು ಗಮನಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಮ್ಮ ಆಶಯ."

### **NBCC ಎದುರಿಸಿದ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ತಪ್ಪು ಪ್ರಜಾರಾಗಳು :**

1. NBCC ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯಾದ ನಂತರ, ತಕ್ಷಣವೇ— ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಕೆಲವರು ನಕಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಯಶ್ವಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿಸ್ಟ್ರೇಟರ್ ಎಂದು ಬಳಸ್ತೇನೆ, ಕೇಂದ್ರಗೋಳಿಸುವ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತಪ್ಪು ಪ್ರಜಾರ ನಡೆಸಿದರು. (ಇತ್ತೀಚಿಗಳೂ ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ದ್ವೀಪದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿವೆ.)
2. ಕೆಲವು ಕೋಚಿಂಗ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ಗಳು ಅಟೋ ಚಾಲಕರ್ಲೊರಿಗೆ ಗುಟ್ಟು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು, ಒಬ್ಬ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಯನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿದರೆ ಆ ಅಟೋ ಚಾಲಕರ್ಗೆ ಹಳೆ, ಬಿರಿಯಾನಿ, ಅಥವಾ (ಇತರ ಅವಿಷಯಗಳು) ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.
3. ಕೆಲವು ಕೋಚಿಂಗ್ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಗಳ ಮಾಲೀಕರು NBCC ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ವಸತಿಗೃಹಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇರಬಾರದೆಂದು ವಸತಿಗೃಹಗಳ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಗೆ ನೀಡೇಶನ ನೀಡಿದಾರ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮ ಭದ್ರತಾ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯನ್ನು ಬಳಸಿ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ವಸತಿಗೃಹವನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು.
4. 'ಹೆಲ್ಪ್ ಬೆಂಚ್' ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ— ರಸ್ತೆ ಗೂಡುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸಿ, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪು ದಾರಿಗೆ ಎಳೆದು ತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಚಿಂಗ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರೆದೊಯ್ಯಾವ ಯಶ್ವಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 5ರಿಂದ 10ರವರಿಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.
5. ಅಭಿನಂದನಾ ಸಭೆ ಅಥವಾ ವಿಜಯಯಾತ್ರೆ ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು 5000 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿ, NBCC ಕೋಚಿಂಗ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಕಬ್ಬಿಣದ ರಾಜ್ಯ, ಕಲ್ಯಾಂಜಿಂದ ಹಲ್ಲೆ ನಡೆಸುವ ಯಶ್ವಿ ನಡೆದಿದೆ.

ಇದು ಸಂಸ್ಯೇ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಷಟ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಗಳನ್ನು ಸತ್ಯದೊಂದಿಗೆ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಘನತ್ವಾರ್ಥ ರೂಪವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಇಂತಹ ಅನೇಕ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಾವು ಎದುರಿಸಿ ನಿಲ್ಲಬೇಕಾಯಿತು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಯಶಸ್ವನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದರೆ— ಗೆಲ್ಲಬೇಕೆಂಬ ತಪಕ, ಹಿಂದೆ ಸರಿಯದ ಮನಸ್ಸಿತಿ, ದುಷ್ಪುರುಷೀಗಳ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಹೋರಾಡುವ ಧ್ಯೇಯ, ಪರಿಶ್ರಮೆ ಸ್ಥಾವರ ಮತ್ತು ನೈತಿಕ ಮೂಲಗಳನ್ನು ಪಾಲಿಸುವ ಮನೋಭಾವ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಸಾಹು— ಯಶಸ್ವಿ, ನಿಮ್ಮದಾಗಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

### **ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಸೂಚನೆ:**

ಪ್ರತಿ 15 ದಿನಗಳಿಗೂಂಟು, ಕರಂಟ್ ಅಫ್ಸೆಸ್‌ (ವ್ಯಾಖ್ಯಾನ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಹು ಆಯ್ದು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು) ಕೆಂಪ್ಲ್ಯೂಟರ್ ನೋಲೇಜ್ ಮೆಟ್ರಿರಿಯಲ್, ಡಿಸ್ಪ್ಲೈಟ್‌ ಇಂಗಿಟ್‌ (ಪತ್ರ ಬರವಣಿಗೆ, ಪುಬಿಂದು ಬರವಣಿಗೆ, ಶಬ್ದಕೋಶ), ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿಂಗ್ ಜ್ಞಾನ (ಸ್ವಿಪ್ ಮಾಹಿತಿ) ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ ಅನ್ನು ಭೇಟಿ ಮಾಡಿ

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

1. Simplification of EPF Partial Withdrawals & Digital Transformation under EPFO 3.0 Framework: The Central Board of Trustees (Employees' Provident Fund – CBT, EPF) held its 238<sup>th</sup> meeting in New Delhi, chaired by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports.  
Key Developments
  - Thirteen complex withdrawal provisions merged into three broad types – (i) Essential Needs (illness, education, marriage) (ii) Housing Needs (iii) Special Circumstances.
  - Members can now withdraw up to 100 % of the eligible Provident-Fund balance (employee + employer share).
  - Education withdrawals → 10 times, Marriage → 5 times (previously only 3 combined withdrawals allowed).
  - Minimum service requirement reduced to 12 months for all partial withdrawals.
  - At least 25 % of member's contribution must stay as minimum balance to earn 8.25 % p.a. interest and compounding benefits.
  - 100 % automatic settlement for partial-withdrawal claims introduced.
  - Premature final settlement period changed from 2 → 12 months; final pension withdrawal 2 → 36 months.
  - 'Vishwas Scheme' launched to settle penal-damage litigation for delayed PF remittances – Rs 2,406 crore pending across 6,000 + cases and 21,000 potential disputes.
2. India secured its seat for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the term 2026–2028. The election was held by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in Geneva  
UNHRC HQ – Geneva, Switzerland | President: Jürg Lauber | Established: 2006
3. The Government-backed Bharat 6G Alliance hosted the International Bharat 6G Symposium 2025 during the India Mobile Congress (IMC 2025) in New Delhi. Theme of IMC 2025: "Innovate to Transform."
4. StockGro, a Bengaluru-based FinTech platform, launched "Stoxo", India's first AI-powered stock-market research desk.
5. Bharath Thammineni, aged 36, from Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh), became the first Indian to summit nine of the world's 8,000-metre peaks after climbing Mt Cho Oyu (8,188 m) – the sixth highest mountain in the world.
6. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has set a target to land Indians on the Moon by 2040.
7. ISRO's first human spaceflight mission "Gaganyaan" is scheduled for launch in 2027.
8. India will build a National Space Station (Bharatiya Antriksh Station – BAS) by 2035.
9. India currently has 23 nuclear reactors in 8 plants (including Tarapur and BARC)
10. ISRO Chairman – Dr V. Narayanan | HQ – Bengaluru | Founded – 15 Aug 1969
11. India Elected Co-Chair of UN Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia & the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP) for 2025-2028 Term at the 14<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP, held in Goyang-si, Republic of Korea and hosted by the National Geographic Information Institute (NGII) India was represented by Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana, Surveyor General of India (IAS Officer). UN-GGIM initiative was established in 2011 by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); Secretariat Headquarters – Deqing County, Zhejiang Province, China.



12. India and the European Union (EU) conducted their first-ever joint counter-terrorism training at the National Security Guard (NSG) campus, Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana from October 13–15, 2025  
HQ of EU – Brussels, Belgium | President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leyen.
13. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued revised bank locker regulations for 2025 to improve security, transparency, and customer protection in the banking system.
  - Enhanced security: Biometric access, 24×7 CCTV surveillance, and instant alerts for locker usage.
  - CCTV footage to be stored for at least 180 days.
  - Compensation clause: In case of theft or loss due to bank's fault, the bank must pay up to 100 times the annual locker rent.
  - Annual locker rent: ₹2,000–₹10,000 depending on locker size and city tier.Prohibited items: Cash, arms, explosives, and hazardous materials strictly banned.  
Up to 4 nominees allowed (per account).
14. Chennai becomes India's first city to launch Real-Time Flood Forecasting and Spatial Decision Support System (RTFF & SDSS)
15. Kerala to become India's first extreme poverty-free state on November 1, 2025 during 'Kerala Piravi' celebrations
16. OpenAI launches 'ChatGPT Atlas' – AI-powered web browser to compete with Google Chrome
17. RBI's October 22 bulletin reported gold holdings > 880.18 metric tonnes, valued ≈ USD 95 billion by September 2025.  
FY 2024-25 annual purchase: 54.13 tonnes.
18. State Bank of India wins Global Finance Awards – 'World's Best Consumer Bank 2025' & 'Best Bank in India 2025'
19. Ahmedabad recommended as host city for 2030 Commonwealth Games
20. The Union Cabinet approved a ₹37,952 crore fertilizer subsidy for the ongoing Rabi (winter) crop 2025

## 2. Amounts & Agreements

1. Asian Development Bank (ADB) signs \$3 billion Sovereign Exposure Exchange Agreement (EEA) with World Bank to boost lending capacity
  - ADB HQ: Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masato Kanda | Members – 69.
  - World Bank HQ: Washington D.C. | President – Ajay Banga | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant | Members – 189.
2. The World Bank has sanctioned a loan of USD 280 million (approx. ₹2,450 crore) to the Government of Kerala under the Kerala Health System Improvement Programme (KHSIP).
3. EFTA (European Free Trade Association) Nations (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland) Commit \$100 Billion Investment in India under Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA).
4. Asian Development Bank (ADB) Approves \$460 Million Loan to Maharashtra for Agricultural Solarization.



### 3. Appointments & Resignations

1. **Mahavir Lunawat** Re-Elected as Chairman of the Association of Investment Bankers of India (AIBI)
2. **Tarun Garg** Appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL)
3. **Anant Goenka** Announced as President-Elect of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for 2025–26. FICCI Director General: Jyoti Vij  
Anant Goenka Will succeed Harsha Vardhan Agarwal.
4. Colonel **Michael Randrianirina** Sworn in as Transitional President of Madagascar
5. **Daniel Katz**, former Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, has taken charge as the First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD) of the IMF
6. Allianz SE, a global leader in insurance and asset management, named **Ritu Arora** as its Country Head for India
7. Gujarat Cabinet Reconstituted – **Harsh Sanghvi** Becomes First Deputy CM
8. Gujarat Governor – **Acharya Devvrat**
9. **Ravi A. Robert Jerard** Gets Third Extension as CMD of BSNL, MTNL and BBNL
10. **Nirmal K. Minda**, Executive Chairman of Uno Minda, appointed President of ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India) for 2025–26.
  - He succeeds Sanjay Nayar.
  - Amitabh Chaudhry, Managing Director & CEO of Axis Bank, becomes Vice President of ASSOCHAM.ASSOCHAM Secretary General: Manish Singhal.
11. **Shantha Rangaswamy** elected as first woman President of Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA)
12. **Tarun Kumar Pithode** (IAS 2009) appointed Full-time Member Secretary of Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)
  - Replaces Arvind Kumar Nautiyal.
13. **Justice Prathiba M. Singh** (Delhi High Court) appointed Chairperson of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Advisory Board of Judges for 2025-2027 term
14. **Justice Sudhir Singh** appointed as Acting Chief Justice of Patna High Court after Justice Pavankumar Bhimappa Bajanthri's retirement.
15. **Baskar Babu Ramachandran** reappointed as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Suryoday Small Finance Bank till 2029
  - Headquarters: Navi Mumbai.
  - Established: 2017.
  - Tagline: "A Bank of Smiles"
16. **Manish Gupta** Appointed as the Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Ireland  
Republic of Ireland:
  - Capital: Dublin.
  - Currency: Euro (€).
  - Prime Minister (Taoiseach): Micheál Martin.
17. **Justice Surya Kant** to Become the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI)  
The Chief Justice of India (CJI) Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai (B. R. Gavai) has officially recommended Justice Surya Kant to be his successor.  
Tenure: Justice Surya Kant will become the 53rd Chief Justice of India on 24 November 2025 and will serve until 9 February 2027.  
About the Supreme Court of India:
  - Established: 26 January 1950.



- Sanctioned Strength: 34 Judges (including the Chief Justice).
- Retirement Age:
  - High Court Judges: 62 years.
  - Supreme Court Judges: 65 years.
- Current CJI: Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai (52nd CJI).

**18. Catherine Connolly** Elected as the First Openly Left-Wing Independent and 10th President of Ireland

**19. C. S. Rajan** Reappointed as Part-Time Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

**20. Jane Fraser** appointed Chair of Citigroup Board of Directors

**21. Dr. Matthew Antonio Patrick Herminie** Sworn in as 6th President of Seychelles

## 4. Arts & Cultural Affairs

1. Google Cloud Collaborates with A. R. Rahman's "Secret Mountain" Metahuman Avatar Band
  - "Secret Mountain" is a digital avatar band conceived by music composer A. R. Rahman, aiming to blend AI with music and storytelling.  
HQ of Google – California, USA | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded – 1998
2. "Sivam Subham: The Biography of a Couple (M. S. Subbulakshmi and her husband T. Sadasivam)" by B. K. Harinarayanan
3. UNESCO World Conference on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development (MONDIACULT 2025) concluded in Barcelona, Spain.  
Theme: Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development.
  - India represented by Amita Prasad Sarbhai, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Culture.
4. The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), in collaboration with Gautam Buddha University (GBU), Antarrashtriya Baudh Shodh Sansthan (Lucknow), and the Ministry of Culture, celebrated International Abhidhamma Day on Śharada Pūrṇimā (Full Moon Day).
5. Japanese voice actor Masako Nozawa becomes first-ever voice performer to receive Japan's "Person of Cultural Merit (Bunka Korōsha)" honor
6. AI-Driven Mahabharat to Premiere on WAVES OTT (Prasar Bharati's official platform)
7. Veteran Bollywood Actor Govardhan Asrani Passes Away at 84. Famous for his iconic jailer role in "Sholay."

## 5. Awards, Rewards, Recognition

1. ICC Players of the Month (September 2025): Abhishek Sharma and Smriti Mandhana  
ICC HQ – Dubai | Chairman – Jay Shah | CEO – Sanjog Gupta
2. Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, established in 1941 – India's oldest shipbuilding enterprise – earned Mini Ratna (Category I) status in 2025.
  - Miniratna - I: Profit  $\geq$  ₹ 30 crore in 1 of last 3 years & positive net worth.
  - Miniratna - II: Profit in last 3 years & positive net worth.
3. Abusupyan Kharkharov Wins "BRICS International Award 2025"
4. Lionel Messi Wins "2025 MLS Golden Boot" – Inter Miami CF



5. Venezuelan Leader María Corina Machado Wins 2025 Nobel Peace Prize
6. Dr. Sonali Ghosh, Field Director of Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve (Assam), was honoured at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 in Abu Dhabi with the Kenton R. Miller Award for Innovation in National Parks and Protected Area Sustainability.
7. Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2025 Awarded to Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion & Peter Howitt Recognised “for explaining innovation-driven economic growth.”
8. Sherry Singh created history by winning the 48th Mrs. Universe 2025 crown in Manila (Philippines) — the first Indian ever to win.
9. Hungarian Author László Krasznahorkai Wins 2025 Nobel Prize in Literature
10. Rajarshi Banerji wins First Prize at Big Cat Conservation Awards 2025
11. Global Fintech Awards (GFA) 2025 announced at Global Fintech Fest 2025, Mumbai  
Key Winners:
  - Fintech Startup of the Year – Yubi
  - Fintech Person of the Year (Female) – Upasana Taku (Co-founder & CFO, MobiKwik)
  - Fintech Person of the Year (Male) – Yashish Dahiya (Chairman, PB Fintech)
  - Excellence in Banking Tech:
    - Best Digital Banking Platform – Razorpay
    - Best Digital Transformation Program & Green Banking Initiative – IDFC FIRST Bank
    - Best Corporate/Business Correspondent – PayNearby
  - Excellence in FinTech:
    - Best Insurance Tech Solution – CAMS Insurance Repository Services
    - Best Use of AI in Fintech – KFin Technologies
    - Best B2B Payments Platform – Juspay Technologies.
12. Sunil Amrith wins 2025 British Academy Book Prize for “The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years”
13. Neeraj Chopra conferred honorary rank of ‘Lieutenant Colonel’ by Indian Army
  - Set national record (2025) – 90.23 m javelin throw.
  - India’s first Olympic athletics gold medallist (Tokyo 2020) and World Champion (Budapest 2023).
  - Recipient of Arjuna Award (2018), Khel Ratna (2021), Padma Shri & Param Vishisht Seva Medal (2022).
14. Times Higher Education (THE) has released its 2026 global rankings. Oxford University (UK) – Rank 1 for the 10th consecutive year
  - India became 2nd most represented country (128 institutions; US 171).
  - IISc Bengaluru (201–250 band) is India’s top university.
15. 70th Filmfare Awards 2025 Held at EKA Arena, Ahmedabad
  - Big Winner: Laapataa Ladies by Kiran Rao – 13 awards, equalling Gully Boy (2020) record.
  - Highlights of Major Winners:
    - Best Film – Laapataa Ladies | Best Director – Kiran Rao
    - Best Actor (Male) – Abhishek Bachchan & Kartik Aaryan | Best Actor (Female) – Alia Bhatt (Jigra)
    - Critics’ Best Actor (Male) – Rajkummar Rao (Srikant) | Critics’ Best Actor (Female) – Pratibha Rannta (Laapataa Ladies)
    - Best Supporting Actors – Ravi Kishan & Chhaya Kadam (Laapataa Ladies)
    - Best Story – Aditya Dhar & Monal Thakkar (Article 370)
    - Best Music Album – Ram Sampath | Best Lyrics – Prashant Pandey
    - Lifetime Achievement – Zeenat Aman & Shyam Benegal (Posthumous)
16. European Union’s (EU) Top Human Rights Honour — “Sakharov Prize 2025” Awarded to Journalists Andrzej Poczobut (Belarus) and Mzia Amaghlobeli (Georgia)
17. The Government of India has announced the winners of the second edition of the “Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP) 2025”, one of the nation’s highest recognitions for contributions in Science and Technology.



The awards honour 23 individuals and 1 institution across four categories, celebrating excellence in both individual achievements and collaborative research.

#### Award Categories:

**18.** Vigyan Ratna (VR): Recognises lifetime achievements and exceptional contributions in any field of science and technology.

**19.** Vigyan Shri (VS): For distinguished contributions in any scientific field.

**20.** Vigyan Yuva – Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (VY-SSB): For young scientists under 45 years demonstrating exceptional scientific achievements.

**21.** Vigyan Team (VT): For teams of 3 or more scientists or innovators delivering outstanding collaborative work.

#### Vigyan Team Award:

- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Aroma Mission Team – Field: Agricultural Science (Sustainable Farming & Aromatic Crops).

**22.** During Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Gyeongju, South Korea (29 Oct 2025) awarded its highest national honour ('Grand Order of Mugunghwa') to Donald Trump.

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

1. Simplification of EPF Partial Withdrawals & Digital Transformation under EPFO 3.0 Framework:  
The Central Board of Trustees (Employees' Provident Fund – CBT, EPF) held its 238<sup>th</sup> meeting in New Delhi, chaired by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports.  
**Key Developments**
  - Thirteen complex withdrawal provisions merged into three broad types – (i) Essential Needs (illness, education, marriage) (ii) Housing Needs (iii) Special Circumstances.
  - Members can now withdraw up to 100 % of the eligible Provident-Fund balance (employee + employer share).
  - Education withdrawals → 10 times, Marriage → 5 times (previously only 3 combined withdrawals allowed).
  - Minimum service requirement reduced to 12 months for all partial withdrawals.
  - At least 25 % of member's contribution must stay as minimum balance to earn 8.25 % p.a. interest and compounding benefits.
  - 100 % automatic settlement for partial-withdrawal claims introduced.
  - Premature final settlement period changed from 2 → 12 months; final pension withdrawal 2 → 36 months.
  - 'Vishwas Scheme' launched to settle penal-damage litigation for delayed PF remittances – Rs 2,406 crore pending across 6,000 + cases and 21,000 potential disputes.
2. StockGro, a Bengaluru-based FinTech platform, launched "Stoxo", India's first AI-powered stock-market research desk.
3. Jio Payments Bank Ltd (JPBL), a subsidiary of Jio Financial Services, secured a major government contract under the National Highway toll digitalisation drive.
  - The project aims to introduce Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)-based Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) systems.
4. NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) signed an agreement with NTT DATA Japan to enable Unified Payments Interface (UPI) acceptance in the Japanese market.
  - Total countries where UPI is operational: 9 – Bhutan, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, UAE, Qatar, and Japan.
  - First Country to Adopt UPI: Bhutan (2021, via BHIM app).
  - Headquarters of NIPL: Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO: Ritesh Shukla.
  - Prime Minister of Japan: Sanae Takaichi | Currency: Yen
5. Universal Sompo General Insurance Partners with Andhra Pradesh Grameena Bank (APGB)
  - Aim: To extend affordable insurance coverage to rural and agrarian communities of Andhra Pradesh.
6. GIFT City Ranks 43rd in Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 38)
7. LIC Launches Two New Insurance Plans under Next-Gen GST Regime
  - Plan 880 – LIC Jan Suraksha Plan: Micro insurance for low-income individuals; non-linked, non-par savings type.
    - Entry Age: 18 – 55 years | Sum Assured: ₹ 1 lakh – ₹ 2 lakh | Policy Term: 12–20 yrs | 4 % guaranteed additions.
    - Plan 881 – LIC Bima Lakshmi Plan: Exclusively for females; life cover + periodic money-back.
    - Entry Age: 18 – 50 years | Policy Term: 25 yrs | Premium Term: 7–15 yrs | 7 % guaranteed additions.



- Includes female critical-illness rider and auto-cover after 3 years.

HQ – Mumbai | CEO – R. Doraiswamy | Founded – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham.”

8. IRDAI Issues ‘Insurance Fraud Monitoring Framework Guidelines 2025’ Effective from April 1, 2026  
IRDAI HQ: Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman: Ajay Seth | Established: 1999.
9. Lxme, a Mumbai-based women-centric financial startup, introduced ‘LxmePay’, India’s first Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform exclusively for women.
10. Getepay, a Jaipur-based payment aggregator, teamed with ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB) to implement its payment switch ‘VEGA’.
11. HSBC Partners with Juspay to Launch Full-Stack Digital Payment Acquiring Solution  
HSBC HQ – Hong Kong | CEO – Georges Elhedery  
Juspay HQ – Bengaluru | CEO – Vimal Kumar | Founded – 2012.
12. State Bank of India (SBI) granted ₹74,434 crore in loans to 2.25 lakh MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) in 15 months via SME Digital Business Loans Platform launched in June 2024.  
Chairman of SBI: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
13. HDFC Bank, in collaboration with startup Vyaparify, launched ‘My Business QR’ under its Pitch for Business program.
14. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued revised bank locker regulations for 2025 to improve security, transparency, and customer protection in the banking system.
  - Enhanced security: Biometric access, 24x7 CCTV surveillance, and instant alerts for locker usage.
  - CCTV footage to be stored for at least 180 days.
  - Compensation clause: In case of theft or loss due to bank’s fault, the bank must pay up to 100 times the annual locker rent.
  - Annual locker rent: ₹2,000–₹10,000 depending on locker size and city tier.Prohibited items: Cash, arms, explosives, and hazardous materials strictly banned.  
Up to 4 nominees allowed (per account).
15. National Statistics Office (NSO) reported that India’s Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation fell to 1.54% in September 2025 — the lowest in 8 years since June 2017 (1.46%).  
Drop due to falling prices of vegetables, pulses, cereals, and fuel.  
RBI revised FY2025–26 inflation projection down to 2.6%.  
RBI Tolerance Band: 2%–6%
16. The Government of India will soon introduce a revamped interest subvention scheme granting 3% interest subsidy to MSME exporters instead of all exporters.
17. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced four digital payment projects at the Global Fintech Fest 2025 (Mumbai) to promote innovation and interoperability.  
Key Developments:
18. IoT-based UPI Payments – Automatic UPI transactions via smart devices (cars, TVs, wearables).
19. Banking Connect (Interoperable Net Banking) – Unified merchant platform to access multiple banks.
20. UPI Reserve Pay – Reserve credit card/pre-approved credit for UPI transactions.
21. AI-based UPI Help – AI assistant built on NPCI’s language model for disputes and support.
22. India’s Net Direct Tax Collection Rises 6.33% to ₹11.89 Lakh Crore (Apr–Oct 2025)
23. State Bank of India (SBI) Targets 30% Female Workforce by 2030
24. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launches AI-driven “Digital Payments Intelligence Platform (DPIP)” to detect and prevent real-time payment frauds
25. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the Unified Markets Interface (UMI) to enable tokenisation of financial assets and settlements using wholesale Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).



26. Muse Wearables, an IIT-Madras-incubated Indian startup, has partnered with NPCI to introduce India's first wearable payments ecosystem, enabling contactless digital transactions.

27. DBS Bank (Singapore) retained its position as Asia's safest bank for the 17th consecutive year (2009–2025), as per the Global Finance Report 2025  
DBS Bank (Singapore) Ranked 2nd safest commercial bank globally.  
Top global banks:

28. KfW Bank – Germany

29. Zürcher Kantonalbank – Switzerland

30. BNG Bank – Netherlands

31. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revised its Foreign Exchange Management Regulations allowing banks to lend in Indian Rupees (INR) to banks and persons in Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

32. RBI Retail Direct Scheme (RDS) records 82.5% annual growth — aims to simplify G-Sec investment for individual investors  
• Launched: November 2021 by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).  
• Objective — to create a one-stop portal for individual retail investors to directly invest in Government Securities (G-Secs) without intermediaries.

33. IMF raises India's FY 2025-26 GDP growth forecast to 6.6%; lowers FY 2026-27 to 6.2%

34. IMF's FY26 forecast higher than S&P (6.5%) and Asian Development Bank (6.5%), but below Fitch (6.9%), RBI (6.8%), and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (6.7%).

35. IMF Publishes World Economic Outlook (WEO) and Global Financial Stability Report.

36. World Bank also raised India's FY26 estimate to 6.5% citing better agriculture output and rural wages

37. Google announces \$15 billion investment to set up India's largest Artificial Intelligence (AI) Hub in Andhra Pradesh (Visakhapatnam)

38. Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) awarded 'Mini-Ratna' Status.  
Established: 1941; Headquarters – Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh; CMD – Commodore Giridip Singh.

39. Infosys wins £1.2 billion (₹14,000 crore) UK National Health Service (NHS) contract

40. UPI handles 19.63 billion transactions worth ₹24.9 lakh crore in September 2025

41. Cosmos Co-operative Bank launches 'Cosmo Galgal' — India's first youth-focused digital banking app by a co-operative bank

42. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) launched the AgriSURE Fund (Agri Fund for Start-ups & Rural Enterprises), a ₹750 crore blended capital fund.  
NABARD Chairman: Shaji K. V. | HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founded: 1982

43. Pine Labs Limited and Flipkart jointly launched a reloadable National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) called "Flipkart Bharat Yatra Card".

44. RBI's October 22 bulletin reported gold holdings > 880.18 metric tonnes, valued ≈ USD 95 billion by September 2025.  
FY 2024-25 annual purchase: 54.13 tonnes.

45. Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) 2017-18 Series IV – Final Redemption Price ₹ 12,704 per gram  
Background / Introduction  
• Bonds issued on 23 Oct 2017 matured 23 Oct 2025; issued at ₹ 2,971/g (no discount).  
Key Developments  
• Final price = average of gold (999 purity) for Oct 17, 20, 22 2025.  
• Yield: 325 % simple return over 8 years.  
• Tenure 8 yrs; premature redemption allowed after 5 yrs.

46. Punjab National Bank sold 10 % stake (for ₹ 1,007 crore) in Canara HSBC Life Insurance Co. Ltd., reducing holding from 23 % to 13 %

47. State Bank of India wins Global Finance Awards – 'World's Best Consumer Bank 2025' & 'Best Bank in India 2025'



48. RBI proposes mandatory use of Unique Transaction Identifier (UTI) for all Over-the-Counter derivative trades. – effective April 1, 2026  
UTI =  $\leq$  52 characters (LEI + unique transaction string).  
LEI = Legal Entity Identifier, 20-character code for financial transactions

49. RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH) announced 4th edition of HaRBInger 2025 with theme “Secure Banking: Powered by Identity, Integrity and Inclusivity.”

- Focus problem statements: Tokenized KYC, Offline CBDC (e₹), Enhancing Trust.
- Prizes: Winner ₹ 40 lakh | Runner-up ₹ 20 lakh | Best All-Woman Team ₹ 20 lakh.
- Shortlisted teams get ₹ 5 lakh for prototype stage.

50. Bank of India (BOI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Border Security Force (BSF) to offer its BOI Rakshak Salary Package to BSF personnel and veterans.

51. Swiggy entered a partnership with PayU Finance, the NBFC arm of PayU, to extend credit solutions to restaurant partners

52. CotoPay, a brand of Cotodel Technologies Pvt. Ltd., launched India's first business-specific e-RUPI (Digital e-Rupee) voucher platform.

53. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) raises stake in Dr. Reddy's Laboratories to 10.26 % (— up from 8.21 % in Jun 2025.)

54. RBI intends to keep the current premium structure under the new Risk-Based Premium (RBP) model. Present uniform premium: ₹ 0.12 per ₹ 100 deposits to DICGC (Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation).  
DICGC founded 1978, a wholly owned RBI subsidiary; insurance cover ₹ 5 lakh per depositor per bank.

55. For the first time ever, India's gold reserves exceeded USD 100 billion, as reported in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) foreign-exchange data for the week ending 10 October 2025.  
India = world's 2nd-largest gold consumer, where gold-buying is deeply rooted in tradition.

56. As per SEBI and AMFI data, unclaimed balances in mutual funds Rises by 21 % in FY 2024-25.  
Increased from ₹ 2,862 crore (2023-24) to ₹ 3,452 crore (2024-25) — a 21 % rise.  
Related data: unclaimed bank deposits ₹ 75,000 cr, insurance ₹ 13,800 cr, mutual fund ₹ 3,000 cr; total unclaimed financial assets  $\approx$  ₹ 1.84 lakh cr.

57. Bajaj Finserv AMC Launches ‘Pay with Mutual Fund’ Feature. Joint initiative with FinTech firm Curie Money to link investments with UPI payments

58. Axis Bank & Hitachi Payment Services Launch “Express Banking” – India's First Digital Banking Point

59. Equitas Small Finance Bank Releases Short Film “Making Cancer Care Accessible”

60. RBL Bank Launches ‘Humsafar’ RuPay Prepaid Card with NPCI

61. India Post to Launch 24-48 Hour Guaranteed Speed Post Delivery by January 2026

62. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to enlist the “SWAMIH (Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing) Investment Fund-I” under the specified exemption category for investments made by Regulated Entities (REs).  
SWAMIH Fund was announced on 6 November 2019 as a Special Window in the form of an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) to provide priority debt financing for completion of stalled housing projects. SBI Ventures is the Investment Manager for the fund.

63. The State Bank of India (SBI) and Bank of Baroda (BoB) will jointly lead the creation of a Digital Payments Intelligence Platform called Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC).  
The platform will enable real-time detection and prevention of fraudulent transactions across banks  
Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC) Authorised capital: ₹ 500 crore.; Paid-up capital: ₹ 200 crore  
As per RBI data, fraud amounts tripled to ₹ 36,014 crore (FY25) from ₹ 12,230 crore (FY24).

64. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI), developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has introduced a new facility titled “Pay with Mutual Fund.”



Headquarters of NPCI: Mumbai | Chairman: Ajay Kumar Choudhary | MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe | Established: 2008.

**65.** According to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's outward remittances for education abroad witnessed a sharp fall of 23.8% year-on-year in August 2025,

About the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS):

- Introduced in 2004 by the Reserve Bank of India, permitting resident individuals to remit up to USD 250,000 per financial year for permissible transactions (education, travel, investment, etc.).

**66.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued draft guidelines titled "Draft RBI (Capital Market Exposure) Directions, 2025" allowing banks to finance corporate acquisitions

• Loan limits: Banks can fund up to 70% of the acquisition value, while the remaining 30% must come from the acquirer's own equity.

- The target company's value must be assessed by two independent valuers as per SEBI norms.

The acquiring company:

- Must be listed and profitable for at least 3 years.
- Must not be related to the target company (as per Section 2(76) of the Companies Act, 2013).

**67.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has withdrawn its 2016 circular that previously restricted the banking system from lending beyond a defined threshold to a single borrower or group of connected borrowers.

Previous Thresholds:

- FY 2018 – ₹25,000 crore.
- FY 2019 – ₹15,000 crore.
- FY 2020 – ₹10,000 crore.

Current Framework (Still in Force):

- The Large Exposure Framework (LEF) continues to regulate exposure limits for individual banks.

• As per LEF:

- o A bank's total exposure to a single borrower cannot exceed 20% of its Tier-1 capital.
- o Exposure to a corporate group is capped at 25% of Tier-1 capital.

**68.** Japan launches world's first yen-pegged stablecoin 'JPYC'

Japan PM – Sanae Takaichi.

**69.** Paytm introduces UPI for NRIs via international mobile numbers

Paytm HQ – Noida | MD & CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma

**70.** Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Records ₹94,000 Crore Average Daily Transaction Value in October 2025

**71.** Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) conducts Niveshak Shivir (in Amritsar) to resolve unclaimed dividend/share issues

**72.** Reserve Bank of India (RBI) asked banks to migrate net-banking domains to a restricted ".bank.in" space by 31 October 2025 to reduce fraud risks

**73.** The Union Cabinet approved a ₹37,952 crore fertilizer subsidy for the ongoing Rabi (winter) crop 2025

**74.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its half-yearly Payment System Report (June 2025) showcasing digital transaction trends.

- Digital payments share:
- 2024: 99.7% (volume) and 97.5% (value)
- 2025 (H1): 99.8% (volume) and 97.7% (value)
- Cheque share: Only 2.3% of total value transactions.

UPI (Unified Payments Interface):

- Volume: 85% share (H1 2025) | Value: 9%

RTGS (Real-Time Gross Settlement): 69% share (by value).

**75.** Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launches "Offline Digital Rupee" for payments without Internet or telecom connectivity

No minimum balance required.



- Daily limit: ₹50,000 or 20 transactions.
- Maximum wallet balance: ₹1 lakh.

The digital rupee wallet is available via the official apps of 15 participating banks including State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank.

76. The Central Government notified that Sections 10, 11, 12, and 13, related to nomination for deposit accounts, safe custody articles, and locker contents, will be enforced from 1 November 2025.

- Multiple nominations (up to four persons) allowed, simultaneous or successive.

77. Blackstone Inc., a New York-based private equity firm, through its affiliate Asia II Topco XIII Pte Ltd, will invest ₹6,196.51 crore in Federal Bank via a preferential issue on private placement basis.

78. SEBI issues new guidelines for unclaimed amounts from non-convertible securities: Standardises transfer of unclaimed amounts to IEPF (Investor Education and Protection Fund) only after 7 years from maturity, as per Companies Act 2013, Section 125.

## 7. Defence Affairs

1. 5th Edition of “Samudra Shakti 2025” (Indo-Indonesian Maritime Exercise) Held at Visakhapatnam  
Indian Ship: INS Kavaratti | Indonesian Ship: KRI John Lie.  
Chief of Naval Staff – Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi | Vice Chief – VAdm Sanjay Vatsayan | HQ – New Delhi
2. Rajnath Singh Approves 100 % Increase in Welfare Assistance for Ex-Servicemen  
Key Developments
  - Penury Grant: ₹ 8,000 (from ₹ 4,000).
  - Education Grant: ₹ 2,000 per month (for 2 children or widows pursuing PG).
  - Marriage Grant: ₹ 1 lakh (for 2 daughters or widow remarriage).
  - Effective 1 Nov 2025; annual impact ₹ 257 crore funded through Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF).
  - Minister – Rajnath Singh | MoS – Sanjay Seth | Constituency – Lucknow
3. Indian Army Launches SAKSHAM — Advanced C2 System to Counter Drone Threats
  - SAKSHAM (Situational Awareness for Kinetic Soft and Hard Kill Assets Management) is a Counter-Unmanned Aerial System (C-UAS) developed indigenously with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Ghaziabad.
4. INS Abhay (Soviet Pauk II-class) and INFAC T-82 (Israeli Super Dvora MK II-class) were decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, after three decades of service
5. INS Sahyadri participates in Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX-25) off Kyushu coast
6. Indian Army signs ₹2,700 crore contract to procure 4.25 lakh Close-Quarter Carbines
7. The Indian Air Force (IAF) took part in Exercise Ocean Sky 2025, a multinational air combat drill hosted by Spanish Air Force at Gando Air Base, Spain.
8. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) delivered “Mahe”, first of eight ASW SWCs (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft), to the Indian Navy.
9. Indian Coast Guard launches Fast Patrol Vessels ‘ICGS Ajit’ and ‘ICGS Aparajit’ at Goa Shipyard Ltd.
10. Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sahyadri participates in first India–Republic of Korea Navy Bilateral Exercise at Busan Naval Harbour, South Korea



11. Mahindra Group Partners with Embraer (Brazil) to Introduce C-390 Millennium Transport Aircraft for Indian Air Force
12. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Sets Target to Double Defence Manufacturing to ₹ 3 Lakh Crore by 2029; Exports ₹ 50,000 cr by 2029.
13. BrahMos: Supersonic cruise missile; joint venture of DRDO (India) and NPO Mashinostroyenia (Russia); Range 450–500 km; Speed Mach 2.8–3.0
14. The Indian Naval Ship INS Sutlej, in collaboration with the Mauritius Hydrographic Service, has successfully completed a joint hydrographic survey covering approximately 35,000 square nautical miles in the Indian Ocean region.
15. Indian Navy Survey Vessel (Large) 'Ikshak' to be commissioned on 6 Nov 2025 at Kochi

## 8. International Affairs

1. India secured its seat for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the term 2026–2028. The election was held by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in Geneva  
UNHRC HQ – Geneva, Switzerland | President: Jürg Lauber | Established: 2006
2. Uruguay Becomes First Country in Catholic Latin America to Legalise Euthanasia
3. UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer Visits India for First Official Trip
4. China inaugurates world's first Solar Thermal Power Station in Gobi Desert, Gansu Province – developed by China Three Gorges Corporation.
5. Armenia Becomes Newest State Member of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)  
Announced at IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 (Abu Dhabi).
6. India–UK launch "Ramanujan Junior Researchers Programme" for young scientists
7. European aerospace leaders Leonardo (Italy), Airbus (Netherlands) and Thales (France) merged their satellite operations into a € 6.5 billion joint venture, nicknamed "Project Bromo."
8. At the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 (Abu Dhabi), Tuvalu joined IUCN as its 90th State Member.  
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) founded 1948 – 1,400 members from 160 countries.
9. Australia launched a special business and technology mission called the "First Nations Mission", aimed at enhancing mining partnerships with India.  
Australia: Capital – Canberra | Currency – Australian Dollar | Prime Minister – Anthony Albanese
10. India elected Co-Chair of UN-GGIM-AP (United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia & Pacific) 2025–28  
Shri Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana (IAS) – Surveyor General of India – elected Co-Chair.
11. Typhoon Fengshen, locally known in the Philippines as "Tropical Storm Ramil", was a severe tropical storm that struck parts of Southeast Asia between October 17 and 23, 2025.  
The name "Fengshen", meaning "God of Wind", was originally submitted by China to the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) Typhoon Committee.
12. Timor-Leste (East Timor), Asia's youngest nation, has officially joined the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as its 11th member, marking the organisation's first expansion since 1999.  
The decision was announced during the 47th ASEAN Summit, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
13. IUCN adopts 'Motion 007' – World's first Soil Security Law  
IUCN HQ – Gland, Switzerland
14. Geography Note: Taal Volcano – Philippines.



15. India Re-elected Vice-Chairperson of Asia-Pacific Group (Group IV) at UNESCO COP10 on Anti-Doping in Sport
16. United Nations Day 2025 observed on 24 October – Theme “Education Shapes the Future”
17. China issues Yellow Alert for Typhoon Fengshen

## 9. Meetings, Conferences, and Summits

1. 118th All India Farmers' Fair and Agricultural Industry Exhibition – Udhampur Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand
2. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress – Abu Dhabi, UAE. Theme: “Powering Transformative Conservation.”
  - Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak re-elected as President (IUCN).
  - Panama to host next IUCN Protected Areas Congress (2027).  
Recognised India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve (Tamil Nadu Palk Bay) as global model. Vivek Menon (India) became first Asian Chair of IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC). IUCN HQ – Gland, Switzerland | President – Razan Al Mubarak | CEO – Bruno Oberle
3. Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave 2025 – New Delhi (Nov 2025)
  - Theme: “Viksit Bharat 2047 – Pioneering Sustainable Innovation, Technological Advancement and Empowerment.”
4. 6th Global Fintech Festival (GFF 2025) Held in Mumbai, Maharashtra  
Theme: “Empowering Finance for a Better World Powered by AI – Augmented Intelligence | Innovation | Inclusion.”
5. Bharat International Rice Conference (BIRC) 2025 – held in New Delhi
6. The 47th ASEAN Summit was held under the 2025 ASEAN Chairmanship of Malaysia, with the theme “Inclusivity and Sustainability.”  
ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations):
  - Founded: 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand.
  - Headquarters: Jakarta, Indonesia.
  - Members (11): Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and Timor-Leste.
  - Chairmanship 2025: Malaysia.
  - Upcoming Chairs: The Philippines (2026) and Singapore (2027).
7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated virtually in the 22nd ASEAN–India Summit, held on 26 October 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
8. 2nd Edition – Indian Navy's Biannual Commanders' Conference 2025
  - Venue – New Delhi.
9. 8th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly – Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Theme: “One World, One Sun, One Grid”.
10. 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Mid-Term Ministerial: Kampala, Uganda | Theme: “Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence”



## 10. Miscellaneous

1. World Standards Day (WSD) is observed every year on October 14. Theme (2025): “A Shared Vision for a Better World: Standards for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
2. CPR Awareness Week (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Awareness Week) is observed from October 13 to 17 every year
3. General Anil Chauhan, the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India, authored a book titled “Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II: Shaping a Future Ready Force.”
4. October 15 – Global Handwashing Day — Theme: “Be a Handwashing Hero!”
5. October 15 – World Students’ Day (94th birth anniversary of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam) — Theme: “Empowering Students as Agents of Innovation and Change.”
6. October 16 – World Food Day — Theme: “Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future.”
7. Anokhi Duniya – World’s First Park Built Entirely from Ceramic Waste
  - Location: Khurja, Uttar Pradesh.
  - Recognised as a model of eco-friendly innovation and circular economy.
8. The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, transferred the World Bank-funded Haldia Multi-Modal Terminal (MMT) in West Bengal to IRC Natural Resources.  
IWAI HQ: Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Chairman: Vijay Kumar.
9. October 16 – World Spine Day — Theme: “Invest in Your Spine for a Healthier Future.”
10. October 17 – 2nd International Day of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.
11. October 17 – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty — Theme: “Ending Social and Institutional Maltreatment by Ensuring Respect and Effective Support for Families.”
12. October 17 – World Trauma Day (15th edition) | Theme – “Building a Safer Future with Trauma Care.”
13. Ravi Naik, former Goa CM, passed away (held shortest CM tenure – Apr 2–8 1994).
14. Raila Odinga, former PM of Kenya, passed away.
15. 118th All India Farmers Fair & Agricultural Exhibition: Udhampur Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand.
16. Gurugram: First Indian city to launch QR code-based kiosks for digital challan payments.
17. Emerging STI Conclave 2025 (Nov, New Delhi): Theme – “Viksit Bharat 2047: Pioneering Sustainable Innovation.”
18. 18 October – World Menopause Day
  - Theme: “Lifestyle Medicine in Menopausal Health.”
19. 20 October – World Osteoporosis Day
  - Theme: “It’s Unacceptable!”
20. 20 October – World Statistics Day
  - Theme: “Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone.”
21. 20 October – 63<sup>rd</sup> National Solidarity Day (India)
  - Objective: To honour the soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the 1962 Indo-China War.
22. Obituary: Former Prime Minister of Japan Tomiichi Murayama passed away.
23. 21 October – Police Commemoration Day
  - Honors 10 policemen martyred in 1959 by Chinese troops at Hot Springs (Ladakh).
24. 21 October – World Iodine Day / Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder Prevention Day
25. Chen-Ning Yang, Chinese-American theoretical physicist and 1957 Nobel Laureate, passed away.
26. 14th India–Bhutan Border Management & Security Meeting – held in Thimphu (led by Dr. Rajendra Kumar, India).
27. October 23: International Snow Leopard Day – Theme: “Protecting the Mountain Guardian”



28. October: National Cybersecurity Awareness Month – Theme: “Cyber Safe India”
29. October 24–30: Disarmament Week
30. Dr. Eknath Vasant Chitnis (Padma Bhushan 1985) – noted space scientist – passed away
31. Book: “Civil-Military Fusion as a Metric of National Power and Comprehensive Security” – authored by Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla
32. October 24–31: Global Media and Information Literacy Week — Theme: “Minds Over AI: MIL in Digital Spaces”.
33. October 24: United Nations Day (80th anniversary) — Theme: “United Nations at 80: Building Our Future Together”.
34. October 24: World Development Information Day — promoted awareness on international development communication.
35. October 24: 64th Raising Day of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) – a central armed force under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
36. Police Commemoration Day Observed on 21 October 2025 (Commemorates the 1959 Hot Springs incident in Ladakh, where 10 Indian policemen were martyred by Chinese troops)
37. Police Commemoration Week: 22 – 30 October.
38. October 24 – World Polio Day
  - Theme: “End Polio: Every Child, Every Vaccine, Everywhere.”
  - India continues to be polio-free since 2014,
39. October 19–25 – 13th International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week
  - Theme: “No Safe Level: Act Now to End Lead Exposure.”
40. The book titled “Modi’s Mission” was recently released by Acharya Devvrat, Governor of Gujarat.
  - The book, authored by Berjis Desai, provides a comprehensive insight into Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership philosophy and governance vision.
41. Piyush Pandey, a legendary advertising professional, passed away  
Known for iconic campaigns that defined Indian branding and public messaging, such as “Har Ghar Kuch Kehta Hai”, “Fevikwik – Todo Nahi Jodo”, and “Mile Sur Mera Tumhara.”
42. October 8 – World Dyslexia Awareness Day
43. October 6–12 – Dyslexia Awareness Week
  - Observed during the first full week of October every year.
  - Theme (2025): “Raise the Volume.”
44. October – Dyslexia Awareness Month
45. October 27 – 79th Infantry Day or “Shaurya Diwas” (by the Indian Army)
46. October 27 – 20th United Nations World Day for Audiovisual Heritage  
Theme (2025): “A Window to the World.”
47. Vigilance Awareness Week 2025: Oct 27 – Nov 2; Theme – “Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility”.
48. Oct 28 – 24th International Animation Day.
49. Obituary: Dr K. Mathangi Ramakrishnan (Plastic Surgeon) – Padma Shri 2002, Dr B. C. Roy Award, Avvaiyar Award 2014, Sushruta Gold Medal.
50. Geography Note: Taal Volcano – Philippines.
51. Four Indian Bird Species Uplisted in IUCN Red List 2025 – Threat to India’s Open Natural Ecosystems
52. World Sight Day: October 9, 2025 | Theme: “Love Your Eyes”
53. Mahuadarn Wolf Sanctuary: Only reserve for Indian Grey Wolf – Latehar, Jharkhand
54. Barren Island: India’s only active volcano – Andaman Sea
55. October 22 – International Stuttering Awareness Day
  - Theme: “A Diverse Stuttering Community – Meeting Challenges with Strengths.”
56. October 29 – 3rd UN International Day of Care and Support
  - Theme: “Care and Support for All – Addressing all Rights-holders, including those Providing and Receiving Care and Support.”



57. October 29 – World Stroke Day
  - Theme: “Every Minute Counts.”
58. October 31 – World Savings Day / World Thrift Day (since 1924).
59. World Snow Leopard Day 2025 observed on 23 October – Theme “Protecting the Mountain Guardian”

## 11. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

1. The Technology Innovation in Exploration & Mining Foundation (TEXMiN), operating under IIT (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad, has entered into a Letter of Intent (LoI) with the University of Cambridge (United Kingdom).
2. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Signs MoU with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for Doorstep Digital Life Certificate Services
3. Indian Railways will sign MoU with MapmyIndia, developer of Mappls App, to integrate navigation and mapping for railway services.
4. Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company Ltd., headquartered in New Delhi, and CSB Bank Ltd. (Thrissur, Kerala) have announced a strategic bancassurance partnership targeting Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
5. Coal India Limited (CIL) & IIT Madras sign MoU to establish ‘Centre for Sustainable Energy’ to promote research & innovation in clean energy technologies.
6. IBM Corporation (USA) and Bharti Airtel Ltd. (India) formed a strategic partnership to expand Airtel Cloud, integrating IBM's AI and hybrid-cloud expertise.

## 12. National & States Affairs

1. The Union Minister of Textiles, Giriraj Singh, launched a new mobile application titled “Kapas Kisan”, developed by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI).
  - Developer: Cotton Corporation of India (CCI).
  - Purpose: Enhance transparency in cotton procurement under MSP.
  - Key Benefit: Protection of farmers through assured procurement and digital payment tracking.
  - Union Minister of Textiles: Giriraj Singh | Constituency: Begusarai, Bihar.
  - Minister of State (MoS): Pabitra Margherita.
2. The Department of Legal Affairs (Ministry of Law and Justice) inaugurated a new “Live Cases” dashboard under the Legal Information Management and Briefing System (LIMBS).
  - This initiative aims to give ministries real-time visibility into government-related court cases and upcoming hearings.
3. Gurugram, Haryana, became the first city in India to introduce QR code-based kiosks for digital payment of traffic challans.
4. Ministry of Mines Releases State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) and Rankings
  - States divided into 3 categories based on mineral endowment:
  - Category A: Mineral-rich – Madhya Pradesh (1), Rajasthan (2), Gujarat (3).
  - Category B: Moderate – Goa (1), Uttar Pradesh (2), Assam (3).



- Category C: Low – Punjab (1), Uttarakhand (2), Tripura (3).
- Rajasthan became the first state in India to auction major mineral blocks after receiving all pre-embedded clearances (forest, environment, and revenue permissions).
- Union Minister of Coal & Mines: G. Kishan Reddy (Secunderabad, Telangana) | MoS: Satish Chandra Dubey

5. 'Campus Tank' – India's First Platform to Promote Young Entrepreneurship Launched

- Launched by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology.
- Hosted by Chandigarh University in collaboration with Apna and Venture Catalysts.

6. ISRO's Long-Term Space Vision – Indians on Moon by 2040, Bharatiya Antriksh Station by 2035, and Human Spaceflight (Gaganyaan) by 2027

7. ISRO's 100th launch successfully completed using GSLV-F15, deploying NVS-02 satellite. ISRO HQ: Bengaluru, Karnataka | Formed: August 15, 1969 | Director: Dr. V. Narayanan.

8. Government of India revived the long-delayed 1,856 MW Sawalkote Hydro Electric Project on the Chenab River in Jammu & Kashmir, after nearly four decades. Project Cost: ₹31,380 crore

9. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched People's Plan Campaign (PPC) 2025–26 under "Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas."

10. India's forest and tree cover increased by 1,445 sq km, raising total green cover to 25.17%.

11. Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve (Himachal Pradesh) added to UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves, becoming India's 13th site and first high-altitude cold desert reserve.

12. Government extends tenure of 16th Finance Commission till 30 November 2025

- Constituted 31 December 2023; Chairman: Dr. Arvind Panagariya (former Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog).
- Task: recommend Centre-State tax sharing for FY 2026–31 period.

13. Ministry of AYUSH launches SPARK 4.0 (Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken) for Ayurveda Research

- Key Developments
  - Designed for BAMS (Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery) students from NCISM-recognized colleges.
  - A total of 300 students to be selected.
  - Each student receives a studentship of ₹50,000 (₹25,000 per month for two months) and a certificate of completion.

14. Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare expands e-NAM platform to 247 agricultural commodities

- Nine new commodities added, increasing the total tradable items to 247.
- Newly added items:
  - Green Tea, Tea
  - Ashwagandha Dry Roots
  - Mustard Oil, Lavender Oil, Mentha Oil
  - Virgin Olive Oil
  - Lavender Dried Flower
  - Broken Rice

15. WHO issues alert on three contaminated cough syrups manufactured in India  
Medicines involved: Coldrif, Respifresh TR, and ReLife — made by Sresan Pharmaceutical, Rednex Pharmaceuticals, and Shape Pharma.

16. CEO of IndiaAI Mission: Abhishek Singh.

17. WHO Details: Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland; Director-General – Tedros Adhanom; Members – 194; Founded – 1948.

18. UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) celebrates 9 years — transforms regional connectivity  
Background / Introduction

- Launched: 21 October 2016 under National Civil Aviation Policy.
- Celebrated 9th Anniversary in New Delhi (21 October 2025).



Achievements: 649 routes operationalized, connecting 93 airports, 15 heliports, and 2 water aerodromes.

**19.** NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and DP World launch joint initiative "We Rise – Women Entrepreneurs Reimagining Inclusive and Sustainable Enterprises" NITI Aayog Details: HQ – New Delhi | CEO – B. V. R. Subrahmanyam | Vice-Chairperson – Suman K. Bery | Chair – Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**20.** Union Environment Minister: Bhupender Yadav

**21.** Chennai becomes India's first city to launch Real-Time Flood Forecasting and Spatial Decision Support System (RTFF & SDSS)

**22.** Kerala will achieve the milestone of becoming India's first "extreme poverty-free" state on 1 November 2025, announced by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram during 'Kerala Piravi'.  
As per World Bank International Poverty Line, people earning < \$ 2.15/day ( $\approx$  ₹ 180) are "extremely poor."  
Kerala Capital: Thiruvananthapuram | CM: Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor: Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

**23.** GoI approved extension of LC 75 (Life Cycle 75) and BLC (Balanced Life Cycle) options under National Pension System (NPS) and Unified Pension Scheme (UPS).

**24.** On World Mental Health Day 2025, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda launched new initiatives including an upgraded Tele MANAS App in New Delhi.  
• The initiative is part of the National Tele Mental Health Programme (Tele MANAS) launched in October 2022.  
Actress Deepika Padukone appointed as India's Mental Health Ambassador.

**25.** Election Commission of India (ECI) issued special directions for accessible and inclusive voting for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) during upcoming Bihar Assembly elections and 8 bye-elections.

**26.** AO Celebrates 80 Years of Partnership with India on World Food Day 2025 on 16 October 2025

**27.** Ayodhya Sets Two New Guinness World Records During Deepotsav 2025  
• 26.17 lakh (26,17,215) earthen lamps (diyas) were lit simultaneously across 56 ghats of the Saryu River, setting a new world record for the largest diya lighting event.  
• 2,128 devotees performed a maha-aarti together, breaking the previous 2024 record of 1,121 participants.

**28.** Located at Baratang Island, Andaman & Nicobar, India's only mud volcano erupted again on 2 October 2025, after last erupting in 2005 (after 20 yrs)

**29.** Women Constitute 49% of Hospital Admissions under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). The scheme, launched in 2018, is one of the world's largest health assurance programs, offering ₹5 lakh per family per year for healthcare coverage.  
• Odisha and Delhi have recently joined the scheme; West Bengal remains outside it.  
• A total of 35 States and Union Territories now operate under AB-PMJAY.  
• In October 2024, the Union Cabinet extended eligibility to all citizens aged 70 years and above, regardless of income or social status.

**30.** The Central Government launched the ₹ 600 crore Kapas Kranti Mission to encourage high-yield, long-staple cotton cultivation through advanced farming technology and scientific practices.

**31.** Ministry of Mines Recognises IISc Bangalore and C-MET Hyderabad as Centres of Excellence under National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM)

**32.** Ministry of Culture's "Gyan Bharatam Mission" Signs MoUs for Preservation and Digitisation of Indian Manuscripts  
Gyan Bharatam Mission was announced during the Union Budget 2025–26 as a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Culture.  
It is a restructured version of the "National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM)", launched in 2003 under the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) during the 10th Five-Year Plan (2002–2007).



## Financial Outlay and Structure:

- The mission has been launched as a Central Sector Scheme for 2024–2031 with a total allocation of ₹482.85 crore.
- The financial allocation for the manuscripts initiative was increased from ₹3.5 crore to ₹60 crore in the 2025 Budget.

**33.** The Union Ministry of Culture, Government of India, organised the first-ever international conference on Indian manuscripts titled “Reclaiming India’s Knowledge Legacy through Manuscript Heritage.”

- The conference was held in September 2025, as part of the larger Gyan Bharatam Mission, which aims to preserve, digitise, and globalise India’s ancient manuscript heritage.

**34.** The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), in partnership with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has launched the “Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas – Medical Technology (MAHA-MedTech)”

**35.** The Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), Omar Abdullah, has announced the revival of the 150-year-old biannual “Darbar Move”

The Darbar Move is a long-standing administrative tradition in J&K that involves shifting the Union Territory’s capital between Srinagar (summer) and Jammu (winter).

The Darbar Move was introduced in 1872 by Maharaja Gulab Singh, the first Dogra ruler of the erstwhile princely state of Jammu and Kashmir (which included regions of the present-day Pakistan-occupied Kashmir).

The tradition was scrapped in 2021 by the then Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, citing cost-cutting measures that reportedly saved the administration ₹200 crore annually.

**36.** The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has announced a new toll-free helpline number “1515” for two key national initiatives:

**37.** POSHAN (Prime Minister’s Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition), and

**38.** Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY).

The new helpline will be live from 1 November 2025, replacing the earlier number 14408.

**39.** Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan approves ₹15,095.83 crore procurement plan for pulses and oilseeds under Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)

**40.** Ministry of Panchayati Raj achieves 100% public-grievance disposal under ‘Special Campaign 5.0’

**41.** ‘Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)’ – Deep Sea Fishing Vessels launched by Amit Shah

- Scheme launched in 2020 to modernize fisheries and support fishermen’s income.
- Implemented under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, with an investment of ₹20,050 crore (2020–25).
- Inaugurated by Home Minister Amit Shah at Mazgaon Dock, Mumbai.
- 14 trawlers distributed initially; each can stay 25 days at sea, carry 20 tonnes of fish.
- Total fisheries production:
  - o 2014–15: 102 lakh tonnes → 2025: 195 lakh tonnes.

**42.** Odisha approves ‘Building and Management of Aviation Assets and Network (B-MAAN)’ Scheme

- State initiative to create an eastern India aviation hub under vision ‘Aviation for All’.
- Total Outlay – ₹14,182 crore.

**43.** PM Narendra Modi launches development projects worth “₹1,140 crore” at \_Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat

**44.** Govt to issue norms for shipbuilding clusters & financial assistance (≈ ₹45,000 crore):

Shipbuilding Cluster Development Programme support — ₹9,930 crore (greenfield) & ₹8,261 crore (brownfield)

Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme extended to Mar 31, 2036 with ₹24,736 crore corpus.

**45.** Union Cabinet Approves Terms of Reference for 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC).

Chairperson: Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (former Supreme Court judge)



46. Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS): Joint initiative by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), Ministry of Education (MoE), and Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA).  
Union Minister (Panchayati Raj): Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh); Education: Dharmendra Pradhan; Tribal Affairs: Jual Oram.

47. India's first cable suspension glass bridge 'Bajrang Setu' under construction in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand  
Length: 132 m across the Ganga River, height 57–70 ft.

48. October: National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM) 2025  
Theme (India): "Cyber Jagrit Bharat" → Cyber-Aware and Cyber-Safe India.  
Global theme (2025): "Stay Safe Online".

49. P M Narendra Modi launches 'Pratibha Setu Portal' to connect UPSC aspirants with job opportunities

50. Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 (27 Oct–2 Nov 2025) observed with theme "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility"

## 13. Persons in News

1. Bharath Thammineni, aged 36, from Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh), became the first Indian to summit nine of the world's 8,000-metre peaks after climbing Mt Cho Oyu (8,188 m) – the sixth highest mountain in the world.
2. Akkai Padmashali Becomes First Transgender from Karnataka in Supreme Court Panel
3. Permanent Representative of India to the UN: Parvathaneni Harish.
4. Indian environmental scientist Dr Ashokkumar Veeramuthu of Nilgiris was listed among the Top 2 % Scientists Globally for the third consecutive year (2023-2025)
5. Anil Malik – Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development  
• Honoured by the President for exemplary implementation of Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN).
6. Deepika Padukone appointed as India's first Mental Health Ambassador
7. T.T. Jagannathan, dubbed the "Kitchen Mogul", was Chairman Emeritus of TTK Prestige Ltd., India's leading kitchen appliance company has been passed away
8. B.K. Harinarayanan & Parameswaran – Author and translator of "Sivam Subham: The Biography of a Couple."
9. R. Subramaniakumar (MD & CEO – RBL Bank) – Launched 'Humsafar' RuPay card with NPCI.
10. Abhinav Bindra – Torchbearer for Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics.  
Won India's first individual Olympic gold (Beijing 2008, 10m air rifle).  
Second time as Olympic torchbearer (earlier Paris 2024)
11. Pierre Robert, legendary Philadelphia rock radio voice (WMMR), dies at 70
12. Urjit Patel taken role as Executive Director representing India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
13. President Droupadi Murmu Becomes First Indian President to Fly in Two Different IAF Fighter Jets  
President Droupadi Murmu, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, took a sortie in a Rafale fighter jet from IAF Station Ambala, Haryana.  
Earlier sortie: Sukhoi 30 MKI (Tezpur, Assam, Apr 2023).  
Rafale Manufacturer: Dassault Aviation (France)  
Previous Presidents to fly combat jets: A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (2006) & Pratibha Patil (2009).



## 14. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

1. GIFT City Ranks 43rd in Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 38)
2. Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Monthly Bulletin – September 2025 Issued by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) to track employment trends.
  - Unemployment Rate (UR): 5.2 % (Aug – 5.1 %); Rural 4.6 %, Urban 6.8 %.
  - Worker Population Ratio (WPR): 52.4 % (highest since May 2025); female WPR up to 32.3 %.
  - Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR): 55.3 % (↑ from 54.2 % in Jun 2025); female LFPR 34.1 %.
3. Henley Passport Index 2025:  
India rank 85 ↓ (from 77); visa-free destinations reduced to 57 (from 59); tied with Mauritania.  
Top 3 Ranks:
  4. Singapore – Visa-free access to 193 countries (Rank 1).
  5. South Korea – Visa-free access to 190 countries (Rank 2).
  6. Japan – Visa-free access to 189 countries (Rank 3).
7. India Ranks 52nd in 2025 Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI)  
Top: Netherlands (85.4 A) → Iceland, Denmark, Singapore, Israel.
8. Indian Air Force Ranks 3rd Most Powerful in WDMMA 2025 Global List
  - IAF TVR = 69.4 (6th globally) → Ahead of China's PLAAF (63.8).
  - Top 5: US Air Force (242.9), US Navy (142.4), Russia (114.2), US Army (112.6), US Marines (85.3).
9. Mukesh Ambani Tops Forbes India's Richest 2025 List with \$105 Billion  
Mukesh Ambani (Reliance Industries Ltd) topped for the 14th consecutive year.
10. India's Female Labour Participation Rate – 42% (MoLE 2025 Report).
11. Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025: India ranks 9th globally in total forest area and 3rd in annual forest area gain
12. India's current forest and tree cover: 8,27,357 sq. km (25.17%) of its total geographical area (India State of Forest Report 2023).
  - National target: 33% forest cover (as per National Forest Policy, 1988).
  - FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) Headquarters: Rome, Italy; Director-General – Dr. Qu Dongyu; Established – 1945.
13. The world's total forest area is 4.14 billion hectares (32% of Earth's land area), with 54% concentrated in Russia, Brazil, Canada, the U.S., and China.
14. India added 1.91 lakh hectares (191,000 ha) of forest annually (2015–2025)
15. As per the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2025, India ranked 102nd out of 123 countries with a score of 25.8, placing it in the “serious” hunger category.  
India improved slightly compared to 2024 (rank 105th / score 27.3), though still in the serious category.
  - Top 5 countries (least hunger): Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Chile (scores below 5).
  - Worst Countries: Somalia (123<sup>rd</sup>), Democratic Republic of Congo (122<sup>nd</sup>), South Sudan (121<sup>st</sup>). Global average GHI score: 18.3 (moderate hunger), down from 19.0 (2016).
16. dhaRti BioNest Incubation Centre inaugurated by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at IIT Dharwad
17. Kerala ranked lowest in India's 2023 Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)
  - The National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2023 released by NITI Aayog measures poverty beyond income.



- Kerala's poverty rate dropped to 0.55%, the lowest in India, reflecting success of Extreme Poverty Eradication Project (EPEP).

## 15. Schemes & Initiatives

1. Launch of Vishwas Scheme – Rationalisation of Penal Damages for Delayed PF Payments  
The EPFO, during its 238<sup>th</sup> CBT meeting, launched the Vishwas Scheme to resolve long-pending litigations related to penal damages for delayed provident fund remittances by employers.  
Total Outstanding Penal Damages (as of May 2025): ₹ 2,406 crore across 6,000+ legal cases.
2. UIDAI Launches “Scheme for Innovation and Technology Association with Aadhaar (SITAA)”  
UIDAI HQ: New Delhi | Chairman: Neelkanth Mishra | CEO: Bhuvnesh Kumar
3. SPARK 4.0 by Ministry of AYUSH
  - Objective: Promote short-term, evidence-based Ayurveda research among students.
  - Each BAMS student gets ₹50,000 scholarship and mentorship by experts.
  - Encourages scientific validation and integration of Ayurveda with modern research methodology.
4. Government launches ₹600 crore “Kapas Kranti Mission” for high-yield, long-staple cotton cultivation  
Focus region: Maharashtra (Akola) and replication in Telangana.  
Telangana now India's top cotton-producing state (24 lakh farmers involved).
5. Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN):  
Launched in FY 2023-24 for socio-economic upliftment of 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) across 18 states + UT of Andaman & Nicobar.
  - 2000+ Anganwadi centres made operational in Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) areas.
  - Focus on 11 interventions – housing, education, health, connectivity, drinking water, nutrition & livelihood.
    - Scheme period: 2023–24 to 2025–26 | Total outlay: ₹24,104 crore
    - Nodal Ministry: Tribal Affairs (with 9 line Ministries).
    - PVTG count highest in Odisha (13).
6. Kerala Government signed an MoU with the Ministry of Education to join the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme.
  - Scheme launched in September 2022, aims to upgrade 14,500 schools into model institutions.
  - Outlay: ₹27,360 crore (₹18,128 crore central share) | Duration: 2022–27.
  - Each school to receive ≈ ₹ 1 crore per year for 5 years.
  - Centre-State funding ratio 60 : 40
7. National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP) and Tele MANAS
  - Launched in October 2022, the National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP) integrates digital counselling into primary healthcare.
  - Tele MANAS (Tele Mental Health Assistance & Networking Across States) operates 53 cells across India.
  - Provides free multilingual counselling and AI-enabled guidance through app and helpline.
8. Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)  
Launched 2018 by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Coverage ₹ 5 lakh per family per year; 35 States & UTs joined (Odisha & Delhi recently; West Bengal excluded).  
19 crore admissions worth ₹ 1.29 lakh crore till 2025
9. “Gyan Bharatam Mission” – Central Sector Scheme for Manuscript Digitisation (2024–2031)  
Background / Introduction:



• The Government of India, through the Ministry of Culture, launched the “Gyan Bharatam Mission” as a Central Sector Scheme (2024–2031) to preserve and digitise India’s vast manuscript heritage.

• It was announced during the Union Budget 2025–26 and aims to make ancient Indian knowledge systems globally accessible through a National Digital Repository (NDR).

Key Developments:

• Financial Allocation:

o The total budgetary outlay is ₹482.85 crore for the 2024–31 period.

o The annual allocation for manuscript activities was increased from ₹3.5 crore to ₹60 crore in the Union Budget 2025–26.

• Administrative Structure:

o The Mission has restructured the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM), originally launched in 2003 under the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), into the modernised Gyan Bharatam framework.

## 10. About POSHAN Abhiyaan:

• Launched on 8 March 2018, implemented by MoWCD.

• Targets to reduce:

o Stunting: by 2% per annum.

o Under-nutrition: by 2% per annum.

o Anaemia (among women and adolescent girls): by 3% per annum.

o Low birth weight: by 2% per annum.

• Goal: To bring down stunting among children (0–6 years) from 38.4% to 25% by 2022.

• Mission POSHAN 2.0 (launched in 2021):

• Integrates and strengthens previous nutrition programs.

• Subsumes:

## 11. Anganwadi Services (AWS),

## 12. POSHAN, and

## 13. Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG).

• Provides nutritional support for:

o Children below 6 years of age.

o Pregnant and lactating mothers.

o Adolescent girls (14–18 years), particularly in Aspirational Districts and Northeastern States.

Also emphasizes:

o Early childhood care and education (ages 3–6).

o Upgraded Anganwadi infrastructure through Saksham Anganwadi centres.

## 14. About Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY):

• Launched: 2017 under the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD).

• Legal Basis: Implemented under Section 4 of the National Food Security Act (NFS), 2013.

• Financial Assistance:

o ₹5,000 is provided for the first child.

o Additional benefits under the Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) raise the total to ₹6,000.

o For the second child (if female), ₹6,000 is provided to encourage gender equality and discourage female foeticide.

• Exclusions: Government employees and those already availing similar benefits.



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### 16. Science & Technology

1. StockGro, one of India's leading financial technology startups based in Bengaluru, Karnataka, has launched "Stoxo", the first AI-powered stock market research platform in India. Founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Ajay Lakhotia.
2. Indian Space-Tech Startup GalaxEye (Chennai based) to Launch World's First Multi-Sensor Earth Observation Satellite 'Mission Drishti' in 2026
3. Electric vehicle manufacturer Ola Electric Mobility Limited introduced its first-ever Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) named Ola Shakti for homes, farms, and businesses.
4. India to establish first IIT campus in Nigeria (West Africa)  
IITs governed under: IIT Act, 1961 | First IIT: Kharagpur, 1951 | Total IITs: 23
5. OpenAI launches 'ChatGPT Atlas' – AI-powered web browser to compete with Google Chrome  
OpenAI CEO: Sam Altman | President: Greg Brockman | Founded 2015 | HQ California (US).
6. The lunar orbiter of India's Chandrayaan-2 mission, launched in 2019, has made a historic scientific observation — it became the first spacecraft to directly observe and quantify the impact of the Sun's Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) on the Moon's tenuous atmosphere (exosphere).
7. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has officially confirmed the discovery of a new quasi-moon of Earth, designated "2025 PN7".
8. The Government of India announced plans to unveil the nation's first indigenously designed 7-nanometre computer processor, named "Shakti," by 2028.  
Developing Institution:



- IIT Madras Prathap Subrahmanyam Centre for Digital Intelligence and Secure Hardware Architecture (PSCDISHA).

## 17. Sports & Games

1. Smriti Mandhana Creates History — First Player to Score 1,000 Runs in a Calendar Year in Women's ODIs & Crosses 5,000-Run Milestone
2. India won the Asia Cup 2025
3. Abhishek Sharma (India) – ICC Men's Player of the Month (September 2025); 314 runs in 7 matches, Strike Rate 200.
4. Smriti Mandhana (India) – ICC Women's Player of the Month (September 2025); 308 runs in 4 matches, Average 77.
5. ICC HQ: Dubai (UAE) | Chairman – Jay Shah | CEO – Sanjog Gupta | Members – 108 countries.
6. India to Host 2030 Commonwealth Games – Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
7. The 5th edition of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG 2025) will be organised for the first time in Rajasthan across 7 cities – Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota and Bharatpur. Beach Volleyball, Canoeing & Kayaking, Cycling – introduced for the first time. Kho-Kho – demonstration sport.  
Chandigarh University won 2024 team title;  
Rajasthan CM: Bhajan Lal Sharma | Governor: Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde.
8. Indian archer Jyothi Surekha Venkam secured a bronze medal at the Archery World Cup Final 2025 in Nanjing, China, becoming the first Indian woman compound archer to ever win a medal in the event.  
Archery World Cup 2025: India won 14 medals (3 gold, 4 silver, 7 bronze) across the four stages; Madhura Dhamangaonkar won India's only individual gold.
9. Jharkhand to Host 4th South Asian Athletics (SAAF) Senior Championships 2025  
Third time India hosts SAAF (after 1997 & 2008 in Kochi).
  - Mascot "Dalma" – represents Jharkhand's state animal, decorated with tribal art (Sohrai & Khovar).
  - Anthem – in Nagpuri language.  
Jharkhand CM: Hemant Soren | Governor: Santosh Kumar Gangwar.
10. Shubman Gill Becomes First Indian to Score 10 Centuries in World Test Championship (WTC)
11. Abhinav Bindra named torchbearer for Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics Torch Relay
  - India's first individual Olympic gold medallist (Beijing 2008 – 10 m Air Rifle).
  - Also torchbearer for Paris 2024; serves on IOC Athletes' Commission and as IOC Mental-Health Ambassador.  
Games → Feb 6–22 2026 across Milano & Cortina d'Ampezzo (Italy).
12. India's Junior Men's Hockey Team wins Silver at 13<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Johor Cup 2025 (Malaysia)
13. Morocco wins FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025 (Santiago, Chile)
  - Beat 6-time champ Argentina; first team in 42 years to defeat Argentina in U-20 final.
  - Individual Awards:
    - Golden Ball: Othmane Maama (Morocco)
    - Silver Ball: Yassir Zabiri (Morocco)
    - Bronze Ball: Milton Delgado (Argentina)
    - Man of the Match (Final): Yassir Zabiri
    - Golden Boot (Top Scorer): Benjamin Cremaschi (United States) – 5 goals
    - Silver Boot: Neyser Villareal (Colombia)
    - Bronze Boot: Lucas Michal (France)



- Golden Glove: Santino Barbi (Argentina)
- Fair Play Award: United States

Upcoming Events: Morocco will host the Africa Cup of Nations (December 2025) and co-host the 2030 FIFA World Cup along with Spain and Portugal.

**14.** India re-elected as Vice-Chair (Asia-Pacific Group IV) at UNESCO's 10th Conference of Parties (COP10) on Anti-Doping in Sport

**15.** 11th World Para Powerlifting Championships held in Cairo, Egypt from 11–18 October 2025 — first-ever hosted in Africa.

India wins 1 Gold & 2 Bronze

India's winners:

- Vinay – India's first-ever gold in para powerlifting
- Arunmoli – bronze, women's 86+ kg
- Joby Mathew – bronze, men's 65 kg Masters division

Next edition: December 2026, Manama, Bahrain.

**16.** Ahmedabad recommended as host city for 2030 Commonwealth Games  
India last hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2010 (New Delhi).

**17.** P.T. Usha, President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA)

**18.** 4th South Asian Athletics (SAAF) Senior Championships 2025 – Mascot 'Dalma' Unveiled to be hosted in Ranchi, Jharkhand (24–26 Oct 2025)

**19.** Cape Verde Becomes Second-Smallest Nation to Qualify for FIFA World Cup (1st smallest nation: Ireland\*2180)

**20.** Max Verstappen (Nationality: Dutch (Netherlands) | Team: Red Bull Racing) Wins 2025 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix — 68th Career Victory  
World Championships of Max Verstappen : 3 (2021, 2022, 2023).

**21.** Goa Launches Logo and Anthem for "FIDE Chess World Cup 2025"

The event marks a historic return of the World Chess Cup to India after 23 years,

Event Details:

- Host City: Goa, India.
- Dates: 31 October – 17 November 2025.
- Participants: 206 players representing 82 countries.
- Prize Pool: USD 2 million (approximately ₹17.58 crore).
- Qualification: The top 3 finishers will qualify for the 2026 Candidates Tournament — the stage before the World Chess Championship.

• Anthem and Cultural Theme:

• The official anthem, titled "It's Your Move," has been voiced by Daler Mehndi, celebrating India's cultural and sporting heritage.

• It features India's leading Grandmasters — D. Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, Koneru Humpy, Tania Sachdev, and Vidit Gujrathi.

• Logo Design:

• The logo consists of three trapezoidal panels, each representing different aspects of Goa's spirit and the essence of chess:

o Green Panel: A white palm tree with a blue wave, symbolising Goa's coastal beauty.

o Red Panel: A diamond-shaped checkerboard pattern in white, representing the chessboard and precision.

o Yellow Panel: A stylised sun with curved rays, depicting Goa's vibrant and sunny character.

• Special Participant:

• Faustino Oro, a 12-year-old prodigy from Argentina, known as the "Messi of Chess," will be the youngest participant in this edition.

**22.** Indian Grandmaster D. Gukesh and Women's Grandmaster Divya Deshmukh achieved a historic double gold performance at the 2025 European Chess Club Cup, held in Rhodes, Greece.

**23.** India Wins the Prestigious "KogniVera International Polo Cup 2025" by Defeating Argentina in New Delhi



24. Smriti Mandhana tops ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings – October 2025

25. 2025 French Open Badminton Tournament:

Women's Singles: An Seyoung (South Korea) defeated Wang Zhiyi (China)

Men's Singles: Anders Antonsen (Denmark) defeated Christo Popov (France).

Men's Doubles: Kim Won Ho & Seo Seung Jae (South Korea)

Women's Doubles: Yuki Fukushima & Mayu Matsumoto (Japan)

Mixed Doubles: Feng Yan Zhe & Huang Dong Ping (China)

26. India wins first-ever Bronze Medal at 2025 BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships ('Suhandinata Cup')

27. India Tops Medal Table at 4th South Asian Senior Athletics Championships 2025 (Ranchi, Jharkhand, Oct 24–26, 2025)

- Mascot: 'Dalma' – represents Jharkhand's state animal, decorated with Sohrai and Khovar tribal art.
- Official anthem: Written in Nagpuri language.
- India hosted SAAF for 3rd time (after 1997 & 2008 – Kochi).
- Participating Nations: India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives, Sri Lanka.
- India topped medal tally: 58 medals (20 Gold, 20 Silver, 18 Bronze).
- 2nd: Sri Lanka (40 medals) | 3rd: Nepal (6 medals).

Winner of Mexican Grand Prix 2025: Lando Norris (British, McLaren).



## తల్లిదండ్రులకు మరియు విద్యార్థులకు ముఖ్య గమనిక

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## 18. Questions and Answers

1. Who chaired the 238<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Central Board of Trustees (Employees' Provident Fund – CBT, EPF)? Ans: Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports
2. Under the EPFO 3.0 Framework, how many broad types of withdrawal provisions have been merged? Ans: Three – Essential Needs, Housing Needs, and Special Circumstances
3. What minimum service period is now required for partial withdrawals under EPFO 3.0? Ans: 12 months
4. What minimum percentage of Provident Fund balance must remain to earn 8.25% annual interest? Ans: 25%
5. What scheme was launched by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) to settle penal-damage litigation for delayed remittances? Ans: Vishwas Scheme
6. India secured its seat for which term in the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)? Ans: 2026–2028
7. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) located? Ans: Geneva, Switzerland
8. Who is the President of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)? Ans: Jürg Lauber
9. What was the theme of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025? Ans: “Innovate to Transform”
10. Who became the first Indian to summit nine of the world's 8,000-metre peaks? Ans: Bharath Thammineni
11. What is the target year set by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to land Indians on the Moon? Ans: 2040
12. When is ISRO's first human spaceflight mission “Gaganyaan” scheduled for launch? Ans: 2027
13. By which year will India build its National Space Station (Bharatiya Antriksh Station – BAS)? Ans: 2035
14. How many nuclear reactors does India currently have in operation? Ans: 23 reactors across 8 plants
15. Who is the current Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)? Ans: Dr V. Narayanan
16. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)? Ans: Bengaluru, Karnataka
17. In which country was India elected Co-Chair of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia & the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP)? Ans: Republic of Korea
18. Who represented India at the 14<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the UN-GGIM-AP? Ans: Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana, Surveyor General of India
19. Which two partners conducted their first-ever joint counter-terrorism training in Manesar, Gurugram? Ans: India and the European Union (EU)
20. Who is the President of the European Commission? Ans: Ursula von der Leyen



21. What new feature did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduce in the revised bank locker regulations 2025 for security enhancement? Ans: Biometric access and 24x7 CCTV surveillance
22. How long must banks now store CCTV footage under RBI's locker regulations 2025? Ans: At least 180 days
23. What compensation clause applies under RBI's locker regulations in case of bank fault? Ans: Up to 100 times the annual locker rent
24. What is the annual locker rent range as per revised RBI norms? Ans: ₹2,000 – ₹10,000
25. How many nominees are now allowed per bank locker account? Ans: Up to four nominees
26. Which city became India's first to launch a Real-Time Flood Forecasting and Spatial Decision Support System (RTFF & SDSS)? Ans: Chennai
27. Which state will become India's first extreme poverty-free state on November 1, 2025? Ans: Kerala
28. Which company launched 'ChatGPT Atlas', an AI-powered web browser to compete with Google Chrome? Ans: OpenAI
29. How much gold does the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hold as of September 2025? Ans: 880.18 metric tonnes valued at approximately USD 95 billion
30. How much gold did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) purchase in FY 2024–25? Ans: 54.13 tonnes
31. Which bank won the Global Finance Awards 2025 titles 'World's Best Consumer Bank' and 'Best Bank in India'? Ans: State Bank of India (SBI)
32. Which city has been recommended as the host for the 2030 Commonwealth Games? Ans: Ahmedabad
33. What was the amount of fertilizer subsidy approved by the Union Cabinet for Rabi crop 2025? Ans: ₹37,952 crore
34. Which bank was awarded 'World's Best Consumer Bank 2025' and 'Best Bank in India 2025' by Global Finance? Ans: State Bank of India (SBI)
35. Which city ranked 43rd in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 38)? Ans: GIFT City, Gujarat
36. What is the minimum service period for partial withdrawals under EPFO 3.0 Framework? Ans: 12 months
37. What minimum percentage of Provident Fund must remain to earn 8.25% interest under EPFO 3.0? Ans: 25%
38. Which scheme was launched to settle penal-damage litigation for delayed Provident Fund remittances? Ans: Vishwas Scheme
39. Which FinTech platform launched "Stoxo", India's first AI-powered stock-market research desk? Ans: StockGro
40. Which payments bank secured a government contract for toll digitalisation under the National Highway project? Ans: Jio Payments Bank Ltd (JPBL)
41. Which company partnered with NTT DATA Japan to enable Unified Payments Interface (UPI) acceptance in Japan? Ans: NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL)
42. How many countries currently have operational Unified Payments Interface (UPI)? Ans: Nine countries
43. Which country was the first to adopt Unified Payments Interface (UPI)? Ans: Bhutan



44. Which insurer launched the LIC Jan Suraksha Plan (Plan 880) and LIC Bima Lakshmi Plan (Plan 881)? Ans: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)

45. Which organization issued the 'Insurance Fraud Monitoring Framework Guidelines 2025'? Ans: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

46. Which startup introduced 'LxmePay', India's first Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform for women? Ans: Lxme

47. Which bank partnered with Juspay to launch a full-stack digital payment acquiring solution? Ans: HSBC Bank

48. Which bank granted ₹74,434 crore loans to MSMEs via its SME Digital Business Loans Platform? Ans: State Bank of India (SBI)

49. Which bank launched 'My Business QR' under its Pitch for Business program? Ans: HDFC Bank

50. What compensation clause applies under the revised bank locker regulations of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? Ans: Up to 100 times the annual locker rent

51. What is the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s FY2025–26 inflation projection? Ans: 2.6%

52. What interest subsidy rate will be provided to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) exporters under the new scheme? Ans: 3%

53. Which institution launched the Digital Payments Intelligence Platform (DPIP)? Ans: Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

54. Which wearable-tech startup partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to introduce India's first wearable payments ecosystem? Ans: Muse Wearables

55. Which bank retained its position as Asia's safest bank for the 17th consecutive year? Ans: DBS Bank (Singapore)

56. What was India's FY 2025–26 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)? Ans: 6.6%

57. How much investment did Google announce for establishing India's largest Artificial Intelligence (AI) hub in Andhra Pradesh? Ans: USD 15 billion

58. Which shipyard was granted 'Mini-Ratna' status by the Government of India? Ans: Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)

59. Which Indian IT company won a £1.2 billion UK National Health Service (NHS) contract? Ans: Infosys

60. How many transactions did Unified Payments Interface (UPI) handle in September 2025? Ans: 19.63 billion transactions worth ₹24.9 lakh crore

61. Which bank launched the youth-focused digital banking app 'Cosmo Galgal'? Ans: Cosmos Co-operative Bank

62. What is the corpus of the AgriSURE Fund launched by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)? Ans: ₹750 crore

63. Which two companies launched the reloadable National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) named "Flipkart Bharat Yatra Card"? Ans: Pine Labs Limited and Flipkart

64. How much gold does the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hold as of September 2025? Ans: 880.18 metric tonnes valued at approximately USD 95 billion

65. What was the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) 2017-18 Series IV final redemption price per gram? Ans: ₹12,704 per gram



66. Which bank sold a 10% stake in Canara HSBC Life Insurance Co. Ltd. for ₹1,007 crore? Ans: Punjab National Bank (PNB)

67. What percentage female workforce does the State Bank of India (SBI) target by 2030? Ans: 30%

68. What is the authorised capital of the Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC)? Ans: ₹500 crore

69. What is the paid-up capital of the Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC)? Ans: ₹200 crore

70. How much did India's net direct tax collection reach during April–October 2025? Ans: ₹11.89 lakh crore

71. What is India's retail deposit insurance cover amount under the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)? Ans: ₹5 lakh per depositor per bank

72. What was India's total unclaimed financial assets across banks, insurance, and mutual funds as per FY 2024–25 data? Ans: Approximately ₹1.84 lakh crore

73. Which two banks will jointly lead the creation of the Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC)? Ans: State Bank of India (SBI) and Bank of Baroda (BoB)

74. Which fund was enlisted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the specified exemption category for regulated entities' investments? Ans: SWAMIH Investment Fund-I (Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing)

75. Which country launched the world's first yen-pegged stablecoin 'JPYC'? Ans: Japan

76. Which platform introduced Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) via international mobile numbers? Ans: Paytm

77. What is the daily transaction value recorded by Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in October 2025? Ans: ₹94,000 crore

78. Which authority conducted 'Niveshak Shivir' in Amritsar to resolve unclaimed dividend and share issues? Ans: Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)

79. By what date did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mandate banks to migrate their net-banking domains to ".bank.in"? Ans: 31 October 2025

80. What is the daily transaction limit for the Offline Digital Rupee launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? Ans: ₹50,000 or 20 transactions per day

81. Which mobile application was launched by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) to enhance transparency in cotton procurement? Ans: Kapas Kisan

82. Who inaugurated the "Live Cases" dashboard under Legal Information Management and Briefing System (LIMBS)? Ans: Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice

83. Which Indian city became the first to introduce QR code-based kiosks for digital payment of traffic challans? Ans: Gurugram, Haryana

84. Which states topped the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) 2025 under Category A? Ans: Madhya Pradesh (1), Rajasthan (2), Gujarat (3)

85. Who launched 'Campus Tank' – India's first platform to promote young entrepreneurship? Ans: Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology

86. What are the key targets in the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Long-Term Space Vision? Ans: Indians on Moon by 2040, Bharatiya Antriksh Station by 2035, Human Spaceflight (Gaganyaan) by 2027



87. Which mission aims to encourage long-staple cotton cultivation using advanced technology?  
Ans: Kapas Kranti Mission

88. Which biosphere reserve in India was recently added to UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves? Ans: Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve, Himachal Pradesh

89. Who is the Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission of India? Ans: Dr. Arvind Panagariya

90. Which program was launched by the Ministry of AYUSH for Ayurveda research among BAMS students? Ans: SPARK 4.0 (Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken)

91. How many agricultural commodities are now tradable on the e-NAM platform? Ans: 247 commodities

92. Who issued a global alert on three contaminated cough syrups made in India? Ans: World Health Organization (WHO)

93. Who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndiaAI Mission? Ans: Abhishek Singh

94. When was the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme launched? Ans: 21 October 2016

95. Which joint initiative was launched by NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and DP World? Ans: We Rise – Women Entrepreneurs Reimagining Inclusive and Sustainable Enterprises

96. Which city launched India's first Real-Time Flood Forecasting and Spatial Decision Support System (RTFF & SDSS)? Ans: Chennai

97. Which Indian state is set to become the first 'extreme poverty-free' state from 1 November 2025? Ans: Kerala

98. What is the new toll-free helpline number for POSHAN and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)? Ans: 1515

99. Who launched the upgraded Tele MANAS App on World Mental Health Day 2025? Ans: Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare

100. Who has been appointed as India's Mental Health Ambassador? Ans: Actress Deepika Padukone

101. When is World Food Day observed? Ans: 16 October

102. What record did Ayodhya set during Deepotsav 2025? Ans: 26.17 lakh diyas lit across 56 ghats of Saryu River

103. Where did India's only mud volcano erupt again in October 2025? Ans: Baratang Island, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

104. What percentage of hospital admissions under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) are women? Ans: 49%

105. Which institutions were recognised as Centres of Excellence under National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM)? Ans: Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru and C-MET Hyderabad

106. What is the total financial outlay for the Gyan Bharatam Mission (2024–2031)? Ans: ₹482.85 crore

107. Which organisation launched the "Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas – Medical Technology (MAHA-MedTech)"? Ans: Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

108. Who announced the revival of Jammu and Kashmir's historic 'Darbar Move'? Ans: Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir



109. How much procurement plan for pulses and oilseeds was approved under Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)? Ans: ₹15,095.83 crore

110. Under which scheme did Amit Shah launch Deep Sea Fishing Vessels? Ans: Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

111. What is the total investment of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for 2020–2025? Ans: ₹20,050 crore

112. Which state approved the 'Building and Management of Aviation Assets and Network (B-MAAN)' Scheme? Ans: Odisha

113. What is the total outlay of Odisha's B-MAAN Scheme? Ans: ₹14,182 crore

114. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi launch projects worth ₹1,140 crore? Ans: Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat

115. What is the total corpus under the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme extended till 2036? Ans: ₹24,736 crore

116. Who will chair the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC)? Ans: Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai

117. What is the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week 2025? Ans: Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility

118. What is the theme of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM) 2025 in India? Ans: Cyber Jagrit Bharat – Cyber-Aware and Cyber-Safe India

119. What is the global theme of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM) 2025? Ans: Stay Safe Online

120. What is the name of India's first cable suspension glass bridge under construction in Rishikesh? Ans: Bajrang Setu

121. What is India's rank in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 38) 2025? Ans: 43rd

122. What was India's overall Unemployment Rate (UR) as per PLFS (Periodic Labour Force Survey) September 2025? Ans: 5.2%

123. What is India's Worker Population Ratio (WPR) as per PLFS September 2025? Ans: 52.4%

124. What is India's Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) as per PLFS September 2025? Ans: 55.3%

125. What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2025? Ans: 85th

126. How many visa-free destinations does the Indian passport offer as per Henley Passport Index 2025? Ans: 57

127. Which country topped the Henley Passport Index 2025? Ans: Singapore (Visa-free access to 193 countries)

128. What is India's rank in the 2025 Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI)? Ans: 52nd

129. Which country topped the 2025 Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI)? Ans: Netherlands

130. What is the rank of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in the WDMMA 2025 Global Air Force Strength Ranking? Ans: 3rd

131. Who topped Forbes India's Richest 2025 List? Ans: Mukesh Ambani (Reliance Industries Limited)

132. What is Mukesh Ambani's total net worth as per Forbes India's Richest 2025 List? Ans: USD 105 billion



133. What is India's Female Labour Participation Rate as per Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) 2025 report? Ans: 42%

134. What is India's rank in the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025 in total forest area? Ans: 9th

135. What is India's rank in annual forest area gain as per GFRA 2025? Ans: 3rd

136. What percentage of India's total geographical area is covered by forest and tree cover as per India State of Forest Report 2023? Ans: 25.17%

137. What is India's national target for forest cover as per National Forest Policy 1988? Ans: 33%

138. Which organization publishes the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA)? Ans: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

139. Where is the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)? Ans: Rome, Italy

140. Who is the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)? Ans: Dr. Qu Dongyu

141. What is the world's total forest area as per the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025? Ans: 4.14 billion hectares

142. How much forest area does India add annually between 2015–2025? Ans: 1.91 lakh hectares

143. What is India's rank in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2025? Ans: 102nd out of 123 countries

144. What is India's Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2025 score? Ans: 25.8

145. What category does India fall under in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2025? Ans: Serious hunger category

146. Which country topped the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2025? Ans: Armenia

147. Which countries ranked worst in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2025? Ans: Somalia (123rd), Democratic Republic of Congo (122nd), South Sudan (121st)

148. What is the global average Global Hunger Index (GHI) score in 2025? Ans: 18.3

149. Who inaugurated the dhaRti BioNest Incubation Centre at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Dharwad? Ans: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

150. Which Indian state recorded the lowest poverty rate in the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2023 released by NITI Aayog? Ans: Kerala

151. What is Kerala's poverty rate as per the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2023? Ans: 0.55%

152. Who were named ICC Players of the Month (September 2025)? Ans: Abhishek Sharma and Smriti Mandhana

153. Which shipyard received Mini Ratna (Category I) status in 2025? Ans: Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam

154. Who won the BRICS International Award 2025? Ans: Abusupyan Kharkharov

155. Who won the 2025 MLS Golden Boot? Ans: Lionel Messi (Inter Miami CF)

156. Who won the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize? Ans: María Corina Machado (Venezuelan Leader)

157. Who received the Kenton R. Miller Award at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025? Ans: Dr. Sonali Ghosh (Field Director, Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve, Assam)



158. Who won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences? Ans: Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt

159. Who became the first Indian to win the 48th Mrs. Universe 2025 crown? Ans: Sherry Singh

160. Who won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Literature? Ans: László Krasznahorkai (Hungarian Author)

161. Who won First Prize at the Big Cat Conservation Awards 2025? Ans: Rajarshi Banerji

162. Which company won "Fintech Startup of the Year" at GFA 2025? Ans: Yubi

163. Who was named "Fintech Person of the Year (Female)" at GFA 2025? Ans: Upasana Taku (Co-founder & CFO, MobiKwik)

164. Who was named "Fintech Person of the Year (Male)" at GFA 2025? Ans: Yashish Dahiya (Chairman, PB Fintech)

165. Which bank won "Best Digital Transformation Program & Green Banking Initiative" at GFA 2025? Ans: IDFC FIRST Bank

166. Which company won "Best Digital Banking Platform" at GFA 2025? Ans: Razorpay

167. Which organization received "Best Corporate/Business Correspondent" award at GFA 2025? Ans: PayNearby

168. Which firm won "Best Insurance Tech Solution" at GFA 2025? Ans: CAMS Insurance Repository Services

169. Which company received "Best Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Fintech" at GFA 2025? Ans: KFin Technologies

170. Which platform won "Best B2B Payments Platform" at GFA 2025? Ans: Juspay Technologies

171. Who won the 2025 British Academy Book Prize? Ans: Sunil Amrith for "The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years"

172. Who was conferred honorary rank of 'Lieutenant Colonel' by the Indian Army in 2025? Ans: Neeraj Chopra

173. What national record did Neeraj Chopra set in 2025? Ans: 90.23 metres in Javelin Throw

174. Which university topped the Times Higher Education (THE) 2026 global rankings? Ans: Oxford University (United Kingdom)

175. Which is the top Indian university in THE 2026 global rankings? Ans: Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

176. How many Indian institutions were listed in THE 2026 global rankings? Ans: 128 institutions

177. Which film won Best Film at the 70th Filmfare Awards 2025? Ans: Laapataa Ladies (Directed by Kiran Rao)

178. Who won Best Director at the 70th Filmfare Awards 2025? Ans: Kiran Rao for "Laapataa Ladies"

179. Who won Best Actor (Male) at the 70th Filmfare Awards 2025? Ans: Abhishek Bachchan and Kartik Aaryan (Joint Winners)

180. Who won Best Actor (Female) at the 70th Filmfare Awards 2025? Ans: Alia Bhatt for "Jigra"

181. Who received the Critics' Best Actor (Male) award at Filmfare 2025? Ans: Rajkummar Rao for "Srikanth"



182. Who received the Critics' Best Actor (Female) award at Filmfare 2025? Ans: Pratibha Rannta for "Laapataa Ladies"

183. Who won Best Supporting Actors at Filmfare 2025? Ans: Ravi Kishan and Chhaya Kadam (Laapataa Ladies)

184. Who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at Filmfare 2025? Ans: Zeenat Aman and Shyam Benegal (Posthumous)

185. Who were awarded the European Union's (EU) "Sakharov Prize 2025"? Ans: Journalists Andrzej Poczobut (Belarus) and Mzia Amaghlobeli (Georgia)

186. How many individuals and institutions were honoured under Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP) 2025? Ans: 23 individuals and 1 institution

187. Which institution received the Vigyan Team Award under RVP 2025? Ans: Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Aroma Mission Team

188. During which summit was Donald Trump awarded the 'Grand Order of Mugunghwa'? Ans: Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit 2025 at Gyeongju, South Korea

189. Which scheme was launched by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) to resolve litigations on penal damages for delayed PF remittances? Ans: Vishwas Scheme

190. What is the total outstanding penal damage amount under the EPFO Vishwas Scheme (as of May 2025)? Ans: ₹2,406 crore

191. Which organization launched the "Scheme for Innovation and Technology Association with Aadhaar (SITAA)"? Ans: Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

192. Which ministry launched SPARK 4.0 to promote short-term, evidence-based Ayurveda research among students? Ans: Ministry of AYUSH

193. How much scholarship is provided per BAMS student under SPARK 4.0? Ans: ₹50,000 per student

194. What is the objective of the "Kapas Kranti Mission" launched by the Government of India? Ans: To promote high-yield, long-staple cotton cultivation

195. What is the total outlay of the "Kapas Kranti Mission"? Ans: ₹600 crore

196. Which Indian state is the top cotton-producing state as of 2025? Ans: Telangana

197. What is the focus region of the "Kapas Kranti Mission"? Ans: Maharashtra (Akola)

198. What is the full form of PM JANMAN launched for PVTG welfare? Ans: Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan

199. What is the total outlay of the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN)? Ans: ₹24,104 crore

200. What is the scheme period of PM JANMAN? Ans: 2023–24 to 2025–26

201. How many Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) are covered under PM JANMAN? Ans: 75 PVTGs

202. Which ministry is the nodal ministry for PM JANMAN? Ans: Ministry of Tribal Affairs

203. Which state has the highest number of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)? Ans: Odisha (13)

204. Which state recently joined the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme through an MoU with the Ministry of Education? Ans: Kerala

205. When was the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme launched? Ans: September 2022



206. How many schools are targeted for upgradation under the PM SHRI scheme? Ans: 14,500 schools

207. What is the total outlay of the PM SHRI scheme? Ans: ₹27,360 crore

208. What is the Centre-State funding ratio under the PM SHRI scheme? Ans: 60 : 40

209. How much annual financial support does each PM SHRI school receive for 5 years? Ans: Approximately ₹1 crore per year

210. What is the main objective of the National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP)? Ans: To integrate digital mental health counselling into primary healthcare

211. How many Tele MANAS cells operate under the National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP)? Ans: 53 cells

212. Which programme provides multilingual counselling and AI-enabled guidance through an app and helpline? Ans: Tele MANAS (Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States)

213. When was the Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) launched? Ans: 2018

214. What is the health insurance coverage per family per year under AB PM-JAY? Ans: ₹5 lakh

215. How many States and Union Territories have joined the Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)? Ans: 35 States and Union Territories

216. What is the total value of hospital admissions recorded under AB PM-JAY till 2025? Ans: ₹1.29 lakh crore

217. Which mission was launched by the Ministry of Culture for manuscript digitisation during 2024–2031? Ans: Gyan Bharatam Mission

218. What is the total budgetary outlay of the Gyan Bharatam Mission? Ans: ₹482.85 crore

219. Under which previous scheme was the Gyan Bharatam Mission restructured? Ans: National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM)

220. When was POSHAN Abhiyaan launched? Ans: 8 March 2018

221. Which ministry implements POSHAN Abhiyaan? Ans: Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD)

222. What is the annual reduction target for stunting under POSHAN Abhiyaan? Ans: 2% per annum

223. What is the annual reduction target for anaemia among women and adolescent girls under POSHAN Abhiyaan? Ans: 3% per annum

224. What is the name of the integrated version of POSHAN Abhiyaan launched in 2021? Ans: Mission POSHAN 2.0

225. Under which act is the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) implemented? Ans: National Food Security Act (NFS), 2013

226. When was the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) launched? Ans: 2017

227. What is the financial assistance provided for the first child under PMMVY? Ans: ₹5,000

228. What is the total benefit (including Janani Suraksha Yojana) for the first child under PMMVY? Ans: ₹6,000

229. What is the incentive amount under PMMVY for the second child (if female)? Ans: ₹6,000

230. Which category of beneficiaries is excluded from PMMVY? Ans: Government employees and those availing similar benefits



231. Who became the first player to score 1,000 runs in a calendar year in Women's ODIs? Ans: Smriti Mandhana

232. Which player crossed the 5,000-run milestone in Women's ODIs? Ans: Smriti Mandhana

233. Who won the ICC Men's Player of the Month (September 2025)? Ans: Abhishek Sharma (India)

234. Who won the ICC Women's Player of the Month (September 2025)? Ans: Smriti Mandhana (India)

235. Where is the headquarters of the International Cricket Council (ICC) located? Ans: Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

236. Who is the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)? Ans: Jay Shah

237. Which country won the Asia Cup 2025? Ans: India

238. Which city will host the 2030 Commonwealth Games? Ans: Ahmedabad, Gujarat (India)

239. Where will the 5th Khelo India University Games (KIUG 2025) be held? Ans: Rajasthan (across Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota, and Bharatpur)

240. Which new sports were introduced in the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025? Ans: Beach Volleyball, Canoeing & Kayaking, and Cycling

241. Which sport was introduced as a demonstration event in KIUG 2025? Ans: Kho-Kho

242. Which Indian archer became the first woman compound archer to win a medal at the Archery World Cup Final 2025? Ans: Jyothi Surekha Vennam

243. Where was the Archery World Cup Final 2025 held? Ans: Nanjing, China

244. How many medals did India win at the Archery World Cup 2025 across all stages? Ans: 14 medals (3 Gold, 4 Silver, 7 Bronze)

245. Which Indian athlete won the only individual gold at the Archery World Cup 2025? Ans: Madhura Dhamangaonkar

246. Which state will host the 4th South Asian Athletics (SAAF) Senior Championships 2025? Ans: Jharkhand

247. What is the mascot of the 4th South Asian Athletics (SAAF) Senior Championships 2025? Ans: Dalma

248. In which language is the anthem of the SAAF Senior Championships 2025 written? Ans: Nagpuri

249. Who became the first Indian to score 10 centuries in the World Test Championship (WTC)? Ans: Shubman Gill

250. Who was named torchbearer for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics Torch Relay? Ans: Abhinav Bindra

251. In which country will the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics be held? Ans: Italy

252. What are the dates of the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics? Ans: 6–22 February 2026

253. Which team won the Silver Medal at the 13th Sultan of Johor Cup 2025? Ans: India's Junior Men's Hockey Team

254. Which country won the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025? Ans: Morocco

255. Where was the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025 held? Ans: Santiago, Chile

256. Who won the Golden Ball at the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025? Ans: Othmane Maama (Morocco)

257. Who won the Golden Boot at the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025? Ans: Benjamin Cremaschi (United States) – 5 goals



258. Who won the Golden Glove at the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025? Ans: Santino Barbi (Argentina)

259. Which country won the Fair Play Award at the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025? Ans: United States

260. Which country will host the Africa Cup of Nations 2025? Ans: Morocco

261. Which countries will co-host the 2030 FIFA World Cup? Ans: Spain, Portugal, and Morocco

262. Which position was India re-elected to at UNESCO's COP10 on Anti-Doping in Sport? Ans: Vice-Chair (Asia-Pacific Group IV)

263. Where were the 11th World Para Powerlifting Championships 2025 held? Ans: Cairo, Egypt

264. How many medals did India win at the 11th World Para Powerlifting Championships 2025? Ans: 3 (1 Gold, 2 Bronze)

265. Who won India's first-ever Gold in Para Powerlifting? Ans: Vinay

266. Where will the next World Para Powerlifting Championships be held in 2026? Ans: Manama, Bahrain

267. Who is the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)? Ans: P. T. Usha

268. Which small island nation became the second-smallest to qualify for the FIFA World Cup? Ans: Cape Verde

269. Who won the 2025 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix? Ans: Max Verstappen (Netherlands, Red Bull Racing)

270. How many career Formula 1 victories has Max Verstappen achieved as of 2025? Ans: 68 victories

271. Who won the 2025 Mexican Grand Prix? Ans: Lando Norris (British, McLaren)

272. Which Indian state launched the logo and anthem for the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025? Ans: Goa

273. What is the official anthem of the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 titled? Ans: "It's Your Move"

274. Who voiced the official anthem of the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025? Ans: Daler Mehndi

275. Where will the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 be held? Ans: Goa, India

276. What is the total prize pool for the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025? Ans: USD 2 million (approximately ₹17.58 crore)

277. Who will be the youngest participant at the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025? Ans: Faustino Oro (Argentina)

278. Which Indian players feature in the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 anthem video? Ans: D. Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, Koneru Humpy, Tania Sachdev, and Vidit Gujrathi

279. Which Indian players won gold medals at the 2025 European Chess Club Cup in Rhodes, Greece? Ans: D. Gukesh and Divya Deshmukh

280. Which country won the KogniVera International Polo Cup 2025? Ans: India

281. Whom did India defeat to win the KogniVera International Polo Cup 2025? Ans: Argentina

282. Who topped the ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings in October 2025? Ans: Smriti Mandhana

283. Who won the Women's Singles title at the 2025 French Open Badminton Tournament? Ans: An Seyoung (South Korea)

284. Who won the Men's Singles title at the 2025 French Open Badminton Tournament? Ans: Anders Antonsen (Denmark)



285. Which pair won the Men's Doubles title at the 2025 French Open Badminton Tournament?  
Ans: Kim Won Ho & Seo Seung Jae (South Korea)

286. Which pair won the Women's Doubles title at the 2025 French Open Badminton Tournament? Ans: Yuki Fukushima & Mayu Matsumoto (Japan)

287. Who won the Mixed Doubles title at the 2025 French Open Badminton Tournament? Ans: Feng Yan Zhe & Huang Dong Ping (China)

288. Which country won its first-ever Bronze Medal at the 2025 BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup)? Ans: India

289. Where was the 4th South Asian Senior Athletics Championships 2025 held? Ans: Ranchi, Jharkhand

290. How many medals did India win at the 4th South Asian Senior Athletics Championships 2025? Ans: 58 medals (20 Gold, 20 Silver, 18 Bronze)

291. Which country ranked second in the medal tally at the 4th SAAF Senior Athletics Championships 2025? Ans: Sri Lanka (40 medals)

292. Which country ranked third in the medal tally at the 4th SAAF Senior Athletics Championships 2025? Ans: Nepal (6 medals)

293. Who became the first Indian to summit nine of the world's 8,000-metre peaks? Ans: Bharath Thammineni (from Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh)

294. Which mountain did Bharath Thammineni recently climb to achieve this record? Ans: Mount Cho Oyu (8,188 metres)

295. Who became the first transgender person from Karnataka to be included in a Supreme Court panel? Ans: Akkai Padmashali

296. Who is the current Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations (UN)? Ans: Parvathaneni Harish

297. Which Indian environmental scientist from Nilgiris was listed among the Top 2 % Scientists Globally for 2023-2025? Ans: Dr. Ashokkumar Veeramuthu

298. Who was honoured by the President for exemplary implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN)? Ans: Anil Malik (Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD))

299. Who has been appointed as India's first Mental Health Ambassador? Ans: Deepika Padukone

300. Who was the Chairman Emeritus of TTK Prestige Ltd., known as the "Kitchen Mogul," who passed away recently? Ans: T. T. Jagannathan

301. Who authored and translated the book Sivam Subham: The Biography of a Couple? Ans: B. K. Harinarayanan and Parameswaran

302. Who is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of RBL Bank who launched the 'Humsafar' RuPay card with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)? Ans: R. Subramaniakumar

303. Who was named the torchbearer for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics? Ans: Abhinav Bindra

304. In which year did Abhinav Bindra win India's first individual Olympic gold medal? Ans: 2008 (Beijing Olympics – 10 m Air Rifle)

305. Which Indian sportsperson served as Olympic torchbearer for both Paris 2024 and Milano Cortina 2026 Games? Ans: Abhinav Bindra



**306.** Which legendary Philadelphia rock radio host from WMMR passed away at the age of 70?  
Ans: Pierre Robert

**307.** Who was appointed as Executive Director representing India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)? Ans: Urjit Patel

**308.** Who became the first Indian President to fly in two different Indian Air Force (IAF) fighter jets? Ans: President Droupadi Murmu

**309.** From which airbase did President Droupadi Murmu take a sortie in the Rafale fighter jet?  
Ans: Indian Air Force Station Ambala, Haryana

**310.** Which aircraft manufacturer produces the Rafale fighter jet? Ans: Dassault Aviation (France)

**311.** Which earlier Presidents of India also flew combat jets before Droupadi Murmu? Ans: A. P. J. Abdul Kalam (2006) and Pratibha Patil (2009)

**312.** Which two international financial institutions signed a \$3 billion Sovereign Exposure Exchange Agreement (EEA) to boost lending capacity? Ans: Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank

**313.** What is the headquarters location of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)? Ans: Mandaluyong, Philippines

**314.** Who is the President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)? Ans: Masato Kanda

**315.** Where is the headquarters of the World Bank located? Ans: Washington D.C., United States

**316.** Who is the President of the World Bank? Ans: Ajay Banga

**317.** Who is the Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer (MD & CFO) of the World Bank?  
Ans: Anshula Kant

**318.** How much loan has the World Bank sanctioned to Kerala under the Kerala Health System Improvement Programme (KHSIP)? Ans: USD 280 million (approximately ₹2,450 crore)

**319.** Which nations form the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) that committed \$100 billion investment in India under the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)?  
Ans: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland

**320.** How much loan did the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approve for Maharashtra for agricultural solarization? Ans: USD 460 million

**321.** Who has been re-elected as Chairman of the Association of Investment Bankers of India (AIBI)? Ans: Mahavir Lunawat

**322.** Who has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL)? Ans: Tarun Garg

**323.** Who has been announced as the President-Elect of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for 2025–26? Ans: Anant Goenka

**324.** Who is the current Director General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)? Ans: Jyoti Vij

**325.** Who will succeed Harsha Vardhan Agarwal as President of FICCI? Ans: Anant Goenka

**326.** Who was sworn in as the Transitional President of Madagascar? Ans: Colonel Michael Randrianirina

**327.** Who has taken charge as the First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)? Ans: Daniel Katz

**328.** Who has been appointed as the Country Head for India by Allianz SE? Ans: Ritu Arora

**329.** Who became the first Deputy Chief Minister (CM) of Gujarat? Ans: Harsh Sanghvi



**330.** Who received a third extension as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), and Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL)? Ans: Ravi A. Robert Jerard

**331.** Who has been appointed as President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) for 2025–26? Ans: Nirmal K. Minda

**332.** Who is the new Vice President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)? Ans: Amitabh Chaudhry (Managing Director & CEO, Axis Bank)

**333.** Who is the Secretary General of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)? Ans: Manish Singhal

**334.** Who has been elected as the first woman President of the Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA)? Ans: Shantha Rangaswamy

**335.** Who has been appointed as Full-time Member Secretary of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)? Ans: Tarun Kumar Pithode (IAS 2009)

**336.** Who did Tarun Kumar Pithode replace as Member Secretary of CAQM? Ans: Arvind Kumar Nautiyal

**337.** Who has been appointed as Chairperson of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Advisory Board of Judges for 2025–2027? Ans: Justice Prathiba M. Singh (Delhi High Court)

**338.** Who has been appointed as Acting Chief Justice of the Patna High Court? Ans: Justice Sudhir Singh

**339.** Who was the predecessor of Justice Sudhir Singh as Chief Justice of the Patna High Court? Ans: Justice Pavankumar Bhimappa Bajantri

**340.** Who has been reappointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Suryoday Small Finance Bank till 2029? Ans: Baskar Babu Ramachandran

**341.** What is the tagline of Suryoday Small Finance Bank? Ans: "A Bank of Smiles"

**342.** Where is the headquarters of Suryoday Small Finance Bank located? Ans: Navi Mumbai

**343.** Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Ireland? Ans: Manish Gupta

**344.** What is the capital of the Republic of Ireland? Ans: Dublin

**345.** Who is the Prime Minister (Taoiseach) of the Republic of Ireland? Ans: Micheál Martin

**346.** Who will become the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI) w.e.f. 24 November 2025? Ans: Justice Surya Kant

**347.** Who is the current Chief Justice of India (CJI)? Ans: Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai (B. R. Gavai)

**348.** What is the retirement age of a Supreme Court Judge in India? Ans: 65 years

**349.** What is the retirement age of a High Court Judge in India? Ans: 62 years

**350.** Who was elected as the first openly Left-wing Independent and 10th President of Ireland? Ans: Catherine Connolly

**351.** Who has been reappointed as Part-Time Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited? Ans: C. S. Rajan

**352.** Who has been appointed as Chair of the Board of Directors at Citigroup? Ans: Jane Fraser

**353.** Who was sworn in as the 6th President of Seychelles? Ans: Dr. Matthew Antonio Patrick Herminie



354. Which exercise marked the 5th edition of the Indo-Indonesian Maritime Exercise 2025?  
Ans: Samudra Shakti 2025

355. Where was the 5th edition of Samudra Shakti 2025 held? Ans: Visakhapatnam

356. Which Indian and Indonesian naval ships participated in Samudra Shakti 2025? Ans: INS Kavaratti and KRI John Lie

357. Who is the Chief of Naval Staff of India? Ans: Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi

358. Who is the Vice Chief of Naval Staff of India? Ans: Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan

359. Who approved a 100% increase in welfare assistance for ex-servicemen? Ans: Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence

360. What is the new amount of Penury Grant for ex-servicemen under the revised scheme?  
Ans: ₹8,000 (increased from ₹4,000)

361. What is the Education Grant for ex-servicemen's children or widows pursuing post-graduation? Ans: ₹2,000 per month (for two children or widows)

362. What is the Marriage Grant under the revised welfare assistance for ex-servicemen? Ans: ₹1 lakh (for two daughters or widow remarriage)

363. From which date will the enhanced welfare assistance for ex-servicemen be effective? Ans: 1 November 2025

364. What is the annual financial impact of the revised ex-servicemen welfare assistance scheme? Ans: ₹257 crore

365. Through which fund is the ex-servicemen welfare assistance financed? Ans: Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF)

366. What is the constituency of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh? Ans: Lucknow

367. What is SAKSHAM launched by the Indian Army? Ans: Advanced Command and Control (C2) System to counter drone threats

368. What is the full form of SAKSHAM in the Indian Army context? Ans: Situational Awareness for Kinetic Soft and Hard Kill Assets Management

369. Which organization partnered with the Indian Army to develop SAKSHAM? Ans: Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Ghaziabad

370. Which two naval vessels were decommissioned at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai? Ans: INS Abhay and INFAC T-82

371. INS Abhay belonged to which class of ships? Ans: Soviet Pauk II-class

372. INFAC T-82 belonged to which class of ships? Ans: Israeli Super Dvora MK II-class

373. Which Indian Navy ship participated in Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX-25)? Ans: INS Sahyadri

374. Where was JAIMEX-25 conducted? Ans: Off Kyushu Coast, Japan

375. What is the value of the contract signed by the Indian Army for Close-Quarter Carbines?  
Ans: ₹2,700 crore

376. How many Close-Quarter Carbines will be procured under the new Indian Army contract?  
Ans: 4.25 lakh

377. Which multinational air combat drill did the Indian Air Force participate in at Gando Air Base, Spain? Ans: Exercise Ocean Sky 2025

378. Which organization delivered the first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) "Mahe"? Ans: Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)



379. Which two Fast Patrol Vessels were launched by the Indian Coast Guard at Goa Shipyard Ltd.? Ans: ICGS Ajit and ICGS Aparajit

380. Where was the first India–Republic of Korea Navy Bilateral Exercise held? Ans: Busan Naval Harbour, South Korea

381. Which Indian naval ship participated in the first India–Republic of Korea Navy Bilateral Exercise? Ans: INS Sahyadri

382. Which Indian company partnered with Embraer (Brazil) to introduce the C-390 Millennium Transport Aircraft in India? Ans: Mahindra Group

383. What is the target set by the Defence Minister for India's defence manufacturing by 2029? Ans: ₹3 lakh crore

384. What is India's target for defence exports by 2029? Ans: ₹50,000 crore

385. What is the range of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile? Ans: 450–500 km

386. What is the speed of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile? Ans: Mach 2.8–3.0

387. BrahMos is a joint venture between which two organizations? Ans: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), India and NPO Mashinostroyenia, Russia

388. Which Indian Navy ship conducted a joint hydrographic survey with Mauritius Hydrographic Service? Ans: INS Sutlej

389. How much area was covered in the INS Sutlej–Mauritius joint hydrographic survey? Ans: Approximately 35,000 square nautical miles

390. Which Indian Navy Survey Vessel (Large) is to be commissioned on 6 November 2025 at Kochi? Ans: INS Ikshak

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