



National and State News for IDBI JAM CA NBCC

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1. Finance, Economy & Major Government Approvals

RBI Transfers and Forex Operations

- RBI transferred ₹2,68,590.07 crore as surplus to the Central Government for 2024-25.
- RBI sold \$398.71 billion of foreign currency in 2024-25 (gross basis), higher than \$153.03 bn in FY24 and \$212.57 bn in FY23.

Pay Commission & Salaries

- Union Cabinet approved setting up the 8th Pay Commission to revise salaries of central government employees and allowances for pensioners.
 - Chairman of the 7th Pay Commission: Justice Ashok Kumar Mathur
- Central Government Notifies 24% Hike in MPs' Salaries:
 - Effective April 1, 2023: New Monthly Salary: ₹1.24 lakh (earlier ₹1 lakh)
 - Daily Allowance: Increased from ₹2,000 to ₹2,500
 - Pension for Former MPs: ₹31,000 (earlier ₹25,000)
 - Additional Pension: ₹2,500 for every year of service beyond 5 years (earlier ₹2,000)

Major Union Cabinet Schemes and Funding

- **Urban Challenge Fund:** ₹1 lakh crore allocated for enhancing urban governance & infrastructure.
- **PM Suryaghar Muft Bijlee Yojana:** Launched Feb 2024; Target: 10 million rooftop solar units by 2027, Total Budget: ₹75,021 crore.
- **National Gene Bank:** For plant genetic resource preservation.
- **Cabinet-Approved Ropeway Projects (Parvatmala Pariyojana, Uttarakhand):** Total Cost: ₹6,811 crore.
- **South Coast Railway Zone:** Approved as 18th Zone under Indian Railways.
- **Revised Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme (LHDCP):** 2024-2026 Budget: ₹3,880 crore, "Pashu Aushadhi" new component, ₹75 crore till Mar 2026.
- **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA):** Rs 11,440 Cr revival package for Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL).
- **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) led by PM Modi: MSP increased for 14 kharif crops for 2025-26.** Outlay: Rs 2.07 lakh crore. Highest increases: Nigerseed (+Rs 820/ql), Ragi (+Rs 596/ql), Cotton (+Rs 589/ql), Sesamum (+Rs 579/ql).
 - MSP system origin: Introduced 1965 (APC, now CACP, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare).

Subsidies, Wages & Pensions

- **Interest Subvention (IS) under Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS):** Continuation for FY 2025-26.
 - Kisan Credit Card (KCC) loans up to Rs 3 lakh at subsidized 7% interest (1.5% subvention to banks), Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI) reduces to 4%.

- Animal husbandry/fisheries loans: Benefit up to Rs 2 lakh.
- Implemented/monitored by RBI & NABARD.
- **MGNREGS Wages Hiked for FY 2025–26:** Increase 2.33% to 7.48%. Highest: Haryana (₹400/day).
- **Union Cabinet Approves ₹37,216 Crore Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) for Kharif 2025** (April–Sept 2025); non-urea fertilizer subsidy for FY26: ₹49,000 Cr.
- **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAU-U) deadline extended to Dec 30, 2025.** Launched 25 June 2015 (MoHUA).

Tax and Regulatory

- **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT):** Approved 187 startups for income tax exemption under revamped Section 80-IAC of Income Tax Act, 1961.
 - Benefit: 100% income tax deduction on profits for any 3 consecutive years within 10 years of incorporation.
 - Union Budget 2025-26: Extended eligibility to startups incorporated before April 1, 2030; Over 3,700 startups have received exemptions so far.
- **New Income Tax Bill 2025:** Presented in Lok Sabha, redefines “assessment year” as “tax year.”
- **Draft "Digital Personal Data Protection Rules":** Released by GoI; parental consent for children's social media; penalties up to ₹250 crore.
- **WPI Base Year Revision:** 18-member working group to update base year from 2011–12 to 2022–23.

Startups, Unicorns, and Support

- **India's number of unicorns rose from 11 in 2016 to 118 in 2024.**
- **BHASKAR (Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry) platform:** 1.54 lakh start-ups in 2024 (502 in 2016).
 - Maharashtra tops (27,459), followed by Karnataka (16,335) and Delhi (15,851).
- **Powering a Resilient and Agile Bharat for the Advancement of Visionary Startups (PRABHAAV) Factbook** launched by Union Minister Piyush Goyal.
- **India is the 3rd-largest startup ecosystem** (after US & China).
- **Netradyne (AI-powered logistics) is India's 119th unicorn valued at \$1.34 bn (1st Unicorn of 2025).**
- **Women Acceleration Program (WAP) – Telangana:** Empower 1 crore women to become millionaires, support 140+ women-led MSMEs.
- **A Million Women Arise (NITI Aayog & India SME Forum):** Empowers women entrepreneurs (35% of India's 6 crore MSMEs).

2. Banking, Financial Markets & Insurance

Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA):

- **Joint “Niveshak Shivir” initiative with SEBI.**
 - SEBI HQ: Mumbai, Chairman: Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Established: 1992.

SEBI & Stock Markets



- **SEBI Imposes ₹25 Lakh Penalty on Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX).**
- **SEBI restrained 5 IndusInd Bank officials** (including ex-MD & CEO Sumant Kathpalia, ex-ED Arun Khurana, 3 other senior officials) from accessing markets for insider trading.

Employee Provident Fund (EPF)

- **EPF interest rate:** 8.25% for FY25, same as FY24; earlier rates: 8.15% (FY23), 8.10% (FY22), 8.50% (FY21)
 - Mandatory for employees with basic wage ≤ Rs 15,000/month
 - Section 80C deduction available for contributions
 - EPFO HQ: New Delhi; CEO: Neelam Shami Rao; Established: 1952

Insurance & Life Insurance Sector

- **India's life insurance market projected to grow at 10.5% CAGR (2024–2034); global avg: 5%.**
- **IRDAI's time limit for cashless authorization requests:** Maximum approval time: 1 hour.

Credit Cards

- **Axis Bank and super.money (Flipkart Group) launched "Axis Bank super.money RuPay Credit Card".**
 - Axis Bank HQ: Mumbai; CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry; Tagline: "Badhti ka Naam Zindagi"

3. Major State/UT-Specific Initiatives

Uttar Pradesh

- **Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan:** Targets malnutrition in 8 aspirational districts, 11,13,783 children (ages 3-6), nutritious snacks via Take-Home Ration, Budget: Rs 254.83 crore (Rs 44/child/day).
 - UP CM: Yogi Adityanath; Governor: Anandiben Patel
- **Expands 'One District One Product (ODOP)' scheme to 74 products (earlier 62).**
- **Maa Ki Rasoi Initiative:** Low-cost meals at ₹9 for low-income people; run by Nandi Sewa Sansthan.

Madhya Pradesh

- **Rahveer Scheme:** Reward of ₹25,000 to accident rescuers.
- **India's first AI-based real-time forest-alert system** in five divisions.
- **Veerangana Rani Durgavati Tiger Reserve (formerly Nauradehi WLS) becomes India's 3rd Cheetah Home.**
- **Highest leopard population: 3,907.**
- **Approves ₹145 crore (2025–26 → 2027–28) scheme to create buffer zones around all 9 tiger reserves.**
- **School Initiatives:** 'School Chale Hum', 'Education Portal 3.0', 'Bhavishya Se Bhet', all CM RISE Schools renamed 'Maharishi Sandipani Vidyalaya'.
- **Permanent power connections for farmers at ₹5 only.**



- **Madhav National Park** declared India's 58th Tiger Reserve (9th in MP).
- **Liquor ban** enforced in 19 religious cities & panchayats.
- **GCC Policy**: Launched India's first dedicated Global Capability Centers policy.
- **White Tiger Breeding Centre** to be established.

Rajasthan

- **'Sangri' Beans** Awarded Geographical Indication (GI) Tag: Derived from Khejri tree ('Kalpavriksha of Thar Desert'), GI validity: 10 years.
- **Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve** added to **First Cheetah Reintroduction Project**.
- **Greenfield Airport** approved in Kota.
- **Foy Sagar Lake** in Ajmer renamed **Varun Sagar**.

Kerala

- **Robotics** mandatory in Class 10 (first in India).
- **Vizhinjam International Deepwater Port** inaugurated by **PM Modi**: India's 1st dedicated deepwater transshipment & semi-automated port.
- **Kozhikode** joins WHO's Global Age-friendly Cities Network and UNESCO's WAMU-NET (Water Museums Global Network).
- **nPROUD** programme for safe disposal of unused drugs; location: **Kozhikode**.
- **Law** passed creating **Dedicated Senior Citizens Commission**; **Elderly Population** 16.5% (2021) → 22.8% (2036).
- **E-Way Bill** for gold transport introduced.
- **KaWaCHaM**: Kerala Warnings, Crisis and Hazard Management System.
- **Kappad Beach** holds **Blue Flag Certification**.

Andhra Pradesh

- Renamed **'YSR District'** to **'YSR Kadapa District'**.
- Signs MoU for **CreatorLand** – India's 1st Transmedia Entertainment City.
- **World's first 100% renewables-powered city plan** for **Amaravati** by 2050.
- **Mana Mitra WhatsApp** governance service launched.

Telangana

- **"Indira Soura Giri Jala Vikasam"**: ₹12,600 crore outlay (2025–30), solar irrigation for 2.1 lakh tribal farmers, covers 6 lakh acres RoFR lands, 100% subsidy.
- Enacts **"Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights) Act 2025"** & launches **"Bhu Bharati"** land-records portal (replaces **"Dharani"**).
- **Chapata Chilli** of Warangal GI-tagged.
- **Quantum Frontier Tech Charter** launched.
- **First state** for SC categorisation.

Assam

- Declared **Aizawl** as the **second capital**.
- **ASSAMSAT**: First Indian state with a dedicated satellite for projects & security.



Gujarat

- 24th state/UT to achieve 100% railway electrification.
- Banas Dairy inaugurated first cattle semen sorting facility.
- Guneri village, Kutch: First Biodiversity Heritage Site.
- Har Ghar Connectivity (Fibre to Family) for rural smart homes.
- Amalsad Chikoo GI Tag.

Tamil Nadu

- Mahouts Village – First in India at Mudumalai Tiger Reserve.
- Greenfield Airport approved in Puri, Odisha.
- Kasampatty Sacred Grove, Dindigul; Moringa Export Facilitation Centre, Madurai.
- Tata Power Solar's 4.3 GW Plant at Gangaikondan SIPCOT, Tirunelveli.

Odisha

- Greenfield Airport approved in Puri.
- Monthly pension of Rs 20,000 to MISA detainees during Emergency (1975–77).
- Vantara Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Center (Jamnagar, Reliance Industries).

Ladakh

- First administrative unit to achieve full literacy (June 2024).
- Share of Snow Leopards: 477 (68% of India's total).

Tripura

- Aizawl connected to the national railway network via Bairabi-Sairang line (4th NE state).
- Sets target to produce 150 MW solar power by March 2027.
- Mukhyamantri Balika Samridhi Yojana: ₹50,000 bond for BPL girls.
- Mukhyamantri Kanya Atmanirbhar Yojana: Scooters for meritorious girls.

Delhi

- Delhi Police launched "Nayi Disha - A Path Back to Learning".
- Delhi Assembly to become India's first fully solar-powered legislature.
- Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana launched: ₹10 lakh annual health insurance for citizens aged 70+.
- Mohalla Clinics to be renamed Ayushman Arogya Mandir.
- Delhi Police launches 'Shishtachar' Anti-Eve Teasing Squad.

Punjab

- First Indian State to Broadcast Legislative Assembly Proceedings in Sign Language.
- Project Hifazat: Safeguard women & children via '181' helpline.
- SHE Cohort 3.0: Empowers 25 tech-led women startups in Mohali.



Uttarakhand

- Renames 18 places across 4 districts.
- Uniform Civil Code (UCC) implemented (1st in independent India).
- Technical Cooperation with Japan for horticulture & food processing.
- Bhagirath Mobile App for water source preservation.
- Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Swarozgar Yojana: Up to ₹2 lakh support for single women.
- Unified Pension Scheme (UPS).

Haryana

- Launched AI-Powered Chatbot 'Sarathi' for governance queries.
- Har Khet-Swasth Khet campaign for soil health.
- Smart Village Center in Mandaura, Sonipat.
- Samman Sanjeevani app for girl child.

Himachal Pradesh

- Cannabis Farming Pilot Project for medicinal and industrial value.
- Education modernization partnership with UNESCO.
- Boda Tyyoh Festival celebrated by Hatti tribe (Shimla District).

Goa

- 10th Sci Fi Science Film Festival of India organized.

Mizoram

- Declared Fully Literate State via ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram.
- First exports of 1,024 Anthurium flowers to Singapore.

Sikkim

- Imposes ₹50 Entry Fee for Tourists under new trade rules.

Chhattisgarh

- Integrates Forest Ecosystems into Green GDP; 44% land forested.
- First state to count forests as part of its economic growth.

4. Major National Developments & Initiatives

National Manuscripts Mission Relaunch

- By: PM Narendra Modi (June 9, 2025)
- Mission Name: Gyan Bharatam Mission



- Scope: Survey, documentation, conservation of 1 crore+ manuscripts; Budget hike from ₹3.5 Cr to ₹60 Cr (2025–26).

Bharat Forecasting System (BFS) for Weather Predictions

- Developed by: Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune.

Indian Railways

- **103 redeveloped railway stations inaugurated under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme** (86 districts in 18 states/UTs; cost: ₹1,100+ crore).
- **209 MW Solar Plants at 2,249 Stations** (Rajasthan, Maharashtra, WB, UP, AP).
- **Patna–Arrah–Sasaram Corridor Project Approved:** ₹3,712.40 Cr, 120.1 km.
- **New Pamban Bridge Inaugurated:** 2.08 km.
- **Cabinet Approves ₹18,658 Cr Multi-Tracking Rail Projects:** 1,247 km.
- **Gram Tent City near bathing ghats for Mahakumbh 2025 in Prayagraj, UP.**
- **SwaRail SuperApp integrates all railway services.**
- **Jammu Division created with HQ in Jammu, covers 742.1 km of tracks.**
- **First international campuses by five universities** (Illinois Institute of Technology, University of Liverpool, Victoria University, Western Sydney University, Istituto Europeo di Design).

Transport & Infrastructure

- **India's 3rd-Largest Operating Metro System Globally:** 1,000 km in 23 cities; set to surpass NY by Dec 2025 (Delhi Metro: 394 km vs NY: 399 km).
- **Kochi: 1st city to launch a Water Metro (Dec 2021).**
- **World's longest LPG pipeline (Kandla–Gorakhpur):** 2,800 Km by June 2025.
- **India's 1st under-water metro tunnel (Kolkata Hooghly River) launched 2024.**
- **Titagarh Rail Systems delivers first driverless trainset to Bengaluru Metro.**

Digital & E-Governance

- **E-SeHAT App launched by J&K CM Omar Abdullah.**
- **Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights) Act 2025 & land-records portal (Telangana).**
- **Kerala Digi Literacy Drive to make Kerala 100% digitally literate.**
- **AI Kosha (Non-Personal Datasets Repository) launched for AI model development.**
- **"Aadhaar Good Governance" Portal (swik.meity.gov.in).**
- **Department of Posts launches "Digital Address Code":** A geo-coded, interoperable addressing system.
- **India's National Quantum Mission (NQM): Budget: ₹6,003 crore.**
- **NITI NCAER States Economic Forum Portal** for state-level economic data.
- **BHARATPOL Portal:** Real-time crime data, INTERPOL link.

Startups & Innovation

- **India AI Hackathon on Mineral Targeting** (prizes: ₹10/7/5 lakh, special women's team prize).
- **Bharat Grand Challenge:** DPIIT & Stride Ventures for Tier-2/3 startups.
- **Prayas:** Real-Time Employment Data Portal.
- **Digital Detox Initiative (Karnataka):** Tackles digital addiction.

Women Empowerment

- **PM Modi hands over social media accounts to 6 inspiring women on International Women's Day 2025.**
- **NITI Aayog & India SME Forum: "A Million Women Arise."**
- **Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Swarozgar Yojana (Uttarakhand):** Up to ₹2 lakh for single women.
- **Mahila Samridhi Yojana (Delhi):** ₹2,500 monthly for eligible women.

5. Health, Social Welfare & Education

Key Health Metrics

- **India Eliminates Trachoma as a Public Health Problem:** Certificate from WHO at 78th World Health Assembly, Geneva.
- **National Zero Measles-Rubella Elimination Campaign 2025-26:** Goal: Zero MR cases by 2026.
 - 332 districts (measles-free), 487 (rubella-free), "Measles & Rubella Champion" Award (American Red Cross HQ, Washington DC).
- **Human Milk Bank 'Payodhi' launched by AIIMS New Delhi.**
- **Operation Brahma:** Earthquake Relief for Myanmar.

Social Metrics & Population

- **Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR):** Declined 130 (2014–16) to 93 (2019–21) to 70 (2023, UN-MMEIG). Over 45% reduction since 2014–16.
- **Infant Mortality Rate (IMR):** 39 (2014) to 27 (2021).
- **Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR):** 26 (2014) to 19 (2021).
- **Under-Five Mortality Rate (U5MR):** 45 (2014) to 31 (2021).
- **Sex Ratio at Birth:** 899 (2014) to 913 (2021).
- **Total Fertility Rate (TFR):** 2.3 (2014) to 2.0 (2021); Lowest: Delhi & WB – 1.4; Highest: Bihar – 3.0.
- **Elderly (60+) Population Percentage:** Kerala: 14.4%, Tamil Nadu: 12.9%, Himachal Pradesh: 12.3%.
- **Kerala's law for Dedicated Senior Citizens Commission.**
- **Pension Scheme:** ₹1,600/month under Indira Gandhi Old Age Pension (Kerala; income ≤ ₹1 lakh).

Social Welfare Initiatives

- **Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana (Delhi):** ₹10 lakh annual health insurance for citizens 70+.
- **Ayushman Bharat Diwas:** Commemorates 2018 scheme launch.
- **Mansukh Mandaviya (Union Minister for Labour & Employment):** Launches state-level 'e-Shram microsites' and 'Occupational Shortage Index' for unorganized workers.
- **National Convention by Ministry of Panchayati Raj:** Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayat per district, Nationwide 'Mahila Gram Sabha' (8 March 2025).
- **Uttar Pradesh's "RISE" App for Child Vaccination** (Rapid Immunisation Skill Enhancement).
- **Madhya Pradesh's Maternal & Child Sanjeevan Mission & ANMOL 2.0** (training platform).
- **Indore becomes India's first beggar-free city** ("Bhiksha Vriti Mukta Bharat" initiative).



Education

- Techkriti 2025 – Asia's Largest Intercollegiate Technical & Entrepreneurial Festival at IIT Kanpur (Theme: "Panta Rhei").
- IIM Ahmedabad to establish first international campus in Dubai (September 2024).
- Coventry University Campus in GIFT City (2026).
- Hindi Language Course at University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka.
- Launch of "India Skills Accelerator" by MoSDE & WEF.

6. Agriculture, Rural Initiatives & Food Security

Major Agricultural Initiatives

- India targets 354.64 MT foodgrain production in 2025–26 (Current Target 2024–25: 341.55 MT | Actual till now: 330.92 MT).
- **Third Advance Estimates:** 2024–25 Record Foodgrain Production at 3539.59 LMT (+6.5%)
 - Rice: 1490.74 LMT, Wheat: 1175.07 LMT, Maize: 422.81 LMT, Shree Anna: 180.15 LMT, Pulses: 252.38 LMT.
- Sugarcane FRP raised from ₹340 → ₹355 for basic recovery 10.25%.
- **Record milk production:** 239 MMT (Target: 300 MMT in five years); Rashtriya Gokul Mission.
- **Largest producer, consumer, & importer of pulses; Duty-Free Import of Urad Extended till March 2026.**
- **Mission for Cotton Productivity:** ₹2,500 crore over 5 years.
- **Digital Agriculture Mission (DAM):** Total budget: ₹2,817 crore; aims to improve farmers' lives with digital technology.
- **IISR 'IISR Surya' Turmeric:** High-yield variety by Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode.
- **Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme:** ₹3,880 crore budget (2024–26), "Pashu Aushadhi" new component.
- **Kisan Samridhi Market Portal:** Online sales of seeds, bio-products (Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep).

Geographical Indications

- Rajasthan's 'Sangri' Beans GI tag, Meghalaya's 'Ryndia' Textile, Chapata Chilli (Telangana), Amalsad Chikoo (Gujarat), multiple Tamil Nadu, J&K, West Bengal products.
- 21 new GI certificates for Uttar Pradesh, state total 77 (highest in India).
- India targets 10,000 GI tags by 2030; currently 605 issued by DPIIT.

7. Science, Technology & Innovation

Major Science & Tech Initiatives

- **India's 500 MW Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam:** First criticality Mar 2026, full commissioning Sep 2026; supports 100 GW nuclear-power mission by 2047.

- India targets 100 GW nuclear capacity by 2047; L&T key player.
- High-Altitude Climate Research Station launched at Udhampur, J&K.
- AI-based agriculture app 'SBOF Agrosmart' launched (Karnataka).
- India's renewable energy share projected to increase from 21% (2024) to 27% (2027).
- Meta to build 18th undersea cable in India, spanning 50,000 km.
- Google unveiled largest campus (Ananta) in Bengaluru.
- JSW Steel becomes world's most valuable steel company (\$30.31 bn market cap).
- INOX India: First Indian Cryogenic Equipment Manufacturer with 'IATF 16949' certification.
- Nano Bubble Technology: Launched to clean water for aquatic animals in National Zoological Park, Delhi.

8. Environment, Wildlife & Conservation

Major Initiatives

- India's Snow Leopard Population: 709; Ladakh: 477 (68%); highest density: Hemis National Park.
- International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) HQ in India, ₹150 Cr corpus (2023-24 to 2028-29).
- Similipal notified as India's 107th National Park (Odisha's largest).
- Endangered Red-Crowned Roofed Turtle reintroduced into Ganga.
- Biodiversity Heritage Site in Gujarat: Guneri village, Kutch.
- Western Ghats recognized as major freshwater biodiversity hotspot.
- India's total installed renewable capacity: 218 GW (goal: 500 GW non-fossil by 2030).
- India's Net Zero Emissions Target: 2070.

9. Law, Governance & Security

Legal Developments

- **Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025:** Repeals Mussalman Wakf Act 1923; donor must be practising Muslim ≥5 yrs & owner; Board CEO needn't be Muslim; waqf-alal-aulad must honour female heirs.
- **Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025:** Replaces four older laws; stricter penalties for forged documents and entry without valid papers.
- **CPSE Classification & Downgrade Provisions Revised:** Maharatna, Navaratna, Miniratna I & II categories.
- **Kerala's Online Permanent Lok Adalats (first in India).**
- **First state for SC categorisation – Telangana.**

Security & Defense

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh granted "Miniratna Category-I" status to three DPSUs: MIL, AVNL, IOL.
- India-U.S. Tri Service Exercise 'Tiger Triumph': April 2025.



- Gujarat Police GP DRASTI Project (drone response system).
- Indian Army conducted Inno-Yoddha 2024-25.
- Project Veer Gatha: Collaborative project encouraging school students to highlight bravery of gallantry award winners.

10. International Affairs

Major Developments

- India assumes Chairmanship of Asian Productivity Organization (APO) 2025-26.
- India ships US \$2 million medical aid to Nepal.
- Kailash Mansarovar Yatra resumes Jun–Aug 2025 after 5 years.
- Integration of Indonesia into BRICS (10th member); 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia.
- India Joins UNCEBD (UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics).
- S. Jaishankar inaugurated new Indian Consulate in Manchester; launched “Pravasiya Bharatiya Sahayata Kendra” in UK.

11. Cultural, Heritage & GI Initiatives

Major Developments

- UNESCO adds “Bhagavad Gita” & “Natyashastra” to Memory of the World Register (India's tally 14).
- 6 new Indian sites added to UNESCO Tentative List; Moidams from Assam receive UNESCO Tag (India now 43 World Heritage Sites).
- Aadi Mahotsav – National Tribal Festival: Theme: “A Celebration of the Spirit of Entrepreneurship, Tribal Craft, Culture, Cuisine and Commerce.”
- Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) 3.0 in Varanasi, UP; Theme: 4S (Saints, Scientists, Students, Social Reformers).
- SILKTECH 2025 at Bharat Mandapam by Central Silk Board.
- Bharat Tex 2025: India's largest global textile event.

12. Environment, Climate & Renewable Energy

Major Initiatives

- India adds 25 GW Renewable Energy Capacity in 2024–25 (35% growth over previous year).
- India crosses 100 GW of solar capacity.
- Waaree Energies inaugurates India's largest solar cell factory (Chikhli, Gujarat).
- NTPC targets 30,000 MW capacity addition by FY '32.

- Reservoir Storage Monitoring System (RSMS) portal launched.
- Ethanol blending target raised to 30% by 2030 (E20 petrol achieved by Mar 2025).
- Green Hydrogen Hub Project (Andhra Pradesh): NTPC Green Energy Ltd; ₹1,85,000 crore; 1500 TPD green hydrogen.
- India targets 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030.
- India's renewable capacity up 200% in last decade; now 220 GW (from 75.52 GW in 2014).
- Solar tariffs dropped from ₹10.95/unit (2010–11) to ₹2.15/unit.

13. Miscellaneous National Achievements

Notable National Firsts & Records

- Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam issued India's first certified Green Municipal Bond (₹150 crore) under SBM-Urban.
- Indore: India's first beggar-free city.
- India's updated coastline length: 11,098.81 km (earlier: 7,561.60 km).
- Delhi High Court increased pilot weekly rest and night duty norms (from July & Nov 2025).
- First Tri-Services Tableau in 76th Republic Day Parade ("Shashakt aur Surakshit Bharat").
- First cattle semen sorting facility at Banas Dairy, Banaskantha (Gujarat).
- First White Tiger Breeding Centre in Madhya Pradesh.
- India's first village-level antiquities survey, Karnataka.
- India's first AI-based agriculture app, Belagavi, Karnataka.

14. Key Reports, Rankings, and Data

- India's social protection coverage (ILO's WSPR 2024–26): Increased from 24.4% (2021) to 48.8% (2024).
- IISc 38, Anna University 111, IIT Indore 131, MG University 140, Shoolini 146 in Indian cluster rankings.
- Asia top-5 universities: Tsinghua, Peking, NUS, NTU, University of Tokyo.
- Largest metro system network: India now 3rd globally (after US & China).
- India's total forest cover: 7,15,343 sq km (21.76% of area).
- India's per capita milk consumption: 471 g/day.
- India's organic rankings: 1st in number of organic producers, 2nd in farmland area.
- India accounts for 27% of global consumption, 14% of global imports of pulses.
- Atal Pension Yojana (APY) subscribers highest in UP.

15. Recent Books & Notable Authors

- "Confessions of Stock Market Wizards" by Safir Anand.
- "Heart Lamp" by Banu Mushtaq (shortlisted for International Booker Prize 2024).

16. Observances, Festivals & Important Days

- 62nd National Maritime Day (5 Apr 2025).
- Civil Services Day (India, 21 Apr).
- World Liver Day (19 Apr 2025; Theme: "Food is Medicine").
- World Sparrow Day (20 March 2025; Theme: "A Tribute to Nature's Tiny Messengers").
- Purple Fest 2025 (Rashtrapati Bhavan): Focus on Persons with Disabilities.
- Aadi Mahotsav – National Tribal Festival: New Delhi.
- Boda Tyyoh Festival (Hatti tribe, Himachal Pradesh).

17. Q&A / Data Points

- Which article makes Council of Ministers collectively responsible to Lok Sabha? Article 75(3).
- Which state/UT launched Cannabis Farming Pilot Project? Himachal Pradesh.
- Which state organized the 10th Sci Fi Science Film Festival of India? Goa.
- Where was Tata Power Solar's 4.3 GW plant located? Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.
- According to Boeing, new aircraft for Indian/South Asian airlines by 2043? 2,835.
- APY subscribers highest in which state? Uttar Pradesh.
- Primary mode of transmission for Lymphatic Filariasis (LF)? Bites of infected mosquitoes.
- Duty-free import of urad extended till? March 2026.
- Human milk bank at AIIMS New Delhi called? Payodhi.
- Government's new real-time employment data portal? Prayas.