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YEARLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

Current affairs asked in UP RO/ARO, UPSC, CAPF, KPS,TNPCS,HPPCS (2025) also included



RAHUL VERMA
(5 MAINS UPSC/UPPCS)
MANISH (2 MAINS)
ATUL (2 MAINS)

CURRENT AFFAIR TILL AUGUST 10, BUDGET, ECONOMY SURVEY, AGRICULTURE DATA, MINING, UP SPECIAL,ETC

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QUICK REVISIONS IN SHORT

1.Two Indian texts were added to UNESCO's Memory of the World(**Established**: 1992) Register – **Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra**

- India now has 14 entries (including joint submissions) in the Memory of the World Register

Recent Indian Entries

Year	Entry	Key Features
2023	Abhinavagupta Manuscripts	Kashmir texts on aesthetics & tantra
2024	Ramcharitmanas	Tulsidas' Awadhi retelling of *Ramayana*
2024	Panchatantra	Sanskrit animal fables (~300 CE)
2024	Sahṛdayāloka-Locana	Foundational Sanskrit literary theory
2025	Bhagavad Gita BY *Maharishi Vedvyasa*	Philosophical-spiritual text, part of *Mahabharata*
2025	Natyashastra Bharatmuni (**200 BCE and 200 CE**).	Treatise on Indian performing arts (Bharata Muni)

2. Two male cheetahs from Kuno National Park being relocated to? – **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (MP)**

3. **India's 1st Aqua Tech Park**
- Launched in: July 2025.
- Location: Sonapur, Guwahati, Assam.
- Assam is now India's 4th-largest fish producer.

4. "Integrated Human Establishment" by Nitin Gadkari — On HRD and institutional reforms

5. India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-centric Special Economic Zone (SEZ) will be established in (May 28, 2025) - **Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh**(BY - RackBank Datacenters Pvt. Ltd)

6. Russia – First to recognize Taliban govt (July 3, 2025); accepted Afghan envoy.

7. **Kamchatka,** Russia – Hit by 8.7 & 8.8 earthquakes + Klyuchevskoy volcano eruption in July 2025.

8. M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference, New Delhi
- Inaugurated by: PM Narendra Modi
- Theme: "The Jai Ho Revolution: Towards Biological Pathways"

9. **First female** cricketer to play 300 international matches for India? – **Harmanpreet Kaur**

10. **Nvidia** – world's most valuable company ($3.92T; AI boom).

11. India's **top crude oil supplier (2024–25)** is **Russia** with ~36% share (~1.76 million bpd), followed by **Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and the US**.
OPEC's share fell below 50% for the first time, while **US imports surged 114% YoY in Q1 FY26**, making it the 4th largest supplier.

12. **India's 1st Polar Research Vessel**
Builders: Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata + Kongsberg Discovery, Norway.
- Boosts **India's polar research capacity** beyond existing bases – *Maitri & Bharati* (Antarctica), *Himadri* (Arctic, Norway).
- Dakshin Gangotri (Antarctica, 1983): India's 1st polar station, now decommissioned

13. **SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation)** founded: **2001** members(10): Iran, Belarus, China, Russia, India, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan. **Country hosted the 2024 SCO Summit– Kazakhstan(2025-CHINA)**

14. **Population Census 2027 – 16th Decadal Census of India**
- Organised by the Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner, under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- Census will mark a 16-year gap(1ST MARCH 2027), the longest ever.
- India's first digital census,mobile app-based data collection
- Self-enumeration portal for citizens
- Geo-tagging of households
- Caste-Based Data will collecte and Integration with NPR

15. 107th National Park on April 24, 2025? – **Similipal National Park(** Raimona national park 106th)

Similipal National Park (Odisha)
- Declared **Tiger Reserve** in **1973** (under **Project Tiger**).
- Declared **Biosphere Reserve** in **1994**.
- Part of **UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves** (2009).

16. Who was appointed Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India? – **Justice Dinesh Maheshwari**

Law Commission of India
- it is an **executive body**(**Advisory body** – gives recommendations on legal reforms, but **not binding** on the government.)
- **First Law Commission**: Established in **1834**,headed by **Lord Macaulay**.
- **Independent India's first Law Commission**: Constituted in **1955**, headed by **M.C. Setalvad**
- Works under the **Ministry of Law & Justice (Department of Legal Affairs)**.
- **Tenure**: Constituted for a fixed term (usually **3 years**).

17. Indian university topped the THE Asia Rankings 2025? – **IISc Bengaluru**

18. **National Sports Policy 2025**: Replaces 2001 policy, 5 pillars, linked to Olympics 2036 vision.

19. World's first humanoid robot half marathon held? – **Beijing**

20. Divya Deshmukh (19 yrs): Won FIDE Women's Chess World Cup 2025 (Batumi, Georgia).Defeated **Koneru Humpy.**

21. India's **first Quantum Computing Village** be built? – **Amaravati,** Andhra Pradesh also part of the broader **Quantum Valley Tech Park** initiative

22. Narendra Modi – became 2nd-longest serving PM (4,078 days, surpassed Indira Gandhi).

23. India's first cable-stayed rail bridge inaugurated by PM Modi - **Anji Khad Bridge** (331 meters) Reasi district, Jammu & Kashmir, Spans over the **Anji River**, a tributary of the **Chenab**

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24. Madhya Pradesh: 1st Hindi-medium MBBS (Jabalpur, from 2027–28); stipend scheme; new Akashvani Kendra (Ujjain).
25. Uttar Pradesh: President inaugurated projects Mahayogi Gorakhnath University (Gorakhpur), 75th PM Divyasha Kendra (Badaun), Agritech Hub (Meerut).
26. **AI Kosha** is India's first **AI terminology repository** in **Indian languages** under the **IndiaAI Mission**
    - **Launched in 2024** by the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**.
    - Developed in collaboration with:
        - **IIT Bombay**
        - **AICTE**
        - **Department of Science and Technology (DST)**
    - It aims to **standardize technical AI terms** in **multiple Indian languages**.
27. **India's first World Peace Center** inaugurated to promote non-violence and universal brotherhood– **Gurugram,**Haryana
28. **India – Mobile Manufacturing (2025)**
    - Rank in Production – 2nd largest in the world (after China).
    - Rank in Exports – 3rd largest globally (after China & Vietnam).US$ 20.5 bn
    - Domestic Production Share – 99.2% of phones sold in India are locally made.
    - US Market – India overtook China as top smartphone supplier to USA (Q2 2025, share 44**%).**
29. first woman Law Secretary in India – **Anju Rathi Rana**
30. India's first underwater metro? – Kolkata
31. first state to provide menstrual leave for women employees – **Bihar**
32. world's tallest railway bridge is built over which river – **Chenab River ,**Connects **Katra** with **Banihal**
    - **359 meters** (taller than Eiffel Tower – 324 m)
    - Designed for **seismic zone IV/V (earthquake-resistant)**
    - Blast-proof features to ensure railway security

Comparison
- **Chenab Bridge** = World's tallest railway bridge (359 m, arch type)
- **Anji Khad Bridge** = India's first cable-stayed railway bridge (331 m)

33. **MSME – New Definition (2025)**

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) – upgraded in 2024, becoming the 14th Maharatna company

New classification of MSME

Type	INVESTMENT		TURNOVER	
	Current	Revised	Current	Revised
MicroEnterprise	Rs 1cr	Rs 2.5cr	Rs 5cr	Rs 10cr
Small Enterprise	Rs 10cr	Rs 25cr	Rs 50cr	Rs 100cr
Medium Enterprise	Rs 50cr	Rs 125cr	Rs 250cr	Rs 500cr

Source: Budget 2025-2026, Speech of Nirmala Sitharama, Union Minister of Finance February 1, 2025.

- IRCTC , SJVN and IRFC (Indian Railway Finance Corporation) – upgraded to Navratna in 2025

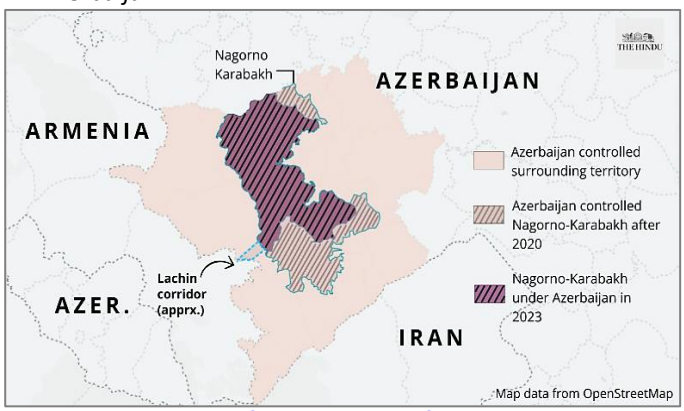
34. **Breaking (Breakdancing)-** new sport was introduced in the Paris 2024 Olympics India **did not qualify** for Breaking at Paris 2024
35. **ISRO's Reusable Launch Vehicle – RLV-TD: Key Points**
    1. **Objective:** To develop and test **technologies for a future low-cost reusable launch system**.
    2. **Landing Technology:** Uses **KALPANA software** (autonomous flight control)
    3. Achieves **precise horizontal landing** like an aircraft
36. **Current NATO Membership Overview (2024):**

Total Members	**32 Countries**
Most Recent	**Sweden (2024), Finland (2023**)
Oldest Members	Founding in 1949: USA, UK, France, Canada, etc.
Headquarters	Brussels, Belgium
founded: 4 April 1949 (Washington Treaty) Intergovernmental military alliance Article 5 (Collective Defence): An armed attack against one member is considered an attack against all.	An armed attack against one member is considered an attack against all.

37. Name of the world's first malaria vaccine approved by WHO – **RTS,S (Mosquirix)**
38. First Indian private rocket company to reach orbit? **– Skyroot Aerospace**
39. What is the name of the first Indian submarine made under **Project-75I**? **– INS Kalvari**
40. world's **first carbon-neutral country**? – **Bhutan**
41. Who inaugurated the **Lachit Barphukan Police Academy in Assam**? – Amit Shah

Battle of Saraighat (1671):
- Fought between the **Ahoms and Mughals** on the **Brahmaputra River** near **Guwahati**.
- Lachit led the Ahom forces to **victory over the Mughals**, under **Ramsingh I**, despite being heavily outnumbered.

42. Which countries finalized a peace treaty for **Nagorno Karabakh Region?** – *Armenia and Azerbaijan*



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43. **World Happiness Report 2025**

Parameter	Details
Released By	**UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)**
Top Country	**Finland** (Rank 1) – 8th consecutive year
India's Rank	**118th** (Improved from 126th in 2024) score-**4.389**
Other Top Countries	2. **Denmark** 3. **Iceland** 4. **Sweden** 5. **Netherlands**
Least Happy Country	**Afghanistan (147th)**
Key Factors Assessed	GDP per capita, social support, life expectancy, freedom, generosity, corruption perception

44. **Latest Remittance Facts**

Aspect	Key Figures & Facts
India's Inflows FY 2025	$135.46 billion — highest ever; doubled over past 8 years
Top Source Countrie	U.S. (27.7%), UAE, UK, Saudi Arabia, Singapore

45. Who was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the UK Parliament? – **Chiranjeevi.**
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47. **India's Global Economic Ranking – 2025 (NITI Aayog Data)**

Rank	Country	GDP (in USD Billion)	Remarks
1	**United States**	**30,507.217**	Largest economy in the world
2	**China**	**19,231.705**	Second largest
3	**Germany**	*(Approx.)* **4,500+**	Currently ahead of India
4	**India**	**4,186.431** India is expected to **overtake Germany** to become the **3rd largest economy** by **2027**	**Surpassed Japan** to become 4th largest economy
5	**Japan**	**4,186.431 (slightly lower)**	Overtaken by India in **May 2025**

48. Who returned to Earth after a nine-month extended stay in space? **– Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams.**
    - Their return took place on **March 18, 2025**, aboard a **SpaceX Crew-9 Dragon capsule**, landing (splashdown) in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Florida near Tallahassee
49. Which Indian won the Global Memory Championship 2025? – Vishvaa Rajakumar
50. Which South American country joined OPEC+ as an observer in 2025? – **Brazil**
51. **FDI in India – FY 2024–25**

Parameter	Details
Total FDI Inflow	USD 81.04 billion
Top FDI Receiving Sector	Services sector – 19% of total inflow
Top FDI Receiving State	Maharashtra (39%), Karnataka (13%), Delhi (12%)
Top Source Country of FDI	Singapore (30%), Mauritius (17%), USA (11%)

52. Which city topped the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI) 2025? – **New York** (GIFT City 46 (Gujarat)
53. India's rank in the Global Innovation Index 2024?– **39th By-World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) [HPPCS-25]**
54. Which Indian company was ranked No.1 in the Fortune India 500 list 2025? – **Reliance Industries**
55. Where was the World Government Summit 2025 held? – **Dubai, UAE**
56. Which Indian city hosted the International Financial Services Summit 2025? – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
57. Which country launched the **world's first commercial nuclear fusion reactor** in 2025? – **China**
58. Which country partnered with China for the Chang'e-8 Lunar Mission? – Pakistan
59. Which ISRO satellite faced orbit-raising issues due to a malfunction? – NVS-02 (GSLV-F15 mission).
60. The Indian government announced a `100 commemorative coin in honor of which legendary singer? – **Mohammed Rafi**.
61. **'Operation Devil Hunt'** targeting ex-PM Sheikh Hasina's loyalists? – Bangladesh.
62. **Human Development Index (HDI) 2025 Report**
    By: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
    Report Title:"A Matter of Choice: People and Possibilities in the Age of AI"

Dimension	Indicator
Health	Life expectancy at birth
Education	Mean years of schooling & expected years
Standard of living	Gross National Income (GNI) per capita

India-Specific Highlights (HDI 2024)

Indicator	Value/Rank
India's HDI Rank (2025 data)	**130 out of 193 countries**
HDI Score	0.685 (Medium) HDI
Life Expectancy	~67.7 years

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63. Where will the 2027 National Games be held in India? – Meghalaya(2025- Uttarakhand,2026 Tamil nadu)
64. **India's rank in Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)** 2024? – **96th out of 180 countries**

Category	Details
Publisher	Transparency International
Scoring Range	0 (Highly Corrupt) to 100 (Very Clean)
Global Average Score	43

Top 5 Countries

Country	Score	Rank
Denmark	90	1
Finland	88	2
Singapore	84	3
New Zealand	83	4
Norway	82	5

65. Now India became the 3rd largest automobile manufacturer (8 May 2025)
66. **World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI)** - BY World bank

Rank	Country	Score
1	Singapore	4.30
2	Finland	4.20
3–6	Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Denmark	~4.10
38	**India** (**Port Turnaround Time**: 0.9 days (better than USA, Germany, Singapore, etc.) **India's Rank 2018- 44**	

67. Where was Aero India 2025 be held, and what is its theme? – Bengaluru; "The Runway to a Billion Opportunities"
68. Which state launched India's first organic fisheries cluster? – **Sikkim**
69. What theme was announced for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2025? – **"**Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat"

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2025
- **Venue**: **Bhubaneswar**, Odisha
- PBD commemorates **Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa on 9 January 1915**, symbolizing the diaspora's enduring connection to the homeland.
- Since **2015**, the convention is held **biennially**, with the 1st PBD in 2003.

70. Where is the 6th semiconductor unit being established?- Near Jewar Airport, Uttar Pradesh
71. Where was the world's first commercial **e-methanol plant inaugurated**? (May 13, 2025)- **Kasso, Denmark**
72. Where was the National Intellectual Property Festival 2025 organized? (29 May, 2025) – **Dehradun**
73. Panchayat Unnati Index (PAI) 2.0 Portal – Developed By Ministry of Panchayati Raj
74. In which state was the Jungle Safari Train (107 kms.) launched? (17 May, 2025) – **Uttar Pradesh** Two locations does the train connect– **Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary and Dudhwa Tiger Reserve**
75. **World Bank's New Poverty Lines (2021 PPP, June 2025)**

Country Income Group	Previous Line (2017 PPP)	New Line (2021 PPP)
Low-income (extreme poverty)	$2.15/day	**$3.00/day**
Lower-middle-income countries(INDIA)	**$3.65/day**	**$4.20/day**
Upper-middle-income countries	$6.85/day	**$8.30/day**

76. According to the World Bank Report – Poverty in India, how many people in India moved out of extreme poverty between 2011–23? (April, 2025)- **171 million**
77. Nobel laureate Prof. Abhijit Banerjee joined the '**Rising Advisory Board'** of which state? (17 May, 2025)– **Telangana**
78. Which ministry launched the "Ek Desh Ek Dhadkan" (One Nation, One Heartbeat) initiative? (16 May 2025)– **Ministry of Culture**
79. Main objective To promote unity, patriotism, and respect for the national flag
80. Operation Black Forest-**anti-Naxal operation** was launched by security forces on the **Chhattisgarh-Telangana** border (21 April – 11 May 2025, 21 days)
81. **Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025 – Summary Table**

Aspect	etails
Published by	NITI Aayog, Government of India
Release Date	January 24, 2025 (inaugurated by **16th Finance Commission Chair, Dr. Arvind Panagariya)**
Top 5 States	1 Odisha (67.8) 2 Chhattisgarh (55.2) 3 Goa (53.6) 4 Jharkhand (51.6) 5 Gujarat (50.5)

82. Where did Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurate the BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre? (11 May 2025) – **Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)**
83. With whose support did Uttar Pradesh launch two new initiatives – 'UP AGREES' and 'AI Pragya'? (09 May 2025) – **World Bank**

UP-AGREES (Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Growth and Rural Enterprise Ecosystem Strengthening)
1. Inaugurated in **May 2025** at **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**.
2. **Objective**:To **modernize agriculture**, enhance **crop productivity**, preserve **natural resources**, and increase **farmers' income**—especially in **Purvanchal and Bundelkhand** regions.
3. **Funding & Partners**:
   - **Total Project Cost**: ₹4,000 crore
   - **World Bank Loan**: ₹2,737 crore (6-year loan @1.23% interest, 35-year repayment)
   - **State Government Contribution**: ₹1,166–1,666 crore

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4. **Coverage**:Spans **28 districts** across eastern UP and Bundelkhand.
5. **Beneficiaries**:Targets **10 lakh (1 million) farmers**, including **30% women farmers**

84. The 24th meeting of **the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council** of Ministers was held virtually under the chairmanship of which country? (21 May 2025)– **Sri Lanka**

85. Which Municipal Corporation issued the first certified **'Green Municipal Bond'** of the country? (29 April 2025) – **Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation**

86. Where was the **Yugm Innovation Summit 2025** held? (29 April 2025) **– New Delhi**

87. Where was **Asia's first global hyperloop competition** held? (February 21-25, 2025) - **IIT Madras**

88. Where is **India's longest railway tunnel (14.57 km)** under construction? (April 2025)– Between **Devprayag Saud and Janasu (Uttarakhand)**

89. Which state was India's first 'Modi Memorabilia Museum' established? (22 April 2025**)– Motihari, Bihar**

90. Schemes & Initiatives

Scheme / Initiative	Details
Adarsh Sanskrit Gram Programme	*Launched by:* Uttarakhand (15 April 2025)
Mukhyamantri Sugam Parivahan Seva	*Launched by:* Madhya Pradesh (April 2025)
Bhu-Bharati Portal	*Launched by:* Telangana (14 April 2025)

Kokborok language	*Demand for inclusion in 8th Schedule* by Kokborok Sahitya Parishad *State:* Tripura

91. Geographical Indications (GI Tags)

State	Details
Uttar Pradesh (highest in India)2ND TL	*Total GI-tagged products:* 77 *Kashi Region:* 32 (GI Hub)
Banaras	Shehnai, Tabla, Thandai, Lal Peda, Lal Bharwa Mirch, **Tiranga Barfi**, Wall Painting, **Chiraigaon Karonda**
Bareilly	Furniture, Zari-Zardozi, Terracotta
Mathura	Sanjhi Craft
Bundelkhand	**Kathiya Wheat**
Pilibhit	Flute
Chitrakoot	Wood Carving
Agra	Stone Inlay Work
Jaunpur	**Imarti**
Meghalaya	Ryndia Silk, Khasi Handloom products (April 2025)

92. Union Budget 2025–26

Fiscal Deficit Target (2025–26)	**4.4% of GDP-[CAPF 2025]**
Revenue Deficit Target	1.5% of GDP
Fiscal Deficit Target (2024–25)	4.8% of GDP
Liability Reduction Goal	Reduce outstanding liabilities to **50% of GDP by March 2031**

- **PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana** launched(To increase agricultural productivity, **Target:** 1.7 crore farmers in 100 low-productivity districts)
- **Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses**: 6-year programme
- **Makhana Board** to be set up in **Bihar**
- **Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme**: Digital books in Indian languages
- **5 National Centres of Excellence for Skilling** proposed
- **Fund of Funds for Startups** Objective: Promote startup growth. Key Features New Fund of Funds with **Rs. 10,000 crore contribution**
- **Jal Jeevan Mission** -Extension of the mission to cover **100% of rural households by 2028.**
- **Kisan Credit Cards (KCC)**
  - Increased loan limit from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh
  - Introduced in 1998 (by NABARD & GoI).
- **Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0**
  - Objective: Provide nutritional support for children, lactating mothers, and pregnant women.
  - Target: 8 crore children, 1 crore mothers, and 20 lakh adolescent girls.
- **Maritime Development Fund**: ₹25,000 crore corpus
- **Urban Challenge Fund** for: Cities as Growth Hubs, Creative Redevelopment, Water & Sanitation
- A total corpus of **₹1 lakh crore** dedicated to urban transformation
- **₹10,000 crore** allocated in the 2025–26 financial year to kickstart the initiative
- **Western Koshi Canal ERM Project** support for **Mithilanchal, Bihar**
- **Global Technology Summit**: New Delhi (10–12 April 2025)
  - **SKOCH Award** to **UP Police** (8 April 2025)
  - **New CEO of Invest UP**: **Vijay Kiran Anand**
- **Revised Rashtriya Gokul Mission**
  - **Objective**: Promote development in the livestock sector.
  - **Additional Expenditure Approved**: ₹1,000 crore
  - **Total Outlay (15th Finance Commission period)**: ₹3,400 crore (2021–22 to 2025–26)
- **Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II)**
  - **Approval**: **for financial years 2024-25 to 2028-29**
  - **Purpose**: Development of villages along international borders
  - Central Sector Scheme (**100% Centre-funded**)
  - State/UT CoveredArunachal Pradesh, Assam, **Bihar**, Gujarat, J&K, Ladakh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, **UP, WB**
- **PM Internship Scheme 2025 by**: Ministry of Corporate Affairs

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- **Direct Tax:** Exemption up to ₹12L (₹12.75L incl. std. deduction).
- **Haat on Wheels- Initiative**
  - By: Ministry of Textiles
  - Type: Mobile retail + Handloom Expo
  - **Lakpati Didi Yojana-** target: **3 crore women** from SHGs make rural women "Lakhpati" (₹1 lakh annual income) by 2029.Odisha leads with ~17 lakh beneficiaries
  - **PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana:By-** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy **,Target**-1 crore homes, 300 free units/month.

93. Mahila Samriddhi Yojana

- **Announced by**: Delhi Govt (March 8, 2025)
- **Assistance**: ₹2,500/month
- **Eligibility**: Women with annual income up to ₹3 lakh

94. Pamban Rail Bridge (Tamil Nadu)

- **Type**: India's first vertical lift sea bridge
- **Length**: 2.07 km
- **Connects**: **Rameswaram to mainland India**

95. Solar Power at Railway Stations

- **State with most installations**: Rajasthan (275 stations)
- **Railways Electrification Target**: 100% by 2025–26
- **Net-Zero Emissions Target**: By 2030

Artemis Accords –

- **Launched by**: NASA & U.S. in **2020**
- **Aim**: Peaceful, transparent, and cooperative **space exploration** (especially Moon & beyond)
- **Linked to**: **Artemis Program** (Moon missions)
- **India Signed**: **June 2023**
- **Non-signatories**: **China, Russia**
- **Legal Status**: **Non-binding** (political agreement)

96. ChaSTE Instrument

- **Purpose**: First device to measure in-situ temperature at Moon's South Pole

Chandrayaan-3 (ISRO Lunar Mission, 2023) Overview

- **Launched by**: ISRO
- **Launch Vehicle**: LVM3 (GSLV Mk-III)
- **Landing Date**: 23 August 2023(Officially celebrated as:**National Space Day)**
- **Landing Site**: Near South Pole of the Moon (Shiv Shakti Point)
- **Significance**: India became the **first country** to land near the lunar South Pole and **fourth country** overall (after USA, USSR, China) to achieve soft landing on the Moon.[RO/ARO 2025]

97. Curiosity Rover (NASA)

- **Discovery**: **Siderite mineral**
- **Location on Mars**: Gale Crater

98. Wildlife & Reserves

- **Mahuadanr Wolf Sanctuary**: Only wolf sanctuary in India, located in Latehar, Jharkhand
- **New Sanctuary**: **Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Sanctuary – Sagar** district, Madhya Pradesh
- **Phawngpui National Park** : Mizoram

99. CPCB New Classification: **Blue Category (2025**A **new "Blue Category"** has been introduced, specifically for industries providing **"Essential Environmental Services" (EES)** such as waste management utilities

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

- statutory authority under MoEFCC.
- Established in 1974 under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, and later entrusted with responsibilities under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, CPCB serves as India's apex pollution control entity

100. Bitcoin Mining (Hydropower): Bhutan, first country in the world

Bitcoin – Key Facts

- Bitcoin is the world's first decentralized digital currency(based on Blockchain technology)
- Introduced in 2009 by Satoshi Nakamoto.
- Bitcoin is not a legal tender in India
- Government introduced 30% tax
- El Salvador became the first country to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender in 2021.

101. Energy Statistics India 2025 (Released by: NSO)

- **Renewable Energy Potential**: 21,09,655 MW
- **Top States**:
  - Rajasthan – 20.3%
  - Maharashtra – 11.8%
  - Gujarat – 10.5%
  - Karnataka – 9.8%
- **India's Rank**: 3rd largest biofuel producer
- **Ethanol Blending (Jan 2025)**: 19.6%
- **Target**: 30% blending by 2030(20% E20 by 2025)

102. Startup Mahakumbh 2025-

- **India-Nepal Literature Festival:** Vrindavan, Mathura (U.P.)
- **Held in:** New Delhi (3–5 April)
- **Theme:** Startup India @2047 – Unfolding the Bharat Story

103. **Global Justice, Love, and Peace Summit 2025** held? (12–13 April 2025) – Dubai (U.A.E.)

- **Theme of the summit– One Planet, One Voice: Global Justice, Love, and Peace**

104. Salary of MPs increased from **₹1,00,000 to ₹1,24,000/month**.

105. Kantha Mela organized by **Coal India Ltd.** to promote women artisans (March 7).

106. Ramayana Conclave: Held in **Sri Lanka**; organized by **International Ramayana and Vedic Research Institute** (March 2025)

107. Internet Shutdown Report 2024: Published by **Access Now** (23 Feb 2025); India ranks **2nd** among democratic countries(1ST Iran)

108. Global Conference on AI, Security, and Ethics: Held in **Geneva** (27–28 March 2025)

109. CBD COP-16 & Cali Fund

- 16th Conference of Parties to UN Convention on Biological Diversity)

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- Cali, Colombia (Oct–Nov 2024); Resumed in Rome, Italy (25–27 Feb 2025)

Cali Fund

- **Launched**: at Resumed COP-16 in **Rome**.
- **Purpose**:
  - Ensure **equitable benefit-sharing** from **Digital Sequence Information (DSI)**.
  - Supports **Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)** ta

110. India's First Open-Air Art Wall Museum: Inaugurated in **New Delhi** at **Mausam Bhawan**, the IMD headquarters, Inaugurated by **Dr. Jitendra Singh**

- Launched on **18 February 2025**, coinciding with the *150th anniversary* of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), which was founded in 1875

111. Science & Technology

- **NASA PUNCH Mission**: Studies Sun's corona; Full form: *Polarimetry to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere* (Launch by end of 2025)
- **NASA Pandora Mission**: To analyze **20 exoplanet atmospheres** (Announced Feb 2025)
- **Majorana-1 [UPSC 2025]**
  - Launched by: **Microsoft** (Feb 2025).
  - What it is: World's first quantum chip with a Topological Core.
- **World's Largest Propellant Mixer**: 10-ton solid rocket mixer developed by **India** (Feb 2025)
- **NASA Expedition-75** (2026): Indian-origin astronaut **Arnal Menon** → Flight Engineer, ISS.

112. Gravehawk Missile System: Developed by **UK**; short-range surface-to-air missile (Feb 2025)

113. Hydrogen Truck Trials: Initiated by **Tata Motors** (March 2025)

- Funded by **National Green Hydrogen Launch**
- **Year:** 2021
- **Administered by:** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- First Indigenous Green Hydrogen Plant- Gujarat, at **Deendayal Port, Kandla**.

114. Biopolymer Plant: First in India, foundation laid at **Kumbhi, Lakhimpur Kheri (UP)** (22 Feb 2025) by **Balrampur Chini Mills**

115. Environment & Climate

- **Mudumal Megalithic Menhir (Telangana)**: Added to UNESCO's **Tentative List** (7 March 2025)
- **ADB's 'Frontier Seed' Initiative**: Launched in **Pacific region** to promote ocean impact and private sector development (13 March 2025)
- **Mount Kīlauea (USA)**: Became active again (March 2025)

116. Governance & Policy

- **UP Assembly**: First to get **translator facilities** in **Braj, Bhojpuri, Bundelkhandi & English** (18 Feb 2025)
- **National Geospatial Land Survey (NAKSHA)**: Pilot program launched (18 Feb 2025) by **Arvind Chaudhary**
- **Wildlife Bio-Bank:** First in India, operational at **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (Darjeeling Zoo)**
- **All India Transgender Conference 2025**: Held at **Ajmer** (17 Feb 2025)

117. Peace, Security & International Collaboration

- **Conference on Women Peacekeepers (Global South)**: Held in **New Delhi** (24–25 Feb 2025)
- **Trination Buddhist Motorcycle Expedition**: Launched at **Lumbini, Nepal** (16 Feb 2025) – Countries involved: **India, Nepal, Sri Lanka**

118. Defense & National Security

- **Top 3 Defense Export Destinations for India (Oct 28, 2024)**: USA, France, Armenia ,India **Defense** exports to over **90 countries**
- **17th India Urban Mobility (UMI) Conference 2024 Held at**: Gandhinagar, Gujarat (Oct 25–27, 2024)
- **Best Public Transport System Award at UMI 2024**: Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- **Digital Population Clock Inaugurated at**: Bengaluru – Nov 2024
- **First UCC Bill Passed by**: Uttarakhand – Feb 7, 2024
  UCC -Article 44 of the Indian Constitution
- **Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Airport**: New name of Pune Airport – Sep 23, 2024

119. Classical Language Status Granted to: **Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, Bengali** – Oct 3, 2024 **[kpcs]**

- **Current List of India's Classical Languages (11)**
- **Revised Criteria (2024):**
  - **1500–2000 years of antiquity.**
  - **Ancient texts in prose/poetry/inscriptions.**
  - **Distinct from current form**

Language	Year Granted
Tamil	2004
Sanskrit	2005
Telugu	2008
Kannada	2008
Malayalam	2013
Odia	2014

120. UNESCO Report: India Spends More on Education Than: China and Japan – Oct 24, 2024

- **India Spends 4.1% and 4.6% of its GDP to education** from 2015 to 2024.**China** and **Japan** allocated **4.1%** and **4.0%** of their GDP to education,

121. Hindi Literature Museum to be Set Up at: Varanasi – Oct 2024

122. Legislation & Judiciary

- **New 'Lady Justice' Statue Installed at**: Supreme Court of India – Oct 17, 2024

Feature	Before	After
Eyes/Blindfold	Eyes covered with blindfold	Eyes open, blindfold removed
Sword	Sword in hand	Sword replaced with Constitution
Scales	Scales remain unchanged	Scales remain unchanged

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123. **Zero Casualty Mission (for Disaster Management) Declared a Success by**: Odisha – Oct 25, 2024
124. **33% Quota for Women in Police Approved by**: Rajasthan – Sep 2024
125. **Minimum Marriage Age Raised to 21 Years by**: Himachal Pradesh – Aug 27, 2024

Child Marriage Laws in India –

- **1929 (Sarda Act):** Minimum age – 14 (girls), 18 (boys); fines for child marriage.
- **1949 Amendment:** Girls' age ↑ 15 years.
- **1978 Amendment:** Girls' age ↑ 18 years.
- **PCMA 2006:** Unified law; minimum age – 18 (girls), 21 (boys).

126. **First Vikramaditya Vedic Clock Inaugurated by**: PM Modi – Feb 29, 2024
- It is the **world's first 'Vedic Clock',** designed to display time according to the ancient Indian traditional Panchang It has been positioned on an 85-foot tower within **Jantar Mantar** in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.

127. **AgriSURE Scheme Launched by**: Shivraj Singh Chouhan – Sep 3, 2024
- A **₹750 crore blended–capital fund**, registered under SEBI as a *Category-II AIF* (Alternate Investment Fund), designed to **boost agritech and rural enterprises**.

128. **Kaziranga National Park-** Declared **India's second-largest butterfly diversity hub**, after **Namdapha National Park, Arunachal Pradesh**.
129. **Vishwashanti Buddha Vihar Inaugurated at**: Latur, Maharashtra – Sep 4, 2024
130. Indian conservationist was named in **TIME's Women of the Year 2025** list– **Purnima Devi**
131. **Project PARI (Public Art of India)**
- Launched by: Ministry of Culture, India (July 2024)
- Objective: Transform public spaces into showcases of India's traditional and contemporary art.
- Implemented by: Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA) & National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA)
- **Art Forms Featured**:Phad (Rajasthan),Warli (Maharashtra),Gond (Madhya Pradesh),Thangka (Sikkim/Ladakh),Pattachitra (Odisha),Tanjore (Tamil Nadu),Kalamkari (Andhra Pradesh),Alpona (West Bengal),Cheriyal (Telangana),Lanjia Saura (Odisha),Pichhwai (Rajasthan),Bani Thani(Rajasthan),Pithora (Gujarat)Aipan (Uttarakhand),Kerala Murals (Kerala),Alpana (Tripura)
- Features: QR codes for digital engagement; focus on preservation and sustainability.

IN DEPTH ANALYSIS

1. **Operation Sindoor** –Conducted on **May 7, 2025**, in retaliation for the **Pahalgam terrorist attack (April 22, 2025)**
- **Targeted 9 terror infrastructure sites** across **Pakistan Punjab** & **Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK)**
- **Key Briefers**:
  - **Wing Commander Vyomika Singh**
  - **Colonel Sofiya Qureshi**
  - **Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri**
- **Key Weapons Used by India**

Weapon	Description
SCALP (Storm Shadow)	Deep-strike cruise missile from **Rafale**, 500+ km range
HAMMER Bomb	Precision-guided modular bomb, **15–70 km** range
Loitering Munitions	*Nagastra-1*, *Warmate* drones; precision + surveillance
BrahMos Missile	Supersonic cruise missile (Mach 2.8–3), 290 km range
S-400 Triumf (Sudarshan Chakra)	Russian air defence system, 600 km radar range

- **Pakistan's Response: Operation Bunyan al-Marsus**
- **Civil Defence Drill – May 7, 2025**
  - **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** organized nationwide **mock drill** in **244 districts**

- **Indus Waters Treaty (IWT)**
  - **Signed**: 1960 (Karachi), **brokered by** World Bank
  - **Eastern Rivers (Ravi, Beas, Sutlej)**: For India
  - **Western Rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab)**: For Pakistan
  - **India's Move**: First-ever **suspension** in 2025, citing **Vienna Convention (Article 62)**

Past Indian Military Operations Against Pakistan [CAPF 2025]

Year	Operation	Force	Objective
1965	**Riddle**	**Army**	Response to Pakistan's Operation Gibraltar during the 1965 Indo-Pak War
1971	**Cactus Lily**	Army & Air Force	Bangladesh Liberation
1971	**Trident**	Navy	Karachi port attack
1971	**Python**	Navy	Follow-up Karachi naval attack
1984	**Meghdoot**	Army	Siachen Glacier occupation
1999	**Vijay**	Army	Kargil War
1999	**Safed Sagar**	Air Force	Kargil air strikes
2016	**Uri Surgical Strikes**	Special Forc	Retaliation for Uri Attack
2019	**Bandar**	Air Force	Response to Pulwama

2.Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 (UMEED Act)
- Renamed as **UMEED Act**: Unified Waqf Management Empowerment Efficiency and Development Act
- **Key Features of the Act:**
- **Inclusive Governance**: The Act mandates the inclusion of **at least two non-Muslim** members in both Central and State Waqf Boards.
- **Removal of 'Waqf by User' Clause**: Cannot declare land as waqf merely due to long-term religious use
- **Section 40 Removed**: Ends Waqf Boards' unilateral power to declare any property as waqf
- **Clear Trust-Waqf Separation**: Muslim-run public trusts not covered under waqf law

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- **Eligibility Clause**: **Only practicing Muslims (5+ years) can dedicate property as waqf**
- **Inheritance Protection**: Women, widows, orphans' rights protected before declaring any property as waqf
- **No Waqf on Tribal Land**: Lands under **Schedule V & VI** are protected
- **Appeal Provision**: High Court appeals allowed against Waqf Tribunal rulings
- **Financial Changes**: Contribution to Waqf Board reduced from **7% to 5%**
- **Audit Provision**: Waqf institutions with income > ₹1 lakh to undergo audit
- The Act introduces a **12-year limitation period for claims** related to Waqf properties, aligning with the Limitation Act, 1963

3.Digital Access as a Fundamental Right

- Digital access as part of **Article 21 – Right to Life & Liberty**
- **Key PILs**:
  - *Pragya Prasun v. Union of India (2024)*
  - *Amar Jain v. Union of India (2025)*

Article 21 – Related Judicial Rights:

Right	Landmark Case
Right to Livelihood	*Olga Tellis v. BMC* (1985)
Right to Clean Environment	*Subhash Kumar v. Bihar* (1991)
Right to Education	*Mohini Jain v. Karnataka* (1992)
Right to Privacy	*Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India* (2017)
Right to Die with Dignity	*Common Cause v. Union of India* (2018)

4.Caste Census

- Approved by **Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA)**, chaired by **PM**
- Caste data to be collected in **Census 2027**
- **Last full caste census**: 1931
- **Mandal Commission (1979)**: Estimated OBCs at 52%

Census 2027 Details:

- **Notification**: As per **Section 3, Census Act 1948**
- **Phases**: 2
- **Reference Dates**:
  - **Ladakh, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand**: October 1, 2026
  - **Rest of India**: March 1, 2027

5.Supreme Court Verdict: -Governor vs. State of Tamil Nadu (April 8, 2025)

Judgment Highlights:

- **No Pocket Veto**: Governor can't indefinitely delay action.
- **Governor bound** by Cabinet's advice under **Article 200.**
- **Time limits**:
  - 1 month to act on a bill.
  - 3 months to return or refer to the President.
- Bills re-passed by the Assembly **must be assented to.**
- 10 TN Bills deemed to have received assent (via Article 142).
- **President's Reference** (May 15, 2025): Can SC stipulate time frame? (under Article 143).
- **Article 142** -The Court invoked Article 142 to do **"complete justice"**

6.Mahakumbh 2025 (Jan 13 – Feb 26, Prayagraj)

- **Shahi Snan Dates**:
  - Jan 14 – Makar Sankranti
  - Jan 29 – Mauni Amavasya
  - Feb 3 – Basant Panchami
- **Major Achievements**:
  - **3 Guinness World Records**: Ganga Cleaning, Sanitation Effort, Handprint Painting.
  - Budget: ₹6382 crore.
  - Next Kumbhs: **Nashik (2027), Ujjain (2028), Haridwar (2033).**
- **Other Highlights**:
  - Launch of 'Buddhist Mahakumbh Yatra'.
  - 'Kumbhvani' (FM 103.5) and 'Kumbh Mangal Dhwani'.

Kumbh Mela 2025 Logo

The Kumbh Mela 2025 logo was unveiled by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in October, 2024. Mahakumbh 2025 logo features the **Amrit Kalash, a temple, an image of Lord Hanuman, a seer, an urn, and the Akshayvat tree** showcasing the confluence of nature and humanity in Sanatana civilization.

7.COP-29 (Nov 11–24, 2024, Baku, Azerbaijan)

Key Outcomes:

- **New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG)**: Climate finance goal of $300B/year by 2035.
- **India not signatory** to methane reduction pledge.
- **Baku Harmoniya Initiative**: Climate resilience for farmers (with FAO).
- **Upcoming COP-COP30 –** Belém (Brazil), **COP31** – United Arab Emirates (UAE), India has proposed to host COP33 in 2028

8.PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM-JUGA)

- **Launch**: Sept 18, 2024 | Renamed Oct 2, 2024.
- **Budget**: ₹79,156 crore (₹56,333 Cr Centre + ₹22,823 Cr States).
- **Focus**: Social infra, healthcare, livelihoods, tourism (1000 home stays).
- **25 Schemes by 17 Ministries**.

9.Lok Sabha Elections 2024

- Home voting for **senior citizens (85+)** and **disabled** for the first time
- **Total Phases:** 7 phases **[RO/ARO 2025]**
- **1.8 crore first-time voters (18-19 years)**
- **Shompen Tribe (Great Nicobar)** voted for the first time
- **Voter Turnout: 65.79%** (excluding postal ballots)
  - **Highest:** Lakshadweep – 84.16%
  - **Second Highest:** Assam – 81.56%
  - **Lowest:** Bihar – 56.19%
- **Results Overview:**
  - **BJP:** 240 seats
  - **NDA Total:** 292 seats (**42.8% vote share**)
  - **I.N.D.I.A Bloc:** 234 seats (**40.6% vote share**)
    - **SP (Uttar Pradesh only):** 37 seats – **3rd largest party**
  - **Women MPs:** 74 out of 543 (13.6%)
  - **Youngest MPs (Age 25):**
    - Pushpendra Saroj (Kaushambi, UP)

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- Shambhavi Choudhary (Samastipur, Bihar)
- Priya Saroj (Machhlishahr, UP)

10.Nalanda University Reopening

- **Original Foundation:** 427 CE by **Kumaragupta I** (Gupta dynasty)
- **Modern Establishment:** Nalanda University Act passed in **2010**, campus reopened in **2014**
- **Chancellor -**Dr. Arvind Panagariya.
- **New Campus:**
  - **'Net Zero' Green Campus**, built on **455 acres**

11.Key Government Initiatives & Schemes

1. **Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA)**
   - **Launch:** May 29, 2025 from **Puri, Odisha**
   - **Coverage:** Over **1.5 crore farmers**, **85,480 villages**
   - **Millets R&D:** Global Centre of Excellence at IIMR, **Hyderabad**
2. **Ken-Betwa Link Project (Rs. 45,000 Cr)**
   - **Foundation Laid:** Dec 25, 2024 by PM Modi
   - **Area:** Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh
   - **Length of Canal:** 221 km
   - **First river interlinking project under NPP (1980)**
3. **Cruise Bharat Mission (Launched: Sep 30, 2024)**
   - **Goal:** 4 lakh jobs, 3-phase mission by 2029
   - **Target Passengers:**
     - Sea – 0.5M → 1M
     - River – 0.5M → 1.5M

12.Major National Infrastructure Projects

1. **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS)**
   - **Stations Redeveloped:** 103 in 86 districts across 18 States/UTs
   - **Goal:** Modernize 1,309 stations
   - **Theme-based architecture** (e.g., Dwarka, Kumbakonam, Ahmedabad)
   - ABSS, introduced by the Ministry of Railways in December 2022
2. **World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 (Mumbai, May 1-4)**
   - **Tagline:** *Connecting Creators, Connecting Countries*
   - with aspirations to unlock a $50 billion market by 2029
   - **Inauguration**: by **Prime Minister Modi**
   - **Orange Economy:** Linked to creativity, IP, arts
   - **Govt. Funding:** $1 billion to boost creator economy
3. **National Measles-Rubella Elimination Campaign**
   - **Launch Date:** April 24, 2025
   - **Goal:** Eliminate Measles & Rubella by **2026**
   - **Award:** Measles and Rubella Champion Award (March 2024, Washington DC)
4. **Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0,**Feb 15–24, 2025
   - **Location:** Varanasi, UP
   - **Theme:** ***Sage Agastya's contributions***
   - **Unique Additions:** Visit to Ram Mandir, Mahakumbh in Prayagraj
   - **Under:** *Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat*

13. Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0

- **Released by:** Ministry of Education, June 2025
- **Top Scorer: Chandigarh** – 703 (Prachesta-1)
- **Lowest:** Meghalaya – 417 (Akanshi-3)
- **No State in top 4 bands (Daksh, Utkarsh 1–3)**

UP Districts:

- **Top Districts:** 1. GB Nagar (Prachesta-1 (Score: 309) 2. Jhansi (299) 3. Varanasi (292) 4. Ghaziabad

14. India Justice Report 2025

- **Prepared by:** Tata Trusts + civil society orgs (CHRI, Vidhi, DAKSH, etc.)

State Rankings

- **Large States (Top):**
  1. **Karnataka** (Quota met in police + judiciary)
  2. **Andhra Pradesh**
  3. **Telangana** (Jumped from 11th)
- **Bottom Performers:**
  18. **West Bengal**
  17. **Uttar Pradesh**
  16. **Uttarakhand**
- **Small States (Top):** 1.Sikkim 2. Himachal Pradesh 3. Arunachal Pradesh

Key Data

- Police-to-population: 155 per lakh (sanctioned: 197)
- Women in police: ~11.75%
- 78% police stations have women help desks
- **Judiciary:** 38% women in district courts, only 15% in HCs
- 76% of prisoners are undertrials (was 66% a decade ago)

15. Gangetic and Indus Dolphin Population Estimation

- **Released by:** PM Modi (March 3, 2025)

Conducted by: WII, MoEFCC | Survey (2021–2023)

- **Findings**
  - **Total Gangetic Dolphins:** ~6,327 (Range: 5,977–6,688)
  - **Indus Dolphins: Only 3 (Beas River,** Punjab)
- **State-wise Top**
  - **Uttar Pradesh:** 2,397
  - **Bihar:** 2,220
  - **West Bengal:** 815
- **Coldspots:** Narora–Kanpur, Kaushambi–Chitrakoot (Yamuna), Pilibhit (Sharda)
- **Legal Status:**
  - **IUCN:** Endangered
  - **WPA 1972:** Schedule I

16. Higher Education Expenditure Report – NITI Aayog

Expenditure Ranking

- **Total Education Spending (Top):**
  - **J&K (8.11%)**, Manipur (7.25%), Delhi (Low: 1.67%)
- **Higher Education Spending (Top):**
  - **Bihar (1.56%)**, J&K (1.53%), Manipur (1.45%)
- **Per Youth Spending (Top States):** Kerala, TN, Maharashtra

17.India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2023

- **Prepared by:** Forest Survey of India (FSI) | 18th Edition

Forest and Tree Cover (2023)

- Total**:** 25.17% of India's area
  - Forest Cover: 7,15,342.61 km² (21.76%)
  - Tree Cover: 1,12,014.34 km² (3.41%)

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- Increase over 2021: +1,445.81 km²

- **Top States by Forest Area**
  1. Madhya Pradesh (77,073 km²)
  2. Arunachal Pradesh (65,882 km²)
  3. Chhattisgarh (55,812 km²)
- **Top States by % Forest Cover**
  1. Lakshadweep (91.33%)
  2. Mizoram (85.34%)
  3. A&N Islands (81.62%)

Other Highlights

- **maximum increase** in forest and tree cover Chhattisgarh >Uttar Pradesh (559.19 km2), > Rajasthan
- **Maximum decrease** in forest and tree cover Madhya Pradesh >Karnataka > Ladakh > Nagaland (125.22 km2).
- **Mangrove Cover:** 4,991.68 km² (↓ by 7.43 km²)
- Top 3: WB (45.45%) > Gujarat (23.32%) > A&N
- **Agroforestry Cover (2023):** 1.27 lakh km² (↑ 20%)
- Madhya Pradesh has maximum bamboo bearing area of 20,421 km2, followed by Arunachal Pradesh >Maharashtra >Odisha.
- **Carbon Stock (2023):** 7,285.5 Mt (↑ 81.5 Mt)
- **Top 3:** Arunachal > MP > Chhattisgarh
- **19 states/** UTs have **above 33 percent of the geographical area under forest cover**. Out of these, eight states/ UTs namely Mizoram, Lakshadweep, A & N Island, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Manipur have forest cover above 75 percent..
- **FOREST STATUS REPORT 2024 (FAO) (Biennial).**
- **Maximum Forest Area (Top Countries):**
- Russia – (~20% of world's forests).
- Brazil ,Canada.,USA ,China(Top forest area increase)

18.5th National Water Awards 2023

- **Awarded on**: October 22, 2024 by President Droupadi Murmu.
- **Best State:**

Rank	State
1st	Odisha
2nd	Uttar Pradesh
3rd	Puducherry, Gujarat (Joint)

- **Best District (Zone-wise):**

Zone	Winner
South	Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
North-East	Dhalai (Tripura)
North	**Banda (Uttar Pradesh), Ganderbal (J&K)**
West	Indore (Madhya Pradesh)

- **Best Village Panchayat:**

1st	**Pullampara, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)**
2nd	Masulpani, Kanker (Chhattisgarh)

- **Best Urban Local Body:**

Rank	City & State
1st	Surat (Gujarat)
2nd	Puri (Odisha)
3rd	Pune (Maharashtra)

19.Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2024

- **Organized by**: MoEFCC under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).
- **Category 1** Above 10 lakh

Rank	City
1st	Surat (Gujarat)
2nd	Jabalpur (MP)
3rd	Agra (UP)

- **Category 2: 3–10 Lakhs**

Rank	City
1st	Firozabad (UP)
2nd	Amravati (MH)
3rd	Jhansi (UP)

20.SDG India Index 2023–24 (by NITI Aayog)

- **National Score**: 71 (up from 66 in 2020-21).
- **Top Performers**:
  - Uttarakhand, Kerala (Score: 79 each)
  - Tamil Nadu (78)
- **Bottom Performers**:
  - Bihar (57), Jharkhand (62), Nagaland (63)
- **Fastest Movers**: Uttar Pradesh (+7), Bihar (+5)

21.Swachh Survekshan 2024–25

- **Conducted by:** Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**) under **Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM-U)**.
- **Major Awards**
  - **Cleanest City (>10 lakh population): Ahmedabad** (1st time).
  - **Presidential Awards (Big Cities): Ahmedabad**, **Bhopal**, **Lucknow**.
- **New Category – Super Swachh League Cities** *(Recognizes cities performing consistently well for 3 years)*

Winners:

- **Metros:** Indore, Surat, Navi Mumbai, Vijayawada, **Noida**, Chandigarh, Mysuru, Ujjain, Gandhinagar, Guntur, NDMC Delhi, Tirupati.

SHORT NEWS

- **Madhya Pradesh:** India's 1st state to implement **AI-based real-time alert system** for forest management (April 29, 2025).
- **Northeast's 1st Geothermal Production Well** drilled in Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh.
- **India's First Biomanufacturing Institute (BRIC-NABI)** inaugurated in Mohali, Chandigarh (Oct 28, 2024).
- **Mission Mausam:** Approved with ₹2000 Cr outlay for weather & climate research (Sept 11, 2024).
- **One Day One Genome Initiative** launched by Amitabh Kant on Nov 9, 2024 at NII, New Delhi.
- **Supreme Court Flag & Emblem:** Unveiled by President on Sept 1, 2024. Sanskrit Motto: *"Yato Dharma Tato Jayaḥ"*. (यतो धर्मस्ततो जयः) from the **Mahabharata**
- **Smritivan Earthquake Museum (Bhuj, Gujarat)** shortlisted for Prix Versailles Award 2024.
- **Ayushman Bharat: Vay Vandana Cards** (Oct 29, 2024): Free healthcare for 70+ years senior citizens.

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- **CHARAK Initiative (NCL-Singrauli)**: Free treatment for serious illness under CSR by Coal India (Dec 15, 2024).
- **SAHAJOG Initiative (Odisha):** Launched on May 1, 2025, to ease welfare access for urban poor.
- **Indore Declared India's 1st Beggar-Free City under SMILE scheme** (May 2025).
- **PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme:** Collateral-free loans (up to ₹7.5 lakh) for meritorious students (Nov 6, 2024).
- **Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA):** Launched BY Union Home Minister **Amit Shah,**June 6, 2025 – to reduce dependence on foreign languages in govt.
- **'SUBHADRA' Scheme (Odisha):** Launched Sept 17, 2024 for 1 crore women (Rs. financial aid).
- **BRAP 2022:** UP adjudged 'Top Achiever' in business reforms (announced Sept 5, 2024).
- **India joins International Energy Efficiency Hub** (Oct 3, 2024).
- **Scientific Conclave on Livestock Vaccine Innovation:** Held Jan 10, 2025 in Hyderabad.
- **Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025:** Inaugurated Jan 4, 2025 – theme: *Resilient Rural India for Viksit Bharat 2047*.
- **1st Asian Buddhist Summit:** Nov 5-6, 2024, **New Delhi** – theme: *Role of Buddha Dhamma in Strengthening Asia*.
- **10th World Ayurveda Congress:** Held in **Dehradun –** theme: *Digital Health: Ayurveda Perspective*.
- **SC Allows Sub-classification of SC/ST Quota:** Landmark judgment .**State of Punjab vs. Davinder Singh & Others**, 2020
  (Final judgment delivered on **1 August 2024** by a **7-judge Constitutional Bench**)
- **India's First Constitution Museum:** Inaugurated Nov 25, 2024 at O.P. Jindal Global University, **Sonipat.**
- National Sickle Cell Elimination Mission – 6 cr screened, 2.15 lakh diagnosed, target elimination by 2047.

list of Reports/Indexes and India's Rankings (2024–25)

Index/Report	Released By	India's Rank	Top Rankings
Global Hunger Index 2024	Concern Worldwide & Welthungerhilfe	105th (out of 127)	22 countries at Rank 1; Somalia at 127th
Human Development Report 2025	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	130th (out of 193)	1. Iceland; Last: South Sudan
Global Innovation Index 2024	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	39th	1. Switzerland
Global Gender Gap Index 2025	World Economic Forum (WEF)	131st (out of 148)	1. Iceland
Henley Passport Index 2025 (Jan)	Henley & Partners	**77th** (57 visa-free destinations) 84 in 2024	1. Singapore (195 visa-free destinations)
World Competitiveness Ranking 2025	Institute for Management Development (IMD)	41st	1. Switzerland
Climate Risk Index 2025	Germanwatch	6th	1. Dominica; China & Honduras also top
Corruption Perceptions Index 2024	Transparency International	96th	1. Denmark; Last: South Sudan (180th)
Climate Change Performance Index 2025	Germanwatch, New Climate Institute & CAN	10th	1–3 vacant; 4. Denmark
World Happiness Report 2025	Wellbeing Research Centre, Univ. of Oxford	118th	1. Finland; 2. Denmark; 3. Iceland
Global Fire Power Ranking 2025	IISS (World Military Strength Rankings)	4th	1. USA; 2. Russia; 3. China
Global Peace Index 2025	Institute of Economics & Peace	115th	1. Iceland; 2. Ireland
Global Terrorism Index 2025	Institute of Economics & Peace	14th	1. Burkina Faso; 2. Pakistan; 3. Syria
Global Liveability Index 2025	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)	Delhi - 120; Mumbai - 121	1. Copenhagen; 2. Vienna
Global Arms Transfer Report 2025	SIPRI	2nd Largest Importer (35% from Russia)	Top Importers: Ukraine, India, Qatar; Top Exporters: USA, France, Russia
Index of Economic Freedom 2025	The Heritage Foundation	128th	1. Singapore; 2. Switzerland

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World Press Freedom Index 2025	Reporters Without Borders	151st	1. Norway
Democracy Index 2024	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)	41st	1. Norway; 2. New Zealand; 3. Sweden; Last: Afghanistan (167th)
Sustainable Development Report (SDR) 2025	United Nations (UN)	99th	1. Finland; 2. Sweden; 3. Denmark
Global Hunger Index 2024...	Concern Worldwide & Welt Hunger Hilfe	India ranks **105th** out of the 127	
Logistics Performance Index 2023	World Bank	38th	
World Economic Outlook 2025	IMF	India: 4th largest economy	
Global Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2024	World Economic Forum	**39th among 119 countries**	India now ranks **8th in the world** for total economic contribution from travel and tourism in 2025.

International relations developments

1.Iran-Israel Conflict (June 2025)

- **Israel's Operation Rising Lion**:
  - Airstrikes on Iran's nuclear & military targets (**Natanz, Tehran, Tabriz, Kermanshah**).
- **Iran's Response: Operation True Promise 3**:
  - Missile attacks on Israeli cities like Jerusalem, Tel Aviv.
- **U.S. Involvement**:
  - US "Midnight Hammer" vs Iran; Iran "Sharat Fateh" hit Qatar, Iraq bases.
  - B-2 bombers strike Iran's **Fordow, Natanz, Isfahan** sites.
- **India's Concern**:
  - Operation Sindhu launched to protect over 1.34 crore NRIs in the Gulf.

India's major international operations

Operation / Mission	Year	Focus
Operation Ganga	2022	Ukraine crisis evacuation
Operation Kaveri	2023	Sudan civil war evacuation
Operation Ajay	2023	Israel–Palestine conflict
Operation Devi Shakti	2021–24	Afghanistan evacuation
Operation Indravati	2024	Haiti unrest evacuation
Operation Sindhu	2025	Iran–Israel conflict evacuation
Operation Brahma	2025	Myanmar earthquake humanitarian relief
Operation Shiva	2025	Amarnath Yatra security
Operation Mahadev	2025	J&K counter-insurgency

2.PM Modi's Visit to Cyprus (June 15–16, 2025)

- Awarded Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III (Cyprus' highest civilian honour).
- Cyprus to assume **EU Council Presidency in 2026**.

3.PM Modi's Visit to Sri Lanka (April 6, 2025)

- Focus: **Neighbourhood First** & **MAHASAGAR vision**.
- Projects:
- **Maho–Omanthai Railway Line** ($91.27M).
- Anuradhapura signalling upgrade ($14.89M).
- **Sri Lankan President's Visit to India (Dec 2024)**:
  - First foreign visit.
  - $4B Indian aid acknowledged.

4.India–Italy Strategic Plan 2025–29

- Focus areas: Trade, defence, AI, telecom, education, youth mobility.
- Italy reaffirms commitment to **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC)**.

5.India–Denmark Green Alliance

- **Green Transition Alliance India (GTAI)** launched (Feb 2025).
- Builds on **2020 Green Strategic Partnership**.
- Aim: **Carbon neutrality**, climate action, business collaboration.

6.India–Kuwait Strategic Partnership (Dec 2024)

- PM Modi's **first visit in 43 years**.
- Awarded Order of Mubarak Al-Kabeer.
- Kuwait = **6th largest oil supplier** to India.

7.India–France: Yuga Yugeen Bharat National Museum

- Largest museum globally (1.55 lakh sq. m.), in **Central Vista, Delhi**.
- MoU signed with **France Museums Développement (FMD)**.
- 2025 AI Action Summit was held on **10–11 February 2025** at the **Grand Palais, Paris**, co-chaired by **President Emmanuel Macron** and **PM Narendra Modi**. **[upsc-2025]**
- **Concise Note (UPSC Prelims Style):**
  At the **AI Action Summit 2025 (Paris)**, India, France, and China signed the
- *"Statement on Inclusive & Sustainable AI for People and the Planet"*.-US and UK refused to sign

8.President Murmu's Africa Visit (Oct 2024)

- First Indian President to visit:
  - **Algeria**: Focus on energy, construction, tech.

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- **Mauritania**: MoUs on diplomacy, visas, culture.
- **Malawi**: Aid (1,000 MT rice, Bhabhatron machine), MoUs in youth, pharma, mining.

9.Spanish PM Visit to India (Oct 28–29, 2024)

- **Defence:** Inaugurated **India's 1st private military aircraft** final assembly line (C295) in **Vadodara** (Tata-Airbus Spain).
- **Designation of 2026:** "India-Spain Year of Culture, Tourism, and AI."

10.PM Modi's Visit to Brunei (Sept 3, 2024)

- **1st ever Indian PM visit** to Brunei.
- **Occasion:** 40th anniversary of India-Brunei diplomatic relations.
- **Key Events:**
  - Inaugurated new Chancery in Bandar Seri Begawan.
  - Visited **Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque**.

11.PM Modi's Ukraine Visit (Aug 2024)

- **First Indian PM to visit Ukraine** since 1992.
- **Key Outcomes:**
  - Presented **4 BHISHM Cubes** (medical-surgical kits).

12.India-Denmark Clean River Initiative (2025)

- **Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers (SLCR)** established in Varanasi.
- **Focus:** **River Varuna** rejuvenation.

13.Germany – World's Largest Net Creditor (2025)

- **Germany surpassed Japan** (after 34 years) to become the **world's top net creditor**.
- **Germany's net external assets (2024):** ¥569.7 trillion (~US $3.98 trillion).
- **China:** 3rd place, ~¥516.3 trillion.

14.PM Modi Visits

- **Argentina (6 July 2025):**
  - Received "Key to the City of Buenos Aires."
  - First Indian PM in 57 years.
  - Paid homage at statues of Gandhi, Tagore & General Jose de San Martin.
- **Brazil & UK-Maldives Tour (23–26 July 2025):**
  - Brazil: UPI adoption, $20 bn trade target by 2030.
  - UK Vision 2035 (defence, tech, energy).
  - Maldives: 60th Diplomatic Anniversary, stamps issued.

UPI is accepted for payments by merchants in Bhutan, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, UAE, Cyprus, and Trinidad & Tobago **[UPSC PRE-2025]**

Major Summits & Global Developments

1. NATO Summit 2025 (The Hague, June 24–25)

- **Defence Spending:** Raised to **5% of GDP**
- **Support for Ukraine** reaffirmed.
- **Next Summit:** Türkiye, 2026.

2. SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting 2025 (Qingdao, China)

- **India's Stand:** Refused to sign declaration (ignored Pahalgam attack).
- **Chair:** China (2025), theme: *"Upholding the Shanghai Spirit."*

SCO

- **Founded:** 2001 (Shanghai).
- **Members (10):** China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India, Pakistan, Iran (2023), Belarus joined as 10th member. (2024).
- **HQ:** Secretariat in Beijing; RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure) in Tashkent.

3. United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), June 2025 – Nice, France

- **Theme:** "Our Ocean, Our Future: United for Urgent Action."
- **BBNJ Treaty:** Ratified by 50 of 60 needed states.

4. 51st G7 Summit (June 16–17, 2025 – Canada)

- **India's Participation:** G7 Outreach (12th time).
- **Key Initiatives:**
  - **Wildfire Charter:** India joins global resilience plan.
  - **Critical Minerals Alliance:** To secure tech minerals.

5. Other UN Developments

- **5 New UNSC Non-Permanent Members (2026–27):**
  - **Bahrain, DRC, Liberia, Colombia, Latvia** (Latvia's 1st time).
- **India elected President of IIAS (2025–28): International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)**
  - **V. Srinivas** led campaign.
  - India defeated Austria (87/141 votes).

6. BRICS Developments – NDB Expansion

- **Algeria** joined NDB (May 2025) for infrastructure funding.
- **Indonesia** announced membership (Mar 2025).

New Development Bank (NDB)

- **Founded by**: BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa)
- **Established on**: July 15, 2014
- **Headquarters**: **Shanghai**, China
- **New members added**:
  - ✓ **Bangladesh** (2021)
  - ✓ **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** (2021)
  - ✓ **Egypt** (2021)
  - ✓ **Algeria**
  - ✓ **Uruguay** (2021)(OFFICIAL WEBSITE PROSPECTIVE)

7. UN80 Initiative (Mar 13, 2025)

- **Goal:** Solve UN's financial crisis (7th year).
- **Budget Cuts:** 20% spending cut; hiring freeze.
- **Task Force:** Led by Guy Ryder.

8. 6th BIMSTEC Summit (April 4, 2025 – Bangkok)

- **Theme:** *Prosperous, Resilient, and Open BIMSTEC.*

India's Initiatives:

- **BIMSTEC Games 2027**, athletics meet, traditional music festival.
- **BODHI Program**: Train 300 youth/year.
- **Security:** 1st BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meet (to be hosted by India).
- **Institutions:** Centres of Excellence (Traditional Medicine, Agriculture).

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BIMSTEC

- **Established:** 6 June 1997 (as BIST-EC: Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand – Economic Cooperation)
- **Renamed:** BIMST-EC after Myanmar joined in 1997; current name in 2004 after Nepal & Bhutan joined
- **Headquarters:** Dhaka, **Bangladesh**
- **Members (7):**Bangladesh,India,Myanmar,Sri Lanka,Thailand,Nepal,Bhutan

9. 8th Indian Ocean Conference (IOC), Muscat, Oman (Feb 16, 2025)

- **Theme:** "Voyage to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership."
- **Indian Representation:** S. Jaishankar; re-affirmed SAGAR vision.

10. 17th BRICS Summit -July 2025, Rio de Janeiro, **Brazil**

- **Host:** Brazil (President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva)
- **Theme:** *"Strengthening Global South Cooperation and Promoting a More Inclusive and Sustainable Global Governance"*
- **New Member:** First BRICS summit with **Indonesia** as full member (joined Jan 2025).
- **16th BRICS Summit in Kazan (Oct 22–24, 2024)**
- Welcomed **Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE** as full members

BRICS – Key Static Facts

- **Full Form: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa**
- **Origin:** Term "BRIC" coined by economist **Jim O'Neill (2001)**.
- **First Summit:** 2009, Yekaterinburg (Russia) – attended by 4 members (Brazil, Russia, India, China).
- **South Africa:** Joined in 2010 → BRICS.
- **Headquarters: BRICS Secretariat – not a permanent body**
- **Recent Expansion**
- **2024:** Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE (Saudi pending) joined → BRICS became 9 members.
- **2025: Indonesia** became 10th member & first Southeast Asian country in BRICS.

11. 4th Quad Leaders' Summit, Wilmington (Sept 21, 2024)

- **Participants:** Biden (US), Modi (India), Albanese (Aus), Kishida (Japan).

12. Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)

- **Members: India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius, Bangladesh** (joined Jul 2024).
- **Focus:** Maritime security; counter China's regional influence.

13. UNGA Elects 18 New Members to Human Rights Council (2025–27)

- **New Members Include:** Benin, Bolivia, Colombia, Cyprus, Qatar, Thailand, etc.

United Nations Human Rights (UNHRC)

- **Established:** 2006 (by UN General Assembly).
- **Replaced:** The earlier **UN Commission on Human Rights (1946–2006)**.
- **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland.
- **Membership: 47 member states**, elected by the UN General Assembly for 3-year terms (regional distribution system).
- **Council Composition:** 47 seats; regional allocation (Africa 13; Asia-Pacific 13; Latin America 8; East Europe 6; West Europe & Others 7).
- **Voting:** Requires **absolute majority** (97 votes) in the General Assembly to elect members.

14. 46th World Heritage Committee, New Delhi (July 2024)

- **Host:** India's first WHC session at Bharat Mandapam.
- **Inauguration:** PM Modi & UNESCO DG Audrey Azoulay.
- **New Inscriptions:** 24 sites (19 cultural, 4 natural, 1 mixed).
- **Assam's First Cultural Site: Moidams (Ahom burial mounds)—India's 43rd World Heritage.**
- **India's Grant:** $1 M to UNESCO WH Centre ("Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi")

15. UNESCO inscribes Maratha Military landscapes as India's 44th (47th Session, Paris, 2025)

- Maratha Military Landscapes of India added (12 forts, 17th–19th century).
- Forts included: Salher, Shivneri, Lohgad, Khanderi, Raigad, Rajgad, Pratapgad, Suvarnadurg, Panhala, Vijay Durg, Sindhudurg (Maharashtra) + **Gingee (Tamil Nadu)**

16. Global Liveability Index 2025

- **Released by**: Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) – June 16, 2025
- **Top Cities**

Rank	City	Country
1	Copenhagen	Denmark
2	Vienna	Austria

- **Least Liveable Cities**

Rank	City	Country
173	Damascus	Syria
172	Tripoli	Libya
171	Dhaka	Bangladesh

- **New Delhi: ranked 120th out of 173**
- **Mumbai: ranked 121st**

Short news

International News in Shorts

- **Honduras Opens Embassy in New Delhi (May 16, 2025)**
- **India–Thailand Strategic Partnership (Apr 3–4, 2025)**
  - PM Modi at 6th BIMSTEC Summit in **Bangkok**
- **PM Modi's 5-Nation Tour (July 2–9, 2025)**
  - Ghana (first PM visit in 30 years), Trinidad & Tobago, Argentina, **Brazil (BRICS Summit), Namibia**

International Organizations & Summits

- **India Chairs Colombo Process (2024–26)**
  - First time since inception in 2003
- **UN VoTAN Launch (April 28, 2025)**
  - Victims of Terrorism Associations Network launched
- **India at 79th UNGA (Sept 23, 2024)**
  - PM Modi spoke at "Summit of the Future"
  - Pact for the Future adopted
- **Raisina Dialogue 2025 (Mar 17–19)**
  - Theme: "Kālachakra – People, Peace and Planet"
  - Chief Guest: NZ PM Christopher Luxon

Strategic & Security Developments

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- **U.S.–Saudi $142 Billion Arms Deal (May 2025)**
  - Includes AIM-120C-8 missiles
  - Largest U.S. defense deal
- **Trump Withdraws U.S. from UNHRC (Feb 4, 2025)**
  - Accusations of anti-Israel bias
  - Halted UNRWA funding

Innovation & Technology

- **Japan's 3D-Printed Train Station**
  - Hatsushima Station built in <6 hours
- **India Hosts ITU WTSA 2024 (Oct 14–24)**
  - First time in Asia-Pacific
  - Focus: 6G, AI, cybersecurity, quantum
- **Israel Joins Asian Development Bank (Oct 2024)**
  - 69th member; 20th non-regional member
- **India Elected to GlobE Steering Committee (Sept 26, 2024)**
  - Global anti-corruption body

Environment & Climate

- **Yala Glacier Declared 'Dead' (May 12, 2025)**
  - Nepal glacier lost 66% mass
- **Denmark's E-Methanol Plant (May 13, 2025)**
  - World's 1st commercial green methanol plant
- **World's Largest Iceberg A23a Runs Aground (Mar 2025)**
  - Now near South Georgia Island
- **UAE 10-Year Blue Residency Visa (2025)**
  - For environmental changemakers
- **Denmark's Carbon Tax on Livestock (by 2030)**
  - World's 1st country, for methane emissions from cows, pigs
- **China Opens Qinling Station in Antarctica**
  - Scientific base for polar research

Cultural & Global Recognition

- **UNESCO Status to Japan's Sado Gold Mine**
- **Angkor Wat: Asia's Most Photogenic UNESCO Site (Sept 15, 2024)**
  - Surpassed Taj Mahal & Great Wall
- **UAE Declares 2025 as 'Year of Community'**
  - Slogan: "Hand in Hand"
- **Hornbill Festival 2024 (Nagaland)**,25th Edition
  - Partner Countries: Japan & Wales

Economy & Global Cooperation

- **Canada Ends SDS Visa Program (Nov 11, 2024)**
  - Affects Indian students
- **Brazil Joins OPEC+ as Observer**
  - Seeks green transition using oil revenues
- **Switzerland Suspends MFN Tax Status for India (Dec 14, 2024)**
  - Dividend tax back to 10%

Health & Social Developments

- **Biopharmaceutical Alliance Launched (June 2024)**
  - Members: India, US, Japan, South Korea
- **Argentina Withdraws from WHO**
- **"Imagine a World with More Women in Science" Campaign**
  - By UNESCO, on 10th anniversary of Int'l Day of Women & Girls in Science

Global Laws & Social Policies

- Trump Signs Order Banning Trans Women from Female Sports (Feb 5, 2025)
- **Australia Bans Social Media for Under-16s (2025)**
  - First law of its kind; fines for non-compliance

Other Key Developments

- **Iraq Conducts First Census in 40 Years (2025)**
  - Last held in 1987
- **India–Spain to Observe 2026 as 'Dual Year'**
  - Focus on Culture, Tourism & AI
- **TIME100 AI List (2024)**
  - 15 Indians included: Sundar Pichai, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Anil Kapoor
- **International Buddhist Confederation Expedition (Feb 2025)**
  - Triservices motorbike expedition: India, Nepal, Sri Lanka
- **Ivory Coast Joins UN Water Convention (53rd Party)**
  - 10th African nation to join

Economy

1.Periodic Labour Force Survey – April 2025

- **Source:** NSSO (First Monthly Edition)
- **Unemployment Rate (UR): 5.1%** (April 2025)
- **Worker Population Ratio (WPR, Age 15+):**
  - **All India:** 52.8%
  - **Male:** 73.7%, **Female:** 32.5%
- **Youth (15–29 years) Unemployment Rate:**
  - **Rural:** 12.3%, **Urban:** 17.2%, **Total:** 13.8%

2. Sample Registration System (SRS) 2020–22

- **Source:** Registrar General of India (June 2025)
- **Crude Birth Rate (CBR):** 19.3
  - Highest: Bihar (25.6), Lowest: Kerala (12.9)
- **Crude Death Rate (CDR):** 7.5
  - Highest: Chhattisgarh (10.1), Lowest: Delhi/Chandigarh (5.4)
- **IMR (2021):** 27
  - MP: Highest (41), Kerala: Lowest (6)
- **Sex Ratio at Birth (2019–21):** 913
  - Highest: Kerala (962), Lowest: Uttarakhand (852)
- **TFR (2021):** 2.0 (Stable)

3. RRB Amalgamation (May 1, 2025)

- **26 RRBs amalgamated** across 11 states/UTs
- **Objective**: One State, One RRB → improve credit flow and financial inclusion
- **Under:** RRB Act, 1976

RRBs

Establishment Date	2nd October 1975
Based On	Recommendations of **Narasimham** Committee (1975)
Governing Act	Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976
Regulation By	- **RBI**: Banking operations - **NABARD**: Refinancing & supervision
Ownership Pattern	- **Central Government**: 50% - **State Government**: 15% - **Sponsor Bank**: 35%

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4. MSP Announcements for 2025–26

Kharif Crops (Announced May 28, 2025)

- **Major Hikes:**
  - Nigerseed: ↑₹820/quintal (highest increase)
  - Ragi: ↑₹596/quintal
  - Sesamum: ↑₹579/quintal
  - Lowest hike: Moong (0.99%)
  - Common Paddy MSP: ₹2,369 → ₹2,389

Rabi Crops (Announced Oct 16, 2024)

- **Wheat MSP**: **₹2,425** (105% margin over cost)
- **Highest hike**: Rapeseed & Mustard ₹300/quintal

Minimum Support Price (MSP) – Static Facts

- **Introduced:** 1966–67 (initially for wheat).
- **Announced by: Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)**, based on recommendations of **Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP)**.
- **Crops Covered:** 23 major crops (7 cereals, 5 pulses, 7 oilseeds, 4 commercial crops).
- **Policy Mandate:** Since **Union Budget 2018–19**, MSP fixed at least **1.5× the All-India weighted average cost of production**.

5. UNCTAD World Investment Report 2024

- **Global FDI** fell 2% to $1.3 trillion in 2023
- **India's FDI Inflows**: $28 billion (↓ 42.86%)
- **India's Rank**:
  - **15th** in inflows (was 8th in 2022)
  - **20th** in outflows

6. WTO World Trade Statistical Review 2023

- **India's Rank**:
  - **7th in agri exports**, **8th in food imports**
  - India is the **6th largest exporter of textiles & apparel** globally.
  - **Europe + US** –50+% ,**UK – 8%**, **UAE – 7%**

7. India's Largest Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal

- **Location**: Maruti Suzuki Plant, Manesar, Haryana

8. National Centres of Excellence for Skilling (May 7, 2025)

- **Budget**: ₹60,000 crore
- **Target**: Upgrade 1,000 ITIs
- **Partner**: World Bank & ADB (50% co-financing)

9. India–UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA)

- **Target**: ₹120 billion USD bilateral trade by 2030(Bilateral trade ~USD 20.5 billion in 2024)
- **Tariff Cut:** India: 90% coverage, 64% immediate duty-free; UK: 99% Indian exports duty-free

10. NPS Vatsalya(Union Budget 2024–25)

- **Launched :** by Finance Minister
- **Type:** Pension Scheme for **Minors**
- **Key Features:**
  - Opened by parent for minors (<18 yrs)
  - Minimum contribution: ₹1,000/year (no max limit)
  - Upon turning 18, converts to regular NPS account
  - Operated via **PFRDA**

11. Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) From: April 1, 2025

- **Coverage:** Central Government Employees (States may adopt- **First State: Maharashtra**)
- **Key Features:**
  - Option to switch from NPS to UPS (Irreversible)
  - **Employee contribution:** 10% of Basic + DA
  - **Employer contribution:** 18.5% of Basic + DA
- **Pension Benefits:**
  - **≥10 years of service:** ₹10,000/month fixed pension
  - **≥25 years of service:** 50% of last 12-month avg.
  - basic pay

12. UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index 2025

- **Released by:** UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (June 24, 2025)
- **India's Rank: 99th out of 167** (score: **67.0**) 2024: 109th, 2023: 112th, 2022: 121st,
- **Top 3 Countries:** Finland > Sweden> Denmark
- **Bottom:**South Sudan >CAR >Chad
- **India vs Neighbours:**
  - Bhutan: 74th,Nepal: 85th,Maldives: 53rd,Bangladesh: 114th, Pakistan: 140th
- **No SDG is on track** for 2030
- Only **17% targets progressing as planned**

13. Energy Statistics India 2025 (NSO)

- **Coal**: 389.42 billion tonnes
  - *Top states*: Odisha (25.47%), Jharkhand (23.58%), Chhattisgarh (21.23%)
- **Crude Oil**: 671.40 million tonnes
  - *Top regions*: Western Offshore (32%), Assam (21.66%), Rajasthan (19.59%)

14. Renewable Energy Potential

- Total Potential: **21,09,655 MW**
- ✓ Wind: 55.17%, Solar: 35.5%, Hydro: 6.32%
- ✓ *Top states*: Rajasthan (20.3%), Maharashtra (11.8%), Gujarat (10.5%)
- ✓ **Wind**: *Top states*: Gujarat>Karnataka>Tamil Nadu
- ✓ **Solar Energy :**Top State : Rajasthan > Gujarat > Karnataka > Tamil Nadu>Maharashtra **[KPCS ,KAS-2024,25]**

15. International Intellectual Property Index 2025 (US BY Chamber of Commerce)

- **India Rank**: 43/55 countries (Score: **38.45%**) *(↓ from 42nd in 2024)*
- **Top 3**:USA >UK >France

16.RBI Remittances Survey 2023–24

- ✓ **Top Source**: USA (27.7%)>UAE (19.2%)
- ✓ ***Top Recipient States*:**
  - **Maharashtra (20.5%)**, Kerala (19.7%), Tamil Nadu (10.4%), Telangana (8.1%), Karnataka (7.7%)

17. LEADS Report 2024 (6th Edition – Ministry of Commerce & Industry) [HARYANA CET 2025]

***Rankings by Category*:**

1. **Coastal States:**
   Achievers: Gujarat, Karnataka,
2. **Landlocked States:**
   Achievers: Haryana, Telangana, UP, Uttarakhand
3. **North-Eastern States:**
   Achievers: Assam, Arunachal Pradesh
4. **Union Territories:**
   Achievers: Chandigarh, Delhi

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18. Global Pandemic Agreement – WHO

Key Provisions: Adopted on 20 May 2025

- Pathogen Access & Benefit Sharing (PABS)
- Technology Transfer & Capacity Building
- Coordinated Financial Mechanism
- Global Supply Chain & Logistics (GSCL)
- Public Research Access & Sovereignty

19. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)

- **Award:** Digital Payments Award 2024–25 from the Ministry of Finance
- **Ranked:** 1st among all Payment Banks

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) – on 1 September 2018

- Set up under the **Department of Posts**, **Ministry of Communications,** with **100% equity owned by the Government of India**.
- can **accept deposits (up to ₹2 lakh per account)** but **cannot lend or issue credit cards**
- Core offerings include **savings and current accounts, money transfers, bill payments, RTGS/NEFT/IMPS, UPI, DBS**, along with **QR code-based payments and RuPay debit cards**.
- It supports **Direct Benefit Transfers** (e.g., MGNREGA payments, scholarships)

20. World Hydrogen Summit 2025

- **Venue:** Rotterdam, Netherlands (May 20–22, 2025)
- **India's Green Hydrogen Ports:**
  - Kandla (Gujarat)
  - Paradip (Odisha)
  - Tuticorin (TN)

21. Government Schemes & Policies

PM Internship Scheme

- **Launch:** October 3, 2024
- **Target:** 1 crore youth, ₹5000/month stipend + ₹6000 joining bonus

22. PM E-DRIVE Scheme(October 1, 2024 to March 2026)

- **Outlay:** ₹10,900 crore
- Implemented by the **Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI)**
- **Objective:** Promote electric vehicle adoption & innovation

23. Economic Freedom of the World 2024

- **India Rank:** 84th out of 165
- **Top 3:** Hong Kong, Singapore, Switzerland

24. International Year of Cooperatives-2025

- The UN General Assembly has declared 2025 as The resolution was sponsored by **Mongolia and Kenya**.with the theme **"Cooperatives Build a Better World."**
- India has the largest cooperative in the world.
- **97th Constitutional** Amendment (2011) → inserted Part IXB (Articles 243ZH–243ZT) dealing with cooperatives.
- Right to form cooperatives = Fundamental Right (Article 19).

25. FDI Limit for Insurance Sector Raised 74% to 100%

- Recently (Union Budget 2025–26) Applies **only** if the **premiums are invested in India**

26. State of India's Fisheries Sector

- 2nd largest fish producer in the world.
- 2nd largest aquaculture producer after China.
- 4th largest in global seafood exports.
- **Contribution:** Accounts for 7.7% of global fish production. Inland fisheries contribute over **75% of India's total fish output**.
- **Top Fish-Producing States**: Andhra Pradesh > West Bengal > Karnataka

27. Swavalambini Scheme -The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in collaboration with NITI Aayog launched "Swavalambini" in **Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram.**

28. India's Trade Snapshot (2024–25

Category	Details
Total Imports (2024)	US $ 915 bn
Total Exports	US $824.9 bn (+6% overall)
Largest Import Partner	China (15.5%)
Largest Export Partner	USA (≈17%)

Top Imports vs Exports) [RO/ARO-2025]

Rank	Top Imports	Top Exports
1	Mineral fuels incl. oil ($220.6 bn, 31.4%)	Mineral fuels & refined petroleum
2	Electrical machinery ($84.9 bn, 12.1%)	Electrical machinery & equipment (+24.3%)
3	Gems & precious metals ($83.3 bn, 11.9%)	Gems & jewelry (gold, diamonds)
4	Machinery incl. computers ($61.6 bn, 8.8%)	Machinery incl. reactors, boilers

Top Export Destinations (2024–25)

Rank	Country	Share of India's Exports
1	United States	~17%
2	UAE	~7–8%
3	Netherlands	~5–6%
4	China	~4–5%

Top 5 Surplus Partners

- USA, Netherlands, Bangladesh, UK, Nepal.

Top 5 Deficit Partners

- China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia.

Major Schemes & Initiatives (July 2025)

1. **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Poverty-Free Village Scheme (Rajasthan)**
   - Covers 5,000 villages.
   - Aid: ₹1 lakh/job/business, ₹15k SHGs, ₹21k reward (poverty exit).
2. **Mukhya Mantri Sehat Yojana (Punjab)**
   - Free/cashless treatment up to ₹10 lakh per family/year.
3. **Gajah Mitra Scheme (Assam)**
   - Human-elephant conflict mitigation in 80 hotspots.
4. **Digi-Lakshmi Scheme (Andhra Pradesh)**
   - Women entrepreneurship via SHGs.
   - *Mission:* "One Family, One Entrepreneur."
5. **Prerona Aasoni Scheme (Assam)** – ₹300/month

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support to Class X students.

6. **Monk Stipend Scheme (Assam)** – ₹1,500/month to Satras' monks.
7. **Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya (Assam)** – Renaming of Rabindranath Tagore University.

Science & Technology Current Affairs 2025

1. India s Supercomputer

- AIRAWAT is **currently India's fastest AI** supercomputer, deployed at C-DAC, Pune. It achieved 75th rank globally
- Rank: 162nd globally
- India's First Supercomputer **PARAM 8000**
- Arka ,Arunika,Pratyush (IITM, Pune) and Mihir (NCMRWF, Noida) were India's earliest multi-petaflops supercomputers:

2. AI Kosha

- Launched: March 6, 2025 by **MeitY**
- Aim: Accelerate AI R&D in India
- Developed by: **Bhashini** (India's National Language Translation Mission).

3. Axiom Mission 4 [UPSC PRE 2025]

- Mission operated by **Axiom Space**, in partnership with **SpaceX** and **NASA** with a SpaceX **Falcon 9 rocket**
- Experiment→ Microgravity (near-weightlessness in orbit → unique test bed for life sciences & material sciences.)

Crew Composition

- **Peggy Whitson (USA)** – Mission Commander
- **Shubhanshu Shukla (India)** – Pilot (India's first astronaut to visit the ISS,2nd Indian in space)
- **Sławosz Uznański-Wiśniewski (Poland)** – ESA Mission Specialist
- **Tibor Kapu (Hungary)** – Mission Specialist

5. SpaDeX Mission

- Date: Docking on Jan 16, 2025 (launched Dec 30, 2024)
- Objective: Satellite docking and power transfer
- **ISRO becomes 4th country to achieve** docking tech

6. Chandrayaan-5 / LUPEX

- Joint Mission: ISRO & JAXA
- Objective: Study water ice in permanently shadowed **lunar south pole**
- Lander: ISRO; Rover: JAXA
- Instruments from: ISRO, JAXA, ESA, NASA

7. PSLV-C61 Failure

- Date: May 18, 2025
- Satellite: EOS-09 (Earth Observation)
- Issue: 3rd stage glitch

8. Mission ShakthiSAT

- All-girls lunar mission led by Space Kidz India
- Launch: Scheduled for Sept 2026 via **PSLV**

9. 12th Global Space Exploration Conference, organized (GLEX 2025)

- by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), held from 7–9 May 2025 in New Delhi
- Hosts: ISRO (host), Astronautical Society of India (ASI) (co-host)
- Theme: *Reaching New Worlds: A Space Exploration Renaissance*

10. PUNCH Mission (NASA)

- Launched March 11, 2025 with SPHEREx
- Studies: Sun's corona and solar wind structure

11. India-Japan Laser Debris Removal Project

- Partners: Orbital Lasers (Japan) + InspeCity (India)
- Aim: Laser-equipped satellites for de-orbiting junk

12. Mk-II(A) Laser Directed Energy Weapon

- Test: April 13, 2025 (Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh)
- Power: 30kW laser for drones and aerial threats
- **India becomes 4th nation after US, China, Russia**

13. GAURAV Glide Bomb

- Range: ~100 km; Warhead: 1000 kg class
- Developer: DRDO (RCI) with Adani, Bharat Forge

15. VSHORADS System

- Tested: Oct 2024, Pokhran
- Hit-to-kill, man-portable, 4th-gen tech

16. India's First Gene-Edited Sheep

- By **SKUAST** (Srinagar), via **CRISPR-Cas9**
- Gene: Myostatin edited to increase muscle by 30%

17. Biolumpivaxin Vaccine

- For Lumpy Skin Disease in cattle
- First DIVA marker vaccine globally
- Developed jointly by **ICAR-NRCE (Hisar)**, **IVRI (Izzatnagar)**, and **Biovet/Bharat Biotech** using the LSDV Ranchi/2019 strain

18. India's First Diabetes Biobank

- Location: Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, **Chennai**
- Function: Biospecimens for research on Indian-type diabetes

19. Nadi Tarangini

- India's first **AI-based Ayurvedic diagnostic** device
- Approved by CDSCO
- Measures: Tridosha, digestion, stress using pulse signals

20. Operation Dronagiri

- Launched by DST (Nov 2024)
- Pilot for geospatial applications in 5 states
- Integrated platform: Geospatial Data Interface (GDI)
- Operational in **five states** during its initial phase:Uttar Pradesh,Haryana,Assam,Andhra Pradesh,Maharashtra

21. Polaris Dawn Mission (SpaceX)

- **Launch Vehicle**: **Falcon 9** with Dragon spacecraft

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- **Crew**: Jared Isaacman (Commander), Scot Poteet, Sarah Gillis, Anna Menon
- **Notable Achievements**:
  - First-ever commercial spacewalk by civilians
  - Highest Earth orbit achieved (1408.1 km)
  - Used Starlink satellite for communication

22. Chandrayaan-4 (ISRO)

- **Goal**: Return **lunar samples to Earth**; specifically the **Shiv Shakti landing site** of Chandrayaan-3. ;demonstrate Earth-return tech
- **Timeline**: Mission to be completed in 36 months

23. Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS)

- **Approval**: 18 Sept 2024 under Gaganyaan expansion
- **Goal**: Launch first BAS module by Dec 2028
- **Vision**: **Full space station by 2035,** crewed moon mission by 2040

24. Mission Rhumi (India's First Reusable Hybrid Rocket)

- Gaganyaan test module.
- **By**: Space Zone India + Martin Group

25. Indian Light Tank – Zorawar

- **Test Date**: 13 Sept 2024 (Automotive Trials)
- **Developer**: DRDO + L&T
- **Use**: High-altitude warfare

26. Sunita Williams' Return

- **Return Date**: **18 Mar 2025** (Crew 9 Dragon spacecraft)
- **Launch Vehicle**: Boeing Starliner (June 2024, 1st crewed flight)
- **Duration**: ~ Return after **286 days**

27. Malpe & Mulki Ships: Launched under are the fourth and fifth ships of the Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) project, by Cochin Shipyard Ltd., in Kochi.

28. Space & Satellite Tech

- **ISRO Rocket Launch Trials in UP**: Held at **Kushinagar** (June 2025) for upcoming student model rocketry competition.
- **Shenzhou-20 Mission**: China sent 3 astronauts to Tiangong Space Station (April 24, 2025); Pakistan to join future missions.
- **FireSat (Google)**: AI-enabled wildfire detection satellite (March 2025).
- **ASSAMSAT**: Assam's own state satellite announced on March 10, 2025.
- **ISRO's 3rd Launch Pad**: Approved on Jan 16, 2025, at Sriharikota for Next-Gen launch vehicles.

29. Missiles, Defence Systems, Space Research

- **Bhargavastra**: **Indigenous anti-drone micro-missile system** tested on May 13, 2025, developed by Solar Group.
- **Akashteer**: Indigenous Air Defence System used in Operation Sindoor.
- **Tejas fires Astra BVRAAM**: Successfully tested on March 12, 2025.
- **Golden Dome**: Proposed US multi-layer missile defence system (Ballistic, Hypersonic, Cruise threats).
- **SANJAY System**: Indigenous battlefield surveillance system flagged off Jan 24, 2025, by Raksha Mantri.
- **NASA's Parker Solar Probe**: Closest flyby to Sun on Dec 24, 2024; speed ~430,000 mph.
- **China's Tianwen-2 Mission**: Asteroid sample return mission launched May 2025, targeting Kamo'oalewa.
- **China's Antarctic Eye**: 3.2m aperture telescope inaugurated at Zhongshan Station, Antarctica (2025).
- **Asia's Largest Cherenkov Telescope (MACE)**: Inaugurated at **Hanle, Ladakh** on Oct 4, 2024.
- **NASA Europa Clipper Mission (Oct 2024)**: Launched to explore **Jupiter's moon** Europa for life; largest planetary spacecraft ever built by NASA.
- **China's Chang'e-5 (Jul 2024)**: Detected water molecules in Moon samples.
- **Google Willow (Dec 2024)**: Quantum chip solving complex problems 10^{25}x faster.
- **UN declares 2025** as *International Year of Quantum Science and Technology.*
  - **Quantum mechanics** deals with subatomic particles & phenomena like **superposition, entanglement, tunneling**.
  - **Qubit** -Core of Quantum Technology
  - **Qubit** Can exist in a **superposition of 0 and 1** simultaneously

National Quantum Mission (NQM) – Launched in **April 2023**.,**Budget**: ₹6,000 crore (2023–2031).

29. Biotech & Health

- **Genome-Edited Rice**:
  - *DRR Dhan 100 (**Kamala**)*: Early-maturing, high-yield.
  - *Pusa DST Rice 1*: Salt/alkaline tolerant, yield ↑ by 30.4%.
- **Zoo-Based Wildlife Biobank**: India's first, in **Darjeeling** (Feb 2025)
- **Bharat 6G Vision**: Target to deploy 6G by 2030
- **Srjanam Plant**: India's 1st automated biomedical waste treatment plant (AIIMS Delhi, Feb 2025).
- **Kisan Kavach**: India's 1st anti-pesticide suit launched Dec 2024.
- **DHARANI 3D Brain Imaging**: IIT Madras released high-res fetal brain images globally.
- **Vigyan Dhara Scheme**: Budget increased to ₹1425 Cr for 2025–26.
- **India's first Gen Beta Baby (Jan 2025)**: Born in **Mizoram.**
- **India's First Geosciences Museum (2024)**: Opened in **Gwalior**.
- **LignoSat (Nov 2024)**: **First wooden satellite by Kyoto** Univ., launched to ISS.(Japan)
- **UNESCO 'Tsunami Ready' (Nov 2024)**:- 24 Odisha villages recognized.
- **Bioplastic Park in Lakhimpur Kheri (2024)**: ₹2000 crore investment by Balrampur Sugar; PPP model.

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- **Hyperloop Test Track (Dec 2024)**: 410m track by IIT Madras; Mumbai–Pune selected for full-scale.
- **Digital Population Clock (Nov 2024)**: Launched in **Bengaluru at ISEC.**

- **National Intellectual Property Awards** 2024:
  - Male: Dr. Deepampa Shrivinakar
  - Female: Dr. Swagratka Panda

ENVIRONMENT

State/UT	Ramsar Site Name	Date of Designation
Madhya Pradesh	Tawa Reservoir	January 8, 2024
Jharkhand	Udhwa Lake Bird Sanctuary	January 8, 2024
Tamil Nadu	Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary	January 16, 2024
Tamil Nadu	Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary	January 16, 2024
Tamil Nadu	Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary	July 15, 2024
Tamil Nadu	Therthangal Bird Sanctuary	July 15, 2024
Sikkim	Khachoedpalri (Khecheopalri) Wetland	July 15, 2024
Rajasthan	Khichan Wetland	February 19, 2025
Rajasthan	Menar Wetland Complex	February 19, 2025

1. Revised Green India Mission (GIM) – 2025 Update

- **Announced**: June 17, 2025 (World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought)
- **Ministry**: MoEFCC
- **Focus Areas**: Aravallis, Western Ghats, Mangroves, Indian Himalayan Region
- **Target**: Restoration **of 24.7 million** hectares of degraded forest/tree cover

2. Ramsar Site [HPPCS-2025]

- The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) was signed in **1971 at Ramsar, Iran.**
- **First Ramsar Site in the World**: Cobourg Peninsula, Australia (1974).
- **Largest Ramsar Site in the World**: Llanos de Moxos, Bolivia (~6.9 million ha).

Country with Maximum Ramsar Sites (2025)

- **United Kingdom (UK) → 175 Ramsar Sites** (largest number in the world).
- **Mexico** → 144
- **Bolivia** → has the **largest single Ramsar Site** (Llanos de Moxos, ~6.9 million ha).
- **India** → **91 Ramsar Sites** (highest in Asia).

In india

- **Total Ramsar Sites in India**: 91(As of June 2025)
- **Top State**: Tamil Nadu – 20 sites,**Uttar Pradesh:** 10 Ramsar sites
- **Oldest Ramsar Sites**: Chilika Lake (Odisha) & Keoladeo
- National Park (Rajasthan) – 1981
- **Largest Ramsar Site**: Sundarbans (West Bengal)
- **Smallest Ramsar Site**: Renuka Wetland (Himachal Pradesh)

Ramsar Sites in India – Added in 2024 and 2025

- **Khichan Wetland** (Phalodi, Rajasthan):
  - Includes Ratri Nadi & Vijaysagar Talab
- **Menar Wetland Complex** (Udaipur, Rajasthan):
  - 3 Ponds: Braham Talab, Dhand Talab, Kheroda Talab

Important Ramsar Sites –

State/UT	Ramsar Site Name
Ladakh	Tso Moriri
	Tsokar Wetland Complex
Jammu & Kashmir	Shallbugh Wetland and Conservation Reserve
	Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve
Uttarakhand	Asan Conservation Reserve
Bihar	Kabartal Wetland
	Nagi Bird Sanctuary
	Nakati Bird Sanctuary
Jharkhand	Udhwa Lake Bird Sanctuary
Sikkim	Khachoedpalri Wetland
Odisha	Satkosia Gorge
	Hirakud Reservoir
	Tampara Lake
	Ansupa Lake
Karnataka	Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary
	Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve
	Aghanashini Estuary
	Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve
Gujarat	Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary
	Thol Lake
	Wadhvana Wetland
	Khijadia Bird Sanctuary
Haryana	Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary
	Sultanpur National Park
Goa	Nanda Lake
Tamil Nadu	Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve,Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary,Pichavaram Mangrove Vellode Bird Sanctuary,Karikili Bird Sanctuary,Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary,Vembannur Wetland Complex,Chitragandi Bird Sanctuary Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary Longwood Shola Reserve Forest

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3. Operation Olivia (2025) – Olive Ridley Turtle Protection
- **Rushikulya River Mouth, Odisha**
- **Nesting Protected**: 6.98 lakh turtles
- Conducted by Indian Coast Guard (ICG) annually (Nov–May)

4. Tsarap Chu Conservation Reserve – Himachal Pradesh
- Largest conservation reserve in India
- Includes Unam River–Charap Nala confluence

5. India's First Climate Change Station – Jammu (Udhampur)
- **Inaugurated**: April 8, 2025 by Dr. Jitendra Singh
- Located at: Central University of Jammu, 2250 m altitude

6. UNESCO Global Geoparks
- **India's Status**: **No UNESCO Global Geopark yet** despite rich geology.

7. Similipal Notified as National Park (April 24, 2025)
- **Odisha's 2nd National Park**, India's **107th NP**.
- Only habitat of wild **melanistic tigers**.

8. National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)
- Created under **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**,
- **Chairperson:** The Prime Minister of India (ex-officio)
- **Vice-Chairperson:** Union Minister, (MoEFCC)
- **Total Members:** 47, including:
  - Chiefs of Army Staff, Defense & Expenditure Secretaries
  - 3 Members of Parliament (2 Lok Sabha, 1 Rajya Sabha)
  - 5 NGO representatives
- Recently National Board for Wildlife chaired by PM at Gir NP.**[HPPCS-2025]**

9. India's 58th Tiger Reserve – Madhav NP (Mar 9, 2025)
- **Location**: Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.
- **Reintroduction Project**: 3 tigers introduced in 2023.

Latest Tiger Reserves in India (2023–25)

S.No.	Tiger Reserve	State	Notes
55th	**Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve**	Madhya Pradesh	Named after Gond queen *Rani Durgavati*.
56th	**Ranipur Tiger Reserve**	Uttar Pradesh (Chitrakoot)	*First tiger reserve in Bundelkhand region* of U.P.
57th	**Ratapani Tiger Reserve**	Madhya Pradesh	Known for rock shelters near Bhimbetka (UNESCO site).

10. World Air Quality Report 2024

India: 5th most polluted globally (improved from 3rd in 2023).
- **Byrnihat, Meghalaya**: Most polluted metro area in the world (128.2 µg/m³).
- **Delhi**: 2nd most polluted capital
- **CREA Report 2025** –Hanoi (Vietnam) is the most polluted city (2025), Asia the most polluted continent, and in India, Aizawl (Mizoram) is the cleanest city.

11. PRAKRITI 2025 Conference (Feb 24, 2025)
- **Theme**: Global carbon markets.
- **Venue**: New Delhi.
- Hosted by the **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)**, under the **Ministry of Power**

12. 'XDG 2045' Ministerial Roundtable – World Government Summit 2025
- **Date & Venue:** 11 Feb 2025, Dubai.
- **India's Representation:** Shri Bhupender Yadav (MoEF&CC).
- **Highlighted:** Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) by PM Modi at COP26 (Glasgow, Nov 2021). **[RO/ARO 2025]**

13. State of Global Climate Report 2024
- **Published:** By **– WMO,** March 2025.
- **Key Findings:**
  - **2024:** Hottest year ever – 1.55 ± 0.13°C above pre-industrial level.

India's Climate Action Targets
- Net-zero emissions by **2070**.
- 50% non-fossil energy share by **2030**. (but achieved In august 2025)
- 500 GW non-fossil installed capacity by **2030**.

14. Nuclear Energy Mission-Union Budget 2025-26
- ₹20,000 crore allocated for **R&D in Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)**.
- Goal: **5 indigenous SMRs operational by 2033.**
- Target: **100 GW nuclear power by 2047.**
- Current Capacity (2024): 8,180 MW → Target 22,480 MW by 2031-32.

15. International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)
- **Treaty-based IGO (Feb 2025)** headquartered in India.
- ₹150 crore support for 2023–2028.
- Ratified by: **India, Nicaragua, Eswatini, Somalia, Liberia.**

16. Kisan Kavach – Anti-Pesticide Bodysuit (Dec 2024)
- India's first farmer safety suit by BRIC-inStem & Sepio Health.
- Cost: ₹4,000 | Lifespan: 2 years (150 washes).

Sector-wise emissions (2020):INDIA
- Energy: 75.66%
- Agriculture: 13.72%
- Industry: 8.06%
- Waste: 2.56%

17. UNCCD COP16 – Riyadh, 2024

Initiatives:
- Theme: "Our Land. Our Future"
- Venue: 2–13 December 2024, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

18. UNEP Adaptation Gap Report 2024
- **Funding Needs:** $215–387 billion/year.
- Doubling finance reduces gap by only 5%.

19. Global Nature Conservation Index 2024
- **India Rank:** 176/180 | Score: 45.5.
- **Top Performers:** Luxembourg, Estonia, Denmark.

20. India's First 'Teal Carbon' Study –
- Conducted at Keoladeo National Park (KNP), Bharatpur, Rajasthan—a Ramsar and UNESCO World Heritage site rich in freshwater wetlands.

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- **Findings:** High methane emissions.
- **Solution Proposed:** Use of **biochar** via pyrolysis.

21. UNESCO Biosphere Reserves – July 2024

- 11 new biosphere reserves designated globally.
- **India's Biosphere Reserves (2024):** 18 (12 UNESCO recognized).

22. First Wildlife Bio-Bank ("Frozen Zoo")

- **Location:** Padmaja Naidu Himalayan **Zoological Park, Darjeeling**
- **Established:** July 2024
- **Purpose:** DNA, tissue, and cell preservation of rare/endangered wildlife

26.Global Soil Conference (GSC) 2024

- **Location:** PUSA, New Delhi (virtual address by Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan)
- **Organized by:** Indian Society of Soil Science + International Union of Soil Sciences

27. World's First Thorium Molten Salt Nuclear Power Station

- Country: China
- Location: Gobi Desert

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Schemes and Initiatives

1. **NAVYA Scheme**: Launched on 24 June 2025 in **Sonbhadra** for vocational training of 16–18-year-old girls in non-traditional job roles across 27 districts.
2. **Chief Minister's Mass Marriage Scheme**: Financial assistance increased to ₹1 lakh (₹75k to girl's account, ₹10k for items, ₹15k for ceremony).
3. **Resham Sakhi Yojana**: Promotes women's sericulture entrepreneurship (**Mysore for mulberry, Ranchi for tussar** Training program); aims to **connect 50,000 women in 5 years**.
4. **Zero Poverty Programme**:– Launched on **2 Oct 2024 (Gandhi Jayanti)** by **CM Yogi Adityanath**,Dedicated to **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**, highlighting his vision of **social and economic upliftment of marginalized communities [RO/ARO-2025]**
5. **UP-AGREES & AI Pragya**: Launched in presence of World Bank President to enhance agricultural resilience using AI in 28 districts.
6. **PMFME Scheme**: UP ranked 1st in implementation, with ₹250 crore spent and 14% growth in loan disbursement.

Infrastructure & Industrial Development

1. **Rohin Barrage (Maharajganj)**: 86 m long.
2. **1st Textile Machine Park (Kanpur Dehat)**: 875 acres under PPP model to reduce import dependency.
3. **UP First Bio-CNG Plant (Prayagraj)**: India's second, under PPP, uses wet & agri waste.
4. **Titanium and Superalloy Plant (Lucknow)**: India's largest, 6000 tonnes/year capacity.
5. **State-of-the-art Data Centre (Ghaziabad)**: By Central Electronics Ltd (CEL).
6. **International Film City (Noida)**: 1000 acres, under YEIDA, to be North India's largest.
7. The PM has dedicated Unit-1 of the Ghatampur Thermal Power Project in **Kanpur** to the nation
8. Project is being implemented by Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited's (NUPPL).
9. Installed capacity of the project = 1,980 MW **[CAPF-2025]**
10. **Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP), Varanasi**: MoU signed (March 2025); connected to **NH7 & EDFC**.
11. **India's 1st Lithium Grade Refinery**: Launched by **Lohum** in Greater Noida; 1,000 MT/year capacity.
12. **India's 1st Biopolymer Plant**: Foundation laid at **Kumbhi (Lakhimpur Kheri)**; ₹2,850 crore project by Balrampur Sugar Mills.
13. **Private Textile Parks**: 11 planned; first in **Shamli** with ₹726 crore investment.

Digital Governance & Economy

1. **Green Municipal Bond (Ghaziabad)**: First certified bond in India for water sustainability under SBM-U.
2. **Startup Ecosystem**: 3rd nationally with 14,000+ startups; 26 unicorns; 49 districts covered. Top hubs: **Noida > Lucknow > Ghaziabad > Kanpur**.

Environment & Wildlife

1. **Vistadome Jungle Safari Train**: India's first, connecting **Katarniaghat to Dudhwa.**
2. **Dolphin Safari (Varanasi)**: Between **Kaithi & Dhakhwa**; 'Dolphin Mitras' appointed.
3. **Solar Cities**: All 17 municipal corporations to be developed as solar cities
4. **Crude Oil Discovery**: ONGC found oil in Sagarpali village, Ballia (Ganga Basin).
5. **World Wetlands Day 2025:** themed 'Protecting Wetlands for our Common Future', celebrated at ***Parvati Arga Ramsar Site***, in Gonda, Uttar Pradesh
6. **BrahMos Testing Facility**: Lucknow (May 11, 2025)
7. **UNESCO City of Gastronomy**: Lucknow nominated (June 2025)
8. **Elephant Rescue Centre & Butterfly Park**: Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Zoo, **Gorakhpur** (Jan 2025)

GI Tags & Cultural Heritage

1. **UP First in GI Tags**: 77 GI-tagged products; 21 new awarded in 2025.
   - Varanasi: Shehnai, Thandai, Red Peda, etc.
   - Bareilly: Furniture, Zari-Zardosi.
   - Others: Imarti (Jaunpur), Sanjhi Craft (Mathura), Flute (Pilibhit).
2. **Maharaja Suheldev Memorial**: ₹39.49 crore project in **Bahraich**.
3. **Bijli Pasi Memorial**: Announced in Lucknow.
4. **Veer Rath Park**: Freedom fighter-themed park in Noida.
5. **India-Nepal Literature Festival**: Held in Vrindavan.
6. **Bithoor Mahotsav**: Celebrated 1857 revolt heritage.

Sports & Achievements

1. **Sports Mahakumbh (Lucknow)**: Included traditional and modern sports.

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2. **Hockey Nationals (Jhansi)**: UP finished 3rd in Men's, hosted 4–15 April.
3. **47th Junior Girls Handball**: UP won the championship defeating Himachal Pradesh.
4. **Khelo India Women's Taekwondo (March 2025)**: Held in **Lucknow**

Governance & Development Initiatives

1. **GeM Platform**: UP becomes **first state to fully adopt** Government e-Marketplace (GeM); expected to save ₹2,000 crore/year.
2. **India's First Drone Forensic Lab** in Lucknow
3. UPSIFS in Lucknow established the nation's first drone forensic lab, which will aid investigations through drone tracking, reverse engineering, and training law enforcement agencies.

Environment & Clean Energy

1. **UP Clean Air Management Project**: **India's 1st airshed-based** air quality plan (2024–30); World Bank-aided.
2. First Green Hydrogen Plant in Gorakhpur
3. **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve**: Set to become **new rhino sanctuary**; corridor with Nepal's Shukla Phanta Sanctuary.
4. **Dhanauri Wetland**: NGT directs UP govt to notify it as a wetland near **Jewar airport.**
5. **Miyawaki Technique**: Dense urban forests created in **Prayagraj** by Municipal Corporation.
6. **IWAI Regional Office**: New regional office opened in **Varanasi** for **NW-1 (Ganga)**.
7. **Lab Mitra Initiative (Varanasi)**: Won **e-Governance Gold Award** in Mumbai; PPP-based lab management model.
8. **Skill Development & Women Empowerment**
9. **Swavalambini Programme (March 2025)**: Launched in **Meerut** by MSDE + NITI Aayog; promotes women entrepreneurship.
10. **NSDC International Academy (Feb 2025)**: Opened in **Greater Noida**; world-class skill training.
11. **Sakhi Niwas Hostels**: 18 hostels announced (Oct 2024) under **Mission Shakti 5.0** for working women.

Cultural & Social Events

1. **Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0**: Held from **15–24 Feb 2025** in Varanasi under **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**.
2. **Indian Art History Congress (8–10 Feb 2025)**: 32nd session hosted at **Indian Institute of Heritage, Noida**.
3. **UP Tableau (Republic Day 2025)**: **1st prize** for **Maha Kumbh** depiction at 76th R-Day parade.
4. **UP Foundation Day 2025**: Celebrated **24–26 Jan** at Awadh Shilp Gram, Lucknow. Theme: *Development and Heritage*.

Heritage & Tourism

1. **Maharishi Dadhichi Kund**: Sitapur's ancient site declared **State Tourist Centre** (March 10, 2025).
2. **Chittu Pandey Memorial**: Announced in **Ballia** to honor the freedom fighter.
3. **Nature-Culture Corridor**: To be developed between **Ayodhya–Devi Patan** (announced on **World Wetlands Day**, Feb 2, 2025).

Uttar Pradesh Budget 2025–26

General Information

- **Total Budget**: ₹8,08,736 crore (↑ 9.8% over FY 2024–25).
- **Biggest Budget** of the Yogi 2.0 Government.
- **Per Capita Income**: > ₹93,000.
- **State GDP (2024–25)**: ₹27.51 lakh crore.
- **GSDP (2025–26)**: ₹30.8 lakh crore (↑ 12% over 2024–25).
- **Fiscal deficit** (2024–25). **3.4% of the GSDP**.
- **Fiscal Deficit TARGET**: 3% of GSDP (₹91,400 crore).
  - Debt-to-GSDP ratio still a concern (~29%).
- **Total Debt**: ₹9,03,924.54 crore (was ₹8.16 lakh crore in 2024–25).
- **UP has the highest budgeted own-tax-to-GSDP ratio** at **10.3%** (BE), and a real ratio of **7.7%** (2022–23), among large states.

Budget Allocation (by Sector)

- **Infrastructure**: 22% (highest).
- **Education**: 13%.
- **Agriculture & Allied Services**: 11%.
- **Medical & Health**: 6%.
- **Social Security Programs**: 4%.
- **11% budget** – Agriculture & allied services.
- ₹4500 crore – Jal Jeevan Mission.
- ₹454 crore – Digital Libraries (villages).
- ₹700 crore – **Kanya Sumangala Scheme**.

Schemes and Major Projects

- **CM Youth Entrepreneur Development Campaign** (from FY 2024–25).
  - Objective: Micro-industries for self-employment of educated youth.
  - Allocation: ₹1000 crore (FY 2025–26).

Other Announcements

- UP ranks **1st in Ayushman Card distribution**.
- Establishment of **Govt. Homoeopathy Medical College in Varanasi**.
- Govt. medical colleges to be built in **Ballia & Balrampur**.
- ₹5 crore for **AI City in Lucknow**.

Environment & Forests Sector

- Tree cover: **9.96%** of geographical area.
- UP ranks **2nd in India** in **forest & tree cover**.
- **India's first Vulture Conservation & Breeding Centre** at **Gorakhpur**

NITI Aayog-Fiscal Health Index (FHI)	UP is a **front-runner**; FHI rose from **37.0 → 45.9**; Capex & health spending improved. **Capital expenditure** share in total budget rose from **14.8% to 19.3%**. **[RO/ARO-2025]**
RBI	**2nd highest own-tax growth** (11.6%); lower interest costs; higher development outlay (13.8%–16.7%).

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Miscellaneous

1.International Awards to PM Narendra Modi (2024–25)

Award Name	Country/Institution	Date
Order of St. Andrew the Apostle	Russia	July 9, 2024
Order of the Dragon King (Druk Gyalpo)	Bhutan	March 22, 2024
Order of Excellence	Guyana	Nov 20, 2024
Order of Mubarak Al-Kabeer	Kuwait	Dec 22, 2024
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Global Peace Award	USA (Indian American Minorities)	2024
Order of Freedom of Barbados	Barbados	Mar 5, 2025
Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean	Mauritius	Mar 11, 2025
Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana	Sri Lanka	Apr 5, 2025
Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III	Cyprus	Jun 16, 2025
Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana	Ghana	Jul 2, 2025
Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago	Jul 4, 2025
Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross	Brazil	Jul 8, 2025
Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis	Namibia	Jul 9, 2025

2.Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai:

- Sworn in as **52nd Chief Justice of India** on **May 14, 2025**
- 1st Buddhist and 2nd Dalit CJI

Name	State/UT	Appoint Date
Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh	Haryana	July 14, 2025
Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju	Goa	July 14, 2025
Kavinder Gupta	Ladakh - Lt. Governor	July 14, 2025
Ajay Kumar Bhalla	Manipur	January 3, 2025
Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati	Odisha (Former Governor of Mizoram)	December 23, 2024
General (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh	Mizoram	December 23, 2024
Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar	Kerala (Former Governor of Bihar)	December 23, 2024
Arif Mohammed Khan	Bihar (Former Governor of Kerala)	December 23, 2024

3.Prominent Personalities & Awards

- **Purnima Devi Barman**: Featured in **TIME Magazine's Women of the Year 2025** (Only Indian Woman) for her pioneering work in wildlife conservation and for empowering local women through the "**Hargila Army**" in Assam.
- **Rachel Gupta**: Won **Miss Grand International 2024** – Bangkok
- **Nikita Porwal**: **Femina Miss India World 2024**
- **Tuhin Kanta Pandey**: New **SEBI** Chairman

4.Obituaries (2024–25)

1. **Dr. Manmohan Singh**: Former PM of India (2004–14), passed away **Dec 26, 2024**

Period	Position
1966–1969	UNCTAD – Advocated equitable trade for developing countries
1972	Chief Economic Advisor, Government of India
1976	Finance Secretary, Government of India
1982–1985	Governor, Reserve Bank of India
1985–1987	Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
1991	UGC Chairman, Advisor to PM Chandra Shekhar
1991–1996	Finance Minister, under PM P.V. Narasimha Rao

2. **Ustad Zakir Hussain**: Passed away at 73 in San Francisco (Dec 16, 2024)

- Padma Shri (1988), Padma Bhushan (2002), Padma Vibhushan (2023)
- Won **4 Grammy Awards** (3 in 2024)
- **Kumudini Lakhia**: Padma Vibhushan Kathak dancer, passed away **April 12, 2025**
- **Sharda Sinha**: '**Bihar Kokila**', passed away Nov 5, 2024, In 2025, she was posthumously awarded the Padma Vibhushan

Other Obituaries – India (2024–25)

Name	Field	Highlights
Vijay Rupani	Politics	Former Gujarat CM, died in Air India plane crash, June 12, 2025
Ustad Ghulam Nabi Shah	Music	Kashmiri folk singer (Bacha Nagma), died June 11, 2025
Nellai Su.Muthu	Scientist (ISRO)	Died at 74, June 16, 2025
Dr. K. Kasturirangan	Scientist	Former ISRO Chairman, NEP architect, PSLV developer, April 25, 2025
Acharya Satyendra Das	Priest	Chief priest of Ram Janmabhoomi, Ayodhya, died Feb 12, 2025
M.T. Vasudevan Nair	Writer	Jnanpith 1996, Padma Bhushan 2005, died Dec 25, 2024
Shyam Benegal	Filmmaker films like *Ankur*, *Manthan*, and *Bhumika*	Padma Shri ,Padma Bhushan 1991, died Dec 23, 2024

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Other Obituaries – world (2024–25)

Name	Country	Remark
Pope Francis	Vatican	First Latin American Pope, died April 21, 2025
Sam Nujoma	Namibia	1st President, died Feb 8, 2025
Jimmy Carter	USA	39th President, Nobel Peace Prize 2002, died Dec 29, 2024

5. International Appointments (2024–25)

Name	Position	Country/Org
Kirsty Coventry	**1st Woman & African** President	International Olympic Committee (IOC)
Kamil al-Taib Idris	PM	Sudan
Srinivas Mukkamala	President	American Medical Association (1st Indian-origin)
Robert Francis Prevost	**Pope Leo XIV**	267th Pope, 1st American
Kash Patel	Director	FBI, 1st Indian-American
Mark Carney	PM	Canada
Shigeru Ishiba	PM	Japan
Claudia Sheinbaum	**1st Female President**	Mexico
Rigoberta Menchu Tum	Gandhi Mandela Awardee	Guatemala
Deborah Basmans	Suriname	First woman President.
Frederick Mitt	Germany	10th Chancellor.
Kamla Prasad-Bissessar	Trinidad & Tobago	first woman Prime Minister

6.National Places in News (2024–25)

- **e-Voting**: Bihar (1st state to start e-Voting, June 2025)
- **Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary**: **Kerala** (India's 1st dedicated butterfly sanctuary, June 18, 2025)
- **Agra**: International Potato Centre (South Asia HQ approved, June 25, 2025)
- **Diu**: 1st district 100% solar powered (May 2025)
- **Delhi Assembly**: To run 100% on solar power (June 2025)
- **Masali (Gujarat):** India's 1st "Solar Border Village".
- **Sikhna Jwhwlao NP**: **Assam** (8th NP, Feb 2025)
- **Masali (Gujarat)**: India's 1st Solar Border Village (Dec 2024)
- **Sonipat**: India's 1st **Constitution Museum** (Nov 23, 2024)
- **Leh**: 1st Green Hydrogen Fuel Station (Dec 2024)
- **Indore Airport**: 1st Zero-Waste Airport (Dec 2024)

7.International Current Affairs

Health & Disease Outbreaks

- **Papua New Guinea**: Polio outbreak declared by WHO (May 2025).
- "**3 by 35"** = WHO → 3 billion people with affordable healthcare by 2035.
- **Uganda**: Declared Ebola Sudan Virus Disease (SVD) outbreak over (April 27, 2025).
- **Uganda (Bundibugyo)**: Reports of mysterious virus "**Dinga Dinga**" (Dec 2024).
- **Niger**: Verified by WHO for elimination of ***onchocerciasis*** (Jan 30, 2025); **1st African nation**, joining Colombia (2013), Ecuador (2014), Guatemala (2016), Mexico (2015).
- **Tanzania**: **Marburg virus** disease outbreak confirmed (Jan 20, 2025).

International Agreements & Political Developments

- **Chagos Islands**: UK-Mauritius agreement signed (May 22, 2025); UK to pay $136 million/year for 99-year lease of **Diego Garcia base.**
- **Bangladesh**: Launched **"Operation Devil Hunt"** under interim govt led by Muhammad Yunus (Feb 2025).
- **Thailand**: 1st Southeast Asian country to legalize **same-sex marriage** (Jan 23, 2025); 3rd in Asia after Taiwan, Nepal.
- Thailand PM **Paetongtarn Shinawatra** disqualified (1 July 2025, 7–2 majority; insult to Cambodian PM).
- **New Zealand**: **Mount Taranaki** granted legal personhood; now called ***Te Kāhui Tupua*** (Jan 30, 2025).
- **China**: Opened **Zhongshan Atmospheric Station** in Antarctica on World Antarctica Day (Dec 1, 2024).
- **Romania & Bulgaria**: Joined **Schengen Zone** for land borders (Jan 1, 2025).
- It is an area in Europe where internal border checks have been abolished, allowing passport-free travel between member states.
- **Mauritius**: 1st overseas *Jan Aushadhi Kendra* inaugurated by EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar (July 17, 2024).
- **Riyadh**: ODOP Wall unveiled at Indian Embassy (Oct 31, 2024).
- **USA**: **Bald Eagle** officially declared *national bird* (Dec 2024).
- **Dubai**: Unveiled world's largest gold bar (300.12 kg; $25 million)

8.Important National Awards & Honours

Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2025

- **English**: *Siddhartha: The Boy Who Became the Buddha* – **Advait Kottary**
- **Hindi**: *Phir Ugna* (Poetry) – **Parvati Tirkey**
- **Sanskrit**: *Paribhashikshabdswarasyam* – **Dheeraj Kumar Pandey**

59th Jnanpith Award(for 2024)

- **Vinod Kumar Shukla**, is the **12th Hindi literateur** to receive the Jnanpith Award
- Notable works include:
  - Lagbhag Jai Hind (poetry, 1971)
  - Naukar Ki Kameez (novel, 1979) – adapted into a film by Mani Kaul
  - Deewar Mein Ek Khirkee Rahti Thi (novel) – won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1999

58th Jnanpith Award (2023)

- **Gulzar**: For contribution to poetry and storytelling.
- **Jagadguru Rambhadracharya**: For Sanskrit & Hindi literature; founder of *Divyang University*, Chitrakoot.

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Other Awards

- **Humanitarian Award** at Miss World 2025 – **Sonu Sood**
- **Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2024** – **Kumar Mangalam Birla**

9.National Awards & Honours (2025)

Padma Vibhushan (7): **[RO/ARO-2025]**

Name	Field	Place
Shri Duvvur Nageshwar Reddy[First Indian doctor to receive India's three top civilian honors: Padma Shri (2002), Padma Bhushan (2016), and Padma Vibhushan (2025)]	Medicine	Telangana
Shri Jagdish Singh Khehar [First Sikh CJI-including the rulings on Triple Talaq, the Right to Privacy	Public Affairs	Chandigarh
Smt. Kumudini Rajnikant Lakhia	Art	Gujarat
Shri Lakshminarayana Subramaniam	Art	Karnataka
Shri M. T. Vasudevan Nair *(Posthumous)*	Literature and Edu	Kerala
Shri Osamu Suzuki *(Posthumous)*	Trade and Industry	Japan
Smt. Sharda Sinha- *Honored with the Padma Shri (1991), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2000), Padma Bhushan (2018), and posthumously with the Padma Vibhushan in 2025*	Art	Bihar

Padma Bhushan (19): Padma Bhushan 2025

Name	Field	Key Contribution
A. Surya Prakash	Literature & Journalism	Leadership at Prasar Bharati, authored impactful books
Bibek Debroy (Posthumous)	Literature & Education	Economist and prolific author
Jose Chacko Periappuram	Medicine	Acclaimed cardiac surgeon
Kailash Nath Dikshit	Archaeology	Directed major ASI missions, studied civilization
Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti	Trade & Industry	Prominent textile entrepreneur
P. R. Sreejesh	Sports (Hockey)	Star hockey goalkeeper
Pankaj Udhas (Posthumous)	Art (Music)	Ghazal legend
Rambahadur Rai	Literature & Journalism	Esteemed journalist and writer
Shekhar Kapur	Art (Film Direction)	Globally acclaimed filmmaker (e.g., *Bandit Queen*, *Elizabeth*)
Shobana Chandrakumar	Art (Dance)	Classical dance and acting
Vinod Dham known as the "Father of the Pentium Chip",	Science & Engineering	Pioneer of Intel's Pentium microprocessor **[RO/ARO-2025]**

Padma Shri (113): Arijit Singh, Ashutosh Sharma, R. Ashwin, etc.

70th vs 71st National Film Awards

Category	70th National Film Awards (2022)	71st National Film Awards (2023)
Best Feature Film	*Aattam* (Malayalam)	*12th Fail* (Hindi)
Best Actor – joint winners	Rishab Shetty (*Kantara*, Kannada)	Shah Rukh Khan (*Jawan*) & Vikrant Massey (*12th Fail*)
Best Actress (Leading)	Nithya Menen (*Thiruchitrambalam*, Tamil)	Rani Mukerji (*Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway*)
Best Direction	Sooraj Barjatya (*Uunchai*, Hindi)	**Sudipto Sen** for **The Kerala Story**
Popular Film	*Kantara* (Kannada)	Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani
Best Hindi Film	*Gulmohar* took Regional Best Hindi Feature Film	*Kathal: A Jackfruit Mystery* won Best Hindi Film

25th IIFA Awards (2025)- held on March 2025 in Jaipur

- **Best Film**: *Laapataa Ladies* (10 awards total).
- **Best Director**: Kiran Rao
- **Best Actor**: Kartik Aaryan (*Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3*)

Other Film Awards

- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024**: Mithun Chakraborty
- **National Kishore Kumar Award**: Rajkumar Hirani

First-ever Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar-[CAPF-2025]

- **Vigyan Ratna**: Prof. G. Padmanabhan (lifetime contributions in molecular biology and biotechnology.)
- **Vigyan Shri (13 Recipients)**: Fields include Physics, Space, Bio, Engineering.
- **Vigyan Team Award**: Chandrayaan-3 Scientists

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2024 (Presented in 2025)-[RO/ARO -2025]

Conferred for *the most outstanding sporting performance over the last four years.*

- **Shri Gukesh D** – *Chess*
- **Shri Harmanpreet Singh** – *Hockey*
- **Shri Praveen Kumar** – *Para-athletics*
- **Ms. Manu Bhaker** – *Shooting*

Governance & Public Service

- **PM's Award for Excellence**: *Poshan Tracker App*
- **SKOCH Awards**: UP Police (IPC Portal), Nagaland Forest Management Project
- **National e-Governance Awards 2025**:
  - **Gold**: DigiYatra, BHASHINI, NADRES V2, DHRISTI (NIC), Quantum Safe VPN (MoD), etc.
  - **Jury Awards**: Suakati GP (Odisha), Clean Future (Lalitpur, UP)

OTHERS

- **International Booker Prize 2025** –***Heart Lamp:*** *Selected Stories* by **Banu Mushtaq** (originally in Kannada), translated into English by Deepa Bhasthi.
- **Abel Prize 2025** – Masaki Kashiwara (Mathematics, Japan)

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- **World Food Prize 2025** – Mariangela Hungria (Brazil, Nitrogen fixation)
- **UNESCO Press Freedom Prize 2025** – *La Prensa* (Nicaragua)
- **Pulitzer Prize 2025** – Awards to NYT, Reuters, WSJ, etc.
- **97th Academy Awards 2025**:
  - **Best Picture** – *Anora*
  - **Best Actor** – Adrien Brody (*The Brutalist*)
  - **Best Actress** – Mikey Madison (*Anora*)
- **BAFTA 2025**:
  - **Best Film** – *Conclave*
  - **Best Actress** – Mikey Madison (*Anora*)
- **67th Grammy Awards 2025**:
  - **Album of the Year** – Beyoncé (*Cowboy Carter*)
- **Chandrika Tandon** – Grammy for *Triveni* (New Age)

Global Recognitions:

- **David Beckham** – Knighthood (*Full Knighthood* (UK citizen-2025)
- **Sunil Bharti Mittal** – Honorary Knighthood (for non-UK citizens)
- **Madhusudan Sai** – Fiji's Highest Civilian Honour
- **Dalai Lama** – Gold Mercury Award (Peace & Sustainability)
- **Jay Shah** – FILA 2025 Icon of Excellence Award

Miss & Fashion Pageants

- **Miss World 2025** – Opal Suchata Chuangsri (Thailand) crowned in **Hyderabad**
- **Miss Charm India 2024** – Shivangi Desai (ILS, Pune)

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2023

- **Recipients**: Daniel Barenboim & Ali Abu Awad

Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award

- **Recipient**: Darasing Khurana (actor & Commonwealth Youth Champion)
- **For**: Mental health awareness (UK-based award)

Global Peace Award

- **Recipient**: Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
- **Award**: "Honorary Officer of the Order of Fiji"

Deepika Padukone – 1st Indian actress, Hollywood Walk of Fame 2026.

Suhani Shah – Best Magic Creator 2025 (FISM).

Sansad Ratna Awards – 17 MPs (incl. Supriya Sule, Ravi Kishan).

Nobel Prizes 2024 – Winners & Contributions [RO/ARO-2025]

Category	Laureates	Contribution / Why Awarded
Peace	Nihon Hidankyo (Japan, Atomic Survivors)	For lifelong struggle against nuclear weapons; representing hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors of Hiroshima & Nagasaki).
Literature	Han Kang (South Korea)	For powerful novels on trauma, memory & human rights (*The Vegetarian*, *Human Acts*). Han Kang is the 1st South Korean author to win the Nobel Prize in Literature (2024).
Physics	John Hopfield, Geoffrey Hinton	For pioneering work in neural networks & AI, linking physics with artificial intelligence.
Chemistry	David Baker, Jan Jumper, Demis Hassabis	For breakthroughs in AI-driven protein folding (AlphaFold) revolutionizing drug discovery & biotech.
Medicine	Victor Ambros, Gary Ruvkun	For discovery of microRNAs (gene regulation molecules), critical for understanding diseases & therapies.
Economics	Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, James Robinson	For research on institutions, economic growth & inequality (*Why Nations Fail* authors).

INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC MILITARY EXERCISES 2024-25

Exercise Name	Participating Nations/Forces	Location
Talisman Sabre 2025 ,Host: Australia.	**19 nations** (largest edition so far).	**India's** Participated **for the first time**
Bold Kurukshetra 14th Edition-2025	India–Singapore Army(JULY-AUG)	Jodhpur Military Station, Rajasthan
8th Exercise Shakti-2025	India and France	La Cavalerie, France
17th NOMADIC ELEPHANT 2025	India and Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Exercise **AIKEYME 2025**	India and African Nations	Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
Operation Black Forest (Apr 2025)	Indian Security Forces	Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Maharashtra
6th Exercise **DUSTLIK 2025**	India and Uzbekistan	Aundh (Pune), India
4th Tiger Triumph 2025	India-USA (Tri-service HADR)	Visakhapatnam (Harbour phase)
14th Exercise INDRA 2025	India and Russia	Chennai & Bay of Bengal
Operation Brahma (Mar 2025)	Government of India	Myanmar
12th Exercise **KHANJAR-XII** 2025	India and Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan
6th Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN 2025	India and Japan	East Fuji, Japan
23rd VARUNA 2025	India and France	Arabian Sea
3rd Exercise **CYCLONE** 2025	India and Egypt	Mahajan Ranges, Rajasthan
Exercise Desert Hunt 2025	Indian Air Force (Tri-service Special Forces)	Jodhpur, Rajasthan
Exercise **Bongosagar 2025**	India and Bangladesh	Bay of Bengal
18th SURYA KIRAN	India and Nepal	Saljhandi, Nepal
4th **HARIMAU SHAKTI**	India and Malaysia	Bentong Camp, Malaysia

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18th AGNI WARRIOR 2024	India and Singapore	Devlali, Maharashtra
Exercise **Desert Knight** 2024	India, France, UAE	Arabian Sea
9th GARUD SHAKTI 2024	India and Indonesia	Jakarta, Indonesia
Exercise **MALABAR 2024**	India, Australia, Japan, USA	Visakhapatnam
Exercise YUDH ABHYAS 2024	India and USA	Mahajan Ranges, Rajasthan
10th Mitra Shakti 2024	India and Sri Lanka	Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka
22nd VARUNA 2024	India and France	Mediterranean Sea
5th AL **NAJAH 2024**	India and Oman	Salalah, Oman
Eastern Bridge VII	India and Oman (Air)	Masirah, Oman
Maitree XIII(July 2025)	India and Thailand	Tak Province, Thailand
PASSEX	India & Greece (2025**)**	Mediterranean Sea

National Important Days/Weeks themes:

Day	Date	Theme
National Statistics Day	29 June	—
MSME Day	27 June	—
Anti-Tobacco Day, 2025	31 May 2025	Bright products. Dark intentions. Unmasking the Appeal
National Science Day, 2025	28 February 2025	Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation
National Protein Day, 2025	27 February 2025	#RightWayToProtein
National Voters' Day, 2025	25 January 2025	—
National Tourism Day 2025	25 January 2025	—
National Girl Child Day 2025	24 January 2025	Empowering Girls for a Bright Future
National Cancer Awareness Day	7 November	Hope, love, and strength: our weapons against cancer!
National Legal Services Day	9 November	Empowering Justice: Accessible Legal Aid for All
National Press Day	16 November	Changing Nature of Press
Constitution Day of India	26 November	Humara Samvidhan, Humara Swabhimaan
Gandhi Jayanti	2 October	Swabhaav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata
National Dolphin Day	5 October	—
Hindi Diwas	14 September	—
National Teachers' Day	5 September	Empowering Educators for a Sustainable Future
National Handloom Day	7 August	—

Upcoming International Years (Declared by United Nations)

Year	Declared as
2026	International Year of the Woman Farmer
2026	International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development
2027	International Year of Sustainable and Resilient Tourism
2029	International Year of Asteroid Awareness and Planetary Defence

International Days from March to June 2025 with their dates and themes

Day	Date	Theme
World Health Day	7 April	Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures
International Earth Day	22 April	Our Power, Our Planet
World Intellectual Property Day	26 April	IP and Music: Feel the Beat of IP
International Labour Day / May Day	1 May	—
International Day of Families	15 May	Family-Oriented Policies for Sustainable Development
World Hypertension Day	17 May	Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer
International Day for Biological Diversity	22 May	Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development
World Environment Day	5 June	Beat Plastic Pollution
World Food Safety Day	7 June	Food Safety: Science in Action
World Oceans Day	8 June	Wonder: Sustaining What Sustains Us
World Blood Donor Day	14 June	Give Blood, Give Hope: Together We Save Lives
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	17 June	Restore the Land. Unlock the Opportunities
International Day of Yoga	21 June	Yoga for One Earth, One Health
World Population Day	11 july	Addresses global population challenges
Nelson Mandela International Day	18 July	Honors global leadership and peace emphasis on social justice

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International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples Nagasaki Day	9 August	
International Youth Day	12 August	Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond
Sadbhavna Diwas (UN Day of Peace)	9 August	Celebrates peace, humanitarianism, and visual storytelling
National Space Day (India)	23 August	*Aryabhatta to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities"*
National Sports Day (India)	29 August	*Celebrates hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand; awards and honours bestowed*

Day/Week	Date (2025)	Theme
International Women's Day	8 March	For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment
World Wildlife Day	3 March	Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet
Zero Discrimination Day	1 March	We Stand Together
Rare Disease Day	28 February	More Than You Can Imagine
World Day of Social Justice	20 February	"Empowering Social Protection" **[HPPCS-2025]**
International Mother Language Day	21 February	Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day
World Pulses Day	10 February	Pulses: Bringing Diversity to Agrifood Systems
International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM	6 February	Step up the Pace
World Cancer Day	4 February (2024)	United by Unique
World Wetlands Day	2 February	Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future
International Day of Education	24 January	AI and Education: Human Agency in an Automated World
World Hindi Day	10 January	A Global Voice of Unity and Cultural Pride
World AIDS Day	1 December	Take the Rights Path: My Health, My Right!
International Anti-Corruption Day	9 December	Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow's Integrity
Human Rights Day	10 December	Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now

Books & Authors list (2024–25):

- **Indira Gandhi and the Years that Transformed India** – *Srinath Raghavan*
- **Mother Mary Comes to Me**- *Arundhati Roy*
- **The Chola Tigers: Avengers Of Somnath**- Amish Tripathi
- **Janata Ki Kahani, Meri Aatmakatha** – *Bandaru Dattatreya*
- **The Chief Minister and The Spy** – *Amarjeet Singh Daulat*
- **The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri** – *Sanjeev Chopra*
- **The New Icon: Savarkar and the Facts** – *Arun Shourie*
- **Diyaslai** *(Autobiography)* – *Kailash Satyarthi*
- **Stumped** *(Autobiography)* – *Syed Kirmani*
- **Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh: Through the Ages** – *Released by Amit Shah & Dharmendra Pradhan*
- **Speaking with Nature: Indian Environmentalism** – *Ramachandra Guha*
- **Why Bharat Matters** – *Dr. S. Jaishankar*
- **Treasures of the Gupta Empire** – *Sanjeev Kumar*
- **Save America** – *Donald J. Trump*
- **Witness** – *Sakshi Malik with Jonathan Selvaraj*
- **A Journey from Black Gold to White Gold** – *Kuldeep Gupta*
- **India @ 100** – *Krishnamurthy Subramanian*
- **Source Code: My Beginnings** – *Bill Gates*
- **I Have the Streets** – *R. Ashwin & Sidharth Monga*
- **A Fly on the RBI Wall** – *Alpana Killawala*
- **How India Scaled Mt G20** – *Amitabh Kant*
- **Ed Finds a Home** – *Alia Bhatt*

Sports current affairs (2024–25)

Cricket

1. **Women's Premier League 2025**
   - **Champion**: Mumbai Indians (2nd title)
2. **IPL 2025 (18th Edition)**
   - **Champion**: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (1st title)
   - **Final**: RCB defeated Punjab Kings (Venue: Narendra Modi Stadium)
3. **ICC Champions Trophy 2025**
   - Host: **Pakistan & UAE** | Format: ODI
   - **Winner**: India (3rd title: 2002, 2013, 2025)
   - **Runner-up**: New Zealand
4. **ICC World Test Championship Final 2023–25**
   - **Date**: June 11–14, 2025 | **Venue**: Lord's, London
   - **Winner**: South Africa (1st title) | **Runner-up**: Australia
   - **Player of the Match**: Aiden Markram
5. **ICC Women's T20 WC 2024 (UAE)**
   - **Winner**: New Zealand (1st title) | **Runner-up**: South Africa
6. **Ranji Trophy 2024–25**
   - **Winner**: Vidarbha | **Runner-up**: Kerala

Hockey

1. **Hockey India League 2024–25**:
   - **Men's**: Winner – Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers
   - **Women's**: Winner – Odisha Warriors
2. **Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 (Rajgir)**:
   - Winner – India (3rd title), Best Player – Deepika
3. **Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 (China)**:
   - Winner – India (5th title),

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4. **National Championships 2025**:
   - Men: Winner – Punjab
   - Women: Winner – Jharkhand

Football

1. **SAFF U-19 Championship 2025** (Yupia, Arunachal):
   - Winner – India | Runner-up – Bangladesh
2. **Santosh Trophy 2024–25**:
   - Winner – West Bengal (Record 33rd title) | Runner-up – Kerala
3. ***The Best FIFA Football Awards 2024*** **(Dec 18, 2024)**
   - **Men's Player**: Vinicius Jr. (Brazil)
   - **Women's Player**: Aitana Bonmatí (Spain)
4. **Durand Cup 2024**:
   - Winner – Northeast United FC *(First title)* | Runner-up – Mohun Bagan SG

Badminton

1. **Thomas Cup 2024 (Men)**
   - Winner – China
2. **Uber Cup 2024 (Women)**:
   - Winner – China
3. **Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championship 2025**:
   - Winner – Indonesia | Runner-up – China

Chess

1. **FIDE World Chess Championship 2024-** **[RO/ARO-2025]**
   - Winner: Gukesh D. (India)
   - Runner-up: Ding Liren (China) in Singapore
   - *Youngest World Champion ever*
   - *2nd Indian after Viswanathan Anand*

Kabaddi

1. **Kabaddi World Cup 2025 (UK) [RO/ARO-2025]**
   - Host: United Kingdom (first time outside Asia)
   - Winners: India (Men & Women)
   - Runners-up: England (both)
2. **Asia–Oceania Kabaddi Championships 2025**
   - Dates: 13–17 Aug 2025
   - Host: Hyderabad, India
   - Note: Featured top Asia & Oceania teams; India hosted
3. **Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship 2025**
   - Date: March 4–9, 2025
   - Host: Pardis, Tehran, Iran
   - Winner: India (Women's category)

Tennis Grand Slam Tournaments (2024–25)

Tournament	Men's Winner	Runner-up	Women's Winner	Runner-up
Australian Open 2025	**Jannik Sinner (Italy)** – Defeated Alexander Zverev in final	Alexander Zverev (Germany)	**Madison Keys (USA)** – Beat Aryna Sabalenka	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
French Open 2025	**Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)** – Came from two sets down to beat Jannik Sinner	Jannik Sinner (Italy)	**Coco Gauff (USA)** – Defeated Aryna Sabalenka	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
Wimbledon 2024	**Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)** – Defeated Novak Djokovic	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	**Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic)** – Beat Jasmine Paolini	Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
US Open 2024	**Jannik Sinner (Italy)** – Defeated Taylor Fritz	Taylor Fritz (USA)	**Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)** – Defeated Jessica Pegula	Jessica Pegula (USA)

Paris 2024 : 17th Summer Paralympic Games

Rank	Team/NPC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	94	76	50	220
2	Great Britain	49	44	31	124
3	USA	36	42	27	105
4	Netherlands	27	17	12	56
5	Brazil	25	26	38	89
18	**India**	7	9	13	29

Olympic [RO/ARO-2025]

Medal Table (Top 5 and India)

Rank	National Olympic Committee	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	United States of America	40	44	42	126
2.	People's Republic of China	40	27	24	91
3.	Japan	20	12	13	45
4.	Australia	18	19	16	53
5.	France	16	26	22	64
71.	**India**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**6**

Manu Bhaker's Historic Feat

- **First Indian woman** to win an Olympic shooting medal.
- Won **Bronze** in: Women's 10m Air Pistol (Individual)

Event	Athlete(s)	Medal
Men's Javelin Throw	Neeraj Chopra	Silver
Men's 50m Rifle 3P Shooting	Swapnil Kusale	Bronze
Men's 57 kg Wrestling	Aman Sehrawat	Bronze
Women's 10m Air Pistol Shooting	Manu Bhaker	Bronze
Mixed Team 10m Air Pistol Shooting	Manu Bhaker & Sarabjot Singh	Bronze
Men's Hockey	Indian Men's Hockey Team	Bronze

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Upcoming Major Sports Events (2025–2035) [HPPCS -2025] *[RO/ARO-2025]*

Year	Event	Host(s)
2025	ICC Women's ODI World Cup	India
	ACC Men's Asia Cup (T20)	India
	FIFA U-20 World Cup	Chile
India co-hosts ICC Women's Cricket WC 2025 with Sri Lanka.		
39th National Games, 2025, in Meghalaya (Shillong)		
2026	10th ICC Women's ODI World Cup	England
	10th ICC Men's T20I World Cup	India & Sri Lanka
	FIH Men's Hockey World Cup	Belgium & Netherlands
	FIH Women's Hockey World Cup	Belgium & Netherlands
	20th Asian Games	Aichi-Nagoya, Japan
	FIFA World Cup	Canada, Mexico & USA
	46th FIDE Chess Olympiad	Uzbekistan
2027	ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup	Bangladesh & Nepal
	14th ICC Men's ODI World Cup	South Africa, Zimbabwe & Namibia
	ACC Men's Asia Cup (ODI)	Bangladesh
	FIFA Women's World Cup	Brazil
2028	11th ICC Men's T20I World Cup	Australia & New Zealand
	34th Olympic Games	Los Angeles, USA
	47th FIDE Chess Olympiad	Abu Dhabi, UAE
2029	Asian Winter Games	Neom, Saudi Arabia
	ICC Men's Champions Trophy	India
2030	12th ICC Men's T20I World Cup	England, Wales, Ireland & Scotland
	21st Asian Games	Doha, Qatar
	FIFA World Cup	Morocco, Portugal & Spain
2031	15th ICC Men's ODI World Cup	India & Bangladesh
2032	35th Olympic Games	Brisbane, Australia
2034	22nd Asian Games	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
	FIFA World Cup	Saudi Arabia

Economic Survey 2024–25 –

Trade, CAD & Forex

- Merchandise imports ↑ 5.2% (Apr–Dec 2024) → wider trade deficit
- Total exports (goods + services): **₹52.2 lakh cr (US$ 602.6 bn)** (+6%)
- Imports: **₹59.1 lakh cr (US$ 682.2 bn)** (+6.9%)
- **Trade Deficit:** ₹6.88 lakh cr (US$ 79.5 bn)
- **Services exports:** +11.6% (net receipts ₹11.37 lakh cr in FY25)
- **Remittances:** ₹2.76 lakh cr (US$ 31.9 bn, Q2 FY25) – world's highest
- **CAD:** 1.2% of GDP (Q2 FY25)
- **Forex Reserves:** US$ 640.3 bn (Dec 2024) – covers 90% of external debt *[RO/ARO-2025]*

Sectoral Credit Growth (Nov 2024):

  - Agriculture: 5.1%
  - Industry: 4.4% (↑ from 3.2%)
  - MSMEs: 13%
  - Large enterprises: 6.1%
  - Services: 5.9%
  - Personal loans: 8.8%

- NPAs:
  - Gross NPA = 2.6% (12-year low)
  - Net NPA = 0.6%
- CRAR = 16.7% (above norms)

Financial Inclusion Index (RBI): 64.2 (2024) vs 53.9 (2021)

- Consumer credit: 32.4% of bank credit (vs 18.3% in FY14)
- IPO boom:
  - Listings = 259 (↑ 32% from 196 in 2023)
  - Funds raised = ₹1.53 lakh cr (3x from 2023)

Infrastructure & Investment

- Vande Bharat: 17 new pairs; 228 coaches produced
- Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train: 47.17% complete
- Dedicated Freight Corridors: 96.4% of 2,843 km finished
- Amrit Bharat Station Scheme: 1,337 stations under modernisation
- **Highways (Bharatmala):** 76% awarded, 55% completed
- UDAN: 619 regional routes operational
- Ports PPP: 98 projects approved; 56 operational
- Installed power capacity: 456.7 GW (47% renewables; solar 97.8 GW)
- 5G rollout: in 779 districts (4.6 lakh towers)
- BharatNet: reached 2.14 lakh Gram Panchayats
- Jal Jeevan Mission: 79.1% of rural homes with tap water (2019 = 17%)
- Swachh Bharat: 3.64 lakh ODF+ villages

Agriculture & Rural Economy

- Agriculture: avg. 5% annual growth (2020–25)
- Share in GDP: ~16%; workforce share: 46.1%
- Floriculture exports (FY24): 19,678 MT → ₹750 cr

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- Livestock share in agri-GVA: 24.3% (FY15) → 30.2% (FY23)
- Kisan Credit Cards: 7.75 cr active accounts (₹9.82 lakh cr loans)
- PM-KISAN: >11 cr farmers covered
- PM-KMY (pension): 23.6 lakh enrolled

Energy Transition

- Power mix (Nov 2024):
  - Coal: 46.2%
  - Solar: 20.6%
  - Wind: 10.5%
  - Hydro: 10.3%
  - Nuclear: 1.8%
- Non-fossil in electricity: 22.8% (FY23)
- **Green Hydrogen Mission:** 5 MMT by 2030, 125 GW renewables
- **PM Surya Ghar Yojana:** 30 GW rooftop solar by 2027
- Green Energy Corridors: GEC-I & GEC-II across 7 states
- Solar Parks: 12,200 MW (of 40,000 MW target)

Social & Household Indicators

- MPCE (2023–24, including free items):
  - Rural = ₹4,247
  - Urban = ₹7,078
- Urban–Rural gap: ↓ from 84% (2011–12) → 70% (2023–24)
- Gini Coefficient ↓ (inequality reduced):
  - Rural = 0.237 (from 0.266)
  - Urban = 0.284 (from 0.314)
- Unemployment rate = **3.2% (2023–24)**
- Urban unemployment = 6.4% (Q2 FY25)
- Female Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR): **41.7% (vs 23.3% in 2017–18)**
- Gig workforce projected: 23.5 million (by 2030; 6.7% of non-agri jobs)

Miscellaneous national and global data areas

Cash Crop	Top Producing States
Sugarcane	Uttar Pradesh > Maharashtra > Karnataka
Cotton	Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra
Tea	Assam > West Bengal > Tamil Nadu
Coffee	Karnataka > Kerala > Tamil Nadu
Jute	West Bengal, Assam, Bihar
Rubber	Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Assam & Meghalaya, Odisha, Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal
Groundnut	Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan
Soybean	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra
Sunflower	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra
Mustard	Assam, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal
Sesame	West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu
Turmeric	Andhra Pradesh, Odisha
Ginger	Kerala, Uttar Pradesh
Pepper	Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu
Cashew	Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh

Foodgrains & Pulses

- **Rice:** Telangana > Uttar Pradesh > West Bengal
- **Wheat:** Uttar Pradesh > Madhya Pradesh > Punjab
- **Nutri/Coarse Cereals:** Rajasthan > Karnataka > MP
- **Total Pulses:** Madhya Pradesh > Maharashtra > Rajasthan
- **Total Foodgrains:** Uttar Pradesh > Madhya Pradesh > Punjab

Plantation & Horticulture Crops

- **Fruits:** Andhra Pradesh > Maharashtra > Uttar Pradesh
- **Flowers:** Tamil Nadu > Karnataka > Madhya Pradesh
- **Cashew:** Maharashtra > Andhra Pradesh > Odisha
- **Coconut:** Kerala > Karnataka > Tamil Nadu
- **Almonds:** Jammu & Kashmir > Himachal Pradesh > Maharashtra
- **Apple:** Jammu & Kashmir > Himachal Pradesh > Uttarakhand
- **Banana:** Andhra Pradesh > Maharashtra > Gujarat
- **Lemon:** Andhra Pradesh > Madhya Pradesh >Maharashtra
- **Orange:** Madhya Pradesh > Punjab > Maharashtra
- **Mosambi (Sweet Lime):** Andhra Pradesh > Telangana > Maharashtra
- **Grapes:** Maharashtra > Karnataka > Andhra Pradesh
- **Guava:** Uttar Pradesh > Madhya Pradesh > Andhra Pradesh
- **Mango:** Uttar Pradesh > Andhra Pradesh > Bihar
- **Pineapple:** West Bengal > Assam > Tripura

Top Mineral Producing States in India (2023–24)

- **Bauxite:** Odisha > Gujarat > Jharkhand
- **Tin:** Chhattisgarh
- **Coal:** Odisha > Chhattisgarh > Jharkhand
- **Manganese:** Madhya Pradesh > Maharashtra > Odisha
- **Lead:** Rajasthan > Andhra Pradesh > Jharkhand
- **Copper:** Rajasthan > Madhya Pradesh > Jharkhand
- **Iron Ore:** Odisha > Karnataka > Chhattisgarh
- **Largest Coal Mines:** Jharkhand > West Bengal > Madhya Pradesh
- **Zinc (metal):** Rajasthan > Maharashtra > Madhya Pradesh

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- **Hematite (Iron Ore):** Odisha > Jharkhand > Chhattisgarh
- **Natural Gas:** Rajasthan > Gujarat > Assam
- **Crude Oil:** Rajasthan > Gujarat > Assam
- **Diamond:** Madhya Pradesh > Andhra Pradesh > Chhattisgarh
- **Gold:** Karnataka > Andhra Pradesh > Jharkhand
- **Silver:** Rajasthan > Gujarat > Madhya Pradesh
- **Uranium:** Andhra Pradesh > Jharkhand > Meghalaya

Top States in Other Production (2023–24)

- **Egg:** Andhra Pradesh > Tamil Nadu > Telangana
- **Wool:** Rajasthan > Jammu & Kashmir > Gujarat
- **Meat:** Uttar Pradesh > West Bengal > Maharashtra
- **Milk:** Uttar Pradesh > Rajasthan > Madhya Pradesh
- **Fish (Inland):** Andhra Pradesh > West Bengal > Uttar Pradesh
- **Fish (Marine):** Gujarat > Tamil Nadu > Andhra Pradesh
- **Fish (Total):** Andhra Pradesh > West Bengal > Karnataka

Silk Production Statistics (2023)

- **Mulberry Silk:** Karnataka > Andhra Pradesh > Tamil Nadu
- **Tussar Silk:** Jharkhand > Chhattisgarh > Odisha
- **Eri Silk:** Assam > Meghalaya > Nagaland

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