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THE STORY OF "THREE FEET FROM KHAKI"

Imagine a young man named Raja from a small village near Trichy. For two years, Raja woke up at 4:30 AM every single day. While the rest of the village slept, Raja was on the ground—running until his lungs burned, doing push-ups until his arms shook. He was preparing his body for the physical test.

Then came the books. Polity, History, Psychology, Current Affairs. He studied under the dim light of a tube light while mosquitoes buzzed around him. He missed weddings, he missed movies, and he missed festivals.

Now, it is December. The date is set December 21st.

Suddenly, fear strikes Raja. He looks at his books and thinks, "What if I forget everything? What if the questions are too hard? There are thousands of people applying... am I good enough?"

In the philosophy of Napoleon Hill, this is the most dangerous moment. This is the moment where most people give up, right when they are just "three feet from gold."

Raja felt like stopping. He felt like his brain was full. But then, he remembered the secret of success. He realized that the anxiety he was feeling wasn't fear—it was power.

He stopped trying to learn new things. Instead, he looked in the mirror and didn't see a frightened student. He visualized the Khaki Uniform. He saw the two stars on his shoulder. He saw himself standing tall at the Police Academy.

He told himself: "I am not going to the exam hall to 'try' to pass. I am going there to claim the seat that is already mine."

On exam day, while others were shaking with nervousness, Raja walked in with a smile. Why? Because he knew he had already won the battle in his mind. He treated the exam paper not as a threat, but as his appointment letter.

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INDIAN DIGNITARIES & OFFICIALS

(As on 5-12-2025)

Category	Position	Name	Rank/Batch	Relevant Context
Constitutional Head	President	Droupadi Murmu	15th	Article 52 (First Citizen of India)
	Vice President	C.P. Radhakrishnan	15 th (16 th Vice-Presidential Election)	Article 63 (Ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha)
	Prime Minister	Shri Narendra Modi	15th	Article 75 (Appointed by President)
Judicial Head	Chief Justice, Supreme Court	Justice Surya Kant B.R. Gavai (Expired On 23 November 2025)	53rd 52nd	Article 124 (Head of Judiciary)
	Attorney General of India	R. Venkataramani	16th	Article 76 (Highest Law Officer)
	Solicitor General of India	Tushar Mehta	-	Statutory post; assists the AG.
	Chairperson, NGT	J. Prakash Shrivastava	-	National Green Tribunal Act, 2010
Parliamentary Head	Speaker (Chairman), Rajya Sabha	C.P. Radhakrishnan	-	Article 64/89 (The VP acts as Chairman)
	Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha	Harivansh Narayan Singh	-	Article 89
	Secretary General, Rajya Sabha	Pramod Chandra Mody	-	Appointed by the Chairman of RS.
	Leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha	Mallikarjun Kharge	-	Statutory post (Salary & Allowances Act 1977).
	Leader of Ruling Party, Rajya Sabha	J. P. Nadda	-	Leads the treasury benches in the Upper House.
	Speaker, Lok Sabha	Om Birla	18th	Article 93 (Presiding officer of Lower House)
	Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha	Rahul Gandhi	-	Requires 10% of house strength to claim post.
	Secretary General, Lok Sabha	Utpal Kumar Singh	-	Appointed by the Speaker of LS.
Election Commission	Chief Election Commissioner	Gyanesh Kumar	26th	Article 324(2) (Superintendence of elections)
	Election Commissioners	Vivek Joshi, Sukhbir Sandhu	-	Appointed by President under Article 324.

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	Deputy Election Commissioners	Ajay Bhadoo, R.K. Gupta, Umesh Sinha, Chandrabhushan Kumar, Sudip Jain	-	Civil servants assisting the Commission.
Audit & Accounts	Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG)	Sanjay Murthy	15th	Article 148 (Guardian of Public Purse)
	Comptroller General of Accounts (CGA)	TCA Kalyani	29th	Not a constitutional body; works under Dept of Expenditure.

ARMED FORCES HEADS

Position	Name	Rank/Batch	Relevant Context
Supreme Commander	President Smt. Droupadi Murmu	-	Article 53(2): Supreme command of Defence Forces is vested in the President.
Chief of Air Staff	Amar Preet Singh	28th	Air Force Day: Oct 8. Motto: Nabham Sparsham Diptam (Touch the sky with glory).
Chief of Naval Staff	Dinesh Kumar Tripathi	26th	Navy Day: Dec 4. Motto: Sham No Varunah (May the Lord of Water be auspicious unto us).
Chief of Army Staff	Upendra Dwivedi	30th	Army Day: Jan 15. Motto: Seva Paramo Dharma (Service Before Self).
Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)	Lt. General Anil Chauhan	2nd	Post created in 2019 to act as the single-point military advisor to the Govt.
DG, Military Operations (DGMO)	Lt. General Rajiv Ghai	-	Oversees military operations and strategic planning.

INTELLIGENCE & INVESTIGATION ORGANIZATIONS

Position	Name	Relevant Context
Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)	Praveen Kumar Srivastava	CVC Act, 2003. Recommended by the K. Santhanam Committee.
Director, CBI	Praveen Sood	Derives power from DSPE Act, 1946.
Chief Information Commissioner	Hiralal Samaria	RTI Act, 2005. Highest appellate authority for RTI.
Head, Intelligence Bureau (IB)	Tapan Kumar Deka	India's internal intelligence agency. Established in 1887 (Oldest).
Head, RAW	Parag Jain	Research and Analysis Wing. External intelligence. Est. 1968.
DG, National Investigation Agency	Sadanand Date	NIA Act, 2008. Formed after 26/11 Mumbai attacks for counter-terrorism.
Director, Enforcement Directorate	Rahul Navin	Deals with FEMA, 1999 and PMLA, 2002 (Money Laundering).
DG, Narcotics Control Bureau	Anurag Garg	NDPS Act, 1985. Nodal agency for drug law enforcement.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE & TOP BUREAUCRATS – DEFENCE, SECURITY & ECONOMIC ADVISORS

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Position	Name	Relevant Context
Cabinet Secretary	T. V. Somanathan	Senior-most Civil Servant in India. Head of the Civil Services Board.
Principal Secretary to PM	Pramod Kumar Mishra	Administrative head of the PMO. Cabinet Minister rank status.
Principal Secretary-2 to PM	Shaktikanta Das	New Post (2025): Former RBI Governor appointed to this unique advisory role.
Advisors to PM	Amit Khare, Tarun Kapoor	Retired bureaucrats advising on specific policy domains (e.g., Energy, Education).
Foreign Secretary	Vikram Misri (35th)	Administrative head of MEA. IFS officer. Deals with India's external relations.
Home Secretary	Govind Mohan	IAS (1989 Batch). Responsible for internal security and Centre-State relations.
Finance Secretary	Ajay Seth	Senior-most secretary in the Ministry of Finance. Signs the ₹1 currency note.
National Security Advisor (NSA)	Ajit Doval	Chief Security Advisor to the PM. Post created in 1998 (First NSA: Brajesh Mishra).
Deputy NSA	Aneesh Dayal Singh	Appointed Aug 2025. Former DG of CRPF and ITBP. Handles internal security.
Defence Secretary	Rajesh Kumar Singh	Administrative head of Ministry of Defence. Coordinates with the three armed services.
Revenue Secretary	Arvind Shrivastava	Controls Direct (CBDT) and Indirect Taxes (CBIC). GST Council Secretariat.
Chief Economic Advisor (CEA)	Anantha Nageswaran	Authored the Economic Survey tabled before the Budget. Equivalent to Secretary rank.
Principal Scientific Adviser	Ajay Kumar Sood	Top advisor on science policy. Head of the <i>Prime Minister's Science, Technology & Innovation Council</i> .

HEADS OF COMMISSIONS & STATUTORY BODIES

Body / Commission	Position	Name	Relevant Context
NITI Aayog	Chairman	PM Narendra Modi	Ex-officio Chairperson. Replaced Planning Commission in 2015.
	Deputy Chairman	Suman Kumar Bery	Rank of a Cabinet Minister.
	CEO	B. V. R. Subrahmanyam	Administrative head; appointed by PM.
UPSC	Chairperson	Dr. Ajay Kumar	Article 315-323. Watchdog of Merit System in India.
Law Commission	Chairman (23rd)	Dinesh Maheshwari	Non-statutory advisory body. Reconstituted every 3 years.
NCW	Chairperson	Vijaya Rahatkar	Statutory Body (NCW Act, 1990). Mandate: Women's rights protection.
NCBC	Chairman	Hansraj Gangaram Ahir	Article 338B. Given constitutional status by 102nd Amendment.

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SSC	Chairman	S. Gopalakrishnan	Attached office of DoPT. Conducts exams for Group B & C posts.
7th Pay Commission	Chairman	Ashok Kumar Mathur	Recommendations usually implemented for 10 years.
Lokpal	Chairperson	Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar	Lokpal Act, 2013. Anti-corruption ombudsman.
Finance Commission	Chairman (16th)	Arvind Panagariya	Article 280. Recommends tax distribution between Centre & States.
CCI	Chairperson	Ravneet Kaur	Competition Act, 2002. Prohibits anti-competitive agreements.
NCST	Chairman	Antar Singh Arya	Article 338A. Created by 89th Amendment (separated from SC commission).
NCSC	Chairman	Kishor Makwana	Article 338. Monitors safeguards for Scheduled Castes.
NHRC	Chairperson	V. Ramasubramanian	Statutory Body (PHR Act, 1993). Chair: Retd CJI or Judge of SC.
NCPCR	Chairman	Priyank Kanungo	CPCR Act, 2005. Protects child rights (Age 0-18 years).
Minorities Commission.	Chairman	Iqbal Singh Lalpura	NCM Act, 1992. 6 notified minorities: Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi, Jain.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Organization	Position	Name (Country)	Relevant GK
United Nations (UN)	Secretary-General	Antonio Guterres (Portugal)	HQ: New York. Founded: 1945.
	Deputy Sec-General	Amina J. Mohamed (Nigeria)	
UN General Assembly	President (80th Session)	Annalena Baerbock (Germany)	80th Session (2025-26).
	President (79th Session)	Philemon Yang (Cameroon)	79th Session (2024-25).
World Bank (IBRD)	President (14th)	Ajay Banga	HQ: Washington D.C.
NAM	President	Ilham Aliyev	Non-Aligned Movement. Est. 1961 (Belgrade).
IMF	Managing Director	Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria)	HQ: Washington D.C. Deals with Balance of Payments.
WTO	Director General	Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala	HQ: Geneva. Replaced GATT in 1995.
UNCTAD	Secretary General	Rebecca Grynspan (Costa Rica)	HQ: Geneva. Deals with Trade & Development.
UNESCO	Director General	Audrey Azoulay (France)	HQ: Paris. World Heritage Sites.
FAO	Director General	Qu Dongyu (China)	HQ: Rome, Italy.
ILO	Director General	Gilbert Houngbo (Togo)	HQ: Geneva. Oldest UN agency (1919).
UNICEF	Head	Catherine Russell (USA)	HQ: New York. Child welfare.
WHO	Director General	Tedros Adhanom	HQ: Geneva.
UNDP	Administrator	Achim Steiner (Brazil-Germany)	HQ: New York. Releases Human Development Index (HDI).

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SAARC	Secretary General	Mohammad Ghulam Sarwar	HQ: Kathmandu. Founded 1985 in Dhaka.
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AWARDS RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI (2023–2025)

AWARDS RECEIVED IN 2025

Country	Award Name	Relevant GK (Capital -Currency - Fact)
Namibia	Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis (27th Foreign Highest Award by Modi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Windhoek - <i>Namibian Dollar</i> - Named after a rare desert plant unique to Namibia that can live for over 1,000 years.
Brazil	Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross (26th Foreign Highest Award by Modi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brasilia - <i>Real</i> - Highest order of merit for foreigners. The "Southern Cross" is a constellation on Brazil's flag.
Trinidad & Tobago	Order of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago (25th Foreign Highest Award by Modi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Port of Spain - <i>TT Dollar</i> - Highest national award of the Caribbean nation.
Ghana	Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accra - <i>Cedi</i> - The "Star" represents the Black Star of Africa (symbol of emancipation).
Cyprus	Officer of the Order of Makarios III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicosia - <i>Euro</i> - Named after Archbishop Makarios III, the first President of Cyprus.
Sri Lanka	Mitra Vibhushan (Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte - <i>Rupee</i> - Means "Adornment of Friendship". Awarded for enhancing bilateral relations.
Mauritius	Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Port Louis - <i>Rupee</i> - Refers to Mauritius's motto: "<i>Stella Clavisque Maris Indici</i>".

AWARDS RECEIVED IN 2024

Country	Award Name	Relevant GK (Capital -Currency)
Kuwait	Order of Mubarak Al-Kabir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kuwait City - <i>Kuwaiti Dinar</i> (Highest valued currency in the world).
Guyana	Order of Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Georgetown - <i>Guyanese Dollar</i> - Highest national award of Guyana.
Barbados	Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bridgetown - <i>Barbados Dollar</i> - Awarded for leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic (Vaccine Maitri).

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Dominica	Dominica Award of Honour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roseau - <i>East Caribbean Dollar</i> - Recognized India's support during the pandemic.
Nigeria	Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abuja - <i>Naira</i> - The second-highest national honour of Nigeria.
Russia	Order of St. Andrew the Apostle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moscow - <i>Ruble</i> - Established by Peter the Great in 1698. Highest state decoration of Russia.

AWARDS RECEIVED IN 2023

Country	Award Name	Relevant GK (Capital • Currency)
Greece	Grand Cross of the Order of Honour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Athens - <i>Euro</i> - Second highest order of Greece.
France	Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paris - <i>Euro</i> - Established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802. Highest French order of merit.
Egypt	Order of the Nile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cairo - <i>Pound</i> - Highest state honor of Egypt. Founded in 1915.
Papua New Guinea	Companion of the Order of Logohu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Port Moresby - <i>Kina</i> - "Logohu" means Bird of Paradise (National bird).
Fiji	Companion of the Order of Fiji	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suva - <i>Fijian Dollar</i> - Highest honour available to non-citizens.
Palau	Abakal Award (Ebakl)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ngerulmud - <i>US Dollar</i> - Named after a traditional tool/symbol of leadership.

TAMIL NADU OFFICE BEARERS

Position	Name	Relevant GK / Article
Chief Minister	M.K. Stalin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article 164 - Appointed by the Governor. He is the 14th CM of TN after Independence.
Governor	R.N. Ravi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article 153 - Executive power of the State is vested in him. Appointed by the President.
Speaker	M. Appavu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article 178 - Presiding officer of the Legislative Assembly (Vidhan Sabha).
Deputy Speaker	K. Pitchandi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article 178 - Acts as Speaker when the office is vacant.
Opposition Leader	Edappadi K. Palaniswami	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statutory Post

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cabinet Minister rank. Requires 10% of house strength.
Chief Secretary	Muruganandham (49th)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administrative Head - Senior-most IAS officer in the state.
Advocate General	P.S. Raman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article 165 - Highest Law Officer of the State. Corresponds to Attorney General (Centre).
Chief Election Officer (CEO)	Archana Patnaik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RPA, 1950 - Works under the <i>Election Commission of India</i> for MP/MLA elections.
State Election Commissioner	Jothi Nirmalasamy	<p>Article 243K / 243ZA</p> <p>Conducts elections for Local Bodies (Panchayats & Municipalities).</p>
State Information Comm.	Shakeel Akhter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RTI Act, 2005 - Final appellate authority for RTI matters in the state.
Human Rights Commission	Justice S. Manikumar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PHR Act, 1993 - Investigates human rights violations by state subjects.
State Women Commission	A.S. Kumari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statutory Body - Created to safeguard women's rights in the state.
TNPSC Chairman	S.K. Prabakar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article 315 - State counterpart to UPSC. Governor appoints, but only President can remove.
Chief Justice (Madras HC)	Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava (54th)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article 217 - Head of the State Judiciary. Administers oath to the Governor.
Child Protection Comm.	Pudukkottai Vijaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPCR Act, 2005 - Mandated to protect child rights.
TN Lokayukta	P. Rajamanickam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TN Lokayukta Act, 2018 - Anti-corruption ombudsman for the state.

BHARAT RATNA AWARDEES (2024)

Recipient	Field / Key Contribution	Relevant GK / Context
Karpoori Thakur (Posthumous)	Social Justice (Jannayak) Former CM of Bihar; pioneer of OBC reservation.	11th CM of Bihar. Introduced "Karpoori Thakur Formula" for reservation.
Lal Krishna Advani	Public Affairs Former Deputy PM; founding member of BJP.	7th Deputy PM (2002-04). Famous for <i>Rath Yatra</i> (1990).
M.S. Swaminathan (Posthumous)	Science & Engineering "Father of Green Revolution in India".	First World Food Prize laureate (1987). Chairman of National Commission on Farmers.
P.V. Narasimha Rao (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	9th Prime Minister. Known for <i>LPG Reforms</i> (Liberalization, Privatization, Globalization).

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	Former PM (1991-96); Architect of Economic Reforms.	
Chaudhary Charan Singh (Posthumous)	Public Affairs Former PM; Champion of Farmers' rights.	5th Prime Minister. His birthday (Dec 23) is celebrated as National Farmers' Day (Kisan Diwas) .

IMPORTANT TAMIL NADU COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Headed By	Purpose / Mandate	Relevant GK / Context
Suba. Veerapandian	Monitor the implementation of Social Justice in education, employment, and appointments across Tamil Nadu.	Known as the " Social Justice Monitoring Committee ". Suba. Vee is a renowned Dravidian ideologue.
Justice D. Murugesan	Formulate a distinct State Education Policy (SEP) reflecting the state's historical legacy and future aspirations.	Formed after TN rejected the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He is a former Chief Justice of Delhi HC.
V. Thiruppugazh	Devise Flood Mitigation Plans and long-term water management strategies for Chennai.	Retd. IAS officer. Committee formed after the severe 2021 Chennai Floods .
Justice A.K. Rajan	Study the impact of NEET on the student community (specifically Govt school/rural students).	Report led to the passing of the TN Anti-NEET Bill in the Assembly.
Justice Aruna Jagadeesan	Probe the Thoothukudi Police Firing (May 2018) during the anti-Sterlite protests.	13 people lost their lives in this incident. Report submitted to Govt.
Justice Arumugasamy	Investigate the mystery behind the death/hospitalization of former CM J. Jayalalithaa .	Examined the treatment provided at Apollo Hospitals.
Justice P. Kalaiyaran	Recommend 7.5% Internal Reservation for Government school students in medical admissions.	This quota is currently active and has helped many rural students enter MBBS.
Justice K. Chandru	1. Report on Online Gambling & Regulation of Online Games. 2. Reform administration of Juvenile Homes under the JJ Act, 2015.	Famous Retd. Judge who inspired the movie Jai Bhim . (He also headed the committee on caste violence in schools).
Justice B. Gokuldas	Investigate the Kallakurichi Hooch Tragedy (June 2024).	Commission of Inquiry setup to probe the illicit liquor tragedy that claimed many lives.
Gagandeep Singh Bedi	Recommend a Pension Scheme considering state finances (OPS vs NPS).	Includes K.R. Shanmugam (Madras School of Economics). Addresses demands of Govt employees.
Machendranathan	Technical committee for the 2nd Airport for Chennai at Parandur .	Focuses on environmental and land acquisition concerns of local villagers.

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Justice Joseph	Kurian	Review laws to strengthen State Autonomy and Federalism.	Former Supreme Court Judge. A significant step towards redefining Centre-State relations. Retired IAS officer and K. Ashok Vardhan Shetty and former vice-chairman, State Planning Commission M. Naganathan will be the members of the committee
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IMPORTANT AWARDS – TAMILNADU

TAMILNADU REPUBLIC DAY AWARDS (2025)

Award Name	Recipient	Achievement
Anna Medal for Gallantry	Leading Fireman K. Vetrivel	Rescued three persons from drowning in Adyar, Chennai (November 2024)
Kottai Ameer Award	S.A. Ameer Amsa	Assisted in burial of over 1,000 bodies
Narayanasamy Naidu Paddy Productivity Award	R. Murugavel	Outstanding work in paddy productivity (Theni district)

TAMIL NADU STATE AWARDS (2024 & 2025)

Award Name	Recipient	Prize Money	Other Recognition	Year
Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Award	M. Padikkaramu	₹2 Lakh	One sovereign gold medal & citation	2025
Anna Award	L. Ganesan	₹2 Lakh	One sovereign gold medal & citation	2024
Mahakavi Bharathiya Award	Kabilan	₹2 Lakh	One sovereign gold medal & citation	2024
Bharathidasan Award	Pon. Selvaganapathy	₹2 Lakh	One sovereign gold medal & citation	2024
Tamil Thendral Thiru. Vi. Ka. Award	G.R. Ravindaranath	₹2 Lakh	One sovereign gold medal & citation	2024
K.A.P. Viswanatham Award	Ve. Mu. Pothiyaverpan	₹2 Lakh	One sovereign gold medal & citation	2024
Thanthai Periyar Award	Viduthalai Rajendran	₹5 Lakh	Gold medal & citation	2024
Annal Ambedkar Award	Ravikumar	₹5 Lakh	Gold medal & citation	2024
Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Award	Muthu Vavasi	₹10 Lakh	Gold medal & citation	2024

Avvaiyar Award (2025)

- **Recipient:** Yasoda Shanmugasundaram, former Vice-Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women's University
- **Recognition:** Contribution to women's empowerment
- **Presenter:** CM M.K. Stalin

Women's Child Welfare Advancement Award (2025)

- **Recipient:** K.S. Sowmiya from Kattumannarkoil

Marginalized Girl Children Protection Day Award (2025)

- **Recipients:**
 - Kanniyakumari District Collector Thirumigu Aazhaku Meena, I.A.S.
 - Kanchipuram District Collector Kalaiselvi Mohan, I.A.S.
- **Recognition:** Outstanding efforts in preventing school dropouts among girl children

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Other Notable Awards

- **Kalaignar Ezhuthukol Award (2023):**
 - Recipients: Nakkeeran R. Gopal and Sugitha Sarangaraj
 - History: First 'Kalaignar Ezhuthiselvam Award' given to I. Shanuganathan in 2021
 - In 2022, awarded to V.N. Sami
- **Sahitya Akademi Award (2024):**
 - For Research in Tamil: Historian AR Venkatachalapathy
 - Book: "Tirunelveli Ezhuchiyum Vaa Vuu Ciyum 1908" (Tirunelveli uprising and VO Chidambaram Pillai 1908)
- **Sahitya Akademi Award for Translation:**
 - Recipient: P. Vimala, Tamil professor at St. Xavier's College, Tirunelveli
 - Work: Tamil translation of Malayalam book "Ente Anungal (Autobiography)" by Nalini Jameela

International and National Recognition

- **UN Interagency Task Force Award (2024):** For Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam (MTM) scheme, recognizing efforts in addressing non-communicable diseases
- **State Food Safety Index (2024):** Tamil Nadu ranked 2nd (behind Kerala, ahead of Jammu & Kashmir)
- **Panchayat Devolution Index (2024):** Tamil Nadu ranked 3rd (68.38 points) nationally, behind Karnataka (72.23) and Kerala (70.59). Study commissioned by Union Panchayati Raj Ministry and conducted by Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)

2024 VAIKOM AWARD

- **Recipient:** Devanur Mahadeva (Kannada writer and advocate for oppressed)
- **Significance:** Recognizes individuals/organizations embodying equality and justice values
- **Presentation:** By CM M.K. Stalin
- **Mahadeva's Contributions:**
 - Advocating for Dalit rights
 - Literary achievements
 - Synthesizing Gandhi and Ambedkar's philosophies
- **Award Origin:** Instituted in 2023
- **Historical Link:** Commemorates 1924-1925 Vaikom Satyagraha against caste restrictions

RAMAKRISHNAN RECEIVES BHARATIYA BHASHA PARISHAD AWARD

- S. Ramakrishnan named for Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad's Kartavya Samagra Samman award on April 10, 2025, recognizing lifetime contributions to Tamil literature

TAMIL NADU BEST TRANSGENDER PERSON AWARDS 2025:

- Chief Minister M.K. Stalin presented Best Transgender Person Awards 2025 on National Transgender Day (April 15), recognizing outstanding contributions by transgender individuals
- **K. Ponni of Tuticorin:** Awarded for hard work and achievements in arts and education fields
- **A. Revathi of Namakkal:** Recognized for inspiring and encouraging other transgender people through dedicated social work
- Awards included citations acknowledging their significant contributions to society and community empowerment

Tamil Nadu Film Wins International Recognition:

- "The Untouchability Files," a short documentary on caste discrimination, won "Best Documentary Award" at 16th Norway Film Festival

T.N.'s Padma Recipients Receive Awards

Award Ceremony Details

- Awards were presented by President Droupadi Murmu.

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- The event took place at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday.
- Out of 13 awardees from Tamil Nadu and one from Puducherry, five received their awards at this ceremony.

Recipients Honoured at the Event

- S. Ajith Kumar was presented with the Padma Bhushan award (Field: Actor).
- Radhakrishnan Devasenapathy was presented with the Padma Shri award (Field: Sculptor).
- Ravichandran Ashwin was presented with the Padma Shri award (Field: Cricketer).
- K. Damodaran was presented with the Padma Shri award (Field: Chef).
- Lakshmi Pathy Ramasubbaiyer was presented with the Padma Shri award (Field: Dinamalar publisher).

TAMIL LITERARY AWARDS 2025

(Presented by Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu at VIT, Chennai)

Award Name	Recipient	Designation / Background	Relevant GK & Historical Context
Dr. U. Ve. Sa Prize	K.V. Balasubramanian	Former Dept. Head, Tamil University, Thanjavur. (Also known as Kudavayil Balasubramanian , a renowned archaeologist & epigraphist)	Named after: U. Ve. Swaminatha Iyer (Tamil Thatha). Achievement: He traveled across Tamil Nadu to collect and print ancient palm-leaf manuscripts (Sangam literature) that were on the verge of destruction.
Mahavidwan Meenakshisundaram Pillai Prize	M. Sivachandran	Former Principal, Dharmapuram Aadhinam Arts College, Mayiladuthurai.	Named after: Mahavidwan Meenakshisundaram Pillai. Relation: He was the guru (teacher) of U. Ve. Swaminatha Iyer. Fame: A prolific writer known for composing over 90 Sthalapurans (temple histories).

INDEPENDENCE DAY AWARDS (AUGUST 15, 2025)

MAJOR STATE AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Award Name	Recipient	Role / District	Reason / Achievement
Thagaisal Thamizhar Award	K.M. Kader Mohideen	IUML Leader	Distinguished contribution to Tamil society/politics.
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award	V. Narayanan	ISRO Chairman	Excellence in Science & Technology.
Kalpana Chawla Award	Thulasimathi Murugesan	Athlete (Kancheepuram)	Courage and Daring Enterprise (Paralympic athlete & Arjuna Awardee).
CM's Special Award	Late 'Kalaivalarmani' P. Rajkumar	-	Posthumous recognition.
Certificate of Appreciation	Aftab Rasoool (IAS)	Civil Servant	Exemplary leadership in Operation Sindoor (Evacuating TN students from J&K).

WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICE AWARDS

Category	Award Type	Recipient / Institution	District / Place
Differently Abled Welfare	Best Doctor	Dr. Kumaravel Shanmuga Sundaraman	Tiruchi

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	Best Institution	M/s ECOMWEL	Salem
	Best Social Worker	Gunasekaran Jegadeesan	Coimbatore
	Best Private Employer	M/s Bell Printers Pvt Ltd	-
	Best Co-op Bank	District Central Co-operative Bank	Kancheepuram
Women's Welfare	Best Social Worker	Bhageerathy Ramamoorthy	Chennai
	Best Social Worker	K. Marimuthu	Virudhunagar
	Best Institution	Karunalaya Social Service Society	Chennai
	Best Institution	Society for Education Village Action	Tiruchi
Youth Welfare	State Youth Award	S. Chandru Kumar, M. Jayakumar, T. Mariyappan, M. Khazima, A. Lavanya, G. Gowri	Various

BEST PERFORMING LOCAL BODIES

Category	Rank	Local Body Name	District / Zone
Corporation Zones	1st	Zone 6	Greater Chennai Corp (GCC)
	2nd	Zone 13	Greater Chennai Corp (GCC)
Municipal Corporations	1st	Avadi	Thiruvallur District
	2nd	Namakkal	Namakkal District
Municipalities	1st	Rajapalayam	Virudhunagar District
	2nd	Rameswaram	Ramanathapuram District
	3rd	Perambalur	Perambalur District
Town Panchayats	1st	Uthiramerur	Kancheepuram District
	2nd	Kattupudhur	Tiruchi District
	3rd	Natham	Dindigul District

BEST PRACTICES AWARD (GOVT DEPARTMENTS)

Department / Agency	Initiative / Best Practice Recognized
Rural Development Dept	Rural initiatives through community participation.
Housing / Planning	Simplification of house building plan approvals.
Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare	Implementation of welfare programmes.
Highways & Minor Ports	Construction of a Glass Bridge in Kanniyakumari .
Tamil Virtual Academy	Promotion of the Tamil language.

K.M. Khader Mohideen Receives Thagaisal Thamizhar Award

The Award and Recipient

- K.M. Khader Mohideen, a leader of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), has been honoured with the Tamil Nadu government's **Thagaisal Thamizhar Award** for 2025.
- The award was presented by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin during the Independence Day celebrations in Chennai on August 15, 2025.
- Mr. Mohideen was selected for the award at a meeting chaired by the Chief Minister at the Secretariat.
- Previous recipients include veteran leaders N. Sankaraiah, R. Nallakannu, K. Veeramani, and Kumari Ananthan.

12 NEW PROTECTED MONUMENTS/SITES IN TAMIL NADU

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S.No	Category	Site / Location Name	Key Features / Description	District / Location Details
1	Inscriptions & Caves	Mannarkoil	Tamili Inscriptions	-
2	Inscriptions & Caves	Aralipatti	Rock-cut Caves	-
3	Inscriptions & Caves	Koothapoondiyan Valasu	Inscriptions/Caves (Implied by category)	-
4	Inscriptions & Caves	V. Kottaiyur	Inscriptions/Caves (Implied by category)	-
5	Inscriptions & Caves	Avoor	Inscriptions/Caves (Implied by category)	-
6	Inscriptions & Caves	Nayanur	Inscriptions/Caves (Implied by category)	-
7	Archaeological Sites	Mallachanthiram	Dolmens	Krishnagiri
8	Archaeological Sites	Thirupullani	Palace	Ramanathapuram
9	Archaeological Sites	Maraiyur	Choultry	Virudhunagar
10	Archaeological Sites	Meenakshipuram	Boulder / Cave Paintings	Rajapalayam
11	Ancient Structures	Mamsapuram	Old Mandapams	Virudhunagar District
12	Ancient Structures	Pillayar Natham	Old Mandapams	Virudhunagar District

TAMIL NADU'S 6 NEW GI PRODUCTS

Product Name	Category	Place / District	Unique Features & Key Facts
Panruti Jackfruit	Agricultural	Panruti (Cuddalore)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distinctive aroma & sweet pulp. - Weighs up to 50kg. - India's largest jackfruit producer region.
Ramanadu Chithiraikar Rice	Agricultural	Ramanathapuram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dark outer skin, red inner grain. - High nutrition, pest-resistant. - Adds unique flavor to Kanji (porridge).
Chettikulam Shallot	Agricultural	Chettikulam (Perambalur)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grown in sulfur-rich soil (gives distinct pungency).

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High shelf life (9 months) due to 15-18 protective layers.
Virudhunagar Samba Vathal	Agricultural	Virudhunagar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Red dried chillies with unique bulging shoulders. - Moderate heat (0.24% capsaicin). - Perfect blend of smokiness and spiciness.
Puliyangudi Acid Lime	Agricultural	Puliyangudi (Tenkasi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From the "Lemon City of India". - High juice yield (55%) and intense acidity. - Thin, oil-rich peel; high Vitamin C.
Panruti Cashew	Agricultural	Panruti (Cuddalore)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Cashew Capital of TN". - Uniquely curved shape & sweet nutty flavor. - Thrives in red soil and tropical climate.

GINGEE FORT DECLARED A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The Recognition and Nomination Process

- Gingee Fort has been officially named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The fort was nominated as part of the "**Maratha Military Landscapes of India**," a collection of 12 sites, with Gingee being the sole entry from Tamil Nadu.
- The recognition follows a rigorous 18-month evaluation process by the World Heritage Committee, which included a site visit by the International Commission on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).
- The nomination dossier for the fort was prepared by the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology and the Development and Research Organisation for Nature, Arts and Heritage (DRONAH).

About Gingee Fort

- Famously known as the "**Troy of the East**," the fort is located across the Rajagiri, Krishnagiri, and Chandragiri hillocks and was considered impregnable.
- Originally built by the Konar Dynasty around 1,200 CE, it was later expanded by the Vijayanagara Empire and subsequently controlled by the Marathas, Mughals, French, and British.
- The 11-acre complex houses numerous structures, including a Kalyana Mahal, the Venkataramana Temple, the Sadatulla Mosque, a durbar hall, a granary, and an armoury.

TAMIL NADU CURRENT AFFAIRS GENERAL

THE DRAVIDIAN MODEL & WELFARE SCHEMES

Core Philosophy: The Dravidian Model

- **Foundational Principles:** Social Justice, Equality, Self-respect, Love for Tamil language, and State Autonomy.
- **Development Philosophy:** Simultaneous growth in industries, social change, and education.
- **Holistic Approach:** Advancement of economy, education, society, thought, and actions.
- **Inspiration:** The vision of Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna, and Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.
- **Key Focus:** Comprehensive progress across all departments and women's development.

MAJOR FLAGSHIP SCHEMES

Chief Minister's Breakfast Program

- **Objective:** Extended to primary school children (classes 1–5) in government-aided private schools.
- **Timeline:**
 - **Initial Launch:** September 15, 2022, at Adhimalam Corporation Primary School, Madurai.
 - **First Expansion:** August 25, 2023, at Thirukkuvalai, Nagapattinam District.

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- **Second Expansion:** July 15, 2024 (Kamarajar's birth anniversary), at St. Anne's Government Aided Primary School, Keezhacheri, Thiruvallur District.

Tamil Pudhalvan Scheme

- **Launch:** August 9, 2024, by CM M.K. Stalin in Coimbatore.
- **Beneficiaries:** Boys studying in Tamil medium (6th–12th grade) in government/government-aided schools.
- **Benefits:** Monthly stipend of ₹1,000 via debit cards upon entering higher education.
- **Coverage:** Arts, Science, Vocational, Associate Medical, and Diploma/Integrated Degree courses (first 3 years).
- **Eligibility:** Includes vocational students (completed 8th/10th) and Tamil medium students joining IITs/NITs/IISERs in other states.
- **Budget:** ₹360 crore (2024–2025), benefiting ~3.28 lakh students.

Makkaludan Mudhalvar Initiative

- **Goal:** Faster, transparent delivery of government services (13 departments).
- **Timeline:**
 - **Urban Launch:** December 18, 2023, in Avarampalayam, Coimbatore.
 - **Rural Expansion:** Announced July 4, 2024; Inaugurated July 11, 2024, in Dharmapuri District.

Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai

- **Benefit:** Provides working women ₹1,000 monthly (₹12,000 annually).

Neengal Nalama Scheme

- **Launch:** March 6, 2024.
- **Mechanism:** CM directly phones beneficiaries to gather feedback on welfare schemes.

Health & Social Welfare Initiatives

- **Kannoli Scheme (Eye Care):**
 - **Inauguration:** June 3, 1972, by Kalaignar in Chennai.
 - **Purpose:** Eye treatment for the rural poor to alleviate family burdens.
- **Manu Needhi Scheme:**
 - **Introduced:** September 15, 1969.
 - **Impact:** Officials camped in villages to redress grievances; 92.2% redressal rate within five years.
- **Transgender Welfare (Policy 2025):**
 - **Released:** July 31, 2025.
 - **Vision:** "Leave No One Behind" (UN SDG principle).
 - **New Benefits:** Educational assistance (₹1,000/month) extended to higher education; Home Guard appointments in Chennai/Avadi/Tambaram; "Aran" protective homes in Chennai and Madurai.
 - **History:** TN established the first Transgender Welfare Board on April 15, 2008.
- **HPV Vaccination Drive:**
 - **Target:** 14-year-old girls to prevent cervical cancer.
 - **Budget:** ₹36 crore allocated in 2025–26 budget.
- **TB Death-Free Initiative (TN-KET):**
 - **Impact:** Reduced early TB deaths by 20% statewide in first 6 months; significant reductions in Dharmapuri, Karur, and Villupuram.

Education & Skill Development

- **'Thiran' Initiative:**
 - **Launched:** July.
 - **Target:** Classes 6–8 (1.3 million students) to improve Tamil, English, and Math proficiency.
 - **Budget:** ₹19 crore.
- **'Vetri Nichayam' Programme:**
 - **Launch:** July 1, 2025.
 - **Target:** Dropouts aged 18–35 (including disabled, tribal, minorities).

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- **Offer:** Crash courses with incentives up to ₹12,000.

- **Pilot U-Shaped Seating:** Being tested in middle schools this academic year to replace row seating.

'Anbukkarangal' Initiative

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin is set to launch the 'Anbukkarangal' initiative on the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister C.N. Annadurai.
- The initiative aims to financially support the education of children who have lost their parents, until they complete 18 years of age.
- The 'Anbukkarangal' initiative is part of the broader 'Thayumanavar' scheme of the Tamil Nadu government.

CM launches day care centres for the elderly November 10, 2025

- **Launch and Scope of 'Anbu Solai'**

- Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched day care centres for the elderly, called **Anbu Solai** (meaning 'Affectionate Abode').
- The initiative is aimed at promoting the well-being of senior citizens, especially those from the working class, who often live alone in employed households.
- The scheme was announced in the State government's Budget for 2025-26.
- The centres have been established in **25 places** across Tamil Nadu, with a financial allocation of **₹10 crore**.

Launch of 'DigiArivu' to Strengthen Digital and STEM Education

Partnership and Core Initiative

- Samsung has partnered with the United Nations Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) for this initiative.
- They have launched 'DigiArivu - Empowering Students Through Tech'.
- The primary aim is to strengthen digital and STEM education in select government schools in Tamil Nadu.

ECONOMY, INDUSTRY, AND INVESTMENTS

1. Economic Performance

- **Growth Rate (2024-25):** 9.69% Real Growth Rate (Highest in India).
- **GSDP:** Rose to ₹17,23,698 crore (Constant Prices).
- **Per Capita Income:** 2nd in India (₹1,96,309 vs National ₹1,14,710).
- **Sectoral Growth:** Services (12.7%), Industry (9%), Agriculture (0.15%).
- **Exports:**
 - **Electronics:** #1 in India (\$14.65 Billion), capturing 41.3% of national share.
 - **Other Leaders:** Top exporter in Textiles, Leather Goods (43.2% of India's total), and Readymade Garments.

2. Strategic Investment Visits (CM Stalin)

- **US Visit (San Francisco & Chicago):**
 - **Total Agreements:** ₹7,616 crore with 19 companies.
 - **Key Partners:** Google (AI Labs), Nokia, PayPal, Microchip, Eaton (R&D), Trilliant (₹2,000 Cr), Ohmium (Green Hydrogen, ₹400 Cr).
 - **Ford:** Discussions to renew manufacturing.
- **Spain Visit:**
 - **Total Investment:** ₹3,440 crore.
 - **Hapag-Lloyd:** ₹2,500 crore (Logistics in Thoothukudi).
 - **Roca:** ₹400 crore (Expansion in Perundurai/Ranipet).

3. Space Industrial Policy 2025

- **Approval:** April 17, 2025.
- **Goal:** Attract ₹10,000 crore investment and create 10,000 jobs in 5 years.

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- **Infrastructure:** "Space Bay" covering Madurai, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar (near Kulasekarapattinam spaceport).
- **Incentives:** 50% IP reimbursement, payroll subsidies, and special packages for investments >₹300 crore.

4. Infrastructure Projects

- **Kalaignar Centenary Jallikattu Arena:** Opened January 24, 2024, in Alanganallur (₹62.78 crore).
- **Kalaignar Centenary Park:** 6.09 acres on Cathedral Road, Chennai.
- **Trek Tamil Nadu:** 40 scenic routes launched October 24, 2024.
- **Data Centers:**
 - **Chennai Data Centre Park:** Ambattur (CtrlS, ₹4,000 Cr).
 - **Sify Infinit Spaces:** South India's largest AI-ready campus in Siruseri.
- **Pamban Railway Bridge:** India's first vertical lift sea bridge (2.08 km), inaugurated April 6 by PM Modi.

GOVERNANCE, LAW, AND ADMINISTRATION

Law & Order Reforms

- **Fifth Police Commission:**
 - **Chair:** Justice C.T. Selvam.
 - **Submitted:** January 2025.
 - **Focus:** Mental health (MAGILCHI program), recruitment, and police-public relations.
- **Prohibition Act Amendments (2024):**
 - **Trigger:** Kallakurichi Hooch Tragedy.
 - **New Penalties:** Bootlegging methanol/illicit liquor (100+ liters) draws 3-7 years rigorous imprisonment and ₹2-3 lakh fine.
 - **Death Penalty:** Life imprisonment + Minimum ₹10 lakh fine for causing death.
- **Sexual Crimes Bills (2025):**
 - **Proposal:** Minimum 14 years for rape; Death penalty for rape of girls under 12.

Administrative Initiatives

- **SimpleGov:** Launched "Thursday" to simplify 10 services across 8 departments.
- **Ungaludan Stalin:** Launched July 15, 2025, in Chidambaram; 10,000 camps for doorstep service delivery.
- **Seventh State Finance Commission:** Formed to review local body finances; Report due August 31, 2026.
- **Removing 'Colony':** Word to be removed from records due to derogatory connotations.

Specialized Commissions & Boards

- **Kallakurichi Inquiry:** Justice B. Gokuldas.
- **Old Pension Scheme Study:** Gagandeep Singh Bedi.
- **Justice M.S. Janarthanam:** Pivotal in upholding TN's 69% reservation and creating the 3% Arunthathiyan quota.

HISTORY, CULTURE, AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeological Breakthroughs

- **Iron Age Dating:** New report pushes TN Iron Age start to **3345 BCE** (Sivagalai paddy sample), challenging global timelines.
- **Key Sites:**
 - **Keeladi (Phase IX):** 804 antiquities including gold, ivory, and carnelian.
 - **Porpanaikottai:** Excavation completed June 2024; findings include Gold ornament, Carnelian beads, and a Torpedo jar.
 - **Konthagai:** 24 burial urns.
 - **Kodumanal:** Ancient industrial hub on the Noyyal river.

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- Indus Valley Script: \$1 Million prize announced for deciphering the script.

Chola History & Copper Plates

- Rajendra Chola I:** Established capital Gangaikonda Cholapuram; assumed title 'Gangaikonda Cholan'.
- Copper Plates:**
 - Tiruvalangadu:** 31 plates, 93.05 kg; records grant to Siva temple.
 - Karanthai:** 57 plates, 111.73 kg; second section details land donation.
 - Tirukkalar:** 5 plates; details grant to Mahadevar Temple.
 - Esalam:** Mentions the Vidyadhara Torana brought from Kadaram (Malaysia).

Cultural Heritage & Figures

- Gingee Fort:** Declared UNESCO World Heritage Site (Maratha Military Landscapes).
- Kumbakonam Betel Leaves:** Received GI Tag.
- Veeramamunivar:** Born Costanzo in Italy (Nov 8, 1680); known as "Father of Tamil Dictionary".
- Vaikom Satyagraha (1924):** Centenary observed; Periyar imprisoned for leading protest against caste restrictions in Travancore.
- Tamil Thai Vaazhthu:** Declared State Song Dec 17, 2021.
- Kalaignar Coin:** Commemorative coin released August 18, 2024, by Rajnath Singh.
- 71st Best film award Best Supporting Male Actor:** Shared by Vijayaraghavan for *Pookkaalam* (Malayalam) and Muthupettai Somu Bhaskar for *Parking* (Tamil).

Pre-Iron Age Occupation and Trade Routes

- Excavations since 2004 have focused on burial sites near the Marudanadhi river, confirming occupation from the pre-Iron Age to the present day.
- Research on 'Pre Iron Age Burials of Thandikudi, Tamil Nadu' (2015) suggests Thandikudi was connected by traditional trade routes linking Musiri (West Coast) and Madurai through Polachi, Palani, Dindigul, and Machur.

Archaeology Department to begin survey off Poompuhar-Nagapattinam coast this month

Survey Details and Objectives

- The Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology is set to begin underwater archaeological explorations in the second week of September.
- The survey will be conducted off the coast between Poompuhar and Nagapattinam.
- The primary aim is to investigate submerged remains and bring out Tamil Nadu's maritime past.
- The proposal for the survey was announced by Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu, who also holds the Archaeology portfolio, during the Tamil Nadu Budget for 2025-26.
- Proposals have been sent to the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology for clearance.

Historical Context of the Region

- Poompuhar, also known as Kaveripoompattinam, was the flourishing capital of the early Cholas.
- Nagapattinam was a prominent medieval trade hub with significant links to Southeast Asia.

NEW MUSEUM PROJECTS & GALLERIES (2025-26)

Museum / Gallery Name	Location	Budget	Relevant GK / Historical Context
Nooyal Museum	Erode District	₹22 Crore	Focus: Excavations from Kodumanal (a village on the banks of Nooyal river). Kodumanal was an ancient trade & industrial centre known for Gemstone and Steel making during the Sangam Age.
Naavaai Museum	Ramanathapuram	₹21 Crore	Meaning: "Naavaai" means Ship or Boat in Tamil.

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				:Showcasing the Maritime Trade excellence of the Pandya Dynasty during the Sangam period.
Indus Valley Cultural Gallery	Egmore Museum (Chennai)	-		Significance: Established to commemorate the Centenary (100 years) of the discovery of the Indus Valley Civilization (first discovered in the 1920s).
Bronze Statue Gallery	Egmore Museum (Chennai)	₹40 Crore		Collection: The Egmore Museum holds one of the largest collections of Chola Bronzes in the world. Highlight: Famous for the Nataraja (Dancing Shiva) statues.
Tamil Cultural Museums	Mamallapuram & Thiruvannamalai	-		Purpose: To showcase the antiquity and continuity of Tamil heritage to international and domestic tourists visiting these spiritual/heritage hubs.

ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY

- **Elephants:**
 - **Census 2024:** 3,063 elephants (up from 2,961 in 2023).
 - **Conservation:** Agathiya Hill Elephant Sanctuary established.
- **Vultures:** 157 recorded in 2025 survey; White-rumped vulture is dominant.
- **Flamingos:** Greater Flamingo Sanctuary notified at Dhanushkodi (524.7 hectares).
- **Hornbills:** TN hosts 4 species; Centre of Excellence at Anamalai Tiger Reserve.
- **Mugger Crocodiles:** 85+ sightings; high populations in Sathanur and Amaravathi.
- **'Thooimai Mission'**: State-level waste management mission launched in 2025-26 Budget.
- **Rosewood Act:** Tamil Nadu Rosewood Trees (Conservation) Act lapsed in February 2025 and was not renewed.
- **Heatwaves:** Officially declared a 'State Disaster'; ₹4 lakh ex-gratia for deaths.
- **2ND Kasampatty Sacred Grove:** Declared Biodiversity Heritage Site (Dindigul district).The third Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) in Tamil Nadu is **Elathur Lake** in the Erode district
- The Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission (TN-SHORE), approved in September 2025, is a ₹1,675-crore World Bank-funded project aimed at strengthening Tamil Nadu's coastal resilience and economy.
- The State government launched the Tamil Nadu Marine Resources Foundation (TNMRF) on Tuesday.The foundation's goal is to protect and restore marine biodiversity
- launched to restore the environmentally sensitive Manali-Ennore region following a major oil spill in December 2023. MERRC will focus on green projects, waterbody restoration, and pollution control.
- **New State-of-the-Art Office:** A new office has been established at Tondiarpet, housing the District Environmental Engineer's office, two flying squad offices, and a modern emergency response centre.
- The Manjappai Awards 2025 were given to three schools and three colleges.
- The awards recognize institutions that have successfully created single-use plastic-free campuses and promoted traditional eco-friendly alternatives.
- **School Category Winners:**
 - 1st Place: Government Higher Secondary School, Belarahalli, Dharmapuri district
 - 2nd Place: Government High School, Siruvalur, Ariyalur district
 - 3rd Place: Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Perundurai, Erode district
- **College Category Winners:**
 - 1st Place: Jamal Mohamed College, Tiruchi
 - 2nd Place: JKK Muniraja College of Technology, T.N. Palayam, Erode district
 - 3rd Place: Holy Cross College, Tiruchi

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- The award includes a cash prize of ₹10 lakh for first place, ₹5 lakh for second place, and ₹3 lakh for third place.

T.N. SANCTIONS ₹1 CR FOR CONSERVATION OF FOUR LESS-KNOWN ENDANGERED SPECIES

Sanction Details and Policy Background

- The Tamil Nadu government has sanctioned ₹1 crore for the conservation of four less-known endangered species.
- The species are: the lion-tailed macaque, Madras hedgehog, striped hyena, and hump-headed mahseer.
- A Government Order (G.O.) was issued on September 29, following an announcement made by the Minister for Forests and Khadi during the Legislative Assembly session in March 2025.

Tamil Nadu Net Zero Pathway and Progress

- Tamil Nadu aims to achieve **Net Zero well before 2070**.
- The state has developed a detailed Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory (2005-2019) and a detailed Net Zero Pathway.
- Despite being one of India's most industrialised states, TN contributed only **7%** of the country's total emissions in 2019.
- It reduced its emission intensity to GDP by nearly **60%** between 2005 and 2019.
- Renewable energy currently accounts for about **60%** of

AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme

- **Launch:** June 12, 2024.
- **Budget:** ₹206 crore.
- **Goal:** Restore soil fertility using green manure; targeting 2 lakh acres in first phase.

2. Athikadavu-Avinashi Scheme

- **Inaugurated:** August 17, 2024.
- **Scope:** Fills 1,045 water bodies in Erode, Tiruppur, and Coimbatore using surplus Bhavani river water.
- **Pipeline:** 1,065 km underground.

3. Rural Employment Shift

- **Trend:** 20% decline in agricultural dependence since 2012.
- **Shift:** 75% of rural men now in non-farm jobs (Construction dominant); 50% of women in non-farm (Manufacturing dominant).

MISCELLANEOUS FACTS

- **World Tamil Diaspora Day:** January 11-12, 2025; Theme: "Eththisaiyum Tamilanange".
- **Formula 4 Racing:** First night street circuit in South Asia held in Chennai (Aug 31-Sept 1, 2024).
- **M.R. Srinivasan:** Key architect of India's nuclear program passed away; worked on Apsara reactor.
- **Katchatheevu Resolution:** Assembly adopted resolution urging retrieval of the island from Sri Lanka.

OTHERS

ANNA VARSITY, COIMBATORE COLLEGES SHINE IN CENTRE'S NIRF RANKING

IIT-Madras's Continued Dominance

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras retained its top rank in the engineering category for the 10th consecutive year in the Union government's higher education rankings.
- IIT-Madras also secured the top position in the innovations category and the newly-introduced Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) institutions category.
- It retained its 2nd rank in the research institutions category, which was topped by the Indian Institute of Science.

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- The Director of IIT-Madras attributed the success to a cohesive and focused approach and a strategic plan that is periodically revised with input from various stakeholders.

Performance of Other Tamil Nadu Institutions

- **Anna University:** Occupied the second position in the State public universities category, narrowly losing the top spot to Jadavpur University. The registrar noted they missed the top spot by just 0.02 points.
- **Bharathiar University:** Was ranked 10th among the State public universities.
- **PSGR Krishnammal College for Women:** Secured the ninth position in the colleges category.
- **PSG College of Arts and Science:** Secured the 10th position in the colleges category.

TAMIL NADU TO ACT TOUGH ON TEACHERS PROMOTING CASTE ANIMOSITY IN SCHOOLS

Action Based on Justice Chandru Committee Recommendations

- The Tamil Nadu government has instructed Chief Education Officers (CEOs) to take stringent action against teachers who promote caste-based animosity among students.
- This directive is based on the recommendations of a one-man panel headed by former Madras High Court Judge K. Chandru.
- The School Education Department has asked CEOs to investigate complaints of teachers inciting caste sentiments and, where necessary, transfer them to other schools.
- The Justice Chandru committee was formed after a 2023 incident in Nanguneri, Tirunelveli district, where two Scheduled Caste schoolchildren were brutally assaulted.

T.N. HAS ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN POPULATION STABILISATION

Progress in Geriatric Care

- Tamil Nadu is in the second position in India in terms of the highest proportion of the elderly population (13.6%), projected to rise to 18.2% by 2031.
- The government has released the Tamil Nadu State Policy on Senior Citizens, which outlines a roadmap for elderly welfare.
- Every district is being provided with at least one government-supported old age home and integrated campuses for children and elderly are being developed.
- A new dedicated day-care centre scheme, 'Anbucholai,' will soon be launched by the Chief Minister (CM).
- Partnerships have been established with NGOs in 13 districts for 24 centres providing transport, food, and recreational activities. The Health Department is also strengthening geriatric care.

RECENT REGULATORY ACTION AND DIETHYLENE GLYCOL (DEG) CONTAMINATION

- The Union Health Ministry sought strict drug compliance from all Indian drug manufacturers in line with the revised **Schedule M** norms for pharmaceutical products.
- This action followed a report by the Tamil Nadu Drugs Control Department finding Diethylene Glycol (DEG) above permissible limits in a cough syrup manufactured by a private company.

VETRI NICHAYAM PROJECT

- The Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC), under the Tamil Nadu government's *Vetri Nichayam* project, announced the launch of GenRise, a partnership with Generation India Foundation that will upskill and empower 35,000 young people by March 2028.

NAGAMALAI HILLOCK NOTIFIED AS BIODIVERSITY HERITAGE SITE

- The Tamil Nadu government has notified the **Nagamalai hillock** in Erode district as the State's **fourth Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS)** under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- This is a significant step towards biodiversity protection in the State.
- Tamil Nadu had previously declared three other sites as BHSs: Arittappatti (Madurai district), Kasampatty (Dindigul district), and Elathur lake (Erode district).

LAUNCH OF THE CLIMATE ACTION TRACKER

- Minister for Finance, Environment and Climate Change Thangam Thennarasu launched the '**Climate Action Tracker**' for Tamil Nadu Action and Climate Decarbonisation Pathways.
- The tracker is a powerful tool designed to guide the State's path to **net zero** by district and community.

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- The initial launch covers seven districts: Chennai, Ramachathapuram, Virudhunagar, Coimbatore, and Nilgiris.
- A complete analysis of each of these districts has been carried out with the support of various departments.

THRIVING NEER MARUTHU TREES IN MTR GIVE REFUGE TO CRITICALLY ENDANGERED VULTURES

- **Discovery and Significance of Neer Maruthu Trees**

- Researchers from the Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation and the Tamil Nadu Forest Department have enumerated over 10,000 *Terminalia arjuna* (Neer Maruthu) trees in the Moyar valley of the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR).
- These trees serve as a nesting site for the **critically endangered White-rumped vulture** (*Gyps bengalensis*) in the region.

T.N. AMONG TOP ACHIEVERS IN FOUR PARAMETERS AT UDYOG SAMAGAM

- **Recognition and Award**

- Tamil Nadu has been recognized as a **top achiever** in four parameters under the **Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2024** for the ease of doing business.
- This recognition was announced by Industries Minister T.R.B. Rajaa on Tuesday at the Udyog Samagam 2025 event.

- **The Udyog Samagam Event**

- The Udyog Samagam 2025 was held in New Delhi under the aegis of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- It was chaired by the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal.

- **Four Parameters of Achievement**

- Tamil Nadu was recognized for its reforms in the following four parameters:
 1. **Business Entry**
 2. **Construction Permits**
 3. **Labour Enablers**
 4. **Land Administration**

TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Scheme Name	Date of Launch	Starting Place / Location	Key Facts, Objectives & Beneficiaries
Illam Thedi Kalvi	October 27, 2021	Muthaliyarkuppam, Villupuram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: Restoring students' basic academic skills - Special Feature: Volunteers go to homes and teach.
Nan Muthalvan Scheme	March 1, 2022	Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: Vocational skills development and employment guidance for school and college students. - Special: Offers personal skills training, consulting, and employment registration in all primary schools in the state.,
Ennum Ezhuthum Mission	2022	Not Specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beneficiaries: Students aged 3–8 years.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: To make everyone literate and numerate by 2025. - Special: Improving basic educational skills through teachers.
Chief Minister's Morning Breakfast Scheme	September 15, 2022 (Anna's Birthday)	Adhimalam Corporation Primary School, Simmakkal, Madurai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significance: First time in the country that free breakfast is provided in all primary schools in a state. - Expansion 1: Thirukkuvalai, Nagapattinam District (August 25, 2023). - Expansion 2: St. Anne's Govt Aided Primary School, Keezhacheri, Thiruvallur (July 15, 2024).
Puthumai Penn Scheme Extension to government-aided schools	September 15, 2022 December 30, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bharathi Women's College, Chennai - Thoothukudi - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: Encouragement for girls from Government schools (Classes 6–12) to pursue Graduate Studies. - Benefit: Rs. 1,000 per month provided through Direct Banking.
Tamil Pudhalvan (Tamizh Puthalvan) Scheme	August 9, 2024	Coimbatore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beneficiaries: Boys studying in Tamil medium (6th–12th) in govt/govt-aided schools joining higher education (Arts, Science, Vocational, etc.) - Benefit: Monthly stipend of Rs. 1,000 via debit cards. - Budget: Rs. 360 crore (2024-25), benefiting ~3.28 lakh students.
'Thiran' Initiative	July		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Target: Classes 6–8 (1.3 million students). - Goal: Improve proficiency in Tamil, English, and Math. Budget: Rs. 19 crore.
'Vetri Nichayam' Programme	July 1, 2025		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Target: Dropouts aged 18–35 (including disabled, tribal, minorities) - Offer: Crash courses with incentives up to Rs. 12,000.

HEALTH, NUTRITION & SOCIAL WELFARE

Scheme Name	Date of Launch	Starting Place / Location	Key Facts, Objectives & Beneficiaries
Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam	August 5, 2021	Samanappalli, Krishnagiri DT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: Medicine at people's doorsteps. - Special: Medical teams visit and provide treatment in person. - Award: Received the UN Interagency Task Force Award (UNIATF) 2024.

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Nammai Kaakum 48	December 18, 2021	Melmaruvathur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: Reducing fatalities due to road accidents - Benefit: Financial assistance of up to Rs. 2 lakh is provided to special victims.
TN Tuberculosis Death Free Scheme (TN-KET)	April 2022	All TN Govt Health Care Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective: Reducing hospitalization time and mortality by detecting severe TB patients. - Special: First project in India to reduce TB incidence introduced in TN; ICMR Report has been certified.,
Nutrition Assurance Scheme	Phase 1: 2022Phase 2: Nov 15, 2024	Phase 1: NilgiriPhase 2: Ariyalur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: Identifying and treating malnourished children and mothers. - Special: Providing Nutrition Kit to home delivery for 0-6 month infants.
Neengal Nalama Scheme	March 6, 2024	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mechanism: CM directly phones beneficiaries to gather feedback on welfare schemes.
HPV Vaccination Drive	2025-26 (Budget)	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Target: 14-year-old girls to prevent cervical cancer - Budget: Rs. 36 crore.
Kannoli Scheme	June 3, 1972	Chennai	Purpose: Free eye treatment for the rural poor.

WOMEN, TRANSGENDER & MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

Scheme Name	Date of Launch	Starting Place / Location	Key Facts, Objectives & Beneficiaries
Vidiyal Payanam Scheme	May 8, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beneficiaries: Women and Transgender people - Purpose: Increasing monthly income by eliminating daily city travel expenses (Free Bus Travel).
Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam	September 15, 2023	Kanchipuram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benefit: Monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 - Eligibility: Rs. 1,000 is deposited into the bank account every month for eligible female heads of family.
TN-RISE (Rural Incubator Startup Enabler)	July 2, 2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: Promote women's entrepreneurship via financial assistance, insurance, and market links. - Target: Comprehensive support to help women grow/succeed in business.
Thayumanavar Scheme	August 12, 2025	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beneficiaries: 70+ age elderly and disabled people (More than 21.7 lakh across state). - Purpose: Providing ration items via home delivery.

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Thayumanavar Anbu Karangal Scheme	September 15, 2025	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: Improve education of orphaned/destitute children and secure their future. - Scholarship: Monthly stipend of Rs. 2,000 directly into bank accounts.
Aran Illangal Scheme	October 13, 2025	Senai Nagar (Chennai) & Anna Nagar (Madurai)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective: Provide safe, supportive living spaces addressing challenges faced by Transgender people - Services: Education, Counseling, Free legal assistance, Family/Govt organization Guidance Services.,
Anbu Solai Scheme	November 10, 2025	Ponmalaipatty, Trichy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beneficiary: Senior citizens from working communities. - Purpose: Well-being engagement through exercise, yoga, and indoor games.
Transgender Welfare Board	2008	Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy 2025: Launched July 31, 2025. Includes edu-assistance (Rs 1,000/mo) and "Aran" homes.

INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING & AGRICULTURE

Scheme Name	Date of Launch	Starting Place / Location	Key Facts, Objectives & Beneficiaries
Uzhavan App	2018	Not Specified	Objective is for the benefits of farmers.
Kalaignar Centenary Jallikattu Arena	January 24, 2024	Keezhakarai Village, Alanganallur	Infrastructure project for traditional sport.
Kalaignar's Kanavu Illam Scheme	February 19, 2024	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: Build houses for the homeless. - Benefit: Free housing plot for those without land; cost up to Rs. 3.50 lakhs for building a house is covered.
Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom	June 12, 2024	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget: Rs. 206 crore. - Goal: Restore soil fertility using green manure (2 lakh acres).
Makkaludan Mudhalvar Initiative	Initial: Dec 18, 2023 Rural: July 11, 2024	Initial: Aavarampalayam (Coimbatore) Rural: Dharmapuri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goal: Faster, transparent delivery of government services (13 departments).
Athikadavu-Avinashi Scheme	August 17, 2024	Chief Secretariat (Video Conf)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scope: Fills 1,045 water bodies in Erode, Tiruppur, Coimbatore using surplus Bhavani river water via 1,065 km pipeline.
Trek Tamil Nadu Project	October 24, 2024	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scope: 40 scenic routes launched.

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Space Industrial Policy 2025	April 17 (Implied 2025)		- Goal: Attract Rs. 10,000 crore investment; create 10,000 jobs. Infrastructure: "Space Bay".
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TECHNOLOGY & GOVERNANCE APPS

Scheme / App Name	Date of Launch	Purpose & Key Features
Police Assistance App	2022	- To get police department help to the public, especially women.
Smart Kaavalar App	2022	- Police governance application.
Nookam App	2023	- Purpose: Providing training for Central and State government exams.
TN Artificial Intelligence Mission (TN AIM)	2023	- Beneficiaries: Students, Industry, Govt Depts. - Purpose: AI penetration in education, medicine, industry. - Special: Skill Development Centres, AI Research Centers.
TN Alert App	2024	- Purpose: Disaster precautions; informing about thunder, lightning, rain, and water levels in reservoirs.
SimpleGov Initiative	30 May 2025	- Scope: Simplify 10 services across 8 departments.

ECONOMIC SURVEY OF TAMIL NADU 2024-25

Macroeconomic Performance & Resilience

Tamil Nadu has demonstrated remarkable economic resilience despite facing "global headwinds," geopolitical tensions, and extreme weather events that disrupted supply chains.

Growth Trajectory

- **Consistency:** The state has consistently achieved growth rates of **8% or more since 2021-22.**
- **Current Outlook:** The state is expected to maintain a growth rate above **8% in 2024-25.**
- **Comparison with India:**
 - India's growth: 7.61% (2022-23), 9.19% (2023-24), and 6.48% (2024-25).
 - Global economy real growth: 3.33% in 2023.
- **Correlation:** As a major exporter (autos, textiles, leather), Tamil Nadu's economy is highly responsive to global trends and shows a higher correlation with global economic fluctuations than India's overall growth pattern.

Contribution to National Economy

- **Demographics vs. Contribution:** With just **4% of India's land area** and **6% of the population**, Tamil Nadu contributed **9.21% to the national GDP** in 2023-24.
- **GSDP Figures (2023-24):**
 - Gross State Domestic Product (Current Prices): **₹27.22 lakh crore.**
 - Nominal Growth Rate: **13.71%.**
 - Real Growth Rate: **8.33%.**

Per Capita Income & Distribution

- **Income Levels (2022-23):**
 - Tamil Nadu: **₹2.78 lakh.**
 - National Average: **₹1.69 lakh.**
 - *Insight:* Tamil Nadu's income is **1.6 times** the national average.
- **Ranking:** It is the **fourth-largest state** in terms of per capita income.

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- **Spatial Distribution:** Unlike Maharashtra, Karnataka, or West Bengal (where activity concentrates in one hub), Tamil Nadu's development is evenly distributed. Cities like **Coimbatore, Madurai, Tirupur, Tiruchirappalli, and Salem** are significant contributors, bridging the urban-rural divide.

Inflation & Price Stability

While inflation is a monetary phenomenon, its impact on purchasing power is real.

Inflation Trends

- **Global Context:** Global inflation reached 8.6% in 2022 and 6.7% in 2023 due to climate change and geopolitical tension.
- **State Performance:**
 - Tamil Nadu Retail Inflation: Declined from **6% (2022-23)** to **5.4% (2023-24)** and further to **4.8% (2024-25, till Jan)**.
 - *Comparison:* India's retail inflation was 5.4% in 2023-24 and 4.9% in 2024-25 (till Jan).
- **Ranking:** In 2023-24, Tamil Nadu recorded the **8th lowest retail inflation** among 20 major Indian states.

Urban vs. Rural Dynamics

- **Urban Inflation:** Decreased from 6% (2019-20) to **4.5% (2024-25 till Jan)**.
- **Rural Inflation:** Remained higher at **5.4%**.
- *Key Insight:* Rural inflation drives the overall inflation in the state, primarily contributed by **food and miscellaneous items**.

Government Intervention

To limit the erosion of purchasing power, the state intervenes through:

- Subsidized supplies of select **cereals, pulses, edible oil, and electricity**.
- Income support schemes like **Kalaignar Mahalir Urimai Thittam**.

Sectoral Analysis: Primary Sector (Agriculture)

Agriculture ranks as the **fifth largest sector**, contributing **₹1.5 lakh crore** (6% of GSVA). It remains heavily dependent on monsoons.

Cropping Pattern

- **Food Grains:** Occupy **62%** of total cropped area.
 - *Includes:* Paddy, maize, jowar, bajra, ragi, and millets.
- **Non-Food Crops:** Occupy **38%** of total cropped area.
 - *Includes:* Oilseeds, sugarcane, and cotton.
- **Paddy Dominance:** Share in total cropped area increased from 32.1% (2019-20) to **34.4% (2023-24)**.

Productivity & Inputs (Rankings)

- **Productivity Rankings (Agricultural Statistics at a Glance 2024):**
 - **1st:** Oilseeds, Groundnut, Sugarcane.
 - **2nd:** Maize.
 - **3rd:** Paddy.
- **Input Consumption:**
 - Fertilizer consumption rose from 9.65 lakh metric tonnes (2019-20) to **10.68 lakh metric tonnes (2023-24)**.
 - Agricultural power consumption rose to **17,957 million units**.
 - *Note:* Productivity is largely driven by chemical fertilizers and groundwater use.

Support Systems & Credit

- **Credit Leadership:** Tamil Nadu is the **leading state** in agricultural credit disbursement by commercial banks.
 - Disbursement rose to **₹3.58 lakh crore** in 2023-24.
- **Price Incentives:**
 - **Paddy:** Extra incentive of **₹105 per quintal**.
 - **Sugarcane:** Extra incentive of **₹215 per tonne**.

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- **Infrastructure:** The state has established 284 regulated markets, 525 storage godowns, 421 drying yards, and 268 cold storage units (19,856 MT capacity).

Horticulture & Allied Sectors

- **Horticulture:** Area reached **16.3 lakh hectares** in 2023-24.
- **Livestock:**
 - GSVA: **₹1.35 lakh crore** (5.41% of total GSVA).
 - **Rankings:** 2nd in Egg production; 6th in Meat production.
- **Fisheries:** Exported **1.34 lakh tonnes** of fish products, earning **₹6,854 crore** in foreign exchange (2023-24).

Sectoral Analysis: Secondary Sector (Industry)

Tamil Nadu is an "industrial powerhouse," contributing **11.90%** to India's manufacturing GDP.

Industrial Profile

- **Workforce:** 33.31% of the workforce is in industrial activities (15.97% manufacturing, 17.2% construction).
- **Growth (2021-22 to 2023-24):**
 - Manufacturing: **8.33%**.
 - Construction: **9.03%**.
 - *Double-digit growth sectors:* Transport equipment, rubber/plastic products, motor vehicles/trailers, chemicals.

Key Rankings & Hubs

- **"Detroit of India":** Over 1,500 factories for automobiles and components.
- **MSMEs:** **35.56 lakh** Udyam-registered MSMEs (Ranked **2nd** nationally).
- **Production Ranking:**
 - **1st:** Motor vehicles, wearing apparel, leather products.
 - **2nd:** Textiles, machinery, electronic products.
- **Exports:** Leads in engineering goods, electronics, ready-made garments, cotton yarn, handloom, and leather goods.

Investments & Finance

- **Global Investors Meet 2024:** Secured **₹6.64 lakh crore** investment, expected to create **14.55 lakh jobs**.
- **Credit:** Bank credit to industry reached **₹3.01 lakh crore** (2023-24).
- **FDI:** Foreign Direct Investment rose from ₹5,909 crore (2019-20) to **₹20,157 crore** (2023-24).

Sectoral Analysis: Tertiary Sector (Services)

This is the dominant sector, contributing **53.63%** of GSVA.

Composition & Growth

- **Growth:** Grew at **7.97%** between 2021-22 and 2023-24.
- **Drivers:**
 - Real Estate (**9.41%**).
 - Trade, Repair, Hotels (**7.98%**).
 - Transport & Storage (**7.67%**).
- **Employment:** **54.63%** of the urban workforce is in services (Trade/Repair is the largest employer at 16.28%).

Financial Infrastructure

- **Credit-Deposit Ratio (CDR):** Rose to **117.7%** in 2023-24 (India average: 79.6%). TN consistently ranks in the top three major states.
- **Credit Flow:** Credit to services reached **₹4.46 lakh crore**.
- **Banking Access:** Leads the country with **24,390 ATMs**. Digital banking and UPI are driving financial inclusion.

Social Development & Human Capital

Tamil Nadu ranks **1st** in the Social Progress Index (SPI) and Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER).

Poverty & Employment

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- **Poverty Reduction:** Headcount Ratio (HCR) dropped from 36.54% (2005-06) to **1.43% (2022-23)**.
 - *Comparison:* India's HCR is 11.28%.
- **Consumption:** Ranked **4th** among major states in average monthly per capita consumption expenditure.
- **Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR):** For ages 15-59, LFPR rose to **64.6%** (2023-24), surpassing the national average of 64.3%.

Education Metrics

- **Enrolment:** 1.29 crore students in 58,722 schools (5.24% of India's total enrolment).
- **Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER):**
 - Elementary: **98.4%** (National: 91.7%).
 - Secondary: **97.5%** (National: 77.4%).
 - Higher Secondary: **82.9%** (National: 56.2%).
- **Quality:**
 - NITI Aayog School Education Quality Index (SEQI): **Ranked 2nd** (Score 73.4%) behind Kerala.
 - Dropout Rate (Secondary): **4.5%** (National: 12.6%).
- **Higher Education:**
 - Has **506 engineering colleges** and **492 polytechnics** (Highest number of technical institutions in India).
 - 3 of top 50 research institutions; 8 state universities in top 100.
- **Schemes:** Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme, Noon Meal Scheme, free bicycles.

Health

- **Infrastructure:** 8,713 Health Sub-centers, 2,336 PHCs, 372 Govt Hospitals, 36 Govt Medical College Hospitals.
- **Metrics:** Ranked **3rd in Life Expectancy** among major states. Ranked **2nd** in low infant mortality and low birth rate.
- **Challenge:** Must address the aging population through healthcare innovation.

Environment & Climate Action

Climate change is a "major concern" with the average mean temperature rising by **+0.68°C per century** and declining annual rainfall.

Vulnerabilities

- **Extreme Events:**
 - Cyclones: Vardah (2016), Ockhi (2017), Gaja (2018), Michaung (2023), Fengel (2024).
 - Floods: Notable in 2015 and 2017.
- **Regional Risks:**
 - **Northeastern Coastal Regions:** Highly vulnerable to pluvial floods, cyclones, and sea-level rise.
 - **Eastern Ghats:** Degradation has intensified drought.
 - **Western Ghats:** Lower vulnerability due to dense forests acting as carbon sinks.

Government Action

- **Ranking:** Secured **Top Rank** in NITI Aayog's **SDG 13 (Climate Action) Index 2023-24** with a score of **81** (National avg: 67).
- **Institutional Framework:**
 - Established Tamil Nadu Governing Council on Climate Change.
 - State Action Plan on Climate Change (2023-30).
 - Created a **₹1,000 crore Green Fund**.

Future Outlook & The \$1 Trillion Goal

Tamil Nadu aims to become a **\$1 trillion economy by 2030**.

Strategic Focus Areas

1. **Industrial:** Policies for semiconductor and advanced electronics; expanding IT/ITeS, logistics, and renewable energy.

2. **Workforce:** Reskilling for **Industry 4.0**; encouraging women's participation.
3. **Rural:** Developing rural entrepreneurship to spread growth across all districts.
4. **Sustainability:** Addressing climate challenges and supply-demand mismatches in the workforce.

MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Dr. V. Narayanan:** New Chairman of ISRO (Took over from 13 January 2025).
- **Bhuvnesh Kumar:** CEO, UIDAI.
- **Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra:** Commander in Chief, Western Air Command.
- **Faiz Ahmed Kidwai:** Director General (DG), DGCA.
- **Azimul Haque:** CEO, Delhi Waqf Board.
- **Bahadur Singh Sagoo:** President, Athletics Federation of India (AFI).
- **Anju Bobby George:** Chairperson, AFI Athletes Commission.
- **Justice Ashish Naithani:** Judge, Uttarakhand High Court.
- **Vineet Joshi:** Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.
- **Justice Arun Mishra:** Ombudsman, BCCI.
- **Devajit Saikia:** New Secretary of BCCI (Replaces Jay Shah).
- **Gyanendra Pratap Singh:** DG, CRPF.
- **Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya:** Chief Justice, Delhi High Court.
- **Justice Alok Adarsh:** Chief Justice, Bombay High Court.
- **Justice Krishnan Vinod Chandran:** Supreme Court Judge.

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Nicolas Maduro:** President, Venezuela.
- **Sanjiv Ranjan:** Secretary General, Indian Ocean Rim Association.
- **Janet E. Petro:** 15th Acting Administrator, NASA.
 - *Did you know?* She made history as the first woman to serve in this role.
- **Alexander Grigoryevich:** Mentioned in the context of international leadership.

GOVERNOR SHUFFLE

- **Shri Arif Mohammad Khan:** Appointed as **Governor of Bihar** (Previously Governor of Kerala).
- **Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar:** Appointed as **Governor of Kerala** (Previously Governor of Bihar).

NATIONAL NEWS

INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT

- **World's Third Largest Railway Network:** India achieved over **1,000 km** of operational metro rail network (First two are China & USA).
 - *History:* India's first metro was inaugurated in Kolkata (1984).
- **New Railway Division:** The **Jammu Railway Division** became the **69th Division**.
 - *Zone:* Northern Railway Zone (HQ: Baroda House, New Delhi).
 - *Total Zones:* 19.
- **Hydrogen Train:** Indian Railways built the **World's most powerful hydrogen fuel-run train engine**.

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- *Power:* Generates 1,200 horsepower (surpassing the standard 500-600 hp).
- **Z-Morh Tunnel (Renamed Sonamarg Tunnel):**
 - *Route:* Connects **Sonamarg** to **Gagangair** in Ganderbal district.
 - *Strategic importance:* Corridor between Kashmir and Ladakh.
 - *Dimensions:* 6.5 km long; 10.8m wide (with 7.5m escape tunnel).
- **National River Traffic & Navigation System:** Introduced by IWAI (under MoPSW) to enhance inland waterway safety.

SCIENCE, SPACE & TECH

- **SpaDeX Mission (Space Docking Experiment):**
 - *Agency:* ISRO.
 - *Goal:* Demonstrate rendezvous, docking, and undocking.
 - *Satellites involved:* **SDX01** (Chaser) and **SDX02** (Target).
 - *Launch:* Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota.
 - *Milestone:* India is the **4th country** (after USA, Russia, China) to achieve this.
- **100th Launch from Sriharikota:** ISRO achieved its 100th launch since 1979 with the **GSLV-F15** rocket carrying the **NVS-02** (NavIC Series) satellite into GTO on **29 January 2025**.
- **Private Space Milestones:**
 - **Pixel:** Launched "Firefly" satellites (Hyperspectral imaging, 150+ bands).
 - **Digantara:** Launched **SCOT** (Space Camera for Object Tracking), the world's first commercial satellite to track space objects as small as 5 cm in LEO.
- **Space Agriculture:** ISRO successfully germinated the **First Black-eyed Pea Sprouts** in space under mission **CROPS** (Compact Research Module for Orbital Plant Studies).
- **Asia's Largest Wave Basin:** The **Shallow Wave Basin** was inaugurated at **IIT-Madras** (Discovery Campus, Thalaiyur).
- **HIMKAVACH:** A multi-layer cold weather clothing system by **DRDO** for temperatures between **+20°C to -60°C**.

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

- **Project VISTAAR:** Launched by Ministry of Agriculture & **IIT Madras** to digitize agricultural extension systems.
- **India's First Organic Fisheries Cluster:** Unveiled in **Sikkim**.
- **India's First Coastal and Wader Bird Census:** Conducted at **Marine National Park**, Jamnagar (Gujarat).
 - *Note:* This was India's first designated marine national park.
- **Renewable Energy Record:** India added **30 GW** in 2024 (113% increase). Total capacity stands at **218 GW**. Target: 500 GW by 2030.
- **Green Hydrogen Hub:** **NTPC Green Energy Limited** is setting up India's first hub in **Visakhapatnam**, Andhra Pradesh.
 - *Hydrogen Mission Target:* 5 Million Metric Tonnes annually by 2030.
- **Hydrogen-Transport Pipes:** **Tata Steel** developed India's first pipes to transport 100% pure gaseous hydrogen at 100 bar pressure.

Governance & Schemes

- **APAAR ID (One Nation One Student ID):**
 - *Full Form:* Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry.
 - *Features:* 12-digit unique number; digitally centralizes academic data via the Academic Bank of Credits.
- **Centralized Pension System:** Launched by **EPFO** (Est. 1952) allowing pension withdrawal from any bank branch in India.
- **Entity Locker:** Launched by MEITY/NeGD for secure management of business documents.
- **National Turmeric Board:** HQ in **Nizamabad, Telangana**. First Chairperson: **Shri Palle Ganga Reddy**.

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- *Fact:* India accounts for 70% of global turmeric production.

Miscellaneous National Firsts

- **India's First Ayurvedic Diagnostic Device:** Nadi Tarangini (AI-powered), developed by Atreya Innovations, approved by CDSCO.
- **South India's First Infectious Disease Research Lab:** At **BMCRI**, Bangalore (Selected by ICMR).
- **Eastern India's First Astronomical Observatory:** Set up in **Garpanchkhon**, Purulia (West Bengal) by SNBNCBS.
- **India's First Generation Beta Baby:** Frankie Remruatdika Zadeng (Born Jan 1, Aizawl). "Gen Beta" refers to the cohort born 2025–2039.
- **India's First Campus Blockchain Currency:** **BIMCOIN**, launched by BIMTECH.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **UN Security Council:** **Pakistan** began its 8th term as a Non-Permanent member (2-year term).
 - *Static:* UNSC est. 1945; 5 Permanent members.
- **Facial Covering Ban:** **Switzerland** enforced a ban on burqas/niqabs in public (Fine: CHF 1,000).
- **Defence Collaboration:** **India & USA** to co-produce **Sonobuoys** (underwater acoustic detection buoys) for the Indian Navy.
- **BRICS:** **Indonesia** is noted as the newest member.
 - *Presidency 2025:* Brazil.
 - *HQ:* Shanghai.
- **WHO Withdrawal:** The **USA** announced withdrawal from the WHO due to pandemic mishandling.
- **Climate:** Earth breached the **1.5°C limit** above pre-industrial levels for the first time in a recorded year (Source: C3S).
- **Astronomy:**
 - **LID 568 Black Hole:** A low-mass supermassive black hole discovered by James Webb & Chandra Observatory (1.5 billion years post-Big Bang).
 - **Inkathazo:** A giant radio galaxy discovered by **South Africa** (using MeerKAT telescope).
- **Eurodrone Program:** **India** joined as an **observer nation** (2nd Asia-Pacific nation after Japan).
 - *About:* MALE RPAS initiative by France, Germany, Spain, Italy.
- **Tax Treaty:** **India & Oman** amended their Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA).
- **Pakistan's Satellite:** Launched **PRSC-EO1** (Electro-Optical) using China's Long March-2D rocket.
- **Malaria Free:** **Georgia** became the 45th country (1st in Europe region) to be certified Malaria-free by WHO.
- **Year of Community 2025:** Declared by **UAE** (Slogan: "Hand in Hand").

STATE UPDATES

State/UT	News/Initiative	Details
Uttar Pradesh	Maha Kumbh 2025	Kumbhvan FM (103.5 MHz) launched. 'One Plate, One Bag' initiative for plastic-free Kumbh. World's First Mahamrityunjaya Yantra (52ft) inaugurated in Prayagraj.
Odisha	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	Hosted the 18th convention in Bhubaneshwar. Chief Guest: Christine Carla Kangaloo (President, Trinidad & Tobago). Scheme: Shahid Madho Singh Haath Kharcha Scheme (for ST student dropouts).
Tamil Nadu	Jallikattu	Season began in Thatchankurichi. CM MK Stalin announced \$1M prize for deciphering Indus Valley script. India's first Glass Over Bridge inaugurated in Kanya Kumari.
Madhya Pradesh	PARTH Yojana	To prepare youth for Army/Police recruitment. Indore became one of India's first Global Wetland Cities (along with Udaipur).

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Jammu & Kashmir	Digital Tree Aadhar	Geo-tagged IDs for Chinar trees.
Tripura	Bhashini MoU	First NE state to sign MoU for AI translation in governance.
Chhattisgarh	Green GDP	First state to adopt Green GDP model.
Telangana	Welfare Schemes	Rythu Bharosa (Farmer aid), Indiramma Aathmeeya Bharosa (Landless labor aid), Indiramma Indlu (Housing).
Jharkhand	Maiya Samman	Financial assistance scheme for women.
Goa	Bima Sakhi Yojana	Training women as LIC agents.
Himachal Pradesh	Boda Tyohar	Largest Hatti tribe celebration in Trans-Giri region.
Manipur	Gaan-Ngai 2025	Zeliangrong community festival.
Haryana	Samman Sanjeevani	Sanitary napkins for BPL women/girls (10-45 yrs).
Gujarat	Biodiversity Hotspot	Designated ' Inland Mangrove Guneri ' as a hotspot.
Andaman & Nicobar	GI Tags	7 Products: Virgin Coconut Oil, Nicobari Mat, Nicobari Hut, Padauk furniture, Karen Musley rice, Nicobari Hodi craft, Nicobari Tavi-i-Ngaich.

DEFENCE

- **Year of Reforms:** Ministry of Defence declared **2025** as the **Year of Reforms**.
- **New Ships Commissioned:** PM Modi dedicated 3 frontline naval stealth frigates/destroyers at Mumbai:
 1. **INS Surat:** Last Project 15B Destroyer (Visakhapatnam class).
 2. **INS Nilgiri:** 1st Project 17A Stealth Frigate.
 3. **INS Vagsheer:** 6th Project 75 Submarine (Kalvari class).
- **Other Inductions:**
 - **INS Utkarsh:** 2nd Multi-Purpose Vessel (Built by L&T).
- **Missile Tests:**
 - **Nag Mk 2:** Anti-Tank Guided Missile (4km range) tested at Pokhran.
 - **Bhargavastra:** India's 1st Indigenous micro-missile system (Anti-swarm drone).
- **Exercises:**
 - **Ex. Devil Strike:** Army Airborne troops + Air Force (Jan 16-19).
 - **Ex. Surya Kiran:** India & Nepal (18th Edition, Saljhandi).
 - **La Perouse 2025:** Multinational Naval Ex (INS Mumbai participated).

SPORTS

Cricket

- **ICC Awards 2024:**
 - **Men's Cricketer (Sobers Trophy) & Test Cricketer:** Jasprit Bumrah (India).
 - **ODI Cricketer:** Azmatullah Omarzai (Afghanistan).
 - **T20I Cricketer:** Arshdeep Singh (India).
 - **Women's Cricketer (Rachael Heyhoe Flint) & T20I:** Amelia Kerr (NZ).
 - **Women's ODI:** Smriti Mandhana (India).
- **Smriti Mandhana:** Fastest Women's ODI Century (70 balls vs Ireland). First Indian woman to score 10 ODI tons.
- **Vijay Hazare Trophy 2024-25:** **Karnataka** (5th title) def. Vidarbha.
- **ICC Women's Championship Trophy (2022-25):** **Australia** won (3rd time).

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- **Records:** Steve Smith joined 10,000 Test run club. Dinesh Karthik became top T20 wicket-keeper run-scorer.

Tennis: Australian Open 2025

- **Men's Singles:** Jannik Sinner (Italy) def. Alexander Zverev.
- **Women's Singles:** Madison Keys (USA) def. Aryna Sabalenka.
- **Doubles:** Harri Heliovaara/Henry Patten (Men's); Katerina Siniakova/Taylor Townsend (Women's); Olivia Gadecki/John Peers (Mixed).

Other Sports

- **Kho-Kho World Cup 2025:** Held in New Delhi. **India** won both Men's and Women's titles (Runners-up: Nepal).
- **38th National Games:** Inaugurated in **Dehradun**, Uttarakhand. Mascot: **Mauli** (Monal bird). Torch: **Tejaswini**.
- **Khelo India Winter Games 2025:** Held in Ladakh. Topper: **Ladakh**.
- **Santosh Trophy (Football):** West Bengal def. Kerala.
- **Chess:** Gukesh D won Khel Ratna. GM Iniyian Panneerselvam won Johor Open. World Blitz: Magnus Carlsen & Ian Nepomniachtchi (Men).

National Sports Awards 2024

- **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna:** Gukesh D (Chess), Harmanpreet Singh (Hockey), Praveen Kumar (Para-Athletics), Manu Bhaker (Shooting).
- **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy:** Chandigarh University (Winner).

AWARDS & HONOURS

Padma Awards 2025

- **Total:** 7 Vibhushan, 19 Bhushan, 113 Shri.
- **Padma Vibhushan (7):**
 1. Shri Duvvur Nageshwar Reddy (Medicine)
 2. Justice J.S. Khehar (Public Affairs)
 3. Kumudini Lakhia (Art)
 4. L. Subramaniam (Art)
 5. M.T. Vasudevan Nair (Lit/Edu - Posthumous)
 6. Osamu Suzuki (Trade - Posthumous)
 7. Sharda Sinha (Art - Posthumous)

82nd Golden Globe Awards

- **Best Drama:** *The Brutalist*.
- **Best Musical/Comedy:** *Emilia Perez*.
- **Best Actor (Drama):** Adrien Brody (*The Brutalist*).
- **Best Actress (Drama):** Fernanda Torres (*I'm Still Here*).
- **Best Director:** Brady Corbet (*The Brutalist*).

Other Honours

- **Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2025:** INCOIS (Institutional Category).
- **Lionel Messi:** Chosen for US Presidential Medal of Freedom.
- **Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize:** Urbasi Sinha (Quantum communication).
- **Gangadhar National Award:** Prativa Satpathy (Odia poet).
- **Padmapani Lifetime Achievement:** Sai Paranjpye.
- **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman:** Christine Carla Kangaloo.

REPORTS & RANKINGS

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Report/Index	Publisher	Top Rank	India's Rank
Henley Passport Index 2025	Henley & Partners	Singapore	85th (Source 2 table) / 80th (Source 1 text).
Global Firepower Index 2025	Global Firepower	USA	4th (PwrIdx: 0.1184).
Edelman Trust Barometer	Edelman	China	3rd (Trust in Gov/Biz).
World University Rankings	THE	Oxford	IISc Bengaluru (Top in India, 99th).
Threat Landscape 2024	CloudSEK	USA	2nd globally.
Fiscal Health Index 2025	NITI Aayog	Odisha	-

- **BHARATPOL Portal:** Launched by CBI to connect with INTERPOL.
- **Panchayat Se Parliament 2.0:** Launched by NCW for women's political empowerment.

OBITUARIES

- **Dr. R. Chidambaram:** Integral to India's nuclear program (Pokhran-I & II).
- **K.S. Manilal:** Botanist (*Hortus Malabaricus* translator).
- **Pritish Nandy:** Journalist/Filmmaker.
- **P. Jayachandran:** "Bhava Gayakan" (Singer).
- **David Lynch:** Hollywood Director (*Twin Peaks*).
- **Denis Law:** Scottish Footballer ("The Lawman").
- **Tomiko Itooka:** World's Oldest Person (Japan).
- **Shri Raj Manchanda:** Squash Champion.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- *Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Through The Ages:* ICHR.
- *Parliament: Powers, Functions & Privileges:* Dr. KS Chauhan.
- *The World After Gaza:* Pankaj Mishra.
- *Soumitra Chatterjee: The Legacy of Apu and Beyond:* Sanghamitra Chakraborty.

IMPORTANT DAYS (JANUARY 2025)

- **Jan 4:** World Braille Day.
- **Jan 9:** Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.
- **Jan 10:** World Hindi Day ("Hindi: A Global Voice...").
- **Jan 12:** National Youth Day.
- **Jan 15:** Indian Army Day.
- **Jan 23:** Parakram Diwas (Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti).
- **Jan 24:** International Day of Education ("AI and education").
- **Jan 25:** National Voter's Day; National Tourism Day.
- **Jan 26:** International Day of Clean Energy; World Leprosy Day (Global).
- **Jan 26: 76th Republic Day** (Theme: *Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas*). Chief Guest: Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto.

FEBRUARY 2025

UNION BUDGET 2025: KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Record Presentation:** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman created a record by presenting her 8th consecutive Union Budget, the highest number of back-to-back presentations by any finance minister in India's history.
- **Theme:** "Sabka Vikas".

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- **Four Engines of Development:** The budget recognizes four pillars—Agriculture, MSME, Investment, and Exports.
- **Income Tax Reforms:**
 - **No income tax** on average monthly income of up to ₹1 lakh.
 - Salaried class to pay **nil income tax** up to ₹12.75 lakh per annum under the new tax regime.
 - The time limit for updated tax returns has been increased from **two to four years**.
 - **TDS on rent** increased from ₹2.4 lakh to ₹6 lakh.
 - Delay in TCS payment has been **decriminalised**.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS & MISSIONS

- **Agriculture:**
 - 'Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana' to cover **100** low agricultural productivity districts, benefitting 1.7 crore farmers.
 - "**Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses**" to be launched with a focus on tur, urad, and masoor.
 - A **Makhana Board** will be established to improve production and marketing of makhana.
- **MSME & Industry:**
 - Credit guarantee cover for MSMEs enhanced significantly from ₹5 crore to ₹10 crore.
 - A **National Manufacturing Mission** covering small, medium, and large industries to further "Make in India".
- **Education & Innovation:**
 - **50,000 Atal Tinkering Labs** to be set up in government schools over the next 5 years.
 - **Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence for Education** established with an outlay of ₹500 crore.
 - ₹20,000 crore allocated for private sector-driven R&D and innovation.
 - **Gyan Bharatam Mission** launched to survey and conserve over **one crore manuscripts**.
- **Urban & Infrastructure:**
 - ₹1 lakh crore **Urban Challenge Fund** launched for 'cities as growth hubs'.
 - **PM SVANidhi:** Enhanced loans and UPI-linked credit cards with a ₹30,000 limit.
 - **Modified UDAN scheme** to connect **120 new destinations**.
 - **SWAMIH Fund:** ₹15,000 crore established to complete another 1 lakh stressed housing units.
- **Energy & Sustainability:**
 - **Nuclear Energy Mission:** ₹20,000 crore outlay for R&D of small modular reactors.
 - **Battery Production:** Capital goods for EV and mobile battery manufacturing are **exempted** from customs duty.

Customs Duty Changes (BCD)

- **Exempted:** 36 lifesaving drugs (cancer, rare diseases), raw materials for ship building (for 10 years), and parts of open cells.
- **Reduced:** Frozen fish paste (30% to 5%) and fish hydrolysate (15% to 5%).
- **Increased:** BCD on IFPD raised to **20%**.

Legal Reforms

- **Jan Vishwas Bill 2.0:** To be introduced to decriminalise over **100 provisions** in various laws.
- **FDI Limit:** Enhanced for **insurance** from **74% to 100%**.

APPOINTMENTS

National Appointments

- **Chief Election Commissioner of India:** Shri Gyanesh Kumar 26th Chief Election Commissioner of India on 19th February 2025.
- **Election Commissioner of India:** Vivek Joshi.
- **Chairperson (SEBI):** Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey (Former Revenue Secretary; effective 28 Feb 2025).
- **DG (BIS):** IPS Rajesh Nirwan.

IYACHAMY ACADEMY

- President (ICAI): CA. Charanjot Singh Nanda.
- Vice President (ICAI): CA. Prasanna Kumar D.
- Chief Minister (New Delhi): Smt Rekha Gupta (After assembly elections concluded on Feb 5).
- Speaker (Delhi Assembly): Vijender Gupta.
- Governor (RBI - Mentioned in context): Shaktikanta Das.

International Appointments

- Prime Minister (Belgium): Bart De Wever.
- Interim President (Romania): Ilie Bolojan.
- Prime Minister (Vanuatu): Jotham Napat.
- Chancellor (Germany): Friedrich Merz.
- Director of National Intelligence (US): Tulsi Gabbard (First Hindu to lead the US intelligence community).

NATIONAL NEWS

Science, Space & Technology

- CE20 Cryogenic Engine Ignition:
 - Tested by: ISRO at the High Altitude Test Facility (**Mahendragiri, TN**).
 - Purpose: Powers the upper stage of **LVM3**; essential for the **Gaganyaan mission**.
- Hyperspectral Satellite Constellation: India's first private constellation launched.
- India's 1st AI University: To be established in **Maharashtra**; task force chaired by **Parrag Jain Nainutala**.
- India's Deep-Ocean Submersible:
 - Status: Completed wet testing (4th generation submersible).
 - Developers: NIOT under the **Ministry of Earth Sciences**.
- Google's Largest Campus: Named **Ananta**, located in **Mahadevapura, Bengaluru**.
- Biomedical Waste Plant:
 - Name: **Srjanam** (India's first Indigenous Automated Biomedical Waste Treatment Plant).
 - Developed by: CSIR-NIIST.
 - Location: AIIMS, New Delhi.

ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE

- India's 1st White Tiger Breeding Centre:
 - Location: **Govindgarh** (Rewa, MP).
 - Context: The first white tiger, "Mohan," was found here in 1951.
- India's 1st Wildlife Biobank:
 - Location: **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park** (Darjeeling, WB).
 - Partner: CCMB (Ministry of Science and Technology).
 - Purpose: Store genetic materials (DNA, tissues) of endangered species.
- Bengal Leads in Bird Count: West Bengal recorded the highest number of species for the 3rd consecutive year in the **Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)**.

INDUSTRY & CULTURE

- Green Ammonia: India's largest plant to be in **Gopalpur (Odisha)**, developed by **Avaada Group** and **Casale**.
- GI-Tagged Rice: New **HS Codes** introduced to streamline exports of Red Rice, Black Rice, and Kalanamak Rice.
- BHARAT TEX 2025: Large global textile event to showcase India's textile industry.
- Aadi Mahotsav: National Tribal Festival organized by the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**.
- Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0: Hosted in **Varanasi**, organized by the **Ministry of Education**.
- Open-Air Art Wall Museum: India's first, unveiled by **Madhya Pradesh**.
- Safai Karamchari Commission: Tenure extended to ensure welfare of sanitation workers (Chairperson: **M. Venkatesan**).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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- **Disease Elimination:** Niger became the first African nation to eliminate **Onchocerciasis** (River Blindness), declared by WHO.
- **Space Milestones:**
 - **Sunita Williams:** Set the record for the **longest spacewalking time by a woman** (ranks 4th on NASA's all-time list).
 - **Chang-e Mission (China):** Targeting the Moon's south pole for water; joined by **Pakistan's SUPARCO**.
 - **First Disabled Astronaut:** ESA approved **John McFall** (Former Paralympian) for an ISS mission.
 - **Lunar Trailblazer:** NASA mission launched via SpaceX Falcon 9 to map lunar water.
- **Geopolitics:**
 - **ECOWAS Withdrawal:** **Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso** withdrew from the Economic Community of West African States.
 - **Panama & BRI:** Panama withdrew from China's **Belt and Road Initiative** to reaffirm sovereignty over the Panama Canal.
 - **Operation Devil Hunt:** **Bangladesh** targets loyalists of former PM Sheikh Hasina to restore peace (Interim govt led by **Muhammad Yunus**).
 - **IBCA:** The **International Big Cat Alliance** (HQ: India) officially came into force as a treaty-based organization.
- **Summits:**
 - **BIMSTEC Youth Summit 2025:** Held in **Gandhinagar**, India. Theme: "Youth as a Bridge for Intra-BIMSTEC Exchange".
 - **AI Action Summit:** Week-long summit in **Paris**, co-chaired by Emmanuel Macron and Narendra Modi.
 - **World Government Summit 2025:** Hosted in **Dubai**; Theme: "Shaping Future Governments".
- **Miscellaneous:**
 - **Mrs World 2025:** **Tshego Gaelae** (South Africa) became the first Black woman to win (Held in Las Vegas).
 - **Legal Personhood:** New Zealand declared **Mount Taranaki** as a legal person.
 - **Largest Structure:** **Quipu**, a large-scale structure in the universe identified using CLASSIX data.
 - **Blue Visa:** UAE launched a 10-year visa for environmental contributors.

STATE

State	Initiative/Event	Details
Gujarat	Biodiversity Heritage Site	Guneri became the state's first BHS (Inland Mangrove location).
Andhra Pradesh	Mana Mitra App	World's first state to introduce governance via WhatsApp (with Meta).
Assam	Jhumur Festival	World's largest Jhumur dance performance aimed for a Guinness Record.
West Bengal	Nodi Bandhan	To prevent Ganga-Padma erosion; includes Ghatal Masterplan for flood prevention.
Madhya Pradesh	GCC Policy	India's First Global Capability Centre Policy to attract MNCs. Datia Airport approved as the state's 8th airport.
Haryana	Witness Protection Scheme 2025	Categorizes witnesses into three threat levels.
Telangana	Telugu Compulsory	Made mandatory for Class 9 across all boards (CBSE, ICSE, etc.).
Odisha & MP	Surajkund Crafts Mela	Theme states for the 2025 Mela in Faridabad.

DEFENCE

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- **Exercises:**
 - **Dharma Guardian 2025:** India & Japan (Joint Military) at East Fuji, Japan.
 - **CYCLONE:** India & Egypt (Special Forces) at Mahajan Ranges, Rajasthan (3rd Edition).
 - **Ekuverin:** India & Maldives (13th Edition) at Maafilaafushi, Maldives.
 - **Winged Raider:** Indian Army & Air Force (Eastern Command).
 - **Sagar Kavach:** Coastal security exercise by Indian Coast Guard (West Bengal, CISF, Customs involved).
 - **TROPEX:** Largest Indian Navy exercise in the Indian Ocean Region.
- **Deals & Developments:**
 - **Philippines Deal:** \$200 Million deal for Akash surface-to-air missile systems.
 - **NASM-SR:** Successful test of Naval Anti-Ship Missile Short Range (Range: ~55km) at Chandipur.
 - **VSHORADS:** Successful trials of the 4th Gen MANPADS by DRDO.
 - **New Barge:** LSAM 11 (Yard 79), the eighth Missile Cum Ammunition Barge, launched by SECON Engineering.
- **Renaming:** Fort William (Kolkata) renamed to Vijay Durg by the Indian Army.
- **Event:** Aero India 2025 held at Yelahanka, Bengaluru (Feb 10-14).

SCHEMES & PORTALS

- **PM-JANMAN Package:** Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan.
- **Bima Trinity:** Launched by IRDAI to make insurance affordable and accessible.
- **NAKSHA:** Under Ministry of Rural Development for modernizing urban land surveys.
- **SwaRail SuperApp:** Ministry of Railways app consolidating services with Single Sign-On.
- **MY NREGA App:** Launched by Barmer District to streamline MNREGA employment requests.
- **Haj Suvidha App:** Ministry of Minority Affairs app for pilgrim support.

SPORTS

Cricket

- **U19 Women's T20 World Cup:**
 - **Winner:** India (Defeated South Africa in finals).
 - **Host:** Malaysia.
 - **Player of Tournament:** Gongadi Trisha.
- **Virat Kohli:** Fastest to 14,000 ODI runs (287 innings), breaking Sachin Tendulkar's record.
- **Retirement:** Wriddhiman Saha retired from all forms of cricket.
- **Ambassador:** Shikhar Dhawan named ambassador for ICC Champions Trophy 2025 (Pakistan & UAE).
- **Oldest Debutant:** Varun Chakravarthy became India's 2nd oldest ODI debutant (33 yrs 164 days).
- **WPL:** G Kamalini became the youngest debutant (Mumbai Indians).

Other Sports

- **Chess:** R. Praggnanandhaa won Tata Steel Chessmasters 2025 (Netherlands), defeating World Champion D. Gukesh.
- **Tennis:** Kyrian Jacquet (France) won the Chennai Open 2025.
- **National Games:**
 - **38th Edition:** Uttarakhand (Mascot: Mauli). Top: Services (121 medals).
 - **39th Edition:** To be held in Meghalaya.
- **Badminton:** Indonesia won the Asia Mixed Team Championship (China).
- **Asian Winter Games 2025:** Host: China. Top: China. India: 0 medals.
- **Snooker:** Pankaj Advani won the Asian Snooker Championship (Qatar).
- **Squash:** Sourav Ghosal won the Octane Sydney Classic.
- **Shooting:** Manu Bhaker named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2024.
- **Archery:** India topped the Para Archery Asia Cup (Thailand) with 12 medals.

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- **Athletics:** Jacob Kiplimo (Uganda) set a new Half-Marathon World Record.
- **Esports:** Inaugural Olympic Esports Games to be in UAE (2027).

AWARDS

- **Grammy Awards 2025 (67th):**
 - **Chandrika Tandon** (Indian-American) won for album *Triveni* (Best New Age/Ambient Album).
 - **Album of Year:** Beyoncé (*Cowboy Carter*).
 - **Song of Year:** Kendrick Lamar (*Not Like Us*).
- **BAFTA Awards (78th):**
 - **Best Film:** *Conclave*.
 - **Best Director:** Brady Corbet (*The Brutalist*).
 - **Best Actor:** Adrien Brody (*The Brutalist*).
 - **Best Actress:** Mikey Madison (*Anora*).
- **BCCI Awards 2025:**
 - **Lifetime Achievement:** Sachin Tendulkar.
 - **Polly Umrigar (Men):** Jasprit Bumrah.
 - **Polly Umrigar (Women):** Smriti Mandhana.
 - **Special Award:** Ravichandran Ashwin.
- **Honours:**
 - **Honorary Knighthood (UK):** Sunil Bharti Mittal and Natarajan Chandrasekaran.
 - **Sahitya Akademi 2024 (Dogri):** Late Chaman Arora for *Ik Hor Ashwthama*.
 - **Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar:** Mopa Airport (Goa).
 - **TIME's Women of the Year:** Purnima Devi Barman.
 - **SKOCH Award:** Nagaland Forest Management Project.
 - **Dhanwantari Ayurveda:** Vaidya Tara Chand Sharma, Maya Ram Uniyal, Sameer Govind Jamadagni.
 - **Sportstar Aces:** PR Sreejesh (Male), Manu Bhaker (Female).

REPORTS & RANKINGS

- **Top 10 Powerful Countries (Forbes):**
 - **Top:** USA.
 - **India:** 12th (GDP \$4.27 Trillion).
- **Asia's Richest Families (Bloomberg):** Top: **Mukesh Ambani** (Net worth \$86.1 Billion).
- **Extreme Weather (Greenwatch):** India is the **6th most affected country** (1993–2022).
- **Local Governance Index (IIPA):** Top State: **Karnataka**.
- **Women Billionaires:** 13.3% of global billionaires are women. **Alice Walton** is top.

OBITUARIES

- **Navin Chawla:** Former CEC of India -16th Chief Election Commissioner of India
- **Sam Nujoma:** First President of Namibia ("Father of the Namibian Nation").
- **Mayadhar Raut:** "Father of Odissi Dance".
- **Acharya Satyendra Das:** Chief Priest of Ram Janmabhoomi Temple.
- **Aga Khan:** Spiritual leader of Ismaili Muslims.
- **Brian Murphy:** British Actor (*Man About the House*).
- **Greg Bell:** USA Olympic Gold Medalist (1956).
- **Agnes Keleti:** Oldest living Olympic medalist (Gymnastics, Hungary).
- **C Krishnaveni:** Veteran Telugu actor.
- **Pratul Mukhopadhyay:** Bengali Vocalist (*Ami Banglar Gaan Ga*).
- **Sukri Bommagowda:** Folk singer of Karnataka (Padma Shri).

IYACHAMY ACADEMY

- **Prabhakar Korekar:** Classical Vocalist.
- **Milind Rege:** Former Mumbai cricket captain.

IMPORTANT BOOKS

- *Indian Renaissance: The Modi Decade* by Dr. Aishwarya Pandit.
- *I Am?* by Gopichand P. Hinduja (Anthology).
- *I Am a Soldier's Wife* by Geetika Lidder (Biography of Brigadier LS Lidder).
- *The New Icon: Savarkar and the Facts* by Arun Shourie.
- *Life on Mars: Collected Stories* by Namita Gokhale.

IMPORTANT DAYS IN FEBRUARY

- **02 Feb:** World Wetlands Day (*Protecting Wetlands for our Common Future*).
- **04 Feb:** World Cancer Day (*United by Unique*).
- **06 Feb:** Int. Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM (*Step Up the Pace*).
- **10 Feb:** World Pulses Day (*Pulses: Bringing Diversity...*); National Deworming Day.
- **11 Feb:** Int. Day of Women & Girls in Science (*Unpacking STEM careers*); Safer Internet Day (*Together for a better internet*).
- **13 Feb:** World Radio Day (*Radio and Climate Change*).
- **20 Feb:** World Day of Social Justice (*Strengthening a Just Transition...*).
- **21 Feb:** Int. Mother Language Day (*Silver Jubilee Celebration*).
- **24 Feb:** Central Excise Day.
- **28 Feb:** National Science Day (*Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership...*).
- **29 Feb (Last Day):** Rare Disease Day.

MARCH 2025

APPOINTMENTS

National Appointments:

- **Dr. Mayank Sharma:** Appointed as the new Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA).
- **Ajay Seth:** Taking charge as India's New Finance Secretary.
- **Justice Joymalya Bagchi:** Appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- **Justice Harish Tandon:** Appointed as the Chief Justice of Orissa High Court.
- **Anju Rathi Rana:** Appointed as the first female to hold a specific high-ranking post (context implies significant legal or administrative role).
- **Ayushmann Khurrana:** Designated as the Fit India Icon.
- **CS Setty:** Appointed as the Chairman of the Indian Banks Association (IBA).

International Appointments:

- **Yamandú Orsi:** New President of Uruguay.
- **Shammi Silva:** Appointed as President of the Asian Cricket Council.
- **Mark Carney:** Leader of the Canada Liberal Party and elected as the 24th Prime Minister of Canada, succeeding Justin Trudeau.
- **Stuart Young:** Appointed as Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.
- **Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah:** Elected as the First Female President of Namibia.
- **Kirsty Coventry:** Elected as the President of the International Olympic Committee.
 - *Did you know?* She is the 1st female and African President of the IOC.
- **Prabowo Subianto:** Serving as the Current President of the New Development Bank (NDB).

NATIONAL NEWS

SPACE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Aditya L1 Milestone:** India's first solar mission captured the first-ever image of a solar flare 'kernel' in the lower solar atmosphere, crucial for understanding solar activity.,
- **Chandrayaan-5 Approved:**
 - **Aim:** Advanced study of the Moon's surface.
 - **Collaboration:** ISRO and Japan's JAXA.
 - **Key Upgrade:** It will deploy a heavy 250 kg rover, unlike the 25 kg rover 'Pragyan' used in Chandrayaan-3.
- **Indigenous Microprocessors:** ISRO developed high-speed microprocessors for space missions:
 - **Vikram 3201:** India's first fully indigenous 32-bit microprocessor qualified for space.
 - **Kalpana 3201:** A 32-bit SPARC V8 RISC microprocessor.

Infrastructure & Transport

- **Navratna Status:** Four Railway PSUs were upgraded, bringing the total Railway PSUs with this status to **07**.
The new additions are:
 - IRCTC (Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation).
 - IRFC (Indian Railway Finance Corporation).
 - *Criteria:* Must be a Miniratna-I and have an "Excellent/Very Good" MoU rating in 3 of the last 5 years.
- **Aviation Growth:** IndiGo Airlines is now the world's **2nd fastest-growing airline** by seat capacity (10.1% growth), just behind Qatar Airways, per the OAG report.
- **Freight Milestone:** East Coast Railway (ECoR), headquartered in Bhubaneswar, became the first zone to achieve **250 MT** of freight loading for the second consecutive year.

ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE

- **River Dolphin Survey:** The first survey (2021-2023) recorded **6327 dolphins** across 8507 km of the Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Beas rivers. **Uttar Pradesh** holds the highest population.
- **New Tiger Reserve:** Madhav National Park (Shivpuri, MP) is declared India's **58th Tiger Reserve**. MP is known as the 'Tiger State' with **09 reserves**.
- **Wildlife Cryogenic Bank:** India's 1st zoological park to store wildlife DNA samples (via liquid nitrogen) is the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in Darjeeling, West Bengal.
- **Vantara:** A large-scale animal rescue and conservation centre established by Reliance Industries was inaugurated by PM Modi in **Jamnagar, Gujarat**.

HERITAGE & CULTURE

- **UNESCO Tentative List:** Six new properties were added, bringing India's tentative list to **62** (Total World Heritage Sites: 43). New additions include:
 - Kanger Valley National Park (Chhattisgarh).
 - Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs (Telangana).
 - Ashokan Edict Sites.
 - Chausath Yogini Temples.
 - Gupta Temples of North India.
 - Palace-Fortresses of the Bundelas (MP & UP).
- **Shivaji Temple:** The first-ever temple dedicated to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was built in **Bhiwandi, Maharashtra**.
- **World Peace Center:** Established in **Gurugram, Haryana** by Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti under Jain Acharya Lokesh.

ECONOMY & GOVERNANCE

IYACHAMY ACADEMY

- **Anti-Dumping Duty:** Imposed on specific Chinese products to protect domestic industries. Products include Soft Ferrite Cores, Vacuum insulated flasks, Trichloro Isocyanuric Acid, PVC Paste Resin, and Aluminium foil.,
- **Milk Production:** India remains the largest milk producer globally (239 MMT), contributing 24% of global production. The target is 300 MMT in the next five years.
- **Coal Production:** India achieved a milestone of 1 billion tonnes of annual coal production on 20 March 2025.
- **Global Honours for PM:**
 - **Barbados:** Conferred the Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados.
 - **Mauritius:** Conferred the Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Space Exploration (NASA):**
 - **SPHEREx Telescope:** Launched via SpaceX Falcon 9 to create the most detailed map of the universe using infrared spectroscopy (96 bands).
 - **IM-2 Mission:** Targets the lunar south pole's Mons Mouton to explore mining water ice and establish the first 4G/LTE network on the Moon.
 - **Starliner Saga:** After a launch in June 2024 and leaks, the crew (Suni Williams, Butch Wilmore) returned on 18 March 2025 via the **SpaceX Crew-9 mission** (Dragon spacecraft), splashing down in the Gulf of Mexico.,
 - **Record:** Sunita Williams set the record for the longest spacewalk by a woman (62 hours, 6 mins).
- **Armenia-Azerbaijan Treaty:** A peace treaty ended four decades of conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region.,
- **Science Breakthrough:** Scientists from Italy created the world's first 'Supersolid' from light—a state behaving as both a solid and a superfluid.
- **New Development Bank (NDB): Indonesia** joined as a new member to boost its economic transformation.
- **Diplomacy:**
 - **LIBA:** Lanka India Business Association launched to foster trade between India and Sri Lanka.
 - **India-Singapore:** Signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) for maritime digitalisation and decarbonization.
- **US Official Language:** The United States declared **English** as its official language to bring unity.

STATE

State	Initiative / News	Key Details
Assam	ASSAMSAT	1st Indian state to launch its own satellite for border security and data, developed with IN-SPACe & ISRO.
Punjab	Project Hifazat	Integrated 24x7 helpline and rescue vehicles for women and children assistance.
Tamil Nadu	Language Debate	The government substituted the Indian Rupee symbol in its 2025 budget to resist Hindi enforcement and promote Tamil.
Telangana	Rajiv Yuva Vikasam	Scheme to create self-employment for 5 lakh youth with subsidies for setting up units.
Meghalaya	Scientific Mining	Started the first scientific coal mining block at Saryngkham-A, shifting away from the banned rat-hole mining.
Kerala	Senior Citizens Commission	First state to establish a commission with judicial powers to safeguard elderly rights (Forecast: 22.8% of Kerala will be elderly by 2036),.
Madhya Pradesh	Waste Processing	A plant in Indore to convert green waste into resources.

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Mizoram	Flower Export	Exported Anthurium flowers to Singapore for the first time.
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SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

- **C-DOT Initiative:** Launched to support startups in 5G/6G, AI, and Quantum Technologies.
- **Samarth Program:** Launched by the Ministry of Education to preserve Indian rhymes and poems, compiling a collection called "Baalpan ki Kavita",.

DEFENCE

Exercises:

- **Exercise Desert Hunt 2025:** Triservices Special Forces exercise (Army Para, Navy MARCOS, IAF Garud) at Jodhpur,.
- **Exercise KHANJAR-XII:** 12th edition of the Joint Special Forces exercise between **India & Kyrgyzstan**, held in Kyrgyzstan,.
- **Exercise Indra 2025:** 14th edition of the bilateral naval exercise between **India & Russia**, held in Chennai,.
- **Exercise Sea Dragon 2025:** High-intensity Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise in **Guam (USA)** involving India, Japan, Australia, and South Korea,.
- **Prachand Prahar:** Tri-Service exercise in high-altitude Arunachal Pradesh.
- **INIOCHOS 25:** Multi-national air exercise hosted by **Greece**.
- **Varuna 2025:** Bilateral naval exercise between **India & France**.
- **Exercise Bongosagar 2025:** Naval exercise between **India & Bangladesh** in the Bay of Bengal.

Equipment & Assets:

- **Astra Missile:** Successfully tested from **Tejas AF MK1** at Chandipur. It is a Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air-to-air missile with a range over **100 km**,.
- **INS Tavasya:** A new Frigate launched by Goa Shipyard Limited under **Project 1135.6**.

SPORTS

Cricket:

- **ICC Champions Trophy 2025:**
 - **Winner:** India (3rd title).
 - **Runners-up:** New Zealand.
 - **Host:** Pakistan & UAE.
 - **Player of the Series:** Rachin Ravindra (NZ), who also scored the most runs.
 - **Ambassadors:** Sarfaraz Ahmed, Shane Watson, Shikhar Dhawan, Tim Southee.
 - **Records:** Afghanistan made their debut; Ibrahim Zadran scored 177 (highest individual score).
- **Women's Premier League (WPL) 2025:**
 - **Winner:** Mumbai Indians (2nd title),.
 - **Player of Series:** Nat Sciver-Brunt.
- **Ranji Trophy 2025:** Vidarbha won against Kerala.

Other Sports:

- **Khelo India Winter Games 2025:** Held in Ladakh and J&K. **Indian Army** topped the medal tally with 18 medals,.
- **World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025:** Hosted in **New Delhi** (First time in India). **India** topped with 134 medals,.
- **Kabaddi World Cup 2025:** Hosted in the **UK** (First time outside Asia). **India** won both Men's and Women's titles,.
- **Football:** **Japan** became the first team to qualify for **FIFA 2026** (after hosts).
- **Formula 1:**

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- Australian GP: Won by Lando Norris.
- Chinese GP: Won by Oscar Piastri.
- Khelo India Para Games 2025: 2nd Edition. Mascot: **Ujjwala**. Top state: **Haryana**.
- Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025: Held in **Italy**. India won 33 medals.

AWARDS & HONOURS

Cinema:

- Oscars 2025 (97th Academy Awards):
 - **Best Picture:** *Anora*,
 - **Best Actor:** Adrien Brody (*The Brutalist*).
 - **Best Actress:** Mikey Madison (*Anora*).
 - **Best Director:** Sean Baker (*Anora*).
 - **Best International Feature:** *I'm Still Here* (Brazil).
- IIFA Awards 2025:
 - **Best Picture:** *Laapataa Ladies*.
 - **Best Actor:** Kartik Aaryan (*Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3*).
 - **Best Actress:** Nitanshi Goel (*Laapataa Ladies*).

Literature & Arts:

- Abel Prize 2025 (Maths): **Masaki Kashiwara** (Japan),.
- 59th Jnanpith Award 2025: **Vinod Kumar Shukla** (Hindi Writer). He is the 1st from Chhattisgarh to win this.,.
- Sangita Kalanidhi Award: **R.K. Shriramkumar** (Violinist),.
- Stockholm Water Prize: **Günter Blöschl** (Austrian Hydrologist),.
- Maharashtra Bhushan: **Shri Ram Sutar** (Sculptor of Statue of Unity).

Leadership & Service:

- Icon of Excellence: **Jay Shah** (BCCI).
- Honorary Knight's Cross (Denmark): **Vijay Sankar**.
- Lifetime Achievement (UK): **Chiranjeevi**.
- Ramsar Award: **Jayshree Vencatesan** (First Indian recipient).
- Ramnath Goenka Awards: **Mridulika Jha** (Hindi) and **Jisha Elizabeth** (Regional).

REPORTS, RANKINGS & PORTALS

- World Happiness Report 2024:
 - **Top:** Finland.
 - **India Rank:** 118th (Behind Pakistan at 109 and China at 68),.
- Hurun Global Rich List 2025: **Roshni Nadar** (HCL) is the only Indian woman on the list, ranking 5th.
- World Air Quality Report 2024:
 - **Most Polluted City:** *Bynirhat* (Meghalaya).
 - **Most Polluted Capital:** *New Delhi* (6th consecutive year).
 - **India Rank:** 3rd most polluted country (Bangladesh is 1st).
- The Wealth Report 2025: India ranks 4th in the number of High Net-Worth Individuals (HNWIs). USA is 1st.
- Brand Finance Insurance 100: **LIC** is the world's 3rd strongest insurance brand.
- State of India's Environment 2025: India faced extreme weather on **255 out of 274 days** in the first nine months of the year.
- Portals:
 - **Aadhaar Good Governance Portal:** Launched by MeitY.
 - **AIKosha:** AI platform by MeitY offering datasets and models.

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OBITUARIES

- **Ramakanta Rath:** Odia poet and Padma Bhushan recipient,.
- **Girimella Balakrishna Prasad:** Legendary classical devotional singer,.
- **George Foreman:** American boxing legend and Olympic Gold Medalist,.
- **Dr. Senkalong Yaden:** Naga scientist known as the "Man of Science of the USA".
- **Arvind Singh Mewar:** Chairman of HRH Group and descendant of Maharana Pratap.
- **Padmakar Shivalkar:** Former Mumbai Ranji coach.
- **Syed Abid Ali:** Former Indian medium pace bowler.
- **Boris Spassky:** Russian Chess Grandmaster.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- "Diyasrai": Autobiography of Kailash Satyarthi.
- "March of Glory": By K. Arumugam & Errol D'Cruz (About the 1975 Hockey World Cup).
- "Stumped": Co-authored by Syed Kirmani, Debasish Sengupta, & Dakshesh Pathak (About the 1983 World Cup).
- "Leo: The Untold Story of Chennai Super Kings": By P.S. Raman.

IMPORTANT DAYS IN MARCH

Date	Day	Theme / Note
01 Mar	Zero Discrimination Day	<i>We Stand Together.</i>
01 Mar	World Civil Defence Day	<i>Guarantee of Security for the Population.</i>
03 Mar	World Wildlife Day	<i>Wildlife Conservation Finance.</i>
03 Mar	World Hearing Day	<i>Changing mindsets: Empower Yourself!.</i>
08 Mar	International Women's Day	<i>For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment.</i>
13 Mar	World Kidney Day	<i>Are Your Kidneys OK?.</i>
14 Mar	Int. Day of Action for Rivers	<i>Our Rivers, Our Future.</i>
14 Mar	Int. Day of Mathematics	<i>Mathematics, Art and Creativity.</i>
15 Mar	World Consumer Rights Day	<i>A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles.</i>
20 Mar	World Sparrow Day	-
20 Mar	Int. Day of Happiness	-
21 Mar	World Poetry Day	-
21 Mar	World Down Syndrome Day	-
21 Mar	Int. Day of Forests	<i>Forests and Food.</i>
22 Mar	World Water Day	<i>Glacier Preservation.</i>
23 Mar	World Meteorological Day	<i>Closing the Early Warning Gap Together.</i>
24 Mar	World Tuberculosis Day	<i>Yes! We Can End TB.</i>

APRIL 2025

APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Justice B.R. Gavai:** Appointed as the 52nd Chief Justice of India.
- **Sivasubramanian Ramann:** Appointed as Chairperson of PFRDA.
- **Mohsin Naqvi:** New President of the Asian Cricket Council.
- **Justice Arun Palli:** Appointed Chief Justice of J&K and Ladakh High Court.
- **Mirabai Chanu:** Chairperson of the IWLF Athletes Commission.

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- **Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey:** Appointed as Vice-President of AIIB.
- **Justice Dinesh Maheshwari:** Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission.
- **T. Rabi Sankar:** Deputy Governor of RBI.

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Shirley Botchwey:** The 1st African Woman Secretary General of the Commonwealth.
- **Daniel Noboa:** President of Ecuador.
- **General Brice Oligui Nguema:** President of Gabon.
- **Kamla Persad-Bissessar:** Former PM (2010–2015) elected again as Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.
- **Klaus Schwab:** Founder and Chairman of the World Economic Forum (since 1971), stepped down on **21 April 2025**.

NATIONAL NEWS

Geographical Indication (GI) Tags

- **Tamil Nadu (Total GI Products: 62):**
 - **Kumbakonam Betel Leaf:** Cultivated in Thiruvaiyaru, Papanasam, Thiruvidaimarudur, Kumbakonam, and Rajagiri. Expected to boost exports.,,
 - **Thovalai Flower Garland:** Famous in Kanyakumari, Southern TN and Kerala. Handcrafted using white, red, and green flowers woven like a mat.,
- **Telangana:**
 - **Warangal Chapata Chilli:** Also known as Tomato Chilli. Comes in three variants: Single Patti, Double Patti, and Odalu.,
- **West Bengal (Total GI Products: 33):**
 - **Nolen Gurer Sandesh:** A sweetmeat.
 - **Other New Tags:** White Bonde (Kamarpukur), Chhanabora (Murshidabad), Motichur Laddoo (Bishnupur), Radhunipagal Rice, Nistari Silk Yarn (Malda), and Guavas from Baruipur.,,
- **Uttar Pradesh:**
 - **Banaras Shehnai:** Made from Sheesham and Sagwan wood, with reeds sourced from Dumraon, Bihar. Associated globally with Ustad Bismillah Khan.,
- **Gujarat:**
 - **Saudagari Block Print:** Traditional craft by the Chhipa community in Ahmedabad (Jamalpur). Practiced for 300 years; used for kurtis, chunris, and turbans.,
- **Meghalaya:**
 - **Ryndia Silk and Khasi Handloom.**

LEGISLATIVE REFORMS: THE WAQF (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

- **Objective:** To amend the Waqf Act of 1995 to streamline functioning, improve transparency, and address management challenges.
- **Bills Introduced:**
 1. **Waqf (Amendment) Bill:** Renamed as **Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency, and Development (UMEED) Bill.**
 2. **Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill:** To repeal the Mussalman Wakf Act, 1923.
- **Voting Share:** Passed with 128 votes in favor (Rajya Sabha) and 288 votes in favor (Lok Sabha).

INFRASTRUCTURE MILESTONES

- **New Pamban Bridge (Tamil Nadu):**
 - Inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi.
 - **India's first vertical-lift sea bridge** connecting Rameswaram Island to Mandapam.
 - **Built by:** Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL),
 - **Specs:** 2.07 km long; Navigational span of 72.5m which lifts 17m high.,
 - **History:** Replaces the 1914 bridge which was India's longest sea bridge until 2010.

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- **Vizhinjam International Seaport (Kerala):**
 - India's first semi-automated and truly deep-water international container transshipment port.
 - It is the first greenfield port project initiated by a state government.
- **Mumbai International Cruise Terminal:**
 - India's largest cruise terminal aimed at boosting maritime tourism.
 - **Capacity:** 1 million passengers/year; can handle 5 cruise ships simultaneously.

DEVELOPMENT MISSIONS & SCHEMES

- **One State, One RRB:** Amalgamation of 26 Regional Rural Banks. Post-merger, there will be 28 RRBs covering 700 districts. **Andhra Pradesh** has the highest number of RRBs (43).
- **Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme:** Launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to ensure credible production.
- **National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM):** A framework for self-reliance. GSI tasked with 1,200 exploration projects (2024-31). Includes setting up a Centre of Excellence.
- **Gig Economy:** MoU signed between **Ministry of Labour & Employment** and **Swiggy** to create 12 lakh jobs via the National Career Service (NCS) portal.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (NATIONAL)

- **First Agentic AI Hackathon:** Organized by Techvantage.ai and CrewAI for BFSI solutions.
- **Gene Therapy for Haemophilia:** India's first-in-human trial led by **BRIC-inStem** and **CMC Vellore**.
- **New Unicorn: Juspay** (Bengaluru-based payments infrastructure) became a unicorn after a \$60M Series D funding.

SECURITY & HISTORY

- **Pahalgam Terror Attack:** A deadly attack occurred in **Baisaran, Pahalgam** (J&K) on 22 April 2025, killing over 26 tourists. Kashmir Valley observed a shutdown for the first time in 35 years.,
- **Satellite Anniversary:** Commemorated India's first satellite **Aryabhata** (Launched April 19, 1975, via Soviet Kosmos-3M rocket).
- **Simlipal National Park (Odisha):** Officially granted **National Park status**. It was a wildlife sanctuary (1973) and critical tiger habitat (2007).

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

India-Pakistan Relations: Major Escalation

Following tensions, Pakistan announced severe retaliatory steps,:

1. **Suspension of Indus Waters Treaty (1960).**
2. **Suspension of Simla Agreement (1972).**
3. **Border Closure:** Wagah Border and Integrated Check Post Attari closed immediately.
4. **Diplomatic Downgrade:** Defence/Military/Naval advisors in the Indian High Commission in New Delhi declared **Persona Non-Grata**. High Commission strength reduced to 30.
5. **Travel & Trade:** Suspension of SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES), closure of airspace to Indian airlines, and suspension of all trade/bilateral agreements.

SPACE EXPLORATION

- **Fram2 Mission: First humans to travel over Earth's poles.** Launched by SpaceX (Falcon 9). Commander: Chun Wang (China). Includes the first X-ray taken in space.,
- **All-Female Spaceflight:** Launched from Van Horn, Texas. Crew included Katy Perry, Gayle King, Lauren Sánchez. First female-only flight since 1963.,
- **Newest Artemis Signatory: Bangladesh** became the 54th country (and 27th signatory) to sign the Artemis Accords.

GLOBAL SUMMITS & ALLIANCES

- **6th BIMSTEC Summit:** Hosted by **Thailand**. Theme: "*BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open.*" Bangladesh takes over chairmanship for the next 2 years.

IYACHAMY ACADEMY

- **Global Technology Summit (GTS) 2025:** Hosted by **India** (9th Edition). Theme: "*Sambhavna*" (Possibilities).
- **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA):** India signed an agreement to host the IBCA Headquarters. The alliance focuses on 7 big cats.
- **International Solar Alliance (ISA):** **Mauritius** became the first African country (4th overall) to sign the ISA Country Partnership Framework.
- **UN ISAR:** India elected to the UN Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (2025–2027).

OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Saudi Arabia Visa Ban:** Temporarily suspended visas (Umrah, Business, Family) for 14 countries including **India, Pakistan, and Egypt** to regulate Hajj flow,.
- **World's First 3D-Printed Train Station:** **Hatsushima Station** built in Japan by JR West.
- **UNESCO Memory of the World:** **Shrimad Bhagavad Gita** and **Natyashastra** manuscripts added to the register. India now has 14 entries,.
- **Global Geoparks:** UNESCO designated 16 new parks. Total: 229. India currently has **zero**.

STATES AND UTS

- **Assam:** Launched **Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan**, the largest initiative to empower 30 lakh women entrepreneurs.
- **Haryana:**
 - Declared **Mitathal** (Coins of Samudra Gupta found here) and **Tighrana** (Chalcolithic site) in Bhiwani as Protected Archaeological Monuments,.
- **New Delhi:** Became the 35th State/UT to implement **AB-PMJAY** (Ayushman Bharat).
- **Kerala & Tamil Nadu:** United for the **Nilgiri Tahr Census 2025** to mark the 50th anniversary of Eravikulam National Park.
- **Madhya Pradesh:**
 - Inaugurated a **New Wildlife Sanctuary** in **Sagar District**.
 - Named a sanctuary after **Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar**.
- **Telangana:** Implemented **SC Sub-Categorisation** via the *Telangana Scheduled Castes (Rationalization of Reservations) Act, 2025*, dividing 59 sub-castes into 3 groups.
- **Meghalaya:** Won two **UIDAI Awards** for biometric updates (children) and adult verification.
- **West Bengal:** Inaugurated a **New Jagannath Temple** in Digha.
- **Uttar Pradesh:** Launched **Zero Poverty Scheme** to provide basic amenities to underprivileged families.
- **Maharashtra:** **DPS Flamingo Lake** declared a Conservation Reserve (first wetland connected to Thane Creek to get this status).
- **Telangana:** Passed **Bhu Bharati Act, 2025** to address grievances from the earlier Dharani portal.

DEFENCE

- **DUSTLIK-VI:** India & **Uzbekistan** (6th Edition) at Foreign Training Node, Pune,.
- **Desert Flag-10:** Multinational air combat exercise hosted by **UAE** (Al Dhafra Air Base) involving India, USA, France, etc.,.
- **Tiger TRIUMPH 2025:** India & **USA** Tri-Service HADR exercise at **Visakhapatnam** (4th Edition),.
- **Aakraman:** IAF drill simulating mountain and ground attacks using Rafale and Su-30MKI.

DEVELOPMENT & TESTS

- **Semicryogenic Engine:** Successful hot testing by **DRDO** at Mahendragiri.
- **MRSAM:** Successful testing of Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile by DRDO & Israel Aerospace Industries at Odisha.
- **Gaurav LRGB:** Release trials of Long-Range Glide Bomb from Su-30 MKI completed (Range: 100 km),.
- **India-Slovakia MoU:** First defence MoU signed with JCBL Group's unit ADSL.

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- **Hypersonic Submarine:** Russia launched **Perm** (Yasen-M class), the first nuclear submarine equipped with the **Zircon** hypersonic cruise missile (Mach 8 speed).

SPORTS

Cricket

- **Wisden 2025 Honours:**
 - Leading Men's Cricketer: **Jasprit Bumrah** (India),.
 - Leading Women's Cricketer: **Smriti Mandhana** (India),.
- **IPL Record:** **Vaibhav Suryavanshi** (14 years, Rajasthan Royals) smashed the second-fastest century (35 balls). Chris Gayle holds the fastest record.

Football

- **Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25:** Won by **Mohun Bagan Super Giant** (defeating Bengaluru FC). They achieved a season double (Title + League Shield),.

Tennis

- **Miami Open 2025:** Won by **Aryna Sabalenka** (Belarus).
- **Monte Carlo Masters:** Won by **Carlos Alcaraz**.

Formula 1

- **Winners:** Max Verstappen (Japan), Francesco Bagnaia (Americas - *Note: This is MotoGP but listed under GP triumphs in text*), Oscar Piastri (Bahrain & Saudi Arabia).

Other Sports

- **Laureus Sports Awards 2025:**
 - Sportsman: **Mondo Duplantis** (Sweden).
 - Sportswoman: **Simone Biles** (USA).
 - Team: **Real Madrid**.
 - Breakthrough: **Lamine Yamal**,.
- **Archery World Cup 2025:** India's Recurve Men's team (Dhiraj BommaDevara, Atanu Das, Tarundeep Rai) won Silver in Florida.
- **ISSF World Cup 2025:** India ranked 2nd overall (8 medals). Gold winners included **Sift Kaur Samra** and **Rudranksh Patil**.
- **Asian Wrestling Championship:** India won 10 medals. No Golds listed, only Silvers (e.g., Udit, Radhika) and Bronzes. (*Correction: Text lists Manisha Bhanwala as Silver, text formatting is tricky here, carefully extracted: Manisha Bhanwala - Silver*).
- **Boxing:** Hitesh Gulia became the first Indian boxer to win Gold at the World Boxing Cup (Brazil).
- **Equestrian:** Niharika Singhania won at Azelhof CSI Lier (Belgium).
- **Khelo India Youth Games 2025:** To be hosted by **Bihar** (1st time). Mascot: **Gajasimha**.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- **Breakthrough Prize 2025 ("Oscars of Science"):**
 - *Life Sciences:* Discovery of Weight-loss drugs (Ozempic/Wegovy) and Multiple Sclerosis research.
- **Skytrax World Airport Awards 2025:**
 - World's Best: **Changi Airport** (Singapore).
 - Best in India/S. Asia: **Delhi IGI Airport**.
 - Green Airport (Platinum): **Hubballi Airport** (Karnataka).
- **Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2024:** Kumar Mangalam Birla.
- **Knighthood:** England fast bowler **James Anderson**.
- **French Honour:** Filmmaker **Payal Kapadia** (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters).
- **Gold Mercury Award:** The Dalai Lama for peace and sustainability.
- **City Key of Honour (Lisbon):** Presented to President **Droupadi Murmu**.

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- **Ugadi Award (Andhra Pradesh):** MyNaa Swamy (Historian).
- **National Maritime Varuna Award:** Rajesh Unni.
- **Macau Comedy Festival:** Aamir Khan honored with 'Master Humor Award'.
- **Fiji's Highest Humanitarian Honour:** Madhusudan Sai.
- **Fred Darrington Award:** Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik.

REPORTS AND RANKINGS

- **Network Readiness Index (UNCTAD):** India ranked **36th** out of 170.
 - *Sector Ranks:* R&D (3rd), Industrial Capacity (10th).
- **Digital Threat Report 2024:** Released by MeitY/CERT-In focusing on threats to the BFSI sector.
- **Women and Men in India 2024 (MoSPI):**
 - Female Labour Force Participation rose to **60.1%**.
 - Startups with women directors grew by **800%** (2017-2024).
 - Total Fertility Rate declined to **2.0**.
- **Panchayat Advancement Index:** Top States: **Gujarat & Telangana**. Released by Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- **ACI World Report 2024:** **Delhi IGI Airport** is the **9th busiest** in the world. Atlanta (USA) is 1st.
- **Global Trade Outlook (WTO):** Global merchandise trade to decline by 0.2% in 2025. India ranks **14th** in Merchandise Exports.
- **THE Asia Rankings 2025:** Top: **Tsinghua University** (China). Top Indian: **IISc Bangalore** (38th).

OBITUARIES

- **Pope Francis:** The first Pope from the Americas and first Jesuit Pope passed away on **21 April 2025**.
- **Dr. K. Kasturirangan:** Former ISRO Chairman and NEP 2020 drafting committee chair.
- **Mario Vargas Llosa:** Nobel Laureate in Literature (Peru).
- **Manoj Kumar (Harikishan Giri Goswami):** Legend of Indian Cinema, Dadasaheb Phalke awardee.
- **M.G.S. Narayanan:** Historian and former ICHR Chairman.
- **Shaji N Karun:** Malayalam Filmmaker.
- **Kumudini Lakhia:** Kathak dancer and choreographer.
- **Daripalli Ramaiah:** "Vanajeevi" (Tree lover), Padma Shri recipient.
- **Klaus Schwab:** Founder of WEF (Stepped down/Mentioned in "Persons" section context).

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- **"The India I Saw: A Glimpse into the Life of S. Ambujammal":** By **S. Ambujammal**.
- **"I Am Circular":** Coffee Table Book by **MeitY**.
- **"Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician":** Released by **The National Archives of India**, authored by Arun Singhal & Devendra Kumar Sharma.

IMPORTANT DAYS OF APRIL 2025

- **April 1:** Odisha Day; RBI's 90th Anniversary.
- **April 2:** World Autism Awareness Day (*Theme: Advancing Neurodiversity...*),.
- **April 4:** International Mine Awareness Day (*Theme: Safe Futures Start Here*),.
- **April 5:** National Maritime Day; Samata Diwas.
- **April 6:** International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (*Theme: Levelling the Playing Field*).
- **April 7:** World Health Day (*Theme: Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures*),.
- **April 10:** World Homeopathy Day (*Theme: Homoeopathy for a Healthier Future*).
- **April 11:** National Safe Motherhood Day (*Theme: Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Future*); World Parkinson's Day.

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- **April 12:** International Day of Human Space Flight.
- **April 13:** Jallianwala Bagh Massacre.
- **April 14:** World Chagas Disease Day (*Theme: Prevent, Control, Care*).
- **April 15:** World Art Day (*Theme: Art for Unity and Healing*).
- **April 17:** World Haemophilia Day (*Theme: Access for all*).
- **April 18:** World Heritage Day (*Theme: Heritage under Threat...*),.
- **April 19:** World Liver Day.
- **April 21:** National Civil Service Day; World Creativity and Innovation Day.
- **April 22:** World Earth Day (*Theme: Our Power, Our Planet*),.
- **April 23:** World Book and Copyright Day; UN English Language Day.,
- **April 25:** World Malaria Day (*Theme: Malaria Ends With Us*),.
- **April 26:** World Intellectual Property Day (*Theme: IP and Music*),.
- **April 28:** World Day for Safety and Health at Work.,
- **April 30:** International Jazz Day; Ayushman Bharat Diwas.

MAY 2025

APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **52nd Chief Justice of India:** Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai (Took over following the retirement of Justice Sanjiv Khanna).
- **Executive Chairman (NALSA):** Justice Surya Kant.
- **Chairman (UPSC):** Ajay Kumar.
- **Board Member (UPSC):** Sujata Chaturvedi.
- **Head (National Security Advisory Board):** Alok Joshi.
- **Vice Chief of the Air Staff (IAF):** Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari.
- **Chief of Integrated Staff:** Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit (Took over on April 30, 2025).
- **India's Ambassador to Sweden:** Anurag Bhushan.
- **Chairman (BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry):** Harvansh Chawla.

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Prime Minister (Australia):** Anthony Albanese (Re-elected),.
- **Chancellor (Germany):** Friedrich Merz (Took over from Olaf Scholz on 06 May 2025),.
- **Prime Minister (Singapore):** Lawrence Wong.
- **267th Pope (Head of Catholic Church):** Pope Leo XIV (Born Robert Francis Prevost; First American Pope),.
- **Prime Minister (Trinidad & Tobago):** Kamla Persad-Bissessar.
- **Prime Minister (Sudan):** Kamil Idris.
- **Prime Minister (Yemen):** Salem Bin Braik.

NATIONAL NEWS

SCIENCE, SPACE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Genome-Edited Rice:** India became the **first country** to officially announce genome-edited rice varieties.
 - **DRR Rice 100 (Kamla):** Developed by **ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad** (Based on Samba Mahsuri/BPT 5204),.
 - **Pusa DST Rice 1:** Developed by **ICAR-IARI, New Delhi** (Based on MTU 1010),.
- **Forest Alert System:** **Madhya Pradesh** launched India's first **AI-Powered Real-Time Forest Alert System** using satellite data and mobile reporting to detect encroachment.
- **Semiconductor Hub:** India's first **3nm Semiconductor Design Hub** inaugurated in **Noida & Bengaluru** by **Renesas Electronics India**.

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- **Google Beam:** Unveiled by Google (Project Starline); an AI platform transforming 2D streams into immersive 3D experiences.
- **Polymeric Membrane:** Developed by DMSRDE, Kanpur (DRDO) for high-pressure seawater desalination for the Indian Coast Guard,.
- **Weather Forecasting:** IITM Pune developed the world's highest-resolution system powered by supercomputer Arka, offering a **6 km x 6 km grid** resolution.
- **ISRO Setback:** The **PSLV-C61/EOS-09 mission** failed (101st mission, 63rd flight of PSLV). Launched from Sriharikota, it failed due to a 3rd stage issue.
 - *Goal:* To deploy Earth Observation Satellite (EOS) into Sun Synchronous Polar Orbit (SSPO) for SAR data,.
- **Kodaikanal Solar Observatory:** Department of Posts issued a stamp to mark its **125th anniversary** (Est. 1 April 1899, affiliated with IIA).
- **AI Anchor: Ankita**, India's first AI news anchor in a regional language (**Assamese**), unveiled in Assam.
- **Quantum Tech: Advanced Quantum Technology Research Centre** launched by DRDO in **New Delhi**.
- **WAVES 2025:** India's first World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit inaugurated by PM Modi at **Jio World Centre, Mumbai**.

GOVERNANCE & LEGAL REFORMS

- **Election Commission Reforms:**
 1. **Death Data:** Integration with Registrar General of India to delete deceased voters.
 2. **Voter Information Slips (VIS):** Made more user-friendly to locate polling stations.
 3. **BLO Identity Cards:** Photo IDs for Booth Level Officers to ensure trust.
- **India Justice Report 2025:** Launched by **Tata Trusts** (with CHRI/DAKSH).
 - **Workload:** 20% rise in pending cases (>5 crore). Judges handle **2,200 cases** on average.
 - **Prisons:** 76% of prisoners are undertrials.
 - *Fact:* Only quantitative index relying on government data.
- **Supreme Court Rulings:**
 - **Pension:** All High Court judges (including additional judges) are entitled to **full pension** regardless of appointment timing.
 - **Judicial Entry:** Minimum **03 years of legal practice** mandated for Civil Judge (Junior Division) posts.
- **Article 143:** President Murmu sought SC opinion on Governor's powers under **Articles 200 (Assent) and 201 (Reservation for President)**,.
- **Retirement:** Justice Bela M. Trivedi (11th woman judge of SC) retired. (First was Justice Fathima Beevi).

ECONOMY & INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Economy Rank:** India surpassed Japan to become the **4th largest economy (\$4.3 Trillion GDP)**. IMF predicts India will become 3rd (\$5.5T) by **2028**, overtaking Germany.
- **Konkan Railway Merger:** Maharashtra approved merging Konkan Railway (741 km, Roha to Mangaluru) with Indian Railways.
- **Mortgage-Backed Securities:** India's first Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through listed on **NSE**, structured by RMBS Development Company, backed by **LIC Housing Finance**.
- **Rail Electrification:** Gujarat became the **24th state** to achieve 100% rail electrification. India is 2nd globally (98.83%) after Switzerland (99%),.
- **NorthEast Connectivity:** Aizwal (Mizoram) became the 4th NE capital linked to the National Railway Network.
 - *Fact:* Bridge No. 196 is **104 meters tall** (32m taller than Qutub Minar).
- **Private Helicopters:** Tata Advanced Systems & Airbus to set up India's first private helicopter assembly line in **Karnataka** (for H125 model).
- **Cheetah Corridor:** India's first inter-state corridor (**17,000 sq km**) to connect **MP & Rajasthan** (Kuno, Gandhi Sagar, Mukundara Hills).

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- **CCU Testbeds:** Launched by DST to decarbonize the **cement** sector.
- **Miniratna Status:** Granted to Munitions India Limited (Pune), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (Avadi), and India Optel Limited (Dehradun).

MISCELLANEOUS NATIONAL

- **Vistadome Jungle Safari:** India's first, launched in UP connecting Dudhwa Tiger Reserve and Katarniaghata Wildlife Sanctuary.
- **Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI):** Analytics tool launched by DoT under the Digital Intelligence Platform.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Chagos Islands:** UK agreed to hand over sovereignty (including Diego Garcia) to **Mauritius**.
- **International Solar Alliance:** **Angola** joined as the **123rd member**.
- **Pandemic Treaty:** WHO officially adopted the first global pandemic treaty.
- **Crypto Tourism:** **Bhutan** became the first country to integrate crypto payments (100+ types) for tourists via Binance Pay and DK Bank.
 - *Fact:* Bhutan holds 12,062 BTC.
- **Golden Visa:** **Vietnam** launched a **10-Year Golden Visa** to attract investors/tourists.
- **Rice Science:** Scientists from **China** created the first **pangenome** of Asian rice (*Oryza sativa*) sequencing 144 varieties.
- **E-Methanol Plant:** World's first commercial-scale plant opened in **Kasso, Denmark**, by European Energy & Mitsui.
- **Health Certifications:**
 - **Trachoma:** WHO certified **India** for eliminating Trachoma.
 - **Kala-Azar:** Six African nations (**Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan**) signed an MoU to eliminate it.
- **Age-Friendly Cities:** **Kozhikode (Kerala)** inducted into WHO's Global Network.
- **Yala Glacier:** Located in **Nepal**, became the first in Asia to receive a memorial plaque.
- **World's Largest Snake:** The **Northern Green Anaconda** (*Eunectes murinus*, 26 feet) discovered in **Ecuador**.
- **World Football Day:** UN recognized **25 May** as World Football Day.
- **New Development Bank:** **Algeria** joined as a new member.
- **Diplomacy:** **Honduras** inaugurated its embassy in **New Delhi**. Holy Relic of Buddha sent from Sarnath to **Vietnam**.

STATE

State/UT	Initiative/Event	Details
Mizoram	Literacy	Declared India's First Fully Literate State (98.2% rate),.
Goa	Literacy	2nd state declared fully literate under ULLAS Scheme (>95%).
Maharashtra	Adishakti Abhiyan	Commemorating 300th birth anniversary of Ahilyabai Holkar .
Maharashtra	Artificial Sand	Policy mandating use of m-sand for govt projects.
Andhra Pradesh	Transmedia City	Named " Creator Land "; aims to create 25,000 jobs.
Andhra Pradesh	RE Complex	India's largest (Solar/Wind/BESS) in Anantapur by ReNew Power.
Arunachal Pradesh	Geothermal Well	Northeast's first production well drilled in Dirang .
Arunachal Pradesh	New Butterfly	<i>Euthalia malaccana</i> recorded in Leparada district.
MP & MH	Tapti Basin Project	Mega Recharge Project for Vidarbha/Southern MP.
New Delhi	Nayi Disha	Delhi Police initiative for school dropouts.
Uttarakhand	Pushkar Kumbh	Held every 12 years at Keshav Prayag (Chamoli) .

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Tripura	Viksit Krishi Sankalp	Campaign for farm schemes.
Assam	Turtle Conservation	Nagshankar Temple honoured; locals called "Kaso Mitras".
Gujarat	Biodiversity	Guneri became the first Inland Mangrove Biodiversity Heritage Site
Gujarat	Karmayogi Swasthya	Cashless medical treatment for employees/pensioners.

SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

- **'Jyothi' Scheme (Kerala):** For enrolling migrant children (3-6 yrs in Anganwadis, >6 in schools),.
- **ANKUR Initiative (MHA):** Enables swift registration of FIRs for high-value cyber fraud via **e-Zero FIR**.
- **Odisha Urban Initiative:** Launched a platform for urban innovation (Context implies specific portal/scheme).

DEFENCE

- **Operation Sindoor:** Airstrikes by Indian Armed Forces on **9 terrorist camps in Pakistan & PoJK** in retaliation to the **Pahalgam attack** (April 22, 2025),.
 - *Targets (Pakistan):* Markaz Subhan Allah (Bahawalpur), Markaz Taiba (Muridke), Sarjal, Mehmoona Joya (Sialkot).
 - *Targets (PoK):* Markaz Ahle Hadith (Barnala), Markaz Abbas, Maskar Raheel Shahid (Kotli), Shawai Nalla, Syedna Bilal (Muzaffarabad).
- **Bhargavastra:** Indigenous anti-swarm drone system (Hard-kill range 2.5 km) developed by **Solar Defence and Aerospace Ltd**, tested at **Gopalpur, Odisha**,.
- **INS Arnala:** First of 8 Indigenous Anti-Submarine Shallow Water Crafts (ASW SWC) delivered by **GRSE**,.
- **MIGM Testing:** Multi-Influence Ground Mine tested by DRDO & Navy.
- **Stratospheric Airship:** Tested by DRDO (ADRDE Agra) at **Sheopur, MP** (Altitude 17km).
- **INSV Kaudinya:** Ancient stitched ship (based on Ajanta paintings, 5th Century CE) inducted at **Karwar**. Built using coir/resin by artisans led by **Babu Sankaran**,.
- **BrahMos Facility:** New manufacturing unit launched in **Lucknow** (UP Defence Corridor).
- **Mountaineering:** SI **Geeta Samota** became the **first CISF officer** to summit Mount Everest.
- **Exercises:**
 - **Raahat:** Indian Army & NDRF (HADR) in **Assam**.
 - **Golden Dragon-2025:** China & Cambodia (7th Edition).
 - **Nomadic Elephant:** India & Mongolia (17th Edition) in **Ulaanbaatar**.

SPORTS

- **Neeraj Chopra:**
 - First Indian to breach the **90m mark** (Throw: **90.23m**) at **Doha Diamond League 2025**. (Winner: Julian Weber, 91.06m),.
 - Honoured with **Honorary Lt. Colonel Rank** in **Territorial Army**.
- **Mountaineering:**
 - **Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti:** Youngest Indian (16 yrs) to conquer **7 summits**,.
 - **Kami Rita Sherpa:** Scaled Everest for the **31st time** (World Record).
- **Cricket:**
 - **Joe Root:** Fastest to **13,000 Test runs** (153 innings), breaking Jacques Kallis' record,.
 - **Rohit Sharma & Virat Kohli:** Announced retirement from **Test cricket**,.
 - **ECB Ban:** England banned transgender women from women's cricket.
 - **ICC Player of Month (April):** **Mehidy Hasan Miraz** (Bangladesh).
- **Football:**
 - **FIFA Women's World Cup 2027:** To be hosted by **Brazil**.

IYACHAMY ACADEMY

- **Congo:** FIFA lifted suspension on FECOFOOT.
- **Women's Champions League:** Won by **Arsenal** (Runners-up: Barcelona).
- **SAFF U-19: India** won (Defeated Bangladesh).
- **Serie A:** Won by **Napoli**.
- **Chess:**
 - **Srihari LR:** India's **86th Grandmaster**,
 - **R. Praggnanandhaa:** Won **Superbet Classic** (Romania).
- **Badminton:** **China** won the **Sudirman Cup 2025** (Defeated S. Korea),.
- **Athletics:** **Mahendra Gurjar** set a World Record (**61.17m**) in Para Athletics javelin F42 in Switzerland.
- **Khelo India Youth Games 2025:** Host: **Bihar** (1st time). Mascot: **Rajasimha**.
- **Formula 1:** **Lando Norris** won **Monaco Grand Prix**. **Kush Maini** won F2 event (Monaco).
- **Asian Games 2026 (Japan):** MMA to debut; Cricket retained.
- **Snooker:** **Pankaj Advani** won **CCI Billiards Classic**.
- **Tennis:** **Carlos Alcaraz** won **Italian Open 2025**.

AWARDS

- **International Booker Prize 2025:** **Banu Mushtaq** (India) for "*Heart Lamp*" (Short stories), translated by **Deepa Bhasthi**.
- **World Food Prize 2025:** **Mariangela Hungria** (Brazil) for biological nitrogen fixation research.,
- **58th Jnanpith Award:** Conferred upon **Swami Rambhadracharya** and **Gulzar**.
- **Pulitzer Prize 2025:**
 - *Public Service:* NYT team/Kavitha Surana etc.
 - *Investigative:* Reuters ("Fentanyl Express").
 - *International:* NYT (Sudan conflict).
 - *Breaking News Photo:* Doug Mills (Trump assassination attempt).
 - *Feature Photo:* Moises Saman,,.
- **UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize:** **La Prensa** (Nicaragua).
- **World Law Congress Honour:** **Bhuwan Ribhu** (First Indian lawyer).
- **American Music Award (AMA):** **Raja Kumari** (First Indian-origin musician) for 'Renegade'.
- **Global Indian of the Year:** **Sadhguru** (CIF).
- **Gallantry Awards:** 39 personnel (6 Kirti Chakras, 33 Shaurya Chakras).
- **National Florence Nightingale Awards 2025:** 15 nurses awarded, including Smt. Reba Rani Sarkar and Maj Gen Sheena P D.,
- **Miss World 2025:** **Suchata Chuangsri** (Thailand), held in Hyderabad.

REPORTS, RANKINGS & PORTALS

- **CareEdge State Rankings 2025:** **Maharashtra** (1st), Gujarat, Karnataka, **Goa** top among small states.
- **Human Development Index (HDI) 2025:** India ranked **130** (Top: Iceland). Life expectancy rose to **72 years**,.
- **Non-Ferrous Metal Recycling Portal:** Launched under **JNARDDC**.
- **OCI Portal:** Revamped by **MHA** for Overseas Citizens of India.
- **Postal Portals:** 'Know Your DIGIPIN' (with IIT Hyderabad/ISRO) and 'Know Your PIN Code'.

OBITUARIES

- **Valmik Thapar:** Naturalist.
- **Dr. MR Srinivasan:** Former Atomic Energy Commission Chairman.,
- **Saroj Ghose:** Science popularizer/Museum maker.
- **Subbanna Ayyappan:** Scientist ("Architect of Blue Revolution"),.

IYACHAMY ACADEMY

- **Dr. Jayant Narlikar:** Astrophysicist/Author (*Return of Vaman, The Comet*). Padma Vibhushan,.
- **K.V. Rabia:** Social worker.
- **Luis Galván:** Argentine Footballer.
- **Dr. Mathew Kalarickal:** "Father of Angioplasty in India".

BOOKS

- **"Janta Ki Kahani":** Autobiography of **Bandaru Dattatraya**.
- **"The Diary of a Cricketer's Wife":** By **Puja Pujara**.

IMPORTANT DAYS IN MAY 2025

- **May 1:** International Labour Day; Gujarat Statehood Day.
- **May 3:** World Press Freedom Day (*Reporting in the Brave New World...*),.
- **May 5:** World Portuguese Language Day; Buddha Purnima.
- **May 6:** International No Diet Day; World Asthma Day (*Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible...*).
- **May 8:** World Thalassaemia Day; World Red Cross Day (*Keeping Humanity Alive*),.
- **May 10:** World Migratory Bird Day (*Creating Bird-Friendly Cities...*),.
- **May 11:** National Technology Day (*Empowering a Sustainable Tomorrow...*).
- **May 12:** International Nurses Day (*Our Nurses. Our Future*),.
- **May 15:** International Day of Families,,
- **May 17:** World Telecom & Info Society Day; World Hypertension Day,,
- **May 18:** International Museum Day.
- **May 20:** World Bee Day,,
- **May 21:** National Anti-Terrorism Day (Rajiv Gandhi death anniversary); Cultural Diversity Day,,
- **May 22:** International Day for Biological Diversity (*Harmony with nature...*).
- **May 23:** World Turtle Day; End Obstetric Fistula.
- **May 25:** World Thyroid Day; **World Football Day** (First observed),.
- **May 28:** World Hunger Day; Menstrual Hygiene Day.
- **May 29:** International Day of UN Peacekeepers; International Everest Day.
- **May 30:** Hindi Journalism Day (Start of *Udant Martand*); Goa Statehood Day; Int. Day of Potato,,
- **May 31:** World No Tobacco Day (*Unmasking the Appeal*),.

JUNE 2025

APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Rajiv Memani:** President, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- **Lt Gen Dinesh Singh Rana:** Commander-in-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC).
- **R Doraiswamy:** MD & CEO, LIC.
- **Parag Jain:** New RAW Chief.
- **Sailesh C. Mehta:** Chairman, Fertiliser Association of India.
- **Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai:** Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy).
- **Justice N S Sanjay Gowda:** Gujarat High Court judge.
- **S Mahendra Dev:** Chairman, PM's Economic Advisory.

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Luís Montenegro:** Prime Minister, Portugal.
- **Yang Yang:** Vice-President, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- **Lee Jae-myung:** President of South Korea (Elected to succeed Yoon Suk Yeol who was impeached in Dec 2024).
- **Ahn Gyu-back:** South Korea's first civilian Defence Minister.

IYACHAMY ACADEMY

- **Blaise Metreweli:** President, 80th UN General Assembly Session; also became the **first woman** to lead the UK foreign intelligence agency, MI6.
- **Kirsty Coventry:** President, International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- **Zou Jiayi:** President, AIIB.

NATIONAL NEWS

SPACE & SCIENCE

- **Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4):**
 - **The Milestone:** Group Captain **Shubhanshu Shukla** became the **1st Indian to reach the International Space Station (ISS)** and the 2nd Indian citizen in space after Rakesh Sharma (634th astronaut globally).
 - **Launch Details:** Launched **25 June 2025** from Kennedy Launch Complex 39A using **SpaceX Falcon 9 Block 5**. Docked on 26 June 2025.
 - **Spacecraft:** Crew Dragon *Grace*.
 - **Crew:** Peggy Whitson (Commander, USA), Shubhanshu Shukla (India), Sławosz Uznański-Wiśniewski (Poland), Tibor Kapu (Hungary).
 - **Duration/Partner:** 14 days; operated by Axiom Space (USA).
- **Cancer Treatment Breakthrough:** INST Mohali (DST), IIT Bombay, and ACTREC (Tata Memorial Centre) developed **nano-scale gold semi-shells**. These cup-like structures perform heat-based therapy to destroy tumors.

INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT

- **Chenab Rail Bridge:**
 - **Status:** Inaugurated/Opened for traffic on **06 June 2025**.
 - **Record:** World's highest rail bridge and arch bridge.
 - **Location:** Over Chenab River, Reasi district (J&K), between Kauri and Bakkal stations.
 - **Dimensions:** Height **359m** (1,178 ft) from river bed; Length **1,315m**.
 - **Zone:** Northern Railways (HQ: Baroda House, New Delhi).
- **Animal Overpass:** India's longest animal overpass corridor (**12 km**) unveiled on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, passing through Ranthambore Tiger Reserve's buffer zone.
- **Maruti Suzuki:** Launched India's Largest In-Plant Railway Siding at Manesar (Haryana), developed with HORCL.

POLICY & GOVERNANCE

- **Census 2027:**
 - India's **16th Census** will be conducted in **2027** (Last was 2011).
 - **Key Fact:** This will be the first **caste-based census** in 16 years (First caste-based census was 1881).
 - **Phases:** Phase 1 (House Listing Operations) and Phase 2 (Population Enumeration).
- **DHRUVA Policy:** Launched by Dept of Posts to standardize addresses using **Address-as-a-Service (AaaS)** model.
- **AI SEZ:** India's first AI Special Economic Zone to be set up in **Nava Raipur (Chhattisgarh)** by RackBank Datacenters.
- **Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag:** Launched to reduce English dominance and promote mother tongues in administration.
- **BHASHINI:** MoU signed with CRIS to integrate AI language stack into railway platforms.
- **Lokpal Motto:** New motto adopted: "*Empower Citizens, Expose Corruption*".

ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE

- **Ramsar Sites:** Two new wetlands from **Rajasthan** added: **Khichan (Phalodi)** and **Menar (Udaipur)**. Total sites now **91**.
- **Leopard Capital:** **Bengaluru** (80-85 leopards) surpassed Mumbai as India's new leopard capital.

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- **Butterfly Sanctuary:** Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary (Kannur, Kerala) officially renamed Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary (First in India/Kerala context).
- **Flamingo Sanctuary:** Tamil Nadu notified the establishment of Greater Flamingo Sanctuary at Dhanushkodi (Ramanathapuram).

ECONOMY & ENERGY

- **Renewable Energy Milestone:** Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) became India's first firm to cross the 15 GW milestone (15,539.9 MW).
- **Sagarmala Finance Corporation:** India's first NBFC dedicated to maritime infrastructure; launched SAGAR SETU platform.

MISCELLANEOUS NATIONAL

- **Underwater Museum:** To be built around INS Guldar at Nivati Rocks, Sindhudurg (Maharashtra).
- **Sailing Expedition:** India's First Tri-Services All-Women Sailing team returned from a 1,800 nm voyage to Seychelles on INSV Triveni.
- **UNESCO Tentative List:** Salkhan Fossils Park (Uttar Pradesh), dating back 1.4 billion years, added to the list.
- **Agri-Drone Hub:** India's First Agri-Drone Indigenization Hub to be in Chennai.
- **Locomotive Export:** First locally-built locomotive exported to Republic of Guinea (Conakry) from Marhowrah factory, Bihar.
- **G20 Sherpa:** Amitabh Kant stepped down after 45 years of service.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GEOPOLITICS & CONFLICT

- **Iran-Israel-USA Conflict:**
 - **Operation Rising Lion:** Israel launched military strikes on Iranian nuclear/military facilities on **13 June 2025**.
 - **Operation Midnight Hammer:** USA attacked Iranian nuclear facilities (Fordow, Natanz, Isfahan) on **22 June 2025**.
 - **Operation True Promise 3:** Iran's IRGC retaliated against Israel, targeting sites like Tel Aviv.
 - **Operation Midnight:** Launched by USA targeting Iran's nuclear capabilities.
 - **Strait of Hormuz:** Iran approved a proposal to close this vital strait (connecting Persian Gulf & Gulf of Oman) in retaliation.
 - **Ceasefire:** Announced on **24 June 2025** following US intervention.
- **Operation Sindhu:** Launched by India to evacuate over **1700 Indians** stranded in Iran/Israel via Armenia.

SUMMITS & ALLIANCES

- **G7 Summit 2025:**
 - **Edition:** 51st.
 - **Host:** Canada (Kananaskis, Alberta).
 - **Outcomes:** Wildfire Charter, Critical Minerals Action Plan, Condemned Transnational Repression (TNR).
- **UN Security Council:** 5 Non-Permanent members elected for 2026-27: Bahrain, Colombia, DRC, Liberia, Latvia. (Latvia serving for the 1st time).
- **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA):** First Assembly hosted by New Delhi. Conservation of 7 big cats.
- **Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025:** Held under UNFCCC (Subsidiary Bodies).
- **WTO:** Nicaragua became the **101st member** to accept the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement.

COUNTRY SPECIFICS

- **Germany:** Became the **World's Top Creditor** in 2024 (~\$3.9 trillion net external assets), surpassing Japan.
- **China:** Launched **Tianwen-2** mission (Long March-3B) to retrieve material from asteroid **2016HO3** (Kamo'oalewa) and study comet 311P.

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- **Bangladesh:** Interim govt (Prof. Yunus) dropped 'Father of the Nation' from currency and Liberation War Act.
- **Croatia:** PM Modi became the first Indian PM to visit. Croatia is part of the **Three Seas Initiative (3SI)**.
- **Cyprus:** Signed MoU with India (NPCI & Eurobank) for Cross-Border UPI.
- **Nuclear Warheads (SIPRI):** India has **180**. 9 nuclear nations total. Russia and US have largest stockpiles.
- **Gold Reserves:** Gold overtook the Euro as the world's second-largest reserve asset.

STATES

- **Telangana:** Designated **Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve** as a tiger corridor.
- **Himachal Pradesh:** Launched **Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana** (planting fruit trees).
- **New Delhi:** **Udyog Kranti** (E-waste park) to come up in Holambi Kalan.
- **Punjab:** Launched **Industrial Revolution** with 12 reforms and color-coded stamp paper.
- **Bihar:** First state to implement **mobile-based e-voting** using "e-Voting SECCHR" app.
- **Assam:** Granted **OBC status** to the Transgender community.
- **Tripura:** Became the 3rd state to achieve fully functional literacy under **ULLAS**.

SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

- **JAIHIND Scheme (RBI):** Awards **₹1,25,000** to professors for writing books in Hindi. (RBI Gov: Sanjay Malhotra).
- **JAIHIND (DU):** Janajati Immersive Holistic Intervention... by Delhi University for ST students' skills/ CUET.
- **DhartiAaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan:** Largest-ever tribal empowerment campaign covering 549 districts.
- **Adi Karmyogi:** By Ministry of Tribal Affairs to train field officials.

DEFENCE

- **Exercise Shakti:** 8th India-France Joint Military Exercise at Camp Larzac, France.
- **Exercise Tiger Claw 2025:** First independent Special Forces exercise between **IAF and USAF** in North India.
- **Exercise Khaan Quest:** Multinational exercise in **Mongolia** (Ulaanbaatar).
- **Polar Research Vessel (PRV):** GRSE (Kolkata) signed MoU with Kongsberg (Norway) to build India's first PRV.

SPORTS

Cricket

- **ICC World Test Championship (WTC) 2025:**
 - **Winner:** South Africa (Captain: Temba Bavuma).
 - **Runner-up:** Australia. Venue: Lord's.
 - **New Rule:** Stop Clock introduced (60 seconds between overs; penalty runs after 3rd delay).
- **IPL 2025:**
 - **Winner:** Royal Challengers Bengaluru (1st title).
 - **MVP:** Surya Kumar Yadav.
 - **Orange Cap:** Sai Sudharsan (759 runs).
 - **Purple Cap:** Prasidh Krishna (25 wickets).
- **Hall of Fame:** MS Dhoni inducted (11th Indian).
- **Trophy Rename:** Pataudi Trophy renamed to **Tendulkar-Anderson Trophy**.
- **Records:**
 - **Rishab Pant:** First Indian keeper to hit centuries in both innings of a Test; first Asian to score 250+ runs in a Test match (vs England).
 - **Jasprit Bumrah:** First Asian to claim 150 Test wickets in SENA countries.

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CHESS

- **World Champion:** D Gukesh became the youngest World Chess Champion (18 years).
- **Norway Chess 2025:** Won by Magnus Carlsen. D Gukesh beat Carlsen in classical format.
- **Stepan Avagyan Memorial:** Winner Aravindh Chithambaram.
- **UzChess Cup:** Winner R. Praggnanandhaa.

TENNIS (FRENCH OPEN 2025)

- **Men:** Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) def. Jannik Sinner.
- **Women:** Coco Gauff (USA) def. Aryna Sabalenka.

OTHER SPORTS

- **Asian Athletics Championships 2025:** Host S. Korea. India won **24 medals** (8 Gold).
- **F1:** Oscar Piastri (Spanish GP); George Russell (Canadian GP).
- **Diamond League (Paris):** Neeraj Chopra won Gold (88.16m).
- **World Para Athletics 2025:** Host India (1st time). Mascot: Viraaj.
- **World Police & Fire Games 2029:** Host Gujarat.
- **Badminton (Indonesia Open):** Winners Anders Antonsen (M), An Se-young (W).

AWARDS & HONOURS

- **PM Modi:** Conferred Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III (Highest civilian honour of Cyprus).
- **Miss World 2025:** Opal Suchata Chuangsri (Thailand) - First Thai winner. Host: India.
- **Food Planet Prize:** Nitro-Capt (Swedish startup).
- **Skytrax 2025:** AirAsia (1st). IndiGo (3rd in Low-cost).
- **USISPF Global Leadership:** Kumar Mangalam Birla.
- **Squash Award:** Anahat Singh (PSA Women's Young Player).
- **Digital Media Awards:** "The Hindu" (Champion for South Asia).
- **Locarno Festival:** Alexander Payne (Honorary Leopard Award).

REPORTS, RANKINGS & PORTALS

- **Climate Change Performance Index 2025:** India ranked **10th**. Top country: Denmark (#4).
- **Air Connectivity 2024:** IGIA (Delhi) in top 10. Top: Dubai.
- **Portals:**
 - **Ayush Nivesh Saarthi:** For investment in Ayush.
 - **UMEED Portal:** Unified Waqf Management.
 - **Pratibha Setu:** UPSC portal for non-recommended candidates.
- **NITI Aayog Report:** *India's Data Imperative* (Future Front Report).
- **Investment Curiosity:** India ranked **13th** globally (BrokerChooser).

DISASTERS & OBITUARIES

- **Air India Plane Crash:** Flight AI 171 crashed in Ahmedabad on 12 June 2025. 241 fatalities, including former Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani.
- **Ship Fire:** M.V. Wan Hai (Singapore-flagged) off Kerala coast.
- **Obituaries:**
 - **Étienne-Émile Baulieu:** Father of Abortion pill.
 - **Bill Atkinson:** Apple designer.
 - **Ustad Ghulam Nabi Shah:** Kashmiri folk musician.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- *Indira Gandhi and the Years that Transformed India* - Srinivasa Raghavan
- *India: 5000 Years of History* - Audrey Truschke

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- *Woman! Life! Freedom!* - Chowra Makaremi.
- *The Emergency Diaries* - Released by Amit Shah.
- *The One* - Shikhar Dhawan (Autobiography).
- *The Stars Light the Way* - Sucheta Raj Khanna.
- *First Sanskrit Grammar (1790)* - Filip Vezdin (Croatian).

IMPORTANT DAYS (JUNE 2025)

- **01 June:** Global Day of Parents (*Raising Parents*); World Milk Day (*Celebrate Power of Dairy*).
- **04 June:** Int. Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.
- **05 June:** World Environment Day (*#BeatPlasticPollution*, Host: Korea).
- **07 June:** World Food Safety Day (*Science in Action*).
- **08 June:** World Ocean Day (*Wonder: Sustaining what sustains us*).
- **10 June:** Int. Day for Dialogue among Civilizations (First observed).
- **12 June:** World Day Against Child Labour (*Progress is clear...*).
- **14 June:** World Blood Donor Day (*Give blood, give hope*).
- **15 June:** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- **17 June:** Combat Desertification (*Restore the land*).
- **20 June:** World Refugee Day (*Solidarity with refugees*).
- **21 June:** Int. Day of Yoga (*Yoga for One Earth, One Health*).
- **23 June:** Olympic Day; Int. Widows Day.
- **26 June:** Int. Day against Drug Abuse.
- **29 June:** National Statistics Day (*75 Years of National Sample Survey*).
- **2026:** International Year of Woman Farmer.

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National Appointments

- **Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador:** Sukanya Sonowal.
- **MD & CEO (Hindustan Unilever Limited):** Priya Nair.
- **MD & CEO (LIC):** R Doraiswamy.
- **Director (Engineering & R&D), HAL:** Ajay Kumar Shrivastava.
- **Mission Director (Atal Innovation Mission):** Deepak Bagla.
- **First Woman Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU:** Prof Uma Kanjilal.
- **Vice Chief of Army Staff (Indian Army):** Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh.
- **Executive Chairman (SEBI):** Sunil Kadam.
- **CEO (ICC):** Sanjog Gupta.
- **1st Woman DG of Railway Protection Force:** Sonali Mishra.
- **Chairperson (COAI):** Abhijit Kishore.

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Chief Operating Officer (Apple):** Sabih Khan.
- **1st Woman President (Suriname):** Jennifer Geerlings-Simons.
- **Yuliia Svyrydenko:** Mentioned in the context of international appointments.

CONSTITUTIONAL & GOVERNANCE UPDATES

- **Resignation of Vice President:** Vice President of India **Jagdeep Dhankhar** resigned under Article 67(a) by writing to the President. During the vacancy, the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, **Harivansh Narayan Singh**, performs the duties of the Chairman (Article 91).
- **Nominated to Rajya Sabha:**
 1. **Shri Harsha Vardhan Shringla:** Former Foreign Secretary.

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- 2. **Shri Ujwal Nikam:** Public Prosecutor.
- 3. **Shri C. Sadanand Master:** BJP leader from Kerala.
- 4. **Ms. Meenakshi Jain:** Historian.
- **New Governors:**
 1. **Shri Kavinder Gupta:** Lt. Governor of Ladakh.
 2. **Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju:** Governor of Goa.
 3. **Shri Ashim Kumar Ghosh:** Governor of Haryana.

PRESTIGEOUS AWARDS

- **Kalinga Ratna Award 2024:** Conferred upon Union Minister **Shri Dharmandra Pradhan** by President Droupadi Murmu.
- **UN Population Award 2025:** Awarded to **Ms. Varsha Deshpande** (Secretary of Dalit Mahila Vikas Mandal) for her work on gender equality and combating gender-biased sex selection.
- **PEN Pinter Prize 2025:** Winner is **Leila Aboulela**, a Sudanese-Scottish author known for novels like *The Translator* and *River Spirit*.
- **First Indian to win 'Best Magic Creator 2025':** **Suhani Shah**, awarded at the FISM World Championship in Torino, Italy.
- **PEN Translates Awards 2025:** Awarded to **Geetanjali Shree** for the book *Elephants Lived Here* (translated by Daisy Rockwell).
- **Sansad Ratna Awards 2025:** 17 MPs honoured for exceptional contributions in the 18th Lok Sabha.
- **Prix Versailles Awards 2025:** **Yantai Penglai International Airport's Terminal 2** (China) awarded as the world's most beautiful airport.
- **First Indian Actress on Hollywood Walk of Fame:** **Deepika Padukone**.
- **Tamil Wikki Suran Award:** Veteran Archaeologist **V. Vedachalam**.
- **TIME100 Creators List:** **Prajakta Koli** (MostlySane) became the first & only Indian to receive this honour.
- **Hem Bahadur Malla Award:** Former Chief Justice of Nepal **Kalyan Shrestha**.
- **IESA Industry Excellence Award 2025:** **Telangana** (State Leadership – Battery Manufacturing).
- **National Geospatial Practitioner Award 2025:** Awarded to **INCOIS** (Hyderabad).
- **WSIS Champion Award 2025:** Winner is **Meri Panchayat App** (Ministry of Panchayati Raj/NIC).

NATIONAL NEWS

SPACE & SCIENCE

- **Indian Space Hero Returns:** IAF Group Captain **Shubhanshu Shukla** returned to Earth after spending **18 days** aboard the ISS as part of the **Axiom 4 mission**. He completed **288 orbits** around Earth.
- **Gaganyaan Update:** ISRO successfully hot-tested the **Gaganyaan Propulsion System** (Service Module Propulsion System - SMPS) at Mahendragiri, TN.
- **First Complete Genome of an Ancient Egyptian:** Sequenced from an individual living 4,500–4,800 years ago (Old Kingdom period); published in *Nature*.
- **India's First Private Satellite Internet:** To be set up by **Ananth Technologies** (Hyderabad) with IN-SPACe approval, launching by 2028.
- **Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL):** India becomes the first country to launch this.
- **National Biobank for Health Research:** Launched at **CSIR-IGIB** (New Delhi) to collect health/genetic data.
- **International Chemistry Olympiad 2025:** 57th Edition in **Dubai**; India won 2 Gold and 2 Silver medals.

INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY

- **World's Largest Fixed Wireless Access Provider:** **Reliance Jio**.
- **India's First UPI-Powered Bank Branch:** Launched by **Slice** in **Bengaluru**.
- **First UAE Bank in GIFT City:** **Mashreq Bank**.
- **India's Second-Longest Cable-Stayed Bridge:** **Sigandur Bridge** in Shivamogga, Karnataka (2.44 km long) connecting Sagara and Marakutika.
- **India's First Hydrogen-Powered Train Coach:** Successfully tested at **Integral Coach Factory (ICF)**, Chennai.

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POLICY & GOVERNANCE

- **National Sports Governance Bill, 2025:** BCCI to be a National Sports Federation (NSF) under RTI. Age limit raised to 75. Establishment of **National Sports Board (NSB)** and **National Sports Tribunal**. Sports bodies must have athlete reps and women members. Elections monitored by a **National Sports Election Panel**.
- **PM Modi Milestone:** Became India's **2nd Longest Serving PM**, surpassing Indira Gandhi (4,077 consecutive days). He is the longest-serving non-Hindi speaking PM.
- **First National Conference of Urban Local Body Chairpersons:** Held in **Gurugram**, inaugurated by Om Birla. Theme: *Role of ULBs in Strengthening Constitutional Democracy*.

HERITAGE

- **UNESCO World Heritage Additions:** "Maratha Military Landscapes of India" inscribed. Total Indian properties: **44**. Includes 12 forts: Salher, Shivneri, Lohgad, Khanderi, Raigad, Rajgad, Pratapgad, Suvarnadurg, Panhala, Vijaydurg, Sindhudurg (Maharashtra) and Gingee Fort (Tamil Nadu).

AGRICULTURE

- **11th Maize Summit:** Held in New Delhi (FICCI & IIMR). India targets **86 million tonnes** of maize production by 2047 (current: ~42 million tonnes).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **UN Security Council Presidency:** Taken over by **Pakistan**.
- **World's Most Valuable Company:** **Nvidia** (1st to hit \$4 Trillion valuation).
- **Taliban Recognition:** **Russia** became the first country to officially recognize the Taliban government by accepting ambassador Gul Hassan Hassan.
- **17th BRICS Summit:** Hosted by **Brazil** (Rio de Janeiro). Theme: *Strengthening Global South Cooperation*. India to host in 2026.
- **Mauna Loa Shutdown:** The climate station in Hawaii measuring CO₂ (Keeling Curve) is shutting down after 65 years.
- **UPI Expansion:** **Trinidad and Tobago** became the first Caribbean nation (8th globally) to join India's UPI network.
- **New Development Bank (NDB):** Added **Colombia** and **Uzbekistan** as members. Total members: 11.
- **Eurozone Expansion:** **Bulgaria** became the 21st member, adopting the Euro.
- **New Caledonia:** Agreement with France to create a "State of New Caledonia" within the French Republic.
- **Cambodia Heritage:** Three genocide sites (Tuol Sleng, M-13 prison, Choeung Ek) added to UNESCO list.
- **Israel Satellite:** Launched **Dror-1** communication satellite via SpaceX.
- **USA & UNESCO:** USA withdraws from UNESCO again (effective end of 2026) due to bias allegations.
- **Palestinian Statehood:** **France & UK** set to recognize the Palestinian state.
- **World's Largest Dam:** China initiated construction on the **Yarlung Tsangpo** (Motuo Hydropower Station).
- **US Tariffs on India:** President Trump imposed a **25% tariff** (rising to 50% on Aug 27) on Indian goods due to Russian oil/military purchases.
- **First Hindi-Medium MBBS College (International Context):** Actually located in **Jabalpur (MP), India** (Note: Source places this header under international section, but content is domestic).

STATES

- **Ladakh:** Hosted First Astro Tourism Festival in **Leh**.
- **Puducherry:** First UT to integrate TB Screening in Family Adoption Programme. Note: **NTEP** aims to eliminate TB by 2025. Also launched **My Deed NGDRS project** to modernize land registration.
- **Madhya Pradesh:** **Indore** launched India's First QR-Based Digital House Address System.
- **Odisha:** **Puri** became the 6th Municipal Corporation.
- **Kerala:**
 - **Arthunkal Police Station** (Alappuzha) is India's first ISO-Certified station.
 - First Skin Bank to open in Thiruvananthapuram.

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- Kasaragod won Fisheries Excellence Award.
- **Himachal Pradesh:** First state to use **Face ID for Ration cards**. Also rolled out **NGDRS pilot** in 10 tehsils.
- **Rajasthan:** **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Poverty-Free Village Scheme** for BPL families.
- **Punjab:** **Mukhya Mantri Sehat Yojana** for cashless medical treatment.
- **Haryana:** Building Asia's Biggest **Jungle Safari** (10,000 acres).
- **Bihar:** 35% **Government Jobs** reservation now restricted to **domicile women only**. Established **Rajya Safai Karmachari Ayog**.
- **Maharashtra:**
 - Vidarbha's first integrated steel plant in **Gadchiroli**.
 - **Ganeshotsav** declared State Festival.
 - Carnac Bridge renamed **Sindoor Bridge**.
- **Delhi:** **Saheli Smart Card** for free bus travel for women/transgender.
- **Assam:**
 - New tree species **Garcinia kusumae** (Thoikora) found in Baksa.
 - Launched **Gajah Mitra scheme** to reduce human-elephant conflict.
 - First **Aqua Tech Park** opened in Guwahati.
- **Andhra Pradesh:** **SMoSS project** using AI/drones to fight mosquito diseases. Launched **Digi-Lakshmi scheme** for women entrepreneurs (OF-OE plan).
- **Uttarakhand:** **Operation Kalanemi** against fake saints.
- **Gujarat:** First state to join **Cruise Bharat Mission**.
- **Jharkhand:** India's First **Mining Tourism Project**.
- **Goa:** **RoRo ferry service** on Mandovi River.
- **Tamil Nadu:** **Hornbill conservation centre** at Anamalai Tiger Reserve.
- Commemorated Rajendra Chola I at **Gangaikonda Cholapuram**.

DEFENCE

- **SHIPS COMMISSIONED/LAUNCHED:**
 - **INS Nistar:** First Indigenous Diving Support Vessel, commissioned in Visakhapatnam. "Mother Ship" for DSRV.
 - **INS Tamal (F71):** Last foreign-built warship (Talwar class) commissioned in Kaliningrad, Russia.
 - **INS Udaygiri:** 2nd stealth frigate of Project 17A commissioned. (List of P17A: Nilgiri, Udaygiri, Himgiri, Taragiri, Mahendragiri, Dunagiri).
 - **Samudra Prachet:** 2nd Indigenous Pollution Control Vessel launched.
 - **Fast Patrol Vessel 'Atal':** Launched by GSL.
- **MISSILES & TESTS:**
 - **ERASR:** Indigenous Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket tested from INS Kavaratti.
 - **Astra:** BVRAAM tested by DRDO/IAF from Su-30 MKI.
 - **Akash Prime:** Air Defence System tested in Ladakh.
 - **Prithvi-II & Agni-I:** Ballistic missiles tested in Chandipur.
 - **ULPGM-V3:** UAV-Launched Precision Guided Missile tested in Andhra Pradesh.
 - **Gazap:** Turkey's powerful non-nuclear bomb.
- **EXERCISES:**
 - **QUAD:** First-ever at-sea observer mission on USCGC Stratton.
 - **SIMBEX 2025:** India & Singapore (32nd Ed) in Singapore.
 - **Bold Kurukshetra 2025:** India & Singapore (14th Ed) in Jodhpur.
 - **Operation Mahadev:** Counter-terror mission in Dara region (J&K) killing 3 terrorists involved in Pahalgam attack.
 - **Operation SHIVA 2025:** For safety of Amarnath Yatra.

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- **Talisman Sabre 2025:** Multilateral exercise in Australia.
- **Personnel:** Sub Lt Aastha Poonia became India's first woman Navy fighter pilot trainee.
- **Satellite:** NISAR (NASA-ISRO SAR) launched from Sriharikota.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

- **Wimbledon 2025 Winners:**
 - *Men's Singles:* Jannik Sinner (Italy) def. Carlos Alcaraz.
 - *Women's Singles:* Iga Swiatek (Poland) def. Amanda Anisimova.
 - *Men's Doubles:* Julian Cash & Lloyd Glasspool (UK).
 - *Women's Doubles:* Veronika Kudermetova & Elise Mertens.
 - *Mixed Doubles:* Sem Verbeek & Katerina Siniakova.
- **Chess:**
 - D Gukesh won Rapid title at SuperUnited Rapid & Blitz (Croatia).
 - Magnus Carlsen won SuperUnited Chess 2025.
 - Divya Deshmukh won FIDE Women's Chess World Cup 2025 (Georgia), defeating Koneru Humpy. She is the 4th Indian female GM.
 - Harikrishnan A: India's 87th Grandmaster.
- **Cricket:**
 - Andre Russell retired.
 - England to host WTC finals in 2027, 2029, 2031.
 - Italy & Netherlands qualified for T20 WC 2026.
 - India's first test victory in Edgbaston.
- **Other Sports:**
 - **Formula 1:** Lando Norris (British GP), Oscar Piastri (Belgian GP).
 - **Football:** Mexico won CONCACAF Gold Cup. Chelsea won FIFA Club World Cup 2025.
 - **Shooting:** India to host World Cup 2027.
 - **Neeraj Chopra:** Won 1st "Neeraj Chopra Classic".
 - **Hockey:** Deepika Sehrawat won Poligras Magic Skill Award.
 - **Rugby:** Bihar won Junior National Rugby 7s.
 - **Table Tennis:** Divyanshi Bhowmick won Asian Youth title.
 - **Badminton:** Tanvi Sharma & Vennala Kalagotla won medals at Asia Junior Championships.
 - **FISU Games:** Japan topped; India 20th.

REPORTS, RANKINGS & PORTALS

- **RailOne App:** Launched by Indian Railways (CRIS).
- **Global Unicorn Index 2025:** Total Unicorns: 1,523. Top: USA (758). **India: 3rd (64).**
- **C-FLOOD:** India's first unified flood forecasting platform (C-DAC/CWC/NRSC).
- **Swachh Survekshan 2024–25: Ahmedabad** (Cleanest >10 Lakh). **Indore** (Super Swachh League).
- **State of Food Security:** Report by UN agencies warns about SDG 2 (Zero Hunger).
- **UNCTAD Trade Report:** Global growth to fall to 2.3% in 2025.
- **FIFA Rankings:** India 133rd; Argentina 1st.
- **BioEmu:** Microsoft's AI for protein study.
- **QS Best Student Cities 2026:** Top: **Seoul**. Affordability Top: **Delhi**. Mumbai at 98th.

OBITUARIES

- **Dr. BV Pattabhiram:** Magician/Psychologist.
- **Peter Rufai:** Nigerian Goalkeeper.
- **Vatsala:** Asia's oldest elephant (Panna).

BOOKS

- *Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict* by V.S. Ravi.

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- *Das Paise ka Postcard* by S.N. Ahmed.

IMPORTANT DAYS OF JULY 2025

- **01 July:** GST Day; National Chartered Accountants Day.
- **02 July:** World Sports Journalists Day.
- **05 July:** International Day of Co-operatives (*Cooperatives: Driving Inclusive Solutions*).
- **06 July:** Bahuda Yatra; World Zoonoses Day.
- **07 July:** World Bioproduct Day.
- **10 July:** Guru Purnima; National Flag Day (India).
- **11 July:** World Population Day (*Empowering young people...*).
- **15 July:** World Youth Skills Day (*Youth empowerment through AI...*).
- **16 July:** AI Appreciation Day.
- **17 July:** World Day for International Justice.
- **18 July:** Nelson Mandela International Day (*It's still in our hands...*).
- **20 July:** International Moon Day; World Chess Day.
- **22 July:** World Brain Health Day; National Broadcasting Day.
- **24 July:** Income Tax Day.
- **25 July:** World Drowning Prevention Day; International Day for Women of African Descent.
- **26 July:** Kargil Vijay Diwas.
- **27 July:** CRPF 87th Foundation Day.
- **28 July:** World Hepatitis Day (*Let's Break It Down*); World Nature Conservation Day.
- **29 July:** International Tiger Day (*Securing future of Tigers...*).
- **30 July:** International Friendship Day; World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (*Human Trafficking Is Organized Crime*).

AUGUST 2025

APPOINTMENTS

- **Vice Chief of the Naval Staff:** Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan.
- **Financial Advisor (Defence Services):** Dr. Mayank Sharma.
- **Head Coach (Indian Senior Men's Football):** Khalid Jamil.
- **Chief Secretary (Uttar Pradesh):** Shashi Prakash Goyal.
- **Deputy NSA (India):** Anish Dayal Singh.

International Appointments

- **Chief Operating Officer (Apple):** S. Radha Chauhan.
- **VP (Chief Risk Officer at NDB):** Rajiv Ranjan.
- **Prime Minister (Lithuania):** Inga Ruginien.

NATIONAL NEWS

INFRASTRUCTURE & CONNECTIVITY

- **The 'Rudrastra' Freight Train:**
 - India's longest freight train launched.
 - **Length:** 4.5 km.
 - **Route:** Maiden journey from Ganjkhawa to Garhwa Road.
- **Aviation Milestone:**
 - India is now the **World's 5th Biggest Aviation Market**.
 - **Data:** Airports handled **241 million passengers** in 2024 (an 11.1% increase from 211 million in 2023), per IATA's World Air Transport Statistics (WATS).

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- **Vande Bharat Expansion:**
 - India's longest Vande Bharat route launched: Nagpur to Pune.
 - **Travel Time:** 12 hours.
 - *(Static Fact: The first Vande Bharat ran between New Delhi & Varanasi).*
- **Solar Innovation in Railways:**
 - First **Removable Solar Panel System** commissioned at **Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW)**, Varanasi.
 - **Specs:** 70-meter system with 28 panels generating 15 kWp.

GOVERNANCE & LEGISLATION

- **79th Independence Day (15 August):**
 - **Theme:** "Naya Bharat".
 - **Record:** PM Narendra Modi delivered a **103-minute speech** from the Red Fort, the longest by any Indian PM to date.
- **Revised Income Tax Bill 2025:**
 - **Structure:** Rewritten in simplified language with **536 sections and 16 schedules**.
 - **Key Change:** Replaces "Previous Year" and "Assessment Year" with a single "**Tax Year**".
 - **Administration:** CBDT gets enhanced powers for automation. No immediate tax slab changes.
- **Online Gaming Bill 2025:**
 - **Aim:** Promote e-sports while prohibiting harmful money gaming platforms linked to addiction/financial ruin.
 - **Regulatory Body:** Establishes a central framework to protect youth.
- **New Bill on Ministers:**
 - Empowers automatic removal of the PM, CMs, or ministers if detained for **30 consecutive days** on charges carrying a minimum sentence of 5 years.
 - Amends Articles 74, 164, and 239AA.
- **Fisheries Sector:**
 - **Growth:** India is the **2nd largest fish producer globally**. Production rose by **103%** in 2024–25 (compared to 2013–14).
 - **Scheme:** Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- **Pariksha Pe Charcha (8th Edition):**
 - Achieved a **Guinness World Record** for "Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month".
 - **Total:** 3.53 crores on MyGov.

SCIENCE, HEALTH & TECHNOLOGY

- **Rare Blood Group Discovery:**
 - **Name:** CRIB.
 - **Context:** Extremely rare type under the Cromer system. Discovered in a woman from Bengaluru by an India-UK team.
 - **System:** Part of the Indian Rare Antigen (INRA) system (recognized by ISBT in 2022).
- **HOPE Mission:**
 - **Launched by:** ISRO.
 - **Location:** Ladakh.
 - **Full Form:** Himalayan Outpost for Planetary Exploration.
 - **Purpose:** Preparation for Gaganyaan and future interplanetary missions.
- **First Animal Stem Cell BioBank:**
 - Inaugurated at **NIAB, Hyderabad**.
 - **Focus:** Regenerative medicine and cellular therapies for livestock.
- **SHRESTH Initiative:**
 - **Full Form:** India's First State Health Regulatory Excellence Index.

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- **Purpose:** Benchmark state drug regulatory systems under CDSCO oversight.
- **Animal Blood Bank Guidelines:** Released by the Dept of Animal Husbandry to standardize blood donation/storage for animals.
- **National Biofoundry Network:** Launched under the **BioE3 Policy** to help achieve a **\$300 billion bioeconomy** by 2030.

BANKING & MISCELLANEOUS

- **AU Small Finance Bank:** Became India's first Small Finance Bank (SFB) to get RBI approval for **Universal Bank Status**.
- **BEML Limited:** Won its first overseas contract for rail/metro from **Malaysia**.
- **Solar Legislature: Delhi Assembly** became India's first legislature to run entirely on solar power and launched NeVA (National e-Vidhan Application).
- **Spiritual Tourism: Global Spiritual Tourism Conclave 2025** hosted by **Ujjain (MP)**.
- **Renaming:** The town of **Jalalabad** (Shahjahanpur, UP), birthplace of Parshuram, renamed to **Parshurampuri**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Azerbaijan & Armenia Peace Treaty:**
 - Signed at the **White House**, ending decades of hostility over Nagorno-Karabakh.
 - **Outcome:** Permanent end to fighting and opening of the "**Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity**" transit corridor.
- **International Solar Alliance (ISA):**
 - **107th Member:** Moldova.
 - (*Static: ISA HQ in Gurugram, founded 2015*).
- **Health Milestone:**
 - **Kenya** declared free of **Sleeping Sickness** (Human African Trypanosomiasis) by WHO.
 - It is the 10th country to achieve this status.
- **BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival:**
 - **Title:** SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody.
 - **Host:** India (Organized by ICCR).
- **Postal Services:** India temporarily suspended postal services to the **USA** after the US withdrew the "De Minimis" exemption (duty-free imports up to \$800).
- **Space Exploration:**
 - **Venera-D Mission:** Russia announced a 2036 launch to study Venus.
- **AI Governance:** UNGA launched two initiatives, including a Scientific Panel on AI.
- **Media Leadership:** India elected Chairman of the Executive Board of **AIBD** (Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development).
 - **Conference Host:** Thailand.
- **Parliamentary Conference:** **68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC)** to be held in **Bridgetown, Barbados**. India's contingent led by Om Birla.

STATES

State/UT	Initiative / Achievement	Key Details
Kerala	Digital Literacy	Became India's first fully digitally literate state via the 'Digi Keralam' project.
Sikkim	Sabbatical Leave	First state to launch a Sabbatical Leave Scheme for govt employees (365 to 1080 days) for personal development.

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Punjab	Sign Language	First state to empanel sign language experts under the Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act.
Assam	Nari Adalat	Launched to provide alternate dispute resolution for women in rural/semi-urban areas.
Tamil Nadu	Education Policy	Unveiled a new State Education Policy rejecting NEP's 3-language formula and common entrance exams.
Maharashtra	Disha Abhiyan	First state to adopt a standardized curriculum for students with intellectual disabilities .
Gujarat	Green Hydrogen	India's first 'Make in India' Hydrogen Plant commissioned at Kandla Port (1MW facility).
Rajasthan	Artificial Rain	India's first Drone-AI Powered Cloud Seeding experiment conducted at Ramgarh Dam, Jaipur .
Telangana	New Species	Discovered the Blue Pinkgill mushroom (<i>Entoloma hochstetteri</i>), native to New Zealand.
West Bengal	Shramshree	Scheme to support Bengali migrant workers returning home due to discrimination.
Delhi	U-Special Buses	Revived exclusively for university students.
Arunachal Pradesh	Space Education	New ISRO laboratory inaugurated to foster STEM education.
Uttarakhand	Disaster	Cloudburst in Dharali triggered flash floods in the Kheerganga river .
J&K	Disaster/Energy	Chisoti village (Kishtwar) hit by cloudburst/flash floods. Sawalkote Hydropower Project revived on Chenab River.
Karnataka	UNDP Prize	Bibi Fatima Women's SHG (Dharwad) won the UNDP Equator Prize 2025 (Nobel for Biodiversity).

DEFENCE

- **Naval Commissioning:**
 - **INS Udaygiri (F34):** Built by MDL, Mumbai.
 - **INS Himgiri (F35):** Built by GRSE, Kolkata.
 - *Note:* Both are Project 17A stealth frigates. INS Udaygiri is the **100th warship** designed by the Warship Design Bureau.
- **Missile Testing:**
 - **Agni-5:** Successful test by DRDO from Chandipur. Range: **5000 km** (Solid-fuelled IRBM).
 - **IADWS:** Indigenous Integrated Air Defence System tested (Three layers: QRSAM, VSHORADS, DEW).
- **Military Exercises:**
 - **Bright Star 2025:** 19th edition, hosted by **Egypt** (Aug 28–Sept 10).
 - **SLINEX 2025:** 12th India-Sri Lanka Naval Exercise in **Colombo** (Aug 14–18).
 - **SIMBEX 2025:** 32nd India-Singapore Maritime Exercise in the South China Sea.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

FOOTBALL

- **Durand Cup 2025:**
 - **Winner:** NorthEast United FC (Defeated Diamond Harbour in Kolkata).
 - *Fact:* Asia's oldest tournament (Started 1888).
- **Mohamed Salah:** First player to win **PFA Player of the Year** three times.
- **Brand Finance Report:** **Real Madrid** named the world's most valuable football club (€1.921bn).
- **U-14 Norway Cup:** Won by **Minerva Academy (India)**.

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CRICKET

- **Retirements:** Cheteshwar Pujara (All forms) and Ravichandran Ashwin (IPL).
- **T20 Records:** David Warner became the 5th highest run-getter, overtaking Virat Kohli.
- **ICC Players of Month (July 2025):** Shubman Gill (Men) and Sophia Dunkley (Women).

TENNIS

- **Cincinnati Open 2025:** Winners: Carlos Alcaraz (Men) and Iga Swiatek (Women).

CHESS

- **Youngest Champion:** D Gukesh became the youngest-ever World Chess Champion.
- **Quantbox Chennai GM 2025:** Won by Vincent Keymer (Germany).
- **Esports World Cup:** Won by Magnus Carlsen (Riyadh).
- **FIDE World Cup 2025:** Hosted in Goa.

OTHER SPORTS

- **Commonwealth Games:** IOA approved India's bid to host **2030 CWG**. (2026 is in Scotland). India is set to host the centenary edition of the **Commonwealth Games (CWG)** in 2030, with Ahmedabad chosen as the proposed venue.
- **Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025:**
 - **Venue:** Dal Lake, Srinagar.
 - **Winner:** Madhya Pradesh.
 - **Mascot:** Himalayan Kingfisher.
- **Hockey Asia Cup 2025:**
 - **Winner:** India. (Runner-up: South Korea).
 - **Host:** Rajgir, Bihar (First international hockey event in the state).
- **Weightlifting: 2025 Commonwealth Championship** held in Ahmedabad. India topped with **40 medals**.
 - *Mirabai Chanu:* Gold (48kg).
 - *Koyel Bar:* Gold + Youth World Record (53kg).
- **Wushu:** Namrata Batra won India's first-ever medal at the World Games (China).
- **Mountaineering:** Kabak Yano (Arunachal) summited Mt. Kilimanjaro.
- **Formula 1:** Lando Norris won Hungarian Grand Prix.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- **2025 Ramon Magsaysay Awards:**
 - **Foundation to Educate Girls Globally (India):** For addressing cultural stereotyping and empowering girls.
 - **Shaahina Ali (Maldives):** For protecting marine ecosystems.
 - **Flaviano Antonio L. Villanueva (Philippines):** For upholding the dignity of the poor.
- **71st National Film Awards:**
 - **Best Feature Film:** *12th Fail* (Hindi).
 - **Best Actor:** Shared by Shah Rukh Khan (*Jawan*) and Vikrant Massey (*12th Fail*).
 - **Best Actress:** Rani Mukerji (*Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway*).
 - **Best Direction:** Sudipto Sen (*The Kerala Story*).
 - **Best Popular Film:** *Rocky aur Rani ki Prem Kahani*.
 - **Best Feature Film (National Values):** *Sam Bahadur*.
- **Miss Universe India 2025:** Manika Vishwakarma (Rajasthan).
- **National Anubhav Awards 2025:** For retired govt employees' memoirs (Anubhav Portal).

REPORTS, RANKINGS & PORTALS

- **Smart City Index 2025 (IMD):**

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- **Top City:** Zurich.
- **Top Indian City:** Delhi (104th).
- **Press Sewa Portal:** Launched by PRGI for newspaper registration.
- **ISO 15189:2022 Portal:** Launched by NABL for medical laboratories.
- **Rethinking Homestays:** Report by NITI Aayog & IAMAI.

BOOKS

- "The Conscience Network" by Sugata Srinivasaraju (About diaspora activists during the Emergency).
- "The Rise of the Hitman" by R. Kaushik (About Rohit Sharma).
- "The Man Who Fed India" by Priyambada Jayakumar (About M.S. Swaminathan).

IMPORTANT DAYS OF AUGUST 2025

- **Aug 1-7:** World Breastfeeding Week.
- **Aug 6:** Hiroshima Day.
- **Aug 7:** National Handloom Day.
- **Aug 9:** International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (*Theme: Indigenous Peoples and AI...*); Nagasaki Day.
- **Aug 10:** World Lion Day.
- **Aug 12:** International Youth Day (*Local Youth Actions...*); World Elephant Day (*Matriarchs & Memories*).
- **Aug 13:** World Organ Donation Day.
- **Aug 15:** Independence Day (*Naya Bharat*).
- **Aug 19:** World Humanitarian Day (*Strengthening global solidarity...*); World Photography Day.
- **Aug 20:** World Mosquito Day; Sadbhavana Diwas; Akshay Urja Day.
- **Aug 21:** Int. Day of Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism (*United by Hope...*); World Senior Citizen's Day.
- **Aug 23:** National Space Day (*Aryabhatta to Gaganyaan...*).
- **Aug 26:** International Dog Day.
- **Aug 29:** National Sports Day; Int. Day against Nuclear Tests.
- **Aug 30:** Int. Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances.

SEPTEMBER 2025

APPOINTMENTS

National Appointments

- **Shri CP Radhakrishnan:** Elected as the **15th Vice President of India**, succeeding Shri Jagdeep Dhankar who resigned in July 2025. He was the NDA candidate and defeated opposition nominee B Sudershan Reddy.
- **Mithun Manhas:** Former Indian cricketer elected as the **37th President of the BCCI**.
- **Air Marshal Sanjiv Ghuratia:** Appointed as **Maintenance Head** of the Indian Air Force.
- **Vandana Gupta:** Controller General of Communication Accounts.
- **T.C.A. Kalyani:** Controller General of Accounts (India).
- **Rajit Punhani:** CEO, FSSAI.
- **Justice Shree Chandrashekhar:** Chief Justice, Bombay High Court.
- **Justice M Sundar:** Chief Justice, Manipur High Court.
- **Justice Pavankumar Bhimappa Bajantri:** Chief Justice, Patna High Court.
- **Kanad Das:** Director, Botanical Survey of India (BSI).

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Smt Sushila Karki:** The former first woman Chief Justice of Nepal's Supreme Court became the country's **first woman Prime Minister** (Interim) on 12 September 2025, following the resignation of KP Sharma Oli due to Gen-Z protests.
- **Anutin Charnvirakul:** Prime Minister of Thailand.

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- **David Lammy:** Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
- **Sébastien Lecornu:** Prime Minister of France.
- **Irfaan Ali:** President of Guyana.
- **Jonas Gahr:** Prime Minister of Norway.
- **Diella:** The World's First AI Cabinet Minister (Albania), tasked with managing public procurement to tackle corruption.

NATIONAL NEWS

Constitutional & Political Updates

- **Vice President of India (Static GK):**
 - Article 63 mandates a Vice President.
 - **Eligibility:** Citizen of India, 35+ years of age, qualified for Rajya Sabha, no office of profit.
 - **First VP:** Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

SCIENCE, TECH & INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Vikram-3201:** India's first **Made-in-Bharat 32-Bit Microprocessor**. Designed by ISRO's VSSC and fabricated at the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) for rocket navigation and guidance.
- **India's Fastest Train:** **Namo Bharat**, operating on the Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS). Current operational stretch: 55 km.
- **EV Truck Fleet:** India's first EV truck fleet launched at **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)**. 50 trucks inducted (scaling to 80) with battery-swapping capability.
- **Railway Connectivity:**
 - **Bairabi-Sairang Railway Line:** Inaugurated to connect **Aizawl (Mizoram)** to the Indian Railway network.
 - **Fact:** Aizawl is the 4th Northeast capital linked, after Guwahati, Agartala, and Itanagar. HQ of NE Frontier Railway is in Maligaon (Guwahati).
- **Adi Vaani:** The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the Beta Version of India's first **AI-powered translation platform** for tribal languages.

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

- **Integrative Oncology Centre:** India's first, located at **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa**. Aims for evidence-informed, patient-centric cancer care.
- **Project Cheetah Milestone: Mukhi**, the first Indian-born cub (born to Namibian cheetah Jwala), reached adulthood (turned 915 days old on Sept 30, 2025). Project launched in 2022 at Kuno National Park, MP.
- **New Ramsar Sites:** Two wetlands in Bihar designated: **Gokul Jalashay** (Buxar) and **Udaipur Jheel** (West Champaran). Total increased to 93
- **10th Ayurveda Day:** Observed Sept 23. Host: **Goa**. Theme: *Ayurveda for People & Planet*.

CINEMA & CULTURE

- **Osars 2026 Entry:** Neeraj Ghaywan's movie "**Homebound**" nominated in the Best International Feature Film category. Inspired by Basharat Peer's article "Taking Amrit Home" regarding COVID-19 themes.
- **Bhupen Hazarika Coin:** RBI issued a commemorative coin on the birth centenary of the Assamese singer and filmmaker.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS HOSTED IN INDIA

- **IEC General Meeting:** 89th edition hosted by **BIS** in India, gathering 2,000 experts to discuss electrotechnical standards.
- **SCO Summit 2025:** Hosted in **Tianjin, China** (Aug 31-Sept 01).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Nepal's Gen-Z Revolution:** A massive protest organized on **Discord** against a social media ban (Facebook, WhatsApp, X, etc.) led to the resignation of PM KP Sharma Oli. TikTok was allowed as it registered in Nov 2024.

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- **India's UPI Expansion:** Qatar became the 8th nation to join the network. Collaboration involves NPCI International, QNB, and NETSTARS.
 - *Live in:* Bhutan, Nepal, Singapore, France, UAE, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Qatar.
- **Strategic Agreements:**
 - **India & Mauritius:** Agreement to set up a **satellite tracking station** near Diego Garcia to enhance presence in the Indian Ocean Region.
 - **India & Morocco:** Signed Defence MoU and announced a new Defence Wing at the Indian Embassy in Rabat.
 - **India & Bhutan:** Approved first railway links (**Kokrajhar-Gelephu & Banarhat-Samtse**).
- **Mount Fuji Record:** Kokichi Akuzawa (102 years) became the oldest man to summit Mount Fuji, Japan.
- **Educational Expansion:** IIM Ahmedabad inaugurated its first international campus in **Dubai (UAE)**. IIT Delhi launched the first overseas Atal Innovation Centre at its **Abu Dhabi** campus.
- **UNESCO Tentative List:** New additions include **Tirumala Hills** (Andhra Pradesh) and **Erra Matti Dibbalu** (Red Sand Dunes, Visakhapatnam). Total sites: 69.
- **Typhoon Ragasa:** Severely affected Philippines, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, and Vietnam. Ragasa has been referred to as a super typhoon because it is a Category 5 tropical cyclone. "Ragasa" is a Filipino word meaning *rapid movement or surge*.

STATES

- **Bihar:**
 - Launched **Bihar Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh** for credit access to rural women.
 - Hosted **Men's Hockey Asia Cup 2025** at Rajgir.
- **Himachal Pradesh:** Declared a **fully literate state** (99.3% literacy).
- **Tamil Nadu:** First state to issue **ID Cards for Women SHG Members**.
- **Assam:** Launched India's First **Vulture Knowledge Portal**.
- **Gujarat:**
 - **Ahmedabad:** Inaugurated India's Largest Sports Complex.
 - **Dhordo:** Becomes the state's 4th solar village (after Modhera, Sukhi, Masali). Note: Dhordo was a UNWTO Best Tourism Village in 2023.

SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

- **Niveshak Didi:** Launched by IEPFA (Ministry of Corporate Affairs) to train women to educate others on finance.
- **National Geothermal Energy Policy:** India's first, launched by MNRE towards Net Zero emissions.
- **"Promise to Children":** Launched by ICC & UNICEF (Ambassador: Ayushmann Khurrana) to pledge support for children's rights.
- **SAJEX 2025:** Launched by India in **Jeddah (Saudi Arabia)** to strengthen jewellery exports.

DEFENCE

INFRASTRUCTURE & INDUCTIONS

- **INS Aravali:** Commissioned in **Gurugram (Haryana)**. A naval base for information dominance and communication networks.
- **INS Androth:** India's 2nd Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), built by **GRSE**. (1st was INS Arnala).
- **Lanza-N 3D Radar:** Inducted by Indian Navy. Built by **TASL** (Spanish firm Indra variant). Range: 9–474 km; Altitude: 100,000 ft.
- **Barge LSAM 25:** 11th ACTCM Barge launched by Suryadipta Projects, Thane.

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OPERATIONS & EXERCISES

- **Samudra Pradakshina:** World's first **all-women tri-service circumnavigation** expedition. 10 officers aboard **IASV Triveni** flagged off from Gateway of India (Mumbai) on Sept 12.
- **Exercise Pacific Reach 2025:** Multinational maritime exercise (40+ nations) hosted by **Singapore**. India's **INS Nistar** (Diving Support Vessel) participated.
- **Exercise ZAPAD 2025:** Multilateral (Belarus–Russia–India) exercise at Mulino Training Ground, **Russia**.
- **Exercise MAITREE-XIV:** India–Thailand joint exercise at **Umroi, Meghalaya**.
- **Yudh Abhyas 2025:** 21st India–USA exercise at **Fort Wainwright, Alaska**.
- **First India–Greece Naval Exercise:** Held in the **Mediterranean Sea** (Salamis Naval Base).
- **Operation Rahat:** Launched by Indian Army's Western Command for flood relief in Punjab, HP, and J&K.
- **India–Norway Maritime Dialogue:** First dialogue held in **Oslo** focusing on UNCLOS and trade routes.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- **Tri-Services Education Corps:** Established to unify military education, announced at Combined Commanders' Conference 2025.
- **T-SATS:** India's first Tri-Services Academia Technology Symposium. Theme: *Vivek va Anusandhan se Vijay*.
- **MiG-21 Farewell:** The "Flying Coffin" was decommissioned at AFS Chandigarh (Last unit: No. 23 Squadron "Panthers").

SPORTS

CRICKET

- **Men's Asia Cup 2025:**
 - **Winner: India** (9th Title) | **Runner-up: Pakistan**.
 - **Host: UAE** (Final: Dubai).
 - **Player of Series/Most Runs: Abhishek Sharma** (314 runs).
 - **Most Wickets: Kuldeep Yadav** (17).
 - **Player of Final: Tilak Verma**.
- **Duleep Trophy 2025: Central Zone** won (after 11 years) defeating South Zone.
- **USA Cricket:** Membership suspended by ICC over governance issues.
- **Records:**
 - **Arshdeep Singh:** First Indian bowler to reach 100 T20I wickets.
 - **Ravichandran Ashwin:** First Indian to join **Big Bash League** (Australia).
 - **Retirements:** Chris Woakes (England), Amit Mishra (after 25 years).
- **Women's World Cup 2025:** Hosted by India & Sri Lanka. Campaign: "Will to Win".

TENNIS: US OPEN 2025

- **Men's Singles: Carlos Alcaraz** (Spain) def. Jannik Sinner (Italy).
- **Women's Singles: Aryna Sabalenka** (Belarus) def. Amanda Anisimova (USA).
- **Doubles Winners:** Marcel Granollers/Horacio Zeballos (Men's); Gabriela Dabrowski/Erin Routliffe (Women's); Sara Errani/Andrea Vavassori (Mixed).

HOCKEY

- **Men's Asia Cup 2025:**
 - **Host: Rajgir, Bihar**.
 - **Winner: India** (4th title) | **Runner-up: South Korea**.
 - **Best Player: Abhishek Nain** (India).
- **Women's Asia Cup 2025:**
 - **Host: Hangzhou, China**.
 - **Winner: China** | **Runner-up: India**.

FOOTBALL

- **Ballon d'Or 2025:**
 - **Men: Ousmane Dembélé** (France/PSG).

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- **Women:** Aitana Bonmatí (Spain/Barcelona) - First to win 3 consecutive times.
- **FIFA 2026:** Mascots unveiled: **Clutch, Maple, and Zayu.** Hosts: USA, Canada, Mexico.
- **CAFA Nations Cup:** India won Bronze (First medal) defeating Oman.
- **Retirement:** Sergio Busquets (after 20 years).

OTHER SPORTS

- **Chess:**
 - **Abhimanyu Mishra** (Youngest GM) defeated World Champion D Gukesh.
 - **Vaishali Rameshbabu** won FIDE Women's Grand Swiss.
 - **Marium Fatima:** Bihar's first woman FIDE master.
- **Archery:**
 - **World Championships:** India won first-ever Gold in Men's Compound Team (def. France).
 - **Para Championships:** India ranked 2nd. Gold: Toman Kumar, Sheetal Devi.
- **Badminton:** World Championships 2026 to be hosted by **India**.
- **Formula 1:** Oscar Piastri (Dutch GP), Max Verstappen (Italian GP).
- **Table Tennis:** 28th Asian Team Championships hosted in **Bhubaneshwar**.
- **Skating:** India's first Golds at World Championships (China) by **Anandkumar Velkumar** (Senior) and **Krish Sharma** (Junior).
- **Athletics:** Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone ran fastest 400m in 40 years (47.78s).
- **Asian Aquatics 2025:** Hosted in **Ahmedabad**.
- **Asian Cadet Cup (Fencing):** Hosted in **Uttarakhand** (First international fencing event in India).

AWARDS & HONOURS

- **71st National Film Awards:**
 - **Best Feature Film:** *12th Fail*.
 - **Best Actor:** Shah Rukh Khan (*Jawan*) & Vikrant Massey (*12th Fail*).
 - **Best Actress:** Rani Mukerji (*Mrs. Chatterjee Vs Norway*).
 - **55th Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023:** Mohanlal Viswanathan Keral. He is the youngest recipient of this honour. First winner was **Devika Rani** (1969).
- **National Teacher's Awards 2025:** 45 teachers selected.
- **Prof. V.K. Gokak Award:** Anand V. Patil for Bal Sahitya.
- **Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2025:**
 - **Top Cities:** Indore (>10L), Amravati (3-10L), Dewas (<3L).
 - **Wetland Accreditation:** Indore & Udaipur.

REPORTS, RANKINGS & PORTALS

- **Global Innovation Index 2025:** India ranked **38th**. Top: Switzerland.
- **Bloomberg Billionaires:** Larry Ellison (World's richest). Indians: Mukesh Ambani (18th), Gautam Adani (21st).
- **NIRF Rankings 2025:** Top Institute: **IIT Madras**.
- **NARI 2025 Report (NCW):** Safest City: **Kohima** (Nagaland).
- **Kapas Kisan App:** Launched by Ministry of Textiles for cotton MSP procurement.
- **Adi Sanskriti Platform:** World's first Digital University for tribal culture.
- **Gyan Bharatam Portal:** For manuscript digitization.
- **Passbook Lite:** Launched by EPFO.
- **UN AI Centre of Excellence:** India nominated **IIT-Madras**.

BOOKS

- **Mother Mary Come To Me** by Arundhati Roy (Memoir).
- **Demography, Representation, Delimitation** by Ravi K Mishra.
- **Why the Constitution Matters** by Former CJI DY Chandrachud.

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IMPORTANT DAYS (SEPTEMBER 2025)

- **05 Sept:** International Day of Charity.
- **07 Sept:** Int. Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (*Racing for Air*).
- **08 Sept:** International Literacy Day (*Promoting literacy in digital era*).
- **10 Sept:** World Suicide Prevention Day (*Changing the narrative*).
- **15 Sept:** International Day of Democracy.
- **16 Sept:** Int. Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer (*From science to global action*).
- **17 Sept:** World Patient Safety Day (*Safe care for every newborn and child*).
- **21 Sept:** International Day of Peace (*Act Now for a Peaceful World*).
- **23 Sept:** Int. Day of Sign Languages (*No Human Rights Without...*).
- **26 Sept:** Int. Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
- **27 Sept:** World Tourism Day (*Tourism and Sustainable Transformation*).
- **28 Sept:** World Rabies Day (*Act now: You, Me, Community*); Int. Day for Universal Access to Information; World Maritime Day (*Our Ocean, Our Obligation...*).
- **30 Sept:** International Translation Day.

OCTOBER 2025

APPOINTMENTS

Name	Designation / Achievement	Key Details
Justice Surya Kant Sharma	Next Chief Justice of India	Designated to take charge of the Supreme Court from November 24, 2025 .
Ms. Sanae Takaichi	Prime Minister of Japan	President of the Liberal Democratic Party; took over as Japan's first female Prime Minister on 21 October 2025 .
Praveer Ranjan	Director General (CISF)	Appointed as the head of the Central Industrial Security Force.
Khaled El-Enany	UNESCO Chief	Became the First Arab to hold this position.
Anant Goenka	President (FICCI)	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry.
Nirmal Mindra	President (ASSOCHAM)	Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India.
Justice Prathiba M. Singh	Chair, WIPO Advisory Board	The Delhi High Court judge became the first Indian to chair WIPO's Advisory Board of Judges for 2025–27 .
Sanju Samson	EPL Ambassador	Named English Premier League Ambassador for India.
Harsh Sanghavi	Deputy CM (Gujarat)	Appointed as Deputy Chief Minister.
Rodrigo Paz	President of Bolivia	Elected as the new President.
Catherine Connolly	President (Ireland)	Elected President.
Neeraj Chopra	Lieutenant Colonel (Honorary)	The two-time Olympic medallist was conferred this honorary rank in the Territorial Army by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh.
Sherry Singh	Mrs Universe	Name: Sherry Singh. Host: Philippines . Edition: 48th . India's first Mrs Universe.
Shah Rukh Khan	Billionaire Status	Officially became the world's richest actor with a net worth of \$1.4 billion (₹12,490 crore) , surpassing Taylor Swift and Tom Cruise.

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INFRASTRUCTURE & CONNECTIVITY

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- **Aviation Manufacturing:** India's first **private helicopter assembly line** is being established by the **Tata Group & Airbus**.
 - **Location:** Vemagal, Karnataka.
 - **Model:** The facility will assemble the **Airbus H125** helicopters.
- **Highest Motorable Road:** Built by BRO at **Mig La Pass** (Ladakh).
 - **Height:** 19,400 feet.
 - **Record:** Surpassed the earlier record set at Umling La (19,024 ft) in 2021.
 - **Motto:** *Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam*.
- **Hydrogen Hubs:** Three major ports designated as Green Hydrogen Hubs by MNRE:
 - **Deendayal Port** (Gujarat).
 - **V.O. Chidambaranar Port** (Tamil Nadu).
 - **Paradip Port** (Odisha).
- **Barren Island Voyage:** The first passenger voyage to India's **only active volcano** (Barren Island) was completed by the vessel '**Sindhu**'. It is located 140 km from Port Blair.

ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION

- **Dugong Conservation:** India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in **Palk Bay (Tamil Nadu)** received IUCN recognition.
 - **Area:** 12,250 hectares of seagrass meadows.
- **Coal India Initiative:** First **all-women central store unit** inaugurated in **Korba (Chhattisgarh)** by SECL under the banner "Nari Shakti se Rashtra Shakti".
- **Drug Safety: Online National Drug Licensing System** launched by CDSCO to track high-risk pharmaceutical solvents in real-time.
- **Aviation Safety:** India hosted the **First APAC-AIG Meeting** (Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group), organized by the AAIB.

CORPORATE UPDATES

- **Miniratna Status:** Granted to **Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)** by the Department of Public Enterprises. HSL was transferred to the Ministry of Defence in 2010.
- **Best Consumer Bank:** **State Bank of India (SBI)** won the "World's Best Consumer Bank 2025" award from Global Finance.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS: GLOBAL ALLIANCES

SUMMITS & MEMBERSHIPS

- **New Member of IUCN:** Tuvalu (Oceania) became the **90th State Member** of the International Union for Conservation of Nature.
 - **About Tuvalu:** Located in the Pacific Ocean; capital **Funafuti**; land area 26 sq km.
- **ASEAN Expansion:** Timor-Leste (East Timor) became the **11th member** of ASEAN.
 - **Summit Host:** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
 - **About ASEAN:** HQ in Jakarta, Indonesia; Founded in 1967.
- **World Green Economy Summit:** 11th Edition held in **Dubai (UAE)**. Theme: *Innovating for Impact*.
- **International Solar Alliance (ISA):** 8th Assembly hosted by **India**. HQ: Gurugram.
- **East Asia Summit 2025:** 20th Edition. Adopted the **Kuala Lumpur Declaration**.

SCIENCE & TECH GLOBALLY

- **Coral Cryobank:** Philippines launched Southeast Asia's first Coral Cryobank to preserve reef genetic diversity.
- **Underwater Live Interview:** Conducted by **Palau President Surangel Whipps Jr.** using **Li-Fi technology** (data via light).
- **Wind Data Satellite:** Stellerus (Hong Kong startup) launched the **Feilian Constellation**, the world's first 3D wind data satellite system.

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- **Stablecoin: Japan** launched the world's first yen-pegged stablecoin named JPYC.

DIPLOMACY & GOVERNANCE

- **India & Afghanistan:** India upgraded its **technical mission** in Kabul to a **Full Embassy**, marking the first formal expansion since the Taliban's return in 2021.
- **UN Appointments:**
 - **India** elected to **UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)** for the 2026-28 term (7th term). HQ: Geneva.
 - **India** elected **Co-Chair of UN-GGIM Asia-Pacific** until 2028.
 - **India** re-elected Vice-Chairperson of the **COP10 Bureau** (Anti-Doping).
- **Cybercrime Convention:** 72 nations signed the UN Convention against Cybercrime in **Hanoi**.

Disaster Updates

- **Philippines Earthquake:** A 6.9 magnitude earthquake hit on **30 September 2025**, leaving at least 75 dead.

STATES

Infrastructure & Renaming

- **Maharashtra:**
 - Railway station in **Aurangabad** renamed as **Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar**.
 - **Five beaches** earned **Blue Flag certification**: Shrivardhan, Nagaon (Raigad), Parnaka (Palghar), Guhagar, and Ladghar (Ratnagiri).
- **Arunachal Pradesh:** First commercial coal mine inaugurated at **Namchik Namphuk** (Changlang district).
- **Kerala:**
 - Declared **India's first extreme Poverty-Free state** (Nov 1 declaration highlighted).
 - First **Underwater tunnel** linking Vypin and Fort Kochi (2.75 km) to be developed by KRDCL.

ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY

- **Tamil Nadu (Chennai):** First city to launch a **Real-Time Flood Forecasting and Spatial Decision Support System (RTFF & SDSS)**. Focus: Adyar, Cooum, Kosasthalaiyar, and Kovalam rivers.
- **Rajasthan:** First **Namo Biodiversity Park** (Namo Van) inaugurated in **Alwar**.
- **Haryana:** First **Electric Truck Battery Swapping Station** inaugurated in **Sonipat**.
- **Telangana:** India's first **Semiconductor Innovation Museum** inaugurated in **Hyderabad** by T-Chip.
- **Karnataka:** Appointed **Akkai Padmashali** as the first Transgender member of an SC-appointed committee (headed by Justice Asha Menon).
- Severe Cyclonic Storm **Montha** was a moderately costly tropical **cyclone** that affected Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, and Tamil Nadu in October 2025. **Montha name was given by Thailand**, Montha means fragrant flower or beautiful flower in the Thai language.

DEFENCE

Presidential Sortie

- President Smt Droupadi Murmu took a sortie on the **Rafale fighter aircraft** at the **Ambala** Air Force base.

New Vessels & Systems

- **ICGS Akshar:** Fast Patrol Vessel commissioned by Indian Coast Guard. Built by Goa Shipyard Ltd (51m length, 27 knots).
- **INS Androth:** India's second **Anti-Submarine Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC)**. Built by GRSE, Kolkata.
- **SAKSHAM:** Indigenously built **anti-drone grid** launched by the Indian Army.
- Russia's "**Skyfall**": Successfully tested the **Burevestnik** (9M730), a nuclear-powered, long-range cruise missile (NATO Name: **SSC-X-9 Skyfall**).

MAJOR MILITARY EXERCISES

Exercise Name	Participating Nations	Details

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Ocean Sky 2025	India & Multinational	India is the 1st Non-NATO nation to join. Host: Spain (Canary Islands).
JAIMEX-25	India & Japan	Maritime. Yokosuka, Japan . 16–18 Oct 2025.
Samudra Shakti 2025	India & Indonesia	Maritime. Visakhapatnam . 5th Edition . 14–17 Oct 2025.
AUSTRAHIND 2025	India & Australia	Military. Perth, Australia . 13–26 Oct 2025.
Konkan 2025	India & UK	Naval. Western Coast of India . INS Vikrant participated.
In-Rokn	India & South Korea	First bilateral naval exercise. Busan . INS Sahyadri participated.
Trishul	Tri-Service (India)	Involves Army, Navy, Air Force, BSF, and Coast Guard.
National Pollution Response	Indian Coast Guard	10th Edition . Held in Chennai .

NOBEL PRIZES 2025

Field	Winners	Contribution/Reason
Medicine	Mare E. Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, Shimon Sakaguchi	Discoveries concerning peripheral immune tolerance .
Chemistry	Omar M. Yaghi, Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson	Development of metal-organic frameworks .
Physics	John M. Martinis, John Clarke, Michel Devoret	Discovery of macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit.
Peace	Maria Corina Machado (Venezuela)	Tireless work promoting democratic rights and struggle for transition from dictatorship to democracy.
Economic Sciences	Joel Mokyr, Phillippe Aghion, Peter Howitt	Identified prerequisites for sustained growth through technological progress and theory of creative destruction .
Literature	Laszlo Krasznahorkai	For his compelling and visionary oeuvre that, in the midst of apocalyptic terror, reaffirms the power of art.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

2025 WORLD PARA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Host: **New Delhi, India** (27 Sept - 05 Oct 2025).
- Mascot: **Viraaj** (an elephant).
- Medal Tally:
 1. **Brazil** (44 Medals).
 2. **China** (52 Medals).
 3. **India** (22 Medals: 6 Gold, 9 Silver, 7 Bronze).
- **Indian Gold Medalists:** Sumit Antil (Javelin F64), Sandip Singh Sargar (Javelin F44), Shailesh Kumar (High Jump T63), Rinku Hooda (Javelin F46), Nishad Kumar (High Jump T47), Simran Sharma (100m T12).

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **World Junior Badminton 2025:** Host: **India**. Medal Tally: **China (1st)**, **India (5th)**.
- **World Weightlifting 2025:** Host: **Norway**. Top: **North Korea**. **Mirabai Chanu** won **Silver** (48kg).
- **Asian Aquatics 2025:** Host: **Ahmedabad**. Top: **China**. **India (13th)**.

CRICKET & FOOTBALL

- **ICC Player of the Month (Sept 2025):** **Abhishek Sharma & Smriti Mandhana**.
- **FIFA: Cape Verde** became the 2nd smallest nation to qualify for the World Cup. New **ASEAN Cup** launched.
- **Chess:** **D Gukesh** and **Divya Deshmukh** won Gold at European Chess Club Cup (Greece).
- **F1: Lando Norris** won the Mexico Grand Prix 2025.

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AWARDS & HONOURS

2025 FILMFARE AWARDS

- Best Film: *Laapataa Ladies* (Dir: Kiran Rao).
- Best Director: Kiran Rao.
- Best Actor: Kartik Aaryan (*Chandu Champion*) and Abhishek Bachchan (*I Want to Talk*).
- Best Actress: Alia Bhatt (*Jigra*).

LITERARY & SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

- British Academy Book Prize: Sunil Amrit for *The Burning Earth*.
- Ursula K. Le Guin Prize: Vajra Chandrasekera for *Rakesfall*.
- Global Sustainability Award: Sonali Ghosh (Director, Kaziranga). First Indian to receive the Kenton R. Miller Award.

Ramanujan Prize

- The 2025 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize will be awarded to Dr. Alexander Smith of Northwestern University, United States of America. He has made breakthrough contributions to several long-standing problems in number theory, employing ideas from combinatorics, analytic number theory, and probability.

REPORTS & RANKINGS

- Hurun India Rich List 2025: Top: Mukesh Ambani (₹9.55 lakh crore). Richest Woman: Roshni Nadar. New Entry: Shah Rukh Khan. Youngest: Aravind Srinivas (31).
- World University Rankings 2026: Top: Oxford. Top Indian: IISc Bangalore.
- Henley Passport Index 2025: Top: Singapore (193 countries). India: 85th.
- Global Forest Resources: India ranks 9th in total forest area and 3rd in annual forest gain.

OBITUARIES

- Shri Piyush Pandey (Passed 23 Oct): "Father of Indian Advertising." Chief Creative Officer Worldwide. Famous for Fevicol, Cadbury ("Kuch Khaas Hai"), and Hutch ("You & I") campaigns. **Padma Shri** (2016) and **Lion of St Mark** (2018).
- Satish Shah (Passed 25 Oct): Veteran actor, famous as Indravadan Sarabhai in *Sarabhai vs Sarabhai*.
- Pt. Chhannulal Mishra (Passed 02 Oct): Hindustani classical singer (Banaras). Awards: **Padma Vibhushan** (2020), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship.
- Shri Govardhan Asrani (Passed 20 Oct): Renowned Bollywood actor/director known for comedic roles.
- Pankaj Dheer (Passed 15 Oct): Actor known for playing **Karna** in the serial *Mahabharata*.
- Raila Odinga (Passed 15 Oct): Former Prime Minister of Kenya (2008–2013).
- Varinder Ghuman: Punjabi actor and bodybuilder, known as India's "He-Man".

BOOKS

- "They Will Shoot You, Madam": Memoir by Harinder Bawea.
- "Mahatma Gandhi and the Environment": By T. N. Khosloo.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 01 Oct: Int. Day of Older Persons (*Older Persons Driving Local and Global Action*).
- 02 Oct: Int. Day of Non-Violence; Gandhi Jayanti; Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti.
- 04 Oct: World Animal Day (*Save Animals, Save the Planet!*).
- 05 Oct: World Teachers' Day (*Recasting teaching...*).
- 06 Oct: World Habitat Day (*Urban crisis response*); World Cerebral Palsy Day (*Unique and United*).
- 07 Oct: World Cotton Day.
- 08 Oct: Indian Air Force Day.
- 09 Oct: World Post Day; World Sight Day (*Love Your Eyes*).

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- 10 Oct: World Mental Health Day.
- 11 Oct: Int. Day of the Girl Child (*The girl I am...*).
- 13 Oct: Int. Day of Disaster Risk Reduction (*Build Resilience...*).
- 14 Oct: World Standards Day.
- 15 Oct: Int. Day of Rural Women; Global Handwashing Day.
- 16 Oct: World Food Day; World Anaesthesia Day.
- 17 Oct: Int. Day for Eradication of Poverty.
- 24 Oct: UN Day; World Polio Day; ITBP Raising Day; World Development Info Day.
- 27 Oct: World Day for Audiovisual Heritage.
- 31 Oct: World Cities Day (*People-Centred Smart Cities*).

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APPOINTMENTS

Name	Designation / Role	Key Details
Justice Surya Kant	53rd Chief Justice of India	The head of the Indian Judiciary.
Zohran Mamdani	Mayor, New York City (USA)	A major international political appointment.
Sanjay Garg	Director General (BIS)	Heading the Bureau of Indian Standards.
Shaikha Nasser Al Nowais	Head of UN Tourism	She is the First Woman to lead this organization.
Shailesh Chandra	Head of OICA	First Indian to lead the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA),.
Keerthy Suresh	UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate	Focused on Child Rights ,.
Rohit Sharma	Tournament Ambassador	Named ambassador for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bihar State Assembly Elections 2025

The political landscape in Bihar has been reaffirmed.

- **The Winner:** The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) secured a decisive victory, winning **202 seats out of 243**.
- **Chief Minister:** Nitish Kumar has become the Chief Minister of Bihar for the **10th time**.
- **Historical Context:** The very first Bihar Assembly Elections were held in **1951–52**.
- **Current Governor:** Arif Mohammad Khan (as of November 2025).

The 131st Constitutional Amendment Bill 2025

- **The Proposal:** The Bill proposes to include the **Union Territory of Chandigarh** under the ambit of **Article 240** of the Constitution.
- **The Objective:** This allows for the appointment of an **independent administrator** for Chandigarh. Currently, the Punjab Governor holds this charge.
- **About Article 240:** It grants the **President** power to make regulations for peace, progress, and good governance of specific Union Territories (like Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep, etc.).
- **Status:** To be introduced in the Winter Session of Parliament.

Space & Technology: ISRO's Heavy Lift

- **Mission:** CMS-03 Satellite Launch.
- **Date:** 02 November.
- **Rocket:** LVM3-M5 rocket.

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- **Key Fact:** It is the **heaviest satellite**, weighing 4,400 kg.

Guinness World Records (Health)

The Union Health Ministry achieved **three Guinness World Records** under the "Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan" (SNSPA) campaign:

1. **3.21 Crore+** registrations for a healthcare platform in one month.
2. **9.94 Lakh+** sign-ups for breast cancer screening online in one week.
3. **1.25 Lakh+** sign-ups for vital signs screening online in one week (state level).

MARBLE FROM AMBAJI

Marble from Ambaji, Gujarat's prominent pilgrimage site and Shaktipeeth, has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its high-quality white stone, an official said on Friday.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UN Water Convention

- **New Member:** **Bangladesh** **BD** has become the **first South Asian Nation** to join.
- **About the Convention:** Formal name is "Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes" (Adopted 1992). It is a legally binding treaty for managing shared water bodies.

UNESCO Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Council

- **New Member:** **Oman** **OM** (Elected for the term 2025–2029),.
- **Event Location:** 43rd UNESCO General Conference in **Samarkand**.
- **Program Context:** MAB was launched in **1971** to improve human-environment relationships.

Strategic Groupings

- **Colombo Security Conclave:** **Seychelles** **SC** joined as a new member during the 7th NSA-level meeting in New Delhi.
 - *Existing Members:* India, Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh.
- **Word of the Year 2025:** **Cambridge Dictionary** selected "**Parasocial**".
 - *Definition:* A connection people feel with someone they don't know—or even with an AI,.

20th G20 Summit

The 20th G20 Summit 2025, held in **Johannesburg, South Africa**, became the first-ever G20 summit hosted on the African continent. President Trump hosts the **G20 Summit** in Miami, 2026.

Disaster & Geography

- **Operation Sagar Bandhu:** India's operation to provide search, rescue, and HADR support to **Sri Lanka** following **Cyclone Ditwah**. The name "Ditwah" means "lagoon" and was suggested by Yemen, referring to the ecologically significant Detwah Lagoon on their Socotra Island.
- **Volcanic Eruption:** **Mt. Hayli Gubbi** (Ethiopia) erupted after 12,000 years, sending ash/sulfur dioxide as far as India.
- **Urbanization:** **Jakarta** (Indonesia) surpassed Tokyo to become the **world's most populous city** (Source: UN World Urbanisation Prospects 2025).
- **Cyclone Senyar** was an exceptionally rare and catastrophic tropical cyclone that formed over the Strait of Malacca in late November 2025. The name "Senyar" (pronounced "Sen-yar"), meaning "lion," was contributed by the United Arab Emirates as per the regional cyclone naming convention.
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300 MN COMMITTED FOR HEALTH IMPACTS OF CLIMATE AT COP30

- **Belem Action Plan Launch and Funding**
 - About 80 countries and organisations came together at COP30 in Belém, Brazil, to launch the **Belem Action Plan for Health and Climate Adaptation**.
 - The plan aims at **strengthening global health systems** to better cope with the impacts of climate change.

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- The Climate and Health Funders Coalition, an alliance of about 35 philanthropies, announced an initial commitment of **US \$300 million** for integrated action to deal with both the causes and consequences of climate change on human health.
- This funding will support the implementation of the Belem Action Plan and be used for accelerating health solutions where they are needed the most.
- **Agreement Name:** *Global Mutirao: Uniting humanity in a global mobilisation against climate change.*

Government notifies Digital Personal Data Protection Act

- **Act Notified and Compliance**

- The Union government notified large parts of the **Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023**, on Friday.
- The notification addresses the need for a law to protect the data privacy of Indian citizens, marking a significant step toward compliance with the Supreme Court's 2017 *K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India* judgment, which affirmed the right to privacy as a fundamental right.
- The draft DPDP Rules, 2025, to enforce the Act, were put out for public consultation in January 2025.

STATE UPDATES

Cultural & Geographical Tags (GI Tags)

- **Sikkim:** GI tags granted to **Tungbuk** and **Pumtong Pulin** (Traditional Lepcha musical instruments).
- **Gujarat:** GI tag granted to **Ambaji Marble**.
- **UNESCO City of Gastronomy:** Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) became the second Indian city to receive this recognition (Hyderabad was the first in 2019).
- **Ramsar Site: Gogabil Lake** (Katihar district, Bihar) designated as India's **94th Ramsar site**.

Legislation & Governance

- **Assam:** Passed the **Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025**.
 - **Penalty:** Up to **10 years** jail for concealing a previous marriage; up to **7 years** for marrying again without divorce. Repeat offenders face double punishment.
- **Maharashtra:** Became the **first state** to sign an agreement with **Starlink Satellite Communications** for satellite-based internet in rural areas and government institutions.

Festivals

- **Hornbill Festival 2025 (Nagaland):**
 - **Partner Countries:** UK **GB**, Ireland **IE**, Switzerland **CH**.
 - **Official Travel Partner:** Air India Express.
 - **State Fact Check:** CM is Neiphiu Rio; Capital is Kohima.

Defence -Security & Strategy

Exercise Name	Participating Nations	Type / Location	Dates / Details
SURYAKIRAN XIX	India & Nepal	Army / Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand	25 Nov – 08 Dec.
AJEYA WARRIOR-25	India & UK	Army / Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan	17 Nov – 30 Nov (8th Edition).
Garuda 25	India & France	Air Force / Mont-de-Marsan, France	16 Nov – 27 Nov (8th Edition).
VINBAX 2025	India & Vietnam	Army / Hanoi, Vietnam	11 Nov – 27 Nov (6th Edition).
MITRA SHAKTI-2025	India & Sri Lanka	Army / Belagavi, Karnataka	10 Nov – 23 Nov (11th Edition),

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Malabar 2025	India, Australia, Japan, US	Navy / Guam (Western Pacific)	10 Nov – 18 Nov.
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Infrastructure & Assets

- **INS Ikshak:** Commissioned as the **third Survey Vessel (Large)**. First of its class based at **Southern Naval Command (Kochi)**. Built by **GRSE**.
- **Mudh-Nyoma Air Force Station:** Inaugurated in **Ladakh** at **13,700 feet** with a **2.7 km** runway. (IAF Northern Command HQ is in Udhampur).

SPORTS

ICC Women's World Cup 2025 (Historical Win)

- **Winner:** India (1st Title),.
- **Runner-Up:** South Africa.
- **Host:** India and Sri Lanka.
- **Final Venue:** DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai.
- **Player of the Series:** **Deepti Sharma** (Also took most wickets: 22).
- **Most Runs:** Laura Wolvaardt (South Africa - 571 runs).
- **Anthem:** "Bring it Home" sung by **Shreya Ghoshal**.

Other Sports Highlights

- **Kabaddi:** India defeated **Chinese Taipei** to win the **Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025** in Dhaka.
- **Tennis:**
 - **Davis Cup (113th Edition):** Won by **Italy**.
 - **Hall of Fame:** **Roger Federer** (Switzerland) to be inducted in 2026,. (Fact: Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj were the first Asians inducted in 2024).
- **Chess:**
 - **Ilamparthi AR** (16 years old, Chennai) became India's **90th Grandmaster**.
 - **Rahul VS** became India's **91st Grandmaster** after winning the 6th ASEAN Individual Championship.
- **Football:** Former English footballer **David Beckham** conferred with **Knighthood** by King Charles.

AWARDS & HONOURS

- **Booker Prize 2025:** Won by **David Szalay** (Hungarian-British) for the novel "**Flesh**".
- **Miss Universe 2025:** Crowned **Ms. Fatima Bosch (Mexico Mx)**. Held in Thailand. (Fact: Sushmita Sen was India's first winner in 1994),.
- **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2024:** Awarded to **Ms. Michelle Bachelet** (Former President of Chile & UN High Commissioner for Human Rights).

REPORTS & RANKINGS

- **QS Asia Rankings 2026:**
 - **Top:** University of Hong Kong.
 - **India's Best:** IIT Delhi (Rank 59).
- **Henley Passport Index 2025:**
 - **Top:** **Singapore** (193 countries).
 - **India:** 85th (57 visa-free countries).
- **Global Commitment to Development Index (CDI) 2025:**
 - **Publisher:** Centre for Global Development.
 - **Top:** **Sweden**.
 - **India:** 36th.

OBITUARIES

- **Dharmendra:** Legendary "He-Man" of Bollywood.
 - **Born:** 08 Dec 1935 | **Died:** 24 Nov 2025.
 - **Debut:** *Dil Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere* (1960).

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- **Award:** Padma Bhushan (2012),
- **Sulakshana Pandit:** Bollywood actress and playback singer (Died 07 Nov).
- **Charles Coste:** World's Oldest Olympic Gold Medallist (France).

IMPORTANT BOOKS

- **Title:** "Antim Din".
- **Publisher:** Ministry of Culture.
- **Context:** Hindi translation of the Lithuanian novel "The Last Day" by Jaroslavas Melnikas.

IMPORTANT DAYS IN NOVEMBER

- **05 Nov:** World Tsunami Awareness Day (*Theme: Be Tsunami Ready...*).
- **07 Nov:** National Cancer Awareness Day.
- **08 Nov:** World Radiography Day.
- **10 Nov:** World Science Day for Peace and Development (*Theme: Trust, Transformation, and Tomorrow...*).
- **11 Nov:** National Education Day.
- **12 Nov:** World Pneumonia Day.
- **14 Nov:** World Diabetes Day (*Theme: Know more and do more for diabetes at work*).
- **15 Nov:** Tribal Pride Day.
- **16 Nov:** International Day for Tolerance; National Press Day.
- **19 Nov:** World Toilet Day (*Theme: Sanitation in a Changing World*).
- **20 Nov:** World Children's Day (*Theme: My Day My Rights*); National Philosophy Day (World Philosophy Day).
- **21 Nov:** World Television Day; World Fisheries Day.
- **25 Nov:** Int. Day for Elimination of Violence against Women (*Slogan: UNiTE to End Digital Violence...*).
- **26 Nov:** National Milk Day (Birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien).

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IMPORTANT REPORTS & INDEXES (2024-25)

Report / Index	Issued By	Top Rank (World)	India's Rank	Relevant GK / Context
Global Hunger Index 2025	Welthungerhilfe	Armenia (Low Hunger)	102nd	Classifies hunger as "Serious".
Henley Passport Index 2025	Henley & Partners	Singapore	85th	Measures visa-free access.
Global Innovation Index 2025	WIPO	Switzerland	38th	Theme: Social Entrepreneurship.
World Happiness Report 2025	SDSN	Finland	118th	Finland top for 8th year.

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Global Gender Gap Index 2025	World Economic Forum	Iceland	129th	Benchmarks gender parity.
Human Development Index (HDI) 2025	UNDP	Iceland	130th	Dimensions: Health, Education, Standard of Living.
World Press Freedom Index 2025	Reporters Without Borders	Norway	151st	Measures media independence.
Global Peace Index 2025	IEP	Iceland	115th	Most peaceful country: Iceland.
Climate Change Perf. Index 2025	Germanwatch	Denmark (4th)	10th	Top 3 spots left empty (no country good enough).
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