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National News

Indian Cricket Team Won 9th Asia Cup title 2025

In a match that lived up to the fierce rivalry, India clinched their ninth Asia Cup title with a thrilling five-wicket victory over Pakistan at the Dubai International Stadium on 28 September 2025. Chasing 147 in a tense final, India recovered from a shaky 20 for 3 to reach the target at 150 for 5, thanks to a match-winning knock from Tilak Varma. Varma's calm and calculated 69 not out, supported by Shivam Dube's 33 off 22 balls, ensured India lifted the trophy in a game that will be remembered as one of the most gripping India-Pakistan encounters in recent history.

Awards List of Asia Cup 2025

- **Man of the Match:** Tilak Verma
- **Most Valuable Player of Tournament:** Kuldeep Yadav
- **Player of the Tournament:** Abhisek Sharma

Atmosphere & Rivalry

- The clash was more than cricket, layered with political tension between India and Pakistan earlier this year.
- Gestures, crowd emotions, and coaching instructions all reflected the charged atmosphere.
- This was also the first India-Pakistan Asia Cup final in 41 years, adding historic weight to the contest.

Static GK Facts

- **Asia Cup founded:** 1984, governed by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).
- **Formats:** Played in ODI and T20I formats, alternating depending on the upcoming ICC tournament.
- **India's record:** With this win, India now has 9 Asia Cup titles—the most by any team.
- **Other winners:** Sri Lanka (6 titles), Pakistan (2 titles).
- **2025 final venue:** Dubai International Stadium, UAE.
- **Notable Indian performers:** Tilak Varma (final's hero), Kuldeep Yadav (4/30), Shivam Dube (all-round cameo).

SALE IS LIVE

Test Prime

**ALL EXAMS,
ONE SUBSCRIPTION.**







RBI Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy 2025

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, under Governor **Sanjay Malhotra**, announced its **Monetary Policy 2025** on keeping the **repo rate unchanged at 5.5%** and maintaining the policy stance as **'Neutral'**. The decision was **unanimously** taken by all MPC members.

The RBI also revised its **FY26 GDP growth estimate upwards to 6.8%** (from 6.5% earlier) and **cut CPI inflation forecast to 2.6%** (from 3.1% earlier), signaling optimism on growth with controlled inflationary pressures.

Key Highlights of RBI Monetary Policy 2025

1. Policy Measures

- Repo Rate: **Unchanged at 5.50%**
- Stance: **Neutral**
- CRR (Cash Reserve Ratio): **3%**
- SDF (Standing Deposit Facility) Rate: **5.25%**
- MSF (Marginal Standing Facility) Rate: **5.75%**
- Bank Rate: **5.75%**
- MPC: **Unanimous decision to keep rates unchanged**

2. GDP Growth Projections

- **FY26 GDP growth estimate** revised to **6.8%** (from 6.5%).
- **Quarterly GDP growth estimates:**
 1. **Q1 FY26:** 6.5% (unchanged)
 2. **Q2 FY26:** 7.0% (raised from 6.7%)
 3. **Q3 FY26:** 6.4% (cut from 6.6%)
 4. **Q4 FY26:** 6.2% (cut from 6.3%)
- **Q1 FY27:** 6.4% (cut from 6.6%).

3. CPI Inflation Forecast

- **FY26 CPI inflation forecast:** Cut to **2.6%** (from 3.1%).
- **Quarterly estimates:**
 1. **Q2 FY26:** 2.1% (cut from 3.4%)
 2. **Q3 FY26:** 3.1% (cut from 3.9%)
 3. **Q4 FY26:** 4.4% (unchanged)
- **Q1 FY27:** 4.9%

This indicates an **improving inflation trajectory**, giving RBI more room to support growth.

4. Developmental and Regulatory Policies

- **Re-KYC Camps for Jan Dhan Accounts** – Focus on micro insurance and pension scheme enrolments.
- **Standardised Procedure for Claim Settlement** – For deposit accounts of deceased customers to improve transparency and efficiency.
- **RBI Retail Direct Enhancements** – Introduction of **Auto-bidding facility** for investments and reinvestments in T-bills.

Nobel Prize 2025 in Medicine

The 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine has been awarded to Mary E. Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, and Shimon Sakaguchi for their pioneering discoveries on peripheral immune tolerance — a fundamental mechanism that keeps the human immune system from attacking its own tissues. Their work has not only transformed our understanding of how the immune system is regulated but also opened up new avenues for the treatment of autoimmune diseases, cancer, and transplant rejection.

Nobel Laureates Winner In Physiology Or Medicine 2025

- **Mary E. Brunkow** – Senior Program Manager, Institute for Systems Biology, Seattle, USA.
- **Fred Ramsdell** – Scientific Advisor, Sonoma Biotherapeutics, San Francisco, USA.
- **Shimon Sakaguchi** – Distinguished Professor, Immunology Frontier Research Center, Osaka University, Japan.

Award Citation: “For their discoveries concerning peripheral immune tolerance.”

Their collaborative research identified regulatory T cells (Tregs) — specialized immune cells that act as “security guards” to prevent immune cells from mistakenly attacking the body’s own tissues. This discovery has revolutionized immunology and disease treatment strategies.

Groundbreaking Discoveries in Immune Tolerance

Understanding Peripheral Immune Tolerance

- Our immune system defends the body against countless microbes daily.
- However, it must also distinguish between foreign invaders and the body’s own cells.
- If this balance is disturbed, it can lead to autoimmune diseases, where the immune system mistakenly attacks healthy tissues.
- The laureates’ research focused on how this balance is maintained outside the thymus, a mechanism now known as peripheral tolerance.

Nobel Prize in Physics 2025

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2025 has been awarded to John Clarke, Michel H. Devoret, and John M. Martinis for their groundbreaking discovery of macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit. Their work proved that quantum phenomena can occur even in large-scale systems, bridging the gap between the quantum and classical worlds and paving the way for advanced technologies like quantum computing, cryptography, and sensors.

Nobel Laureates and Their Contribution

2025 Nobel Physics Winners

- **John Clarke** – University of California, Berkeley, USA
- **Michel H. Devoret** – Yale University, New Haven, CT / University of California, Santa Barbara, USA

- **John M. Martinis** – University of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Research Topic: “For the discovery of macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit”

Quantum Physics Made Visible: The Breakthrough

The Central Question: Size and Quantum Behavior

- One of the fundamental questions in modern physics is: How large can a system be and still exhibit quantum mechanical effects?
- Traditionally, quantum behavior is observable only at the atomic or subatomic scale.
- However, the 2025 Nobel laureates shattered this boundary by demonstrating quantum phenomena in a macroscopic electrical circuit, proving that the laws of quantum mechanics apply even to systems visible to the naked eye.

What is Quantum Physics?

- Quantum physics, also known as quantum mechanics, is a fundamental branch of physics that explains the behavior of matter and energy at the smallest scales — such as atoms, electrons, and photons.
- Unlike classical physics, which describes predictable and continuous behavior, quantum physics reveals a world where particles can exist in multiple states at once, move through barriers, and exchange energy in discrete packets (called quanta).

The Josephson Junction Experiment

- The laureates constructed an electronic circuit using superconductors, materials that allow current to flow without electrical resistance.
- These superconductors were separated by a thin non-conductive barrier, forming a Josephson junction — a device known for its quantum properties.
- By precisely controlling and measuring the properties of this circuit, they could observe quantum tunnelling and energy quantisation on a macroscopic scale.

Key Discoveries and Insights

1. Macroscopic Quantum Tunnelling

- In quantum mechanics, particles can “tunnel” through barriers that they classically shouldn’t be able to cross.
- In the laureates’ experiment, the entire superconducting system behaved like a single particle, initially trapped in a zero-voltage state.
- Through quantum tunnelling, it escaped this state — a shift detectable by the appearance of a voltage — proving that tunnelling is possible even in large, collective systems.

2. Energy Quantisation

- Quantum systems absorb or emit discrete amounts of energy, not continuous values.
- The team demonstrated that their macroscopic system followed this rule exactly, behaving in accordance with quantum predictions.

- This finding confirmed that quantum principles govern not just electrons and photons, but even collective states involving billions of particles.

Implications for Quantum Technology

This discovery goes beyond theoretical physics — it has practical implications for emerging technologies,

- **Quantum Computing** – Enables stable and controllable qubits for faster computation.
- **Quantum Cryptography** – Paves the way for unbreakable communication systems.
- **Quantum Sensors** – Offers unprecedented precision in measurement and detection.

“It is wonderful to celebrate how century-old quantum mechanics still offers new surprises,” said Olle Eriksson, Chair of the Nobel Committee for Physics. “This discovery opens doors to a future defined by quantum technology.”

Chemistry Nobel 2025

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2025 has been awarded to Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar M. Yaghi for their groundbreaking work in developing metal-organic frameworks (MOFs). These are advanced molecular structures with large cavities that can capture gases, store toxic chemicals, catalyze reactions, and even harvest water from desert air. Their discoveries have opened new possibilities in chemistry and environmental applications.

Nobel Laureates Winners In Chemistry 2025

Sr.No	Laureates Winner Name	Contribution	Affiliation
1	Susumu Kitagawa	Flexible and functional MOFs	Kyoto University, Japan
2	Richard Robson	First spacious molecular constructions	University of Melbourne, Australia
3	Omar M. Yaghi	Stable and customizable MOFs	University of California USA

Key Highlights of Winners

Susumu Kitagawa – Kyoto University, Japan

Research Contribution: Flexible and functional MOFs

- Born in 1951 in Kyoto, Japan.
- PhD from Kyoto University in 1979.
- Developed MOFs that allow gases to flow in and out.
- Predicted the flexibility of MOFs, enabling new chemical applications.

Richard Robson – University of Melbourne, Australia

Research Contribution: First spacious molecular constructions

- Born in 1937 in Glusburn, UK.
- PhD from University of Oxford in 1962.

- Created the first well-ordered MOF using copper ions and organic molecules.
- Demonstrated potential of molecular frameworks for chemical storage and separation.

Omar M. Yaghi – University of California, Berkeley, USA

Research Contribution: Stable and customizable MOFs

- Born in 1965 in Amman, Jordan.
- PhD from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1990.
- Developed very stable MOFs and introduced rational design for new properties.
- Enabled MOFs to be used for diverse applications like carbon capture and water harvesting.

Nobel Prize in Literature

The Nobel Prize in Literature 2025 has been awarded to László Krasznahorkai, the celebrated Hungarian novelist renowned for his dense, poetic, and apocalyptic prose. The Swedish Academy honored him “for his compelling and visionary oeuvre that, in the midst of apocalyptic terror, reaffirms the power of art.” Krasznahorkai’s works delve into the depths of human despair, chaos, and beauty, marking him as one of the most distinctive voices in contemporary world literature.

About László Krasznahorkai

- **Nationality:** Hungarian
- **Born:** 5 January 1954, Gyula, Hungary
- **Occupation:** Novelist and screenwriter
- **Writing Style:** Long, meditative sentences; apocalyptic imagery; deep philosophical reflection.

Frequent Themes: Isolation, moral collapse, human suffering, redemption through art.

Notable Works

- Satantango (1985)
- The Melancholy of Resistance (1989)
- War and War (1999)
- Seiobo There Below (2008)

Krasznahorkai’s writing is often characterized by long, flowing sentences, a bleak worldview, and an intricate philosophical depth. His collaboration with filmmaker Béla Tarr has also brought his vision to cinematic life, notably through the adaptation of Satantango.

The Nobel Citation and Its Meaning

- The Academy’s citation emphasizes how Krasznahorkai’s literature captures apocalyptic terror while celebrating art’s redemptive power.
- His works challenge readers to confront existential crises, moral decay, and the persistence of hope amid desolation — reaffirming art as a form of salvation.

Significance of the 2025 Nobel in Literature

- Recognizes Hungary’s literary contribution on the global stage.

- Highlights the enduring power of literature to address universal human fears and aspirations.
- Underscores the relevance of philosophical fiction in turbulent times.

Nobel Peace Prize 2025

The 2025 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to Maria Corina Machado, a fearless advocate of democracy in Venezuela. Recognized by the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Machado has tirelessly fought for democratic rights, free elections, and a peaceful transition from authoritarian rule to democracy. Her dedication to civilian courage and nonviolent resistance has made her a symbol of hope for millions of Venezuelans living under oppression.

About Maria Corina Machado Nobel Peace Prize Winner

- Maria Corina Machado is a prominent Venezuelan politician and activist, renowned for her leadership in the country's democracy movement.
- She has spent decades opposing authoritarianism and defending fundamental democratic principles.

Reason for Award

The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded Machado the Peace Prize for,

- Her tireless work promoting democratic rights in Venezuela.
- Her leadership in achieving a peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy.
- Courageous efforts to maintain civilian resistance and democratic values despite threats, harassment, and living in hiding.

Key Contributions

- Founder of Súmate, an organization devoted to democratic development.
- Advocated for free and fair elections for over 20 years.
- Promoted judicial independence, human rights, and popular representation.
- Played a unifying role in Venezuela's divided opposition.
- Acted as a presidential candidate in the 2024 elections, though blocked by the regime.

Significance

- Demonstrates that peace and democracy are intertwined.
- Inspires citizens globally to resist authoritarianism through nonviolent methods.
- Highlights the role of women leaders in defending freedom under repressive regimes.

Challenges Faced

- Venezuela's transition from a democratic to an authoritarian state.
- Deep humanitarian and economic crisis, with millions living in poverty.

- Opposition suppression via legal prosecution, imprisonment, and election rigging.
- Personal threats to life and freedom while continuing activism.

2025 Nobel Prize in Economics

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2025 has been awarded to Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt for their groundbreaking contributions to understanding innovation-driven economic growth. Their work explains how technological progress and creative destruction have transformed economies from stagnation to sustained prosperity over the past two centuries.

Nobel Prize In Economics 2025 Winners

Sr.No	Name	Affiliation	Research Topic
1	Joel Mokyr	Northwestern University, USA	Prerequisites for sustained growth through technological progress
2	Philippe Aghion	Collège de France, INSEAD (France), London School of Economics (UK)	Theory of sustained growth through creative destruction
3	Peter Howitt	Brown University, USA	Theory of sustained growth through creative destruction (jointly with Aghio)

Joel Mokyr's Insights On Historical Growth

- Mokyr used historical evidence to explain why innovation became self-sustaining after the Industrial Revolution.
- He emphasized the need for scientific understanding, cultural openness to new ideas, and societal acceptance of change as foundations for continual progress.
- His research highlighted that before the modern era, stagnation was the norm, as discoveries did not consistently lead to further innovation.

Aghion and Howitt's Theory of Creative Destruction

- In their landmark 1992 paper, Aghion and Howitt developed a mathematical model of creative destruction, showing how new innovations displace old technologies.
- This process fuels productivity and prosperity but also creates economic conflicts, as older firms and workers face displacement.
- They emphasized that societies must manage these transitions constructively to prevent innovation from being blocked by vested interests.

Broader Impact on Economic Thought

- The laureates' combined work has redefined how economists understand long-term growth mechanisms.

- Their findings underline the importance of innovation policy, education, and institutional support to maintain economic dynamism.
- Committee Chair John Hassler noted that “economic growth cannot be taken for granted; we must uphold the mechanisms of creative destruction to avoid stagnation.”

Prize Details

- **Announced by:** The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
- **Date:** October 13, 2025
- **Prize Amount:** 11 million Swedish kronor
- **Distribution:** Half to Joel Mokyr; half jointly to Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt.

About the Laureates

- **Joel Mokyr:** Born 1946, Leiden, Netherlands; Ph.D., Yale University (1974).
- **Philippe Aghion:** Born 1956, Paris, France; Ph.D., Harvard University (1987).
- **Peter Howitt:** Born 1946, Canada; Ph.D., Northwestern University (1973).

Filmfare Awards 2025: Full Winners List, Highlights & Key Moments

The **70th Filmfare Awards 2025** celebrated the best of Hindi cinema at a glittering event held at **EKA Arena, Kankaria Lake, Ahmedabad**. The grand evening was hosted by **Shah Rukh Khan**, along with **Karan Johar** and **Maniesh Paul**.

The ceremony saw breathtaking performances by **Shah Rukh Khan, Kriti Sanon, and Kajol**, among others. The highlight of the night was **Kiran Rao's Laapataa Ladies**, which swept **13 awards**, equalling the record set by **Gully Boy** in 2020.

Full Winners List Filmfare Awards 2025

Category	Winner(s)	Film
Best Film	–	Laapataa Ladies
Best Director	Kiran Rao	Laapataa Ladies
Best Actor in Leading Role (Male)	Abhishek Bachchan, Kartik Aaryan	I Want To Talk, Chandu Champion
Best Actor in Leading Role (Female)	Alia Bhatt	Jigra
Critics' Best Actor (Male)	Rajkummar Rao	Srikanth
Critics' Best Actor (Female)	Pratibha Rantta	Laapataa Ladies
Best Supporting Actor (Male)	Ravi Kishan	Laapataa Ladies

Category	Winner(s)	Film
Best Supporting Actor (Female)	Chhaya Kadam	Laapataa Ladies
Critics' Award for Best Film	Shoojit Sircar	I Want To Talk
Best Debut Actor (Male)	Lakshya	Kill
Best Debut Actor (Female)	Nitanshi Goel	Laapataa Ladies
Best Debut Director	Kunal Kemmu, Aditya Suhas Jambhale	Madgaon Express, Article 370
Best Story	Aditya Dhar, Monal Thakkar	Article 370
Best Screenplay	Sneha Desai	Laapataa Ladies
Best Dialogue	Sneha Desai	Laapataa Ladies
Best Music Album	Ram Sampath	Laapataa Ladies
Best Lyrics	Prashant Pandey	Laapataa Ladies
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Arijit Singh	Laapataa Ladies
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Madhubanti Bagchi	Stree 2
Best Adapted Screenplay	Ritesh Shah, Tushar Sheetal Jain	I Want To Talk
Best Sound Design	Subash Sahoo	Kill
Best Background Score	Ram Sampath	Laapataa Ladies
Best Action	Seayoung Oh, Parvez Shaikh	Kill
Best Editing	Shivkumar V. Panicker	Kill
Best Cinematography	Rafey Mehmood	Kill
Best Production Design	Mayur Sharma	Kill
Best Costume Design	Darshan Jalan	Laapataa Ladies
Best VFX	Redefine	Munjya
Best Choreography	Bosco–Caesar	Tauba Tauba (Bad Newz)
Lifetime Achievement Award	Zeenat Aman, Shyam Benegal (Posthumous)	–
RD Burman Award for Upcoming Music Talent	Achint Thakkar	Jigra, Mr & Mrs Mahi

Important Points of Filmfare Awards 2025

- **Laapataa Ladies** became the night's biggest winner with **13 awards**, including Best Film and Best Director.
- **Abhishek Bachchan's** emotional performance in I Want To Talk and **Kartik Aaryan's** inspiring portrayal in Chandu Champion earned them a shared **Best Actor (Male)** trophy.
- **Alia Bhatt** added another feather to her cap with Best Actress for Jigra.
- **Kill** impressed in the technical categories, winning awards for **Action, Editing, and Cinematography**.
- **Veteran icons Zeenat Aman and Shyam Benegal** were honoured with the **Lifetime Achievement Award**.

ICC Player of the Month October 2025

Indian cricket celebrated a proud moment in September 2025 as Abhishek Sharma and Smriti Mandhana were named ICC Players of the Month for their exceptional performances in international cricket. Both left-handed openers, they stood out with match-winning knocks and career milestones that resonated across global rankings and fan votes.

Abhishek Sharma: Dominating the Asia Cup

Performance Highlights

- Abhishek Sharma, 25, emerged as one of the brightest stars in the Asia Cup T20I tournament, scoring 314 runs in 7 matches at an average of 44.85 and a phenomenal strike rate of 200.
- His dynamic batting not only won him the Player of the Tournament title but also saw him reach a record-breaking 931 rating points in the ICC Men's T20I Batting Rankings—the highest ever by any player in the format at the end of the Super Fours stage.

Competitors & Selection

- He edged out contenders like Kuldeep Yadav (India) and Brian Bennett (Zimbabwe) for the ICC monthly honour, winning both expert panel and fan votes.
- Abhishek's ability to perform under pressure has made him a rising figure in India's T20 setup.

Smriti Mandhana: Leading from the Front

ODI Brilliance vs Australia

- Vice-captain Smriti Mandhana showcased elite form in India's ODI series against Australia, scoring 58, 117, and 125 in three innings.
- She totaled 308 runs in four matches during the month, averaging 77 with a strike rate of 135.68.
- In the third ODI, Mandhana achieved the fastest century by an Indian batter in women's ODIs, reaching the milestone in just 50 balls, underlining her aggressive and impactful style at the top of the order.

Nominees & Voting

- Mandhana triumphed over Tazmin Brits (South Africa) and Sidra Amin (Pakistan) to win the ICC Women's Player of the Month award.
- Her contributions were pivotal during India's ongoing ICC Women's World Cup 2025 campaign.

Terms of Reference Approved: What's Next for the 8th Central Pay Commission?

On 28 October 2025, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC). This decision marks a major administrative step toward revising the pay structure and service conditions of Central Government employees. The 8th CPC will assess the present emolument system and recommend changes keeping in view India's economic conditions and fiscal sustainability.

Composition and Tenure

The 8th Central Pay Commission will function as a temporary body with the following composition,

- Chairperson
- One Member (Part-Time)
- One Member-Secretary
- It is mandated to submit its recommendations within 18 months from the date of constitution.
- Additionally, the Commission may submit interim reports on specific issues whenever required.

Key Considerations for Recommendations

While formulating its recommendations, the Commission will take into account several vital aspects,

- **Economic Conditions and Fiscal Prudence** – Ensuring recommendations align with the nation's financial health.
- **Resource Allocation for Development** – Balancing employee welfare with funds needed for development and welfare programs.
- **Unfunded Pension Liabilities** – Evaluating the financial burden of non-contributory pension schemes.
- **Impact on State Finances** – Considering how recommendations affect State Governments, which often adopt similar pay structures.
- **Comparison with Other Sectors** – Assessing the emolument structure and benefits in Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) and the private sector.

Background and Significance

- The Central Pay Commissions are periodically established to review and rationalize the salary structure, retirement benefits, and service conditions of Central Government employees.
- Traditionally, a Pay Commission is set up every ten years, with its recommendations implemented subsequently.

- The 7th Central Pay Commission recommendations were implemented in 2016.
- Following this trend, the 8th CPC's recommendations are expected to take effect from 1 January 2026.
- The Government announced the formation of the 8th CPC in January 2025 to ensure a smooth transition to the next pay revision cycle.

Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025 Winners Announced

On October 26, 2025, the Indian government announced the recipients of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025, the nation's highest civilian honour for contributions to science, technology, and innovation. Instituted to celebrate excellence across diverse scientific fields, these awards aim to foster a culture of research and innovation in India.

Award Categories

The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar is conferred in four major categories,

- Vigyan Ratna – For lifetime achievements in science
 - Vigyan Shri – For exceptional individual contributions
 - Vigyan Yuva–Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar – For young scientists (under 45 years)
 - Vigyan Team Award – For collaborative research efforts
- 2025 Honourees

Vigyan Ratna (Posthumous)

- **Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar** – Awarded posthumously for his outstanding contribution to Physics.

Vigyan Shri Awardees

Recognised across multiple disciplines,

- Dr. Gyanendra Pratap Singh – Agricultural Science
- Dr. Yusuf Mohammad Seikh – Atomic Energy
- Dr. K. Thangaraj – Biological Sciences
- Prof. Pradeep Thalappil – Chemistry
- Prof. Aniruddha Bhalchandra Pandit – Engineering Sciences
- Dr. S. Venkata Mohan – Environmental Science
- Prof. Mahan Mj – Mathematics and Computer Science
- Shri Jayan N – Space Science and Technology

Vigyan Yuva–Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award

Awarded to young and emerging scientists,

- Dr. Jagdis Gupta Kapuganti, Dr. Satendra Kumar Mangrauthia, Shri Debarka Sengupta, Dr. Deepa Agashe, Dr. Dibyendu Das, Dr. Waliur Rahaman, Prof. Arkaprava Basu, Prof. Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Prof. Shweta Prem Agrawal, Dr. Suresh Kumar, Prof. Amit Kumar Agarwal, Prof. Surhud Shrikant More, Shri Ankur Garg, Prof. Mohanasankar Sivaprakasam

Vigyan Team Award

- CSIR Aroma Mission Team – Recognised for their exceptional work in agricultural science.

Award Scope and Significance

The awards span 13 scientific domains,

- Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences
- Mathematics & Computer Science
- Medicine, Engineering
- Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
- Atomic Energy, Space Science
- Technology and Innovation
- Nominations for the 2025 awards were accepted via the National Awards Portal from October 4 to November 17, 2024.

This recognition underscores India's commitment to encouraging scientific excellence and innovation-driven growth. The award ceremony details are to be announced soon.

Key Highlights from Mann Ki Baat – October 2025

On 26 October 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered the 127th episode of his radio program Mann Ki Baat. This edition reflected on India's cultural vibrancy during festivals, environmental innovation, indigenous heritage, and the role of youth in reviving Sanskrit and national values. The PM also called for mass participation in the 150th anniversary celebrations of Vande Mataram.

Festivals, Unity, and Vocal for Local

The PM opened with greetings on Diwali and Chhath Puja, calling these celebrations a symbol of India's social unity. He commended women's dedication during Chhath Vrat and urged everyone, including those abroad, to experience the festival.

The PM also highlighted,

- Rising enthusiasm for indigenous products during the GST Bachat Utsav.
- Positive public response to his call for reducing edible oil consumption by 10%.
- These appeals support the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision and promote mindful consumption.



Environment and Local Innovation

Plastic-Waste Meals in Ambikapur

- In Chhattisgarh's Ambikapur, Garbage Cafés exchange meals for plastic waste, 1 kg = lunch/dinner, 0.5 kg = breakfast — a civic initiative tackling pollution and hunger simultaneously.

Lake Revival in Bengaluru

- Engineer Kapil Sharma has rejuvenated 40 wells and 6 lakes, engaging citizens and corporates.
- His work in Bengaluru reflects effective community-driven conservation.

Mangroves in Gujarat

- The Gujarat Forest Department has planted mangroves over 3,500 hectares in Dholera, reviving biodiversity — including dolphins, crabs, and migratory birds.
- A Mangrove Learning Centre has also been established at Kori Creek, Kutch.
- The PM quoted ancient texts praising trees, reinforcing the importance of tree plantation and campaigns like Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam.

Indian Dog Breeds in National Security

The PM reviewed progress since his earlier appeal to promote indigenous dog breeds,

- BSF's Tekanpur Centre trains Rampur Hounds and Mudhol Hounds.
- CRPF's Bengaluru school trains Mongrels, Kombai, Mudhol, and Pandikona breeds.
- Ria, a Mudhol Hound, won top honours at the All India Police Duty Meet (Lucknow).
- CRPF dogs helped detect explosives in Maoist-affected Chhattisgarh.
- BSF now assigns Indian names to its dogs — symbolising pride in local breeds.

150 Years of "Vande Mataram"

- The PM highlighted the upcoming 150th year of the patriotic song "Vande Mataram", composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and first sung by Rabindranath Tagore in 1896.
- He urged citizens to participate in year-long programs and send ideas using #VandeMatram150. The song continues to inspire unity and national pride.

Sanskrit's Social Media Revival

Young content creators are giving Sanskrit a modern voice,

- Yash Salunke mixes cricket with Sanskrit in reels.
- Kamala and Janhavi share spiritual content.
- Sanskrit Chhatroham, Samashti, and Bhavesh Bhimnathani use Sanskrit for humour, music, and philosophy.
- This revival highlights how youth are modernising tradition and reconnecting with ancient culture.

Honouring Tribal Freedom Fighters

Komaram Bheem

- The PM narrated the heroic tale of Komaram Bheem, a 20th-century tribal rebel who defied the Nizam's tyranny and was martyred in 1940.
- His legacy continues to inspire resistance and justice.

Bhagwan Birsa Munda

- The PM paid tribute to Birsa Munda, ahead of Janajatiya Gaurav Diwas on 15 November, marking his birth anniversary.
- He recalled his visit to Ulihatu village, Birsa's birthplace, symbolising deep respect for tribal heritage.

World's 10 Most Valuable Companies in 2025

Despite global economic uncertainty, trade tensions, and fluctuating markets, the world's leading technology giants have continued to grow in value. In October 2025, **NVIDIA, Microsoft, and Apple** emerged as the only companies to enter the **\$4 trillion market capitalisation club**, reaffirming the dominance of the U.S. tech sector.

Key Highlights

- NVIDIA**, led by CEO **Jensen Huang**, became the **first company** ever to cross the **\$4 trillion mark**, overtaking Microsoft and Apple earlier in the year.
- Microsoft** followed by reaching the same milestone in **July 2025**, while **Apple** joined the exclusive group after a sharp share-price rally in October 2025.
- Apple's market value surged following the **record-breaking launch of the iPhone 17 series** in September 2025.
- Over the past three months, **Apple's shares** have risen by **25%**, while **Microsoft's** have increased by **6%**.
- Other major players like **Alphabet (Google), Meta, Amazon, and Tesla** continue to remain close competitors in the trillion-dollar league.

Top 10 Most Valuable Companies in the World (as of October 2025)

Rank	Company	Market Cap (USD)	Country
1	NVIDIA	\$4.894 Trillion	USA
2	Microsoft	\$4.029 Trillion	USA
3	Apple	\$3.992 Trillion	USA
4	Alphabet (Google)	\$3.239 Trillion	USA
5	Amazon	\$2.444 Trillion	USA
6	Meta Platforms (Facebook)	\$1.887 Trillion	USA

Rank	Company	Market Cap (USD)	Country
7	Broadcom	\$1.761 Trillion	USA
8	Saudi Aramco	\$1.669 Trillion	Saudi Arabia
9	TSMC (Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company)	\$1.563 Trillion	Taiwan
10	Tesla	\$1.531 Trillion	USA

India's Largest Company by Market Capitalisation

- **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** continues to be **India's most valuable company**, ranking **69th globally** as of October 2025.
- **Current Market Cap:** \$230.69 billion (approx. ₹20.36 trillion)
- Reliance's global ranking slipped from **46th in 2024** due to market volatility and declining oil margins.

Global Firework Index 2025

The Global Firepower Index 2025 ranks countries based on their military strength, defense capabilities, and global influence. It considers more than 60 factors, including manpower, equipment, technology, and defense budgets, to assess each nation's overall power. This annual ranking gives a clear picture of how nations compare in terms of military readiness and strategic strength.

Top-10 Most Powerful Militaries of the World by 2025

The Global Firepower Index 2025 ranks the top 10 most powerful militaries in the world based on strength, technology, manpower, and defense spending, showing how nations are modernizing and reshaping global military power.

Here is the list of top-10 most powerful militaries of the world by 2025:

Rank	Country	PwrIndx
1.	United States	0.0744
2.	Russia	0.0788
3.	China	0.0788
4.	India	0.1184
5.	South Korea	0.1656
6.	United Kingdom	0.1785
7.	France	0.1878
8.	Japan	0.1839
9.	Turkey	0.1902
10.	Italy	0.2164

Cabinet Approvals

- The **Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the **continuation of the Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP) Phase-III for 2025–26 to 2030–31**, extendable till **2037–38**, at a cost of **₹1,500 crore** — jointly funded by the **Department of Biotechnology (DBT)** with **₹1,000 crore** and the **Wellcome Trust (UK)** with **₹500 crore**. Implemented through the **DBT–Wellcome Trust India Alliance (SPV)**, the programme will support **early and intermediate research fellowships, collaborative grants, and research management training**, aiming to **train over 2,000 researchers**, enhance **women's participation by 10–15%**, and expand **biomedical research capacity** in Tier-2 and Tier-3 institutions, aligning with the **Viksit Bharat** vision for world-class science and innovation.
- The Cabinet approved the **Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses**, a **six-year initiative (2025–26 to 2030–31)** with an outlay of **₹11,440 crore** to achieve **self-sufficiency in pulse production** and reduce imports. The mission will boost **research, seed systems, area expansion, procurement, and value-chain infrastructure**, targeting **350 lakh tonnes of production** and coverage of **310 lakh hectares by 2030–31**. It includes **distribution of 126 lakh quintals of certified seeds, 88 lakh free seed kits**, and setting up **1,000 processing units** with **₹25 lakh subsidy each**. **NAFED and NCCF** will ensure **100% procurement of tur, urad, and masoor** under **PM-AASHA**, while promoting **climate-resilient agriculture, soil health, and intercropping practices** for farmer welfare.
- The Cabinet approved a **3% increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) for Central Government employees and pensioners**, effective from **July 1, 2025**, raising the rate from **55% to 58%** of basic pay/pension. The hike will benefit **49.19 lakh employees** and **68.72 lakh pensioners**, with an annual financial impact of **₹10,083.96 crore**. This revision follows the **7th Central Pay Commission's formula** and aims to offset inflation and rising living costs.
- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** approved **increases in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all Rabi crops for the Marketing Season 2026–27**, ensuring farmers earn at least **1.5 times their cost of production**. The **highest MSP hike** is for **Safflower (+₹600/quintal)**, followed by **Lentil (Masur) +₹300, Rapeseed & Mustard +₹250, Gram +₹225, Barley +₹170, and Wheat +₹160**. The **profit margins** are estimated at **109% for Wheat, 93% for Mustard, 89% for Lentil, 59% for Gram, 58% for Barley, and 50% for Safflower**. These measures aim to ensure **remunerative prices, crop diversification, and agricultural sustainability**.

- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** approved the **widening and improvement of the Kalibor–Numaligarh section (85.675 km) of NH-715 in Assam to four lanes**, including **wildlife-friendly elevated corridors** through the **Kaziranga National Park**, at a total cost of **₹6,957 crore**. The project includes a **34.45 km elevated corridor**, **30.22 km of at-grade widening**, and **21 km of greenfield bypasses** at **Jakhalabandha and Bokakhat**. It will connect **Guwahati, Nagaon, Golaghat, and Jorhat**, linking **three airports, three railway stations, and two major highways (NH-127 & NH-129)**, generating over **34 lakh man-days of employment**, and boosting **tourism, wildlife safety, and regional trade**.
- The Cabinet approved the **opening of 57 new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs)** across India under the **civil sector**, at a total cost of **₹5,862.55 crore over nine years (2026–27 to 2034–35)** — including **₹2,585.52 crore** for infrastructure and **₹3,277.03 crore** for operations. These KVs will include **Balvatikas (pre-primary)** in line with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, benefiting around **86,640 students** and creating **4,617 permanent jobs**. The schools will be set up in **17 States/UTs**, including **14 Aspirational districts, 4 LWE districts, and 5 Northeastern/hilly regions**, ensuring **balanced educational access** and promoting **national integration**.
- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** approved **four major railway multi-tracking projects** worth **₹24,634 crore**, covering **894 km** across **Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Chhattisgarh**. The projects include the **Wardha–Bhusawal (314 km), Gondia–Dongargarh (84 km), Vadodara–Ratlam (259 km), and Itarsi–Bhopal–Bina (237 km)** sections. Together, they will benefit **18 districts**, improve connectivity for **3,633 villages**, and create **employment in Aspirational districts**. The projects will add **78 MTPA of freight capacity**, save **28 crore litres of fuel**, and reduce **139 crore kg of CO₂ emissions**, equivalent to planting **6 crore trees**, while enhancing **PM Gati Shakti multi-modal logistics and tourism connectivity**.
- The **National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)** chaired by **Cabinet Secretary Dr. T.V. Somanathan** reviewed preparedness for a **cyclone forming in the Bay of Bengal** expected to make landfall between **Machilipatnam and Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh)** on **October 28, 2025**, with wind speeds of **90–100 kmph gusting to 110 kmph**. **IMD, NDRF, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and the State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Puducherry** are on high alert. Over **900 fishing vessels** have returned to shore, and **evacuation centres** are ready. The Cabinet Secretary emphasized **zero casualties and rapid restoration of essential services** post-landfall.
- The Cabinet approved the **continuation of the National Pulses Mission**, reaffirming the goal of **Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance)** in pulses. The mission will boost production

from **24.2 million tonnes (2024–25)** to **35 million tonnes (2030–31)** across **416 districts**, focusing on **rice-fallow areas, seed infrastructure, irrigation, and procurement at MSP**. With a **budget of ₹11,440 crore**, it ensures **100% procurement of tur, urad, and masoor under PM-AASHA**, improving **food security, farmer income, and nutritional resilience** nationwide.

- The Cabinet approved the **increase in MSPs for Rabi crops (Marketing Season 2026–27)** with the **highest hike for safflower (+₹600/quintal)**, followed by **lentil (+₹300), mustard (+₹250), gram (+₹225), barley (+₹170), and wheat (+₹160)**. The returns range from **50% to 109%** over production cost, ensuring **fair compensation** and encouraging **crop diversification** in line with the **Budget 2018–19 formula**.
- The Cabinet approved **four-laning of NH-715 between Kalibor and Numaligarh**, including **wildlife-friendly elevated sections over Kaziranga National Park**, at a cost of **₹6,957 crore under EPC mode**, covering **85.675 km**. The project connects **major cities (Guwahati, Nagaon, Golaghat, Jorhat), airports (Tezpur, Liabari, Jorhat), and railway stations (Nagaon, Jakhalabandha, Vishwanath Chariali)**, generating **15.42 lakh direct and 19.19 lakh indirect jobs**, boosting **tourism, eco-safety, and trade growth** in Assam.

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State-wise October Month Important Events

Andhra Pradesh

- **Cyclone Montha Approaches Andhra Pradesh:** The **IMD** reported that *Severe Cyclonic Storm Montha* is expected to make **landfall between Kakinada and Kalingapatnam on 28 October 2025**, with wind speeds of **90–100 km/h**, affecting six states including **Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Odisha**.
- **CM Naidu Visits UAE:** Chief Minister **N. Chandrababu Naidu** visited the **UAE** to promote **green energy and digital infrastructure**, securing a **₹100 crore donation** for establishing a **public library** in Andhra Pradesh.

Arunachal Pradesh

- **First Commercial Coal Mine Inaugurated:** Union Minister **G. Kishan Reddy** and CM **Pema Khandu** inaugurated the **Namchik Namphuk coal mine** in *Changlang district*, with **1.5 crore tonnes of reserves**, marking a significant step toward **energy security and regional development**.

Assam

- **Bathou Religion Recognized:** The **Bathou religion** of Assam's **Bodo community** received a **separate code** in the upcoming **Census**, officially recognizing it as a **distinct faith** in India.

Bihar

- **Patna Metro's First Phase Inaugurated:** Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated a 3.6-km elevated Priority Corridor from *ISBT to Bhootnath Station*, marking Patna's first metro service with three-coach trains carrying up to 900 passengers.
- **Unmesha International Literature Festival:** Held in Patna from September 25–28, 2025, featuring writers from 15 countries and 100+ languages. Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan attended the closing ceremony celebrating Bihar's literary and cultural heritage.

Chhattisgarh

- **Balod Becomes Child Marriage-Free District:** Balod was declared India's first child marriage-free district, reporting zero cases in two years across 436 panchayats and 9 towns. The Chief Minister announced a statewide elimination goal by 2028–29.

Goa

- **Purple Fest 2025 Celebrates Inclusion:** The 3rd International Purple Fest was inaugurated by CM Dr. Pramod Sawant in Goa, showcasing India's commitment to empowering persons with disabilities through strong government–NGO collaboration.

Gujarat

- **Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference 2025:** Inaugurated on October 9, 2025, at Ganpat University, Mehsana by CM Bhupendra Patel, with 7,100+ MoUs signed for North Gujarat. The event launched the Regional Economic Master Plan targeting a USD 3.5 trillion economy and 28 million jobs by 2035.
- **Harsh Sanghavi Sworn in as Deputy CM:** Harsh Sanghavi took oath as Deputy Chief Minister in a major cabinet reshuffle by CM Bhupendra Patel, strengthening the BJP leadership in the state.

Haryana

- **Kurukshetra Museum Expansion Approved:** The Srikrishna Museum in Kurukshetra will add a fourth block with three new galleries showcasing *Mahabharata sites*, the 48-kos region, and the Krishna Bhakti movement, using modern technology to boost tourism.

Kerala

- **Museum Honoring Artist A. Ramachandran:** A museum dedicated to the renowned artist A. Ramachandran was inaugurated in Kollam on October 5, 2025, celebrating his contributions to Indian art and humanistic themes.
- **World Bank Approves Healthcare Loan:** The World Bank sanctioned a \$280 million loan under the Kerala Health System Improvement Programme, benefiting 11 million elderly citizens through digital health and climate-resilient infrastructure.

- **Kerala to be Declared Extreme Poverty-Free:** The state will be declared extreme poverty-free by November 1, 2025, due to effective poverty eradication measures and strong social welfare programs.
- **Kerala Plans First Underwater Tunnel:** Kerala will construct its first underwater tunnel between Vypin and Fort Kochi, reducing travel distance from 16 km to 3 km. The ₹2,672 crore twin-tube tunnel (2.75 km long, 35 meters below sea level) is expected to be completed by September 2027.

Madhya Pradesh

- **Gaj Rakshak App Launched:** Madhya Pradesh launched the Gaj Rakshak mobile app for *Bandhavgarh National Park* to monitor elephant movements and reduce human–elephant conflicts. The elephant population in the area has increased from 40 in 2018 to 65 in 2025.

Maharashtra

- **India's First Cooperative-Run CBG & Potash Project:** Amit Shah inaugurated the Compressed Bio-Gas and Potash Granule Project at *Shankarrao Kolhe Sugar Factory, Kopergaon*, to be replicated across 15 cooperative sugar factories.
- **PM Modi Inaugurates Navi Mumbai Airport:** The ₹19,650 crore greenfield airport project was inaugurated, set to become operational by December 2025, boosting trade, tourism, and UDAN Yojana connectivity.
- **Mumbai One App Launched:** PM Modi launched the 'Mumbai One' QR-based integrated ticketing app for metro, bus, and local trains, advancing the One Nation, One Mobility initiative.
- **Maharashtra Beaches Get Blue Flag Certification:** Five beaches — Shrivardhan, Nagaon, Parnaka, Guhagar, and Ladghar — received Blue Flag certification from Denmark's Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) for cleanliness, sustainability, and safety.

Manipur

- **Mera Hou Chongba Festival:** The annual Hill-Valley unity festival was celebrated at the Manipur Royal Palace, led by King Maharaja Sanajaoba Leishemba, with tribal chiefs, traditional rituals, and cultural performances.
- **Ningol Chakouba Festival:** Manipur celebrated Ningol Chakouba, emphasizing brother-sister bonds, with grand feasts, fish curry, and cultural events.

Odisha

- **Digital Archive for Jagannath Temple:** The state government will create a digital library 'Gyan Yagya Mandap' at Puri to preserve sacred records, including Madala Panji and palm-leaf manuscripts, for devotees and researchers.

Punjab

- **Punjab Gets Second International Chess Master:** *Jalandhar's Namitbir Singh Walia* earned the **International Master** title at the **3rd Annemasse International Masters Tournament** in France, becoming **Punjab's second IM** after *Dushyant Sharma (2022)*.

Rajasthan

- **First Namo Biodiversity Park Inaugurated:** Union Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav** inaugurated Rajasthan's **first 'Namo Biodiversity Park'** at *Pratap Bandh, Alwar* on **5 October 2025**, promoting **environmental conservation** and **sustainable living**.

Tamil Nadu

- **Chennai Launches Real-Time Flood Forecasting System:** Tamil Nadu launched a **real-time flood forecasting system** for **major river basins in Chennai**, supported by the **World Bank**, to enhance **flood preparedness and response**.

Telangana

- **Eli Lilly Invests \$1 Billion in Telangana:** US pharma giant **Eli Lilly** announced a **\$1 billion investment** in *Hyderabad* to boost **manufacturing capacity** for **diabetes, obesity, Alzheimer's, cancer, and autoimmune treatments**.
- **India's First Semiconductor Innovation Museum:** Under the **T-Chip program**, India's first **Semiconductor Innovation Museum** was inaugurated in *Hyderabad* on **12 October 2025**, showcasing **AI chips, humanoid robots, and rocket prototypes**.
- **Telangana Leads UPI Transaction Intensity:** According to **RBI's September 2025 study**, Telangana ranked **first in per-capita UPI transaction intensity**, followed by **Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Delhi**, driven by **urban centers and peer-to-merchant payments under ₹500**.
- **Telangana Tops in Recovering Lost Phones:** The state recovered **over 1 lakh lost or stolen phones** through the **CEIR portal**, with **Hyderabad Police** recovering nearly **15,000 devices**.

Uttar Pradesh

- **Ayodhya Creates Guinness World Records:** During **Deepotsav 2025**, Uttar Pradesh set **two Guinness Records** — lighting **26,17,215 oil lamps** along the *Saryu River* and gathering **2,128 priests and devotees** for a simultaneous **Maa Saryu Aarti**, accompanied by **laser shows, Ram Leela, and drone displays**.
- **UP Creates 76th District:** The **Uttar Pradesh government** announced **Kalyan Singh Nagar** as the **76th district**, carved out from *Aligarh and Bulandshahr*, in honor of **former Chief Minister Kalyan Singh**.

Uttarakhand

- **Green Tax on Out-of-State Vehicles:** The **Uttarakhand government** will implement an **environmental tax** from **December 2025**, charging **₹80 to ₹700** on vehicles entering the state. The tax will be collected via **ANPR cameras** at **37 entry points**, supporting the **Clean Uttarakhand Mission**.

Ladakh

- **Centre Proposes Article 371 for Ladakh:** The **Central Government** proposed applying **Article 371** to **Ladakh** to safeguard **local laws, land rights, and culture**, amid ongoing discussions on **statehood**.

October Month Launches & Inaugurations:

- **Swachh Shehar Jodi Initiative:** MoHUA pairs **72 mentor cities** with **200 mentee cities** to enhance urban sanitation through knowledge sharing.
- **Integrative Oncology Centre (IORCC):** Ministry of Ayush opens India's **first holistic cancer centre** at **AIIA Goa** blending **Ayurveda, Yoga & modern oncology**.
- **NIELIT Digital University Platform:** Launched by **Ashwini Vaishnav** focusing on **AI, Cybersecurity, Data Science, and Semiconductors**.
- **MY Bharat Mobile App:** Launched by **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** with **1.81 crore youth registrations** for digital volunteering and career support.
- **World Food India 2025:** Attracted **₹1 lakh crore investment** commitments creating **64,000+ jobs** in the food processing sector.
- **Coal India's First All-Women Central Store:** Coal India inaugurated its first all-women Central Store Unit at **SECL Korba**, led by **IIT-ISM alumna Ms. Sapna Ikka**.
- **BRO World Record Road:** The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** built the **world's highest motorable road** at **Mig La Pass (19,400 ft)**, breaking its **Umling La** record.
- **Five Species Conservation Projects:** Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav** launched **Project Dolphin Phase II, Project Sloth Bear, Project Gharial**, and human-wildlife conflict initiatives during **Wildlife Week 2025**.
- **NAKSHA Programme:** The **Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP)** launched the **NAKSHA initiative** for geospatial mapping of urban land using **GNSS and Web-GIS**.
- **e-NAM Expansion:** The **e-NAM platform** added **9 new commodities** (like **Green Tea, Mustard Oil**), raising the total to **247**, promoting **digital agriculture trading**.
- **NITI Aayog's Viksit Bharat Strategy Room:** Opened at **LBSNAA, Mussoorie**, serving as a **data-driven governance lab** for real-time development analytics.
- **National Red List Roadmap (Vision 2025–2030):** Launched by **MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh** at the **IUCN World Conservation Congress**, aiming for a **National Red List & Data Book** by 2030.

- **Green Hydrogen Hubs at Ports: Deendayal, Paradip, and V.O. Chidambaranar Ports** declared **Green Hydrogen Hubs** under the **National Green Hydrogen Mission**.
- **Sugamya Bharat App Relunched:** Accessibility app upgraded with **AI chatbot**, **10 Indian languages**, and centralized access to schemes for **persons with disabilities and elderly citizens**.
- **LIMBS Live Dashboard Launched:** The **Legal Information Management and Briefing System (LIMBS)** launched a **real-time litigation dashboard** tracking **7 lakh+ active cases** across 53 ministries.
- **Railways Door-to-Door Freight Services:** Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** launched **three new freight services**, including **Assured Transit Container** and **Door-to-Door Parcel** delivery, reducing costs and time.
- **Kapas Kranti Mission:** Government introduced a **₹600 crore mission** to boost **long-staple cotton cultivation** using **HDP techniques** and **Kapas Kisan App**.
- **'We Rise' Initiative:** NITI Aayog's **WEP** and **DP World** launched **'We Rise'** to mentor **100 women-led MSMEs** for export readiness.
- **AIIA's 9th Anniversary Milestone:** The **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** celebrated **9 years of excellence**, treating **30 lakh+ patients** and signing **73 MoUs** for global Ayurvedic collaboration.
- **PM Modi Inaugurates ₹13,430-Crore Projects:** Projects across **industry, power, defence, and roads** launched in **Kurnool**, with **Visakhapatnam** announced as an upcoming **AI & Connectivity Hub**.
- **India International Science Festival (IISF) 2025 Announced:** To be held **6–9 December in Chandigarh** with the theme **"Vigyan se Samruddhi: For Atma Nirbhar Bharat."**
- **UIDAI Aadhaar Mascot Contest:** UIDAI launched a **mascot design contest** with a **₹1 lakh prize**, open till **31 October 2025** on the **MyGov portal**.
- **National Drug Licensing System (ONDLS) Launched:** The **CDSCO** introduced the **Online National Drug Licensing System** to ensure **real-time digital tracking of pharmaceutical solvents**, preventing toxic contamination incidents such as **diethylene glycol poisoning**.
- **NHAI Deploys AI-Driven 3D Laser Vehicles:** **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** rolled out **AI-based 3D Laser Network Survey Vehicles (NSVs)** across **23 states** for advanced highway maintenance and defect detection.
- **Coal Analytics Dashboard Launch:** Ministry of Coal set to unveil **Koyla Shakti Smart Coal Analytics Dashboard** on **29 October 2025** for **real-time monitoring of production and supply chain**.

- **NSC Seed Processing Unit Inaugurated:** Agriculture Minister opened new seed processing facility at **Pusa Complex, New Delhi** with **1 tonne/hour capacity** plus five other plants across India.
- **PM Launches ₹150 Coin Honoring Sardar Patel:** Prime Minister inaugurated commemorative coin and stamp at **Kevadia, Gujarat** on **October 30, 2025**, along with **₹1,219 crore** worth projects marking **Patel's 150th birth anniversary**.

Important Festival

- **Bathukamma Festival Creates Two Guinness Records:** Telangana's harvest festival sets world records for **largest floral arrangement** and **most synchronized female dance participants**, celebrating **Goddess Gauri** during **Navratri**.

Miscellaneous National News

- **Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve:** Becomes **India's 13th UNESCO Biosphere Reserve**; two new **Bihar Ramsar sites** raise total to **93**.
- **India's First Dugong Reserve:** **Palk Bay, Tamil Nadu (448.34 sq. km)** receives **IUCN recognition** for protecting seagrass ecosystems.
- **Sacred Theatres of India:** **Kutiyattam, Mudi yettu, Ramman, and Ramlila** recognized as **UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage**, supported by **Sangeet Natak Akademi**.
- **Cheetah Milestone at Kuno:** **Mukhi** becomes first **India-born cheetah** to reach adulthood; **61% cub survival rate**, **27 cheetahs** now in total.
- **Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses:** Cabinet approves **₹11,440 crore mission (2025–31)** targeting **350 lakh tonnes** pulses with **100% MSP procurement**.
- **Rabi MSP Hike (2026–27):** Government raises **MSP** for all crops; **safflower** gets the **highest increase of ₹600 per quintal**.
- **UPSC Centenary:** **Union Public Service Commission** celebrates **100 years** of merit-based recruitment (1925–2025).
- **RSS Centenary:** **PM Modi** releases special **coin & stamp** marking **100 years of RSS** founded by **K.B. Hedgewar**.
- **QR Code Boards on Highways:** **NHAI** to install **QR codes** on highways for emergency info and project details.
- **Sound Alerts for EVs:** **MoRTH** mandates **Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System (AVAS)** for all **EVs from Oct 2027**, new models from **Oct 2026**.
- **Mann Ki Baat:** **PM Modi's radio show** completes **11 years** and **126 episodes**, fostering public participation.
- **Cyclone Shakti:** A severe cyclonic storm formed in the **east-central Arabian Sea**, threatening **Maharashtra and Gujarat** coasts.

- **UIDAI Aadhaar Fee Waiver:** UIDAI waived biometric update fees for **6 crore children (7–15 years)** from **1 October 2025** for one year.
- **Cabinet Approves Vande Mataram 150th Anniversary:** Nationwide celebration announced for the **1882 patriotic song** by **Bankim Chandra Chatterjee**.
- **UN Honors Indian Peacekeepers:** Over **5,000 Indian personnel** serving with **UNISFA in Abyei** recognized for their contribution to peacekeeping.
- **₹24,634-Crore Railway Multitracking:** Government approved **four multitrack railway projects** across **Maharashtra, MP, Gujarat, and Chhattisgarh**, adding **894 route km**.
- **Record Renewable Energy Output:** In **H1 2025**, solar generation rose **25%** (to 9.2%) and **wind 29%** (to 5.1%), reducing **CO₂ emissions by 24 million tonnes**.
- **India's First Bullet Train by 2027:** **Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (508 km, 320 km/h)** to be operational by **August 2027**, with **Japan's support**.
- **Buddha's Relics Sent to Russia:** Sacred relics to be displayed in **Kalmykia, Russia (Oct 11–18, 2025)**, led by **UP Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya**.
- **Siddi Tribe Achieves 72% Literacy:** The **Indo-African Siddi tribal community**, a **PVTG since 2003**, reached **72% literacy**, earning praise from the **President of India**.
- **India's \$77 Billion Hydropower Plan:** Government announced a **₹6.4 trillion plan** to develop **208 hydro projects** generating **76 GW** from the **Brahmaputra basin by 2047**, addressing energy and strategic needs.
- **Mappils App Gains National Recognition:** Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** endorsed **Mappils**, India's homegrown navigation app, boosting downloads to **1 crore+**, reflecting **Atmanirbhar Bharat** success.
- **India Post Resumes US Postal Services:** **International postal operations** to the **US** resumed on **15 October 2025**, adopting **Delivery Duty Paid (DDP)** with a **50% flat duty** for faster clearance.
- **Female Labour Force Participation Rises:** Women's labour participation surged from **23% (2017–18)** to **42% (2023–24)**—the **highest growth among BRICS nations**.
- **Finance Commission Extension:** The **16th Finance Commission**, chaired by **Arvind Panagariya**, received an extension till **30 November 2025** for its fiscal recommendations (2026–31).
- **NHAI 100% Waste Utilization Target:** **NHAI** aims for **100% use of municipal waste** in road projects by **2027**, having already reused **80 lakh tonnes**, including **bio-bitumen**.
- **India–FAO 80-Year Partnership:** India celebrated **80 years of collaboration with FAO**, marking its journey from **food deficiency to self-sufficiency**.
- **Law Ministry Raises Notary Limits:** Under the **Notaries (Amendment) Rules, 2025**, the **Law Ministry** increased notary limits in **Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, and Nagaland**, effective **October 17, 2025**, to meet rising legal service needs.
- **Finance Commission Grants Released:** The **Union Government** disbursed **₹730 crore** to **Gujarat (₹522.2 crore)** and **Haryana (₹195.13 crore)** under the **15th Finance Commission** for strengthening **Rural Local Bodies**, sanitation, and water supply systems.
- **India's Forest Growth Ranking:** According to **GFRA 2025 (FAO)**, India ranks **9th globally in total forest area** and **3rd in annual forest gain**, credited to **afforestation drives** and initiatives like **'Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam'**.
- **Sacred 'Jore Sahib' Yatra Begins:** The **holy footwear (Jore Sahib)** of **Guru Gobind Singh Ji and Mata Sahib Kaur**, preserved by **Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri's family**, commenced a **Guru Charan Yatra (Oct 23 – Nov 1, 2025)** from **Delhi to Takht Sri Patna Sahib**, covering **Faridabad, Agra, Lucknow, and Varanasi** before permanent enshrinement.
- **India's First Presidential Rafale Flight:** President **Droupadi Murmu** became the first Indian President to fly in a **Rafale fighter jet** during a 30-minute sortie from **Ambala Air Force Station**, demonstrating civil-military synergy as **Supreme Commander**.
- **India Pushes for Technological Sovereignty:** Commerce Minister **Piyush Goyal** announced **₹1 lakh crore Anusandhan Fund** at **TiEcon Delhi-NCR 2025**, emphasizing **deeptech innovation** in **AI, quantum computing, and semiconductors** to reduce foreign tech dependence.



GOVT SCHEMES

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Name of Initiative	Ministry	Year	Purpose
PM SETU Scheme	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	2025	Modernization of 1,000 ITI institutes with ₹60,000 crore investment to benefit 2 million youth over five years
Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	2025	Agricultural productivity enhancement with ₹24,000 crore investment to promote sustainable farming
Mission Aatmanirbharta for Pulses	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	2025	Self-reliance in pulses production with ₹11,440 crore investment
Vishwas Scheme	Ministry of Labour and Employment	2025	End EPF litigation through rationalized penal damages, digital tools, and simplified partial withdrawal norms
PM GatiShakti National Master Plan	Multi-ministerial (44 Central Ministries)	2021	Multi-modal connectivity and seamless infrastructure coordination integrating 36 States/UTs
LIC Jan Suraksha (Plan 880)	Department of Financial Services	2025	Life insurance coverage for low-income groups with maturity and guaranteed returns
LIC Bima Lakshmi (Plan 881)	Department of Financial Services	2025	Life insurance coverage specifically designed for women with maturity and guaranteed returns
UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik)	Ministry of Civil Aviation	2016	Regional air connectivity enabling 1.56 crore passengers through 649 routes, targeting hilly and NE regions
Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) Scheme	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Revised 2025	Promote efficient water use, micro-level water storage and conservation, and raise farmers' income
IndiaAI Mission	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)	Ongoing	Global call for abstracts on AI applications in health systems (collaboration with WHO)
PM SHRI (PM Schools for Rising India)	Ministry of Education	Ongoing	Improve quality of education in government schools nationwide

STATE GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Name of Initiative	State/UT	Year	Purpose
Mhaje Ghar Scheme	Goa	2025	Grant ownership rights to nearly 11 lakh residents on government and community lands, with ₹2,452 crore for infrastructure and digital services
CM Flight Initiative	Assam	2025	Empower youth for global careers through world-class training, international exposure, job placements, and mentorship to address unemployment and skill gaps

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- India-Bhutan Approve First Rail Projects:** India and Bhutan have approved historic rail connectivity projects worth ₹4,033 crore—Kokrajhar-Gelephu and Banarhat-Samtse lines—to boost bilateral trade and enhance Bhutan's access to Indian ports under India's ₹10,000 crore support commitment.
- India's EFTA Free Trade Agreement Effective October 1:** Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced that the FTA with EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) will be operational from October 1, 2025, as India continues negotiations with US, EU, and other nations while rising as the 4th largest economy.
- India Re-Elected to ICAO Council Part II:** India secures re-election during 42nd ICAO Assembly in Montreal, recognizing its major contribution to international civil aviation safety, security, and sustainability.
- India-EFTA TEPA Takes Effect:** Trade partnership with Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein comes into force at Prosperity Summit, pledging USD 100 billion investment over 15 years and creating 1 million direct jobs.
- India and China will resume direct flights by late October 2025,** aiming to **normalize ties** and **enhance exchanges**.
- Bitcoin Reaches Record High Above \$125,000:** Bitcoin surged to all-time high of \$125,245.57, marking eighth consecutive session of gains driven by institutional demand and favorable U.S. regulations under Trump administration.

- **Navratri 2025 Sales Hit Decade-High Record:** Navratri 2025 sales reached decade-high driven by GST reforms, with Maruti Suzuki delivering 165,000 vehicles in first eight days including record 30,000 on Day 1, marking 100% growth.
- **France's PM Sebastien Lecornu Resigns Within 14 Hours:** New Prime Minister steps down just hours after cabinet formation amid widespread opposition, triggering sharp drop in French stocks and euro as political crisis deepens in fragmented parliament.
- **Philippines Launches Southeast Asia's First Coral Cryobank:** Pioneering coral larvae preservation facility uses liquid nitrogen cryopreservation at -196°C to safeguard genetic diversity in Coral Triangle, combating climate-induced bleaching and 14% global coral loss.
- **Iran Approves Currency Redenomination Plan:** Parliament approves removal of four zeros from rial to simplify transactions after hyperinflation over 35%, with two-year preparation period followed by three-year transition phase.
- **Madagascar Appoints Army General as PM:** President Andry Rajoelina named General Ruphin Fortunat Zafisambo as Prime Minister amid escalating youth-led protests over water shortages and corruption.
- **WHO Reports 15 Million Teen Vapers Globally:** World Health Organization flags alarming trend with youths vaping nine times more than adults, driving new wave of nicotine addiction despite declining traditional tobacco use.
- **WTO Slashes 2026 Trade Growth Forecast:** Global goods trade projection cut to 0.5% from 1.8% due to U.S. tariff impacts, while 2025 outlook raised to 2.4% citing stronger macroeconomic conditions.
- **Ancient Human-Faced Pillar Discovered in Türkiye:** 12,000-year-old Neolithic artifact unearthed at Karahantepe site reveals early artistic expression and spiritual beliefs of ancient civilizations.
- **California Declares Diwali State Holiday:** Third US state to officially recognize Diwali, honoring Indian-American community contributions and cultural significance.
- **Israel-Hamas Ceasefire Agreement Announced:** U.S. President Donald Trump unveiled the first phase of Gaza ceasefire on October 9, 2025, featuring hostage release, partial troop withdrawal, humanitarian corridors, and prisoner exchange mediated by Egypt, Qatar, and the U.S.
- **UK PM Keir Starmer's Historic India Visit:** British Prime Minister strengthened India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with 12 major outcomes including Joint AI Centre, Connectivity & Innovation Centre, UK university campuses in Bengaluru and GIFT City, and enhanced clean energy cooperation.
- **India-UK Joint Statement 2025:** Issued on October 9, 2025, focusing on CETA ratification, defence collaboration, clean tech innovation, UK's support for India's UN Security Council seat, and joint initiatives on AI, 6G, and climate finance.
- **India-UK Launch £24 Million Tech Centre:** India and UK jointly established the Connectivity & Innovation Centre with £24 million investment focusing on AI-driven telecom, 6G technologies, and cybersecurity under the Technology Security Initiative.
- **Palau President Conducts World's First Live Underwater Interview:** President Surangel Whipps Jr. made history using Li-Fi technology beneath the Pacific Ocean with marine activist Merle Liivand, highlighting ocean conservation, coral bleaching, and climate threats facing small island nations.
- **IMF Revises India Growth Forecast:** International Monetary Fund raised India's 2025–26 GDP growth forecast to 6.6% from 6.4% due to strong early-quarter activity but trimmed 2026–27 projection to 6.2%, citing U.S. tariff headwinds while maintaining global growth at 3.2% for 2025 and 3.1% for 2026.
- Uruguay becomes the first **Latin American country** to legalize **euthanasia**, allowing terminally ill patients to seek medically assisted death under strict conditions.
- India elected as **Co-Chair of UN Global Geospatial Information Management (Asia-Pacific)** for three years, highlighting its leadership in **geospatial technology**.
- The U.S. and Australia signed an **\$8.5 billion critical minerals deal** to reduce dependence on China and strengthen supply chains, focusing on lithium, nickel, and rare earths.
- India and Brazil formed a **strategic trade and technology alliance**, aiming to boost bilateral cooperation and economic growth.
- Sanae Takaichi became **Japan's first female Prime Minister**, pledging to revive Abenomics-style economic reforms and strengthen Japan's global standing.
- India upgraded its **Technical Mission in Kabul** to a full **Embassy**, showing commitment to **Afghanistan's development**. **EAM Jaishankar** pledged support in **healthcare, terrorism cooperation, and development projects**.
- **Rodrigo Paz** won the **Bolivian presidential election** with **54.5% votes**, ending **20 years of socialist rule**. He promotes **market reforms, tax cuts, and economic stabilization** amid a **deep economic crisis**.
- To counter **rising crime**, **President Jose Jeri** declared a **30-day emergency** in **Lima and Callao**, allowing **armed forces** to assist police in restoring **public order**.
- Saudi Arabia ended the exploitative **Kafala system**, granting migrant workers **job freedom** and improved **legal rights**.
- New Zealand plans to ban social media for **under-16s**, requiring **age verification** to protect youth from **mental health risks**.
- **Tuvalu Joins IUCN as 90th Member:** Tuvalu became the 90th State Member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), gaining access to a global network to combat climate change, sea-level rise, and biodiversity loss while strengthening conservation efforts in its vast marine-rich Exclusive Economic Zone.

- **East Timor Becomes ASEAN's 11th Member:** Timor-Leste officially joined ASEAN on 26 October 2025 at Kuala Lumpur Summit, marking the end of a 14-year membership process with population of 1.4 million and GDP of \$2 billion.
- **China's CR450 Train Breaks World Speed Record:** High-speed train achieved 453 km/h during testing for Shanghai-Chengdu corridor, featuring 15-metre aerodynamic nose and advanced braking systems with commercial launch expected in 2026.
- **Catherine Connolly Elected Ireland's President:** Independent politician Catherine Connolly wins Ireland's 10th presidency with 63% votes, becoming the country's third woman president with campaign focused on social justice and neutrality.
- **Russia Tests Nuclear-Powered Cruise Missile:** President Putin announces successful test of Burevestnik missile with 14,000 km range and 15-hour flight duration, marking major advancement in strategic weapon systems with near-unlimited range capability.
- **Japan Launches Yen-Pegged Stablecoin:** Tokyo-based JPYC Inc. launches world's first yen-backed stablecoin on 27 October, planning to issue up to 10 trillion yen (\$66 billion) within three years to reduce transaction costs globally.
- **Cameroon's Biya Wins Eighth Term:** 92-year-old Paul Biya, Africa's longest-serving leader, secured his eighth presidential term with 53.66% votes amid protests and fraud allegations, extending his 43-year authoritarian rule since 1982.
- **Russia Tests Poseidon Nuclear Drone:** President Putin announced successful testing of Poseidon, a nuclear-powered underwater drone designed to evade defense systems and create radioactive tsunamis, representing a new paradigm in strategic deterrence.
- **U.S. Federal Reserve Cuts Rates Again:** The Fed implemented its second rate cut of 2025, lowering rates to 3.75%-4.00% range to support the cooling labor market, though internal splits signal policy uncertainty.
- **AmazonFACE Project Studies Climate Impact:** Scientists near Manaus, Brazil simulate 2050 CO₂ levels using six massive steel rings in world's first tropical forest climate experiment, with findings to inform COP30 Summit in Belem.

BANKING & FINANCE

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S. No.	Bank Name / Institution	Purpose / Key Update
1	UPI (NPCI)	Launched in Qatar at Lulu Group supermarkets, enabling 830,000 Indians to access faster, cheaper remittances through NIPL-QNB-NETSTARS collaboration
2	FIDC (Finance Industry Development Council)	Granted Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) status by RBI to enhance industry discipline and customer protection in NBFC sector
3	NPCI	Launched biometric UPI authentication with facial recognition, fingerprint, and voice-based payment verification for enhanced security
4	PayPal	Integrated UPI as first global partner in PayPal World platform, expanding cross-border payment capabilities (October 7, 2025)
5	RBI	Launched Retail Sandbox for Digital Rupee testing with over 7 million users enrolled in e-rupee pilot
6	HDFC Bank	Launched 'My Business QR' at Global Fintech Fest 2025, enabling small merchants to create digital storefront through single QR code
7	HSBC	Committed \$1 billion to support Indian startups through Innovation Banking platform with non-dilutive debt capital
8	SBI	Opened one Managing Director position to private sector candidates with 21 years banking experience
9	Sonali Sen Gupta (RBI)	Appointed as RBI Executive Director to lead Consumer Education and Protection, Financial Inclusion and Development, and Inspection departments (effective October 9, 2025)
10	AdaniConnex-Google	Announced \$15 billion mega data centre project in Visakhapatnam with 1 GW initial capacity
11	Bajaj Finserv AMC	Launched 'Pay with Mutual Fund' enabling UPI payments up to ₹50,000 directly from mutual fund investments
12	BLS International	Secured 3-year MEA contract to operate Indian Visa Centres in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou
13	Ola Electric	Launched 'Ola Shakti' Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) based on 4680 Bharat Cell technology
14	Ageas Federal Life Insurance	Partnered with CSB Bank for SME Bancassurance tie-up to provide life insurance solutions (October 2025)

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15	Asian Development Bank	Signed \$3 billion Exposure Exchange Agreement with World Bank to increase lending capacity (October 2025)
16	Banking Laws (Amendment) Act 2025	New nomination rules effective November 1 allowing up to four nominations for deposit accounts with simultaneous or successive options
17	NPCI	Launched AI-powered 'UPI Help' assistant integrated with UDIR dispute resolution framework
18	UPI	Introduced 'Pay With Mutual Fund' feature for real-time payments from liquid mutual fund holdings (ICICI Prudential and Bajaj Finserv AMC)
19	State Bank of India	Won Global Finance awards—'World's Best Consumer Bank 2025' and 'Best Bank in India 2025'
20	Adani Power Limited	Received approval for 1,600 MW Godda Ultra Super Critical Thermal Power Plant grid connection with 25-year validity
21	Kotak Mahindra Bank	C. S. Rajan reappointed as Part-Time Chairman till October 21, 2027
22	Paytm	Launched NRI UPI service for 12 countries allowing international mobile number registration (October 27, 2025)
23	Reliance-Meta	Launched ₹855 crore AI joint venture Reliance Enterprise Intelligence Ltd (REIL) for enterprise-grade AI products
24	Cochin Port-BPCL	Signed ₹500 crore MoU for LNG bunkering infrastructure supporting IMO 2050 clean fuel targets
25	DP World	Committed \$5 billion investment to expand Indian logistics and integrated supply chains
26	Government	Extended LC75 and BLC investment options to NPS and UPS subscribers allowing up to 75% equity exposure

REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

S. No.	Name	Purpose / Key Update
1	RBI	Introduced 2FA mandate for all digital payments from April 2026 to reduce cyber frauds and enhance consumer protection
2	RBI	Formed a Payments Regulatory Board to ensure transparent and secure governance of India's payment ecosystem
3	RBI	Permitted gold-based working capital loans beyond jewellery businesses, expanding access to industrial users
4	ADB (Asian Development Bank)	Cut India's FY26 GDP growth projection to 6.5% (from 6.7%) citing U.S. tariffs on 60% of Indian exports with 50% hike
5	RBI	Mandates Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) for all digital payments starting April 1, 2026, replacing SMS OTPs with biometrics, tokens, and risk-based authentication
6	SIDBI	Reported record net profit of ₹4,811 crore in FY25, 19.5% increase YoY; balance sheet crossed ₹5.6 lakh crore with Gross NPA at 0.04%
7	RBI	Allowed banks to extend working capital loans using gold as raw material to manufacturers (effective October 1, 2025)
8	RBI	Maintained repo rate at 5.5% with neutral stance; revised FY26 GDP growth to 6.8% and reduced CPI inflation forecast to 2.6%
9	RBI	Established Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) under Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
10	World Bank	Raised India's FY26 growth forecast to 6.5% from 6.3% citing strong domestic demand, rural recovery, and GST reforms
11	RBI	Foreign Liabilities and Assets Census 2024-25 revealed total FDI reached ₹68.76 lakh crore (11% YoY growth) with US (20%) and Singapore (14.3%) leading
3	RBI	Unveiled four major banking reforms: risk-based deposit insurance premiums, Expected Credit Loss framework from April 2027, revised Basel III norms for MSMEs and home loans, and eased investment regulations

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11	RBI	Launched Unified Markets Interface for tokenized finance enabling tokenization of financial assets and settlements using wholesale CBDC
12	RBI	Eased Rupee lending to Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka; extended repatriation period for unutilized foreign currency account balances from 1 to 3 months
19	SEBI	Working group proposed increasing transaction charges for clearing corporations; broker charges remain unchanged
25	RBI	Launched HaRBInger 2025 Innovation Hackathon on Tokenized KYC and Offline CBDC (registrations opened October 23, 2025)
28	RBI	Proposed same-day remittance credit mandate for foreign remittances received during forex market hours
29	SEBI	Proposed mutual fund fee reforms excluding taxes from Total Expense Ratio with performance-linked models (feedback till November 17, 2025)

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

S. No.	Announcement / Event	Key Details	Effective / Reference Date
1	India's Industrial Output Grows 4% in August 2025	Growth driven by mining (6%) and electricity (4.1%), while manufacturing slowed to 3.8% and consumer non-durables fell 6.3%	August 2025
2	India Leads Global Dairy Production	India contributes 25% of global milk supply with 8 crore farmers; milk production rose 63.56% in a decade aided by Rashtriya Gokul Mission & White Revolution 2.0	2025
3	GST Collections Hit ₹1.89 Lakh Crore (September 2025)	9.1% YoY growth supported by GST 2.0 reforms and rate rationalization on 375 items; monthly average FY26 collections nearing ₹2 lakh crore	September 2025
4	ADB Revises India's Growth Outlook	Downgraded India's FY26 GDP forecast to 6.5%, reflecting trade pressure from elevated U.S. tariffs on exports	FY26
5	OpenAI Hits \$500 Billion Valuation	After \$6.6 billion share sale to SoftBank, valuation surged driven by ChatGPT Enterprise and advanced AI models	October 2025
6	Chemistry Nobel 2025	Awarded to Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar Yaghi for pioneering metal-organic frameworks for gas capture and water harvesting	2025
7	Global Fintech Fest 2025 Mumbai	6th edition inaugurated by FM Nirmala Sitharaman at Jio World Centre; theme "Empowering Finance for a Better World Powered by AI"; attended by PM Modi and UK PM Starmer	2025
8	Bharat AI Experience Zone at GFF 2025	Developed by NPCI and NVIDIA demonstrating AI-driven payment systems, fraud prevention, and risk management tools	2025
9	India-UK Climate Finance Initiative	Joint Offshore Wind Taskforce and Climate Tech Start-up Fund launched supporting AI-driven clean energy and green investments	2025
10	Castrol India MD Steps Down	Kedar Lele resigns as MD on December 31, 2025; Saugata Basuray appointed Interim CEO from January 1, 2026	December 31, 2025
11	Rishi Sunak Joins Tech Giants	Former UK PM appointed paid senior adviser at Microsoft and Anthropic focusing on global strategy with proceeds to charity	2025
12	India's Net Direct Tax Collection	Rose 6.33% to ₹11.89 lakh crore till October 12; government targeting ₹25.20 lakh crore for FY 2025-26	October 12, 2025
13	Retail Inflation Falls to 1.54%	Dropped to 8-year low in September 2025 from 2.07% in August; food inflation at -2.28% for fourth consecutive month	September 2025
14	Adani Group Kedarnath Ropeway	₹4,081 crore project from Sonprayag to Kedarnath reducing 9-hour trek to 36 minutes	Announced 2025
15	India's Trade Deficit Widens	Reached \$32.15 billion (highest in 11 months) due to higher imports after US tariff hikes; exports \$36.38 bn, imports \$68.53 bn	October 2025
16	India's Retail Sector Festive Sales	₹5.4 lakh crore in goods and ₹65,000 crore in services during Navratri to Diwali (25% increase YoY) driven by GST rate cuts	2025

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17	India's Net FDI	Fell 159% in August 2025 reflecting higher outflows than inflows but remains above last year's total	August 2025
18	Deloitte GDP Growth Forecast	Projects India's GDP growth at 6.7-6.9% in FY26 driven by strong domestic demand, policy reforms, and low inflation	FY26
19	CPSE Classification Overhaul	Government planning two new Ratna categories for PSEs with 10-member committee led by Cabinet Secretary submitting report before Budget 2026-27	Before Budget 2026-27
20	Apple Hits \$4 Trillion Valuation	Third company after Nvidia and Microsoft to cross \$4 trillion market cap driven by iPhone 17 series and iPhone Air sales	2025
21	Nvidia Becomes Most Valuable Company	Market cap reached \$5 trillion overtaking Apple and Microsoft, fueled by AI chip demand and partnerships with Samsung, Hyundai, Nokia	2025
22	Uber-Nvidia Robotaxi Partnership	Deploy 100,000 autonomous Level 4 robotaxis by 2027 using Nvidia DRIVE AGX Hyperion 10; pilots in Austin, Atlanta, Abu Dhabi	By 2027
23	India's Industrial Output (September)	IIP grew 4% YoY driven by 4.8% manufacturing growth and 28.7% surge in electrical equipment sector	September 2025
24	₹38,000 Crore Fertiliser Subsidy	Union Cabinet sanctioned ₹37,952.29 crore for Rabi 2025-26 covering 28 grades of P&K fertilisers	October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

MoU's & AGREEMENTS

MoUs WITH COUNTRY

Country	MoU's With	Field/Purpose
Nigeria	Government of India	Establishment of first Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) campus in Nigeria for bilateral collaboration in education
Nepal	POWERGRID & Nepal Electricity Authority	Construction of two 400 kV transmission lines (Inaruwa-Purnea and Lamki-Bareilly) for cross-border energy trade and regional cooperation
USA	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh & US Secretary Peter Hegseth	10-year historic defence framework signed in Kuala Lumpur (October 31, 2025) covering joint exercises, technology sharing, and Indo-Pacific maritime security

MoUs WITH STATE

State	MoU's With	Field/Purpose
Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam Port Authority	₹39,216 crore deals at India Maritime Week 2025, including ₹29,662 crore shipbuilding cluster at Dugarajapatnam

MoUs BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS

Organization	MoU's With	Field/Purpose
DDWS (Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation)	BISAG-N	GIS-integrated decision-support system for Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission for real-time monitoring of rural piped water supply
NCB (Narcotics Control Bureau)	RRU (Rashtriya Raksha University)	Training, research, and combat cyber-enabled narcotics trafficking
AIIA (All India Institute of Ayurveda)	MRIIRS	Enhancing Ayush insurance schemes and research collaboration to integrate traditional medicine with mainstream healthcare
National e-Governance Division	Sahakar Taxi Cooperative	Launch of Bharat Taxi (India's first cooperative-driven ride-hailing platform in December 2025) backed by IFFCO, AMUL, and NABARD
DRDO (Defence Research & Development Organisation)	SECI (Solar Energy Corporation of India)	Development of 300 MW solar capacity across DRDO establishments by 2027 for energy security and defence sustainability
Coal India	IIT Madras	Creation of Sustainable Energy Centre focusing on clean energy and low-carbon technologies

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

KEY APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS

S. No.	Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Place	Key Notes
1	Rajeev Verma	Chief Secretary	Delhi	1992-batch IAS officer (AGMUT cadre); previously Finance & Revenue Secretary and Principal Commissioner, Housing & Urban Affairs; succeeded Dharmendra; appointment effective October 1, 2025
2	Gaurav Banerjee	MD & CEO	Sony Pictures Networks India (Culver Max Entertainment)	Five-year term till August 2029; oversees 28 TV channels and SonyLIV OTT; company revenue ₹6,511 crore and net profit ₹840 crore (FY24)
3	Shirish Chandra Murmu	Deputy Governor	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Former Executive Director; appointed for three-year term starting October 9, 2025; replaces Rajeshwar Rao; to strengthen RBI leadership
4	Shailesh Chandra	MD & CEO	Tata Motors Ltd.	Appointment effective October 1, 2025; continues as MD of Tata Passenger Electric Mobility; part of major restructuring at Tata Motors
5	Praveer Ranjan	Director General (DG)	Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)	AGMUT cadre IPS officer; takes over to lead CISF managing industrial and airport security across India
6	Praveen Kumar	Director General (DG)	Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	1993-batch IPS officer; to oversee operations along the Indo-China border; succeeds incumbent DG
7	Major General G. Srinivas	Commandant	College of Defence Management (CDM), Secunderabad	Recognized for logistics planning in Operation Sindoor under Western Command; brings expertise in defence management education
8	Asheesh Pandey	MD & CEO	Union Bank of India	Appointed for three-year term by Government of India; focus on strengthening public sector banking efficiency
9	Kalyan Kumar	MD & CEO	Central Bank of India	New three-year appointment; expected to drive modernization and credit expansion in PSB operations
10	Conor Hillery & Matthieu Wiltz	Co-CEOs	JPMorgan (EMEA Region)	Targeting 20% revenue boost by 2030 with combined 50 years of experience in Europe, Middle East, and Africa
11	Sanju Samson	EPL Ambassador	English Premier League India	Indian cricketer and Liverpool FC fan appointed to bridge cricket and football cultures, particularly in Kerala
12	Shubhanshu Shukla	Buildathon 2025 Ambassador	Ministry of Education	First Indian to reach ISS; to inspire 1 crore students across 1.5 lakh schools for innovation initiative focused on self-reliance
13	Khaled El-Enany	Director-General (proposed)	UNESCO	Egypt's former Tourism Minister backed by UNESCO Executive Board on October 6, 2025; first Arab Director-General pending November General Conference confirmation
14	Apurva Shah	India Credit Head	Blackstone	Appointed to drive private credit expansion and growth strategy across Asia-Pacific region
15	Tarun Garg	COO/Head	Hyundai Motor India Ltd	First Indian to lead Hyundai Motor India Ltd, effective January 1, 2026
16	Nirmal Kumar Minda	President	Assocham	Axis Bank CEO Amitabh Chaudhry appointed as Senior Vice-President
17	Dan Katz	First Deputy MD	International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Confirmed effective October 6, 2025; brings experience from U.S. Treasury, Manhattan Institute, and Goldman Sachs to handle multilateral economic strategy
18	Anant Goenka	President-Elect	FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry)	Vice Chairperson of RPG Group; appointed for 2025–26 term; marks key leadership transition
19	Akkai Padmashali	Member	Supreme Court Panel on Transgender Rights	Activist appointed to enhance LGBTQIA+ representation at national level

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20	Karthik Narain	Chief Product and Business Officer	Google Cloud	Former Accenture CTO appointed to drive AI and cloud growth
21	Neeraj Chopra	Lieutenant Colonel (Honorary)	Territorial Army	Olympic medallist conferred honorary rank
22	Justice Prathiba Singh	Chair	WIPO Advisory Board of Judges	Delhi High Court Judge appointed for 2025-27 term
23	Justice Surya Kant	53rd Chief Justice of India	Supreme Court of India	First CJI from Haryana; will succeed CJI Bhushan R. Gavai on November 23, 2025 with 14-month tenure till February 2027
24	Sonali Sen Gupta	Executive Director	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Over 30 years experience with MBA in Banking and Finance; to lead Consumer Education and Protection, Financial Inclusion and Development, and Inspection departments effective October 9, 2025
25	C. S. Rajan	Part-Time Chairman (Reappointed)	Kotak Mahindra Bank	RBI extended tenure till October 21, 2027; ensures leadership continuity with 46 years of governance experience

AWARDS

AWARDS AND HONORS - OCTOBER 2025

S. No.	Award Name	Award Winner / Recipient	Field Organisation /	Key Notes
1	BusinessLine Changemaker Award 2025	DRDO (Defence and Research Development Organisation)	Strategic Defence Innovation	Won Changemaker of the Year for leadership in indigenous strategic technologies and promoting self-reliance in defence
2	Iconic Changemaker Award 2025	Azim Premji Foundation	Social Development	Recognized for transformative work in education and philanthropy, improving lives nationwide
3	Global Tourism Award 2025	Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department	Tourism & Sustainability	Honoured for innovation in sustainable tourism, eco-friendly projects, and digital promotion campaigns; award presented in New Delhi
4	Andhra Pradesh Tourism Excellence Award 2025	Novotel Vijayawada Varun	Hospitality / Tourism	Declared Best 5-Star Hotel with 233 rooms; presented by CM Chandrababu Naidu to manager Manish Pathak
5	ISSA Award 2025	Government of India	Social Welfare / Governance	Awarded for expanding social security coverage from 19% to 64.3%, reaching 940 million citizens
6	TANSA Award 2022	Prof. R. Arthur James (Bharathidasan University)	Environmental Science	Recognized for sustainable marine research and environmental conservation; includes ₹50,000 prize
7	International Emmy Awards 2025 (Nomination)	Diljit Dosanjh	Acting / Film (Arts & Culture)	Nominated for Best Actor for Amar Singh Chamkila by Imtiaz Ali; film also nominated in TV Movie / Mini-Series category; winners to be announced November 24, 2025 (New York)
8	Diamond Jubilee Silver Trumpet and Banner	President's Bodyguard (PBG)	Defence Honour	Presented by President Droupadi Murmu to commemorate 75 years of post-independence service of India's oldest regiment (est. 1773)
9	Nobel Prize in Medicine 2025	Mary E. Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, and Shimon Sakaguchi	Physiology or Medicine	Awarded for groundbreaking discoveries on regulatory T cells and Foxp3 gene related to immune tolerance research

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10	Nobel Prize in Physics 2025	John Clarke, Michel H. Devoret, and John M. Martinis	Physics / Quantum Computing	Received for discovering macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in electric circuits, foundational work for quantum computing
11	MY Bharat-NSS Awards 2022-23	Various Youth Contributors	Social Service	President Murmu honored exceptional youth contributions in social service and community development at Rashtrapati Bhavan, recognizing National Service Scheme achievements
12	Nobel Prize in Literature 2025	László Krasznahorkai	Literature	Hungarian author honored for visionary apocalyptic prose and exploration of art's transformative power in contemporary world
13	Nobel Peace Prize 2025	Maria Corina Machado	Peace / Democracy Activism	Venezuelan democracy activist and Súmate founder honored by Norwegian Nobel Committee for nonviolent struggle for democracy and human rights
14	Mrs Universe 2025	Sherry Singh	Beauty Pageant	Indian representative won prestigious title in Manila, Philippines, becoming first Indian to win with advocacy theme of women's empowerment and mental health awareness
15	Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026	IISc Bengaluru (Top Indian Institution)	Education / Research	Released on October 9, 2025; Oxford retained #1 for 10th consecutive year; India ranked 2nd globally with 128 institutions; IISc in 201-250 band
16	2025 International Ranger Awards	13 Forest Rangers from 13 Countries	Wildlife Conservation	IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas recognized rangers for bravery in protecting wildlife and forests; India's Minister Kirti Vardhan Singh praised them as unsung heroes
17	Filmfare Awards 2025	Laapataa Ladies (Kiran Rao - Director)	Film / Cinema	70th Filmfare Awards at EKA Arena, Ahmedabad; won Best Film and Best Director with 13 total wins matching Gully Boy's 2020 record
18	Filmfare Best Actress 2025	Alia Bhatt	Film / Acting	Won Best Actress at 70th Filmfare Awards
19	Filmfare Best Actor 2025 (Shared)	Abhishek Bachchan and Kartik Aaryan	Film / Acting	Shared Best Actor honors at 70th Filmfare Awards
20	Kenton R. Miller Award	Sonali Ghosh (Kaziranga National Park Director)	Conservation / Sustainability	First Indian to receive prestigious award from IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas in Abu Dhabi for community-driven conservation model
21	M3M Hurun India Rich List 2025	Shah Rukh Khan	Entertainment / Business	Became world's first Bollywood billionaire actor with net worth of \$1.4 billion (₹12,490 crore), surpassing Taylor Swift and Tom Cruise
22	Person of Cultural Merit Award (Japan)	Masako Nozawa	Voice Acting / Anime	First voice actor to receive Japan's prestigious award for voicing Son Goku in Dragon Ball and decades-long contribution to anime culture
23	FAO Global Recognition	SAIME Model (Sundarbans)	Agriculture / Environment	Recognized for promoting sustainable shrimp farming, mangrove conservation, and climate-adaptive livelihoods
24	Global Fintech Awards (GFA 2025)	Various Trailblazers	Fintech / Technology	4th edition announced during Global Fintech Fest 2025 at Jio World Centre, Mumbai, honoring exceptional contributions to fintech ecosystem

S. No.	Award Name	Award Winner / Recipient	Field Organisation /	Key Notes
25	PM-JANMAN Implementation Award	Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD)	Social Welfare	Awarded for exceptional contribution towards implementation of Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan scheme
26	British Academy Book Prize 2025	Sunil Amrith	Literature / History	Indian-origin historian won £25,000 prize for "The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years"
27	Ursula K. Le Guin Prize	Vajra Chandrasekera	Literature / Fiction	Sri Lankan author received \$25,000 prize for novel 'Rakesfall' exploring power, equity, and humanity
28	Knighthood	James Anderson	Cricket / Sports	England's legendary fast bowler knighted at Windsor Castle on October 28, 2025 by Princess Anne; retired with 704 Test wickets
29	World Food Prize Recognition	Chef Sanjeev Kapoor	Food / Nutrition	Recognized among top agri-food pioneers for nutrition advocacy and promoting bio-fortified crops through 'Nutri Pathshala' initiative
30	Rajyotsava Award	Prof. Ravindra Korisetar	Archaeology / Research	Karnataka honored UGC Emeritus Fellow from Karnatak University Dharwad for 40+ years of prehistoric and geoarchaeological research
31	Grand Order of Mugunghwa	Donald Trump	Diplomacy / International Relations	First American President to receive South Korea's highest honour during ceremony in Gyeongju for diplomatic efforts with North Korea
32	Chemistry Nobel 2025	Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar Yaghi	Chemistry / Materials Science	Honored for pioneering metal-organic frameworks capable of gas capture, chemical storage, and water harvesting applications
33	World's Best Consumer Bank 2025	State Bank of India	Banking / Finance	Received Global Finance award along with 'Best Bank in India 2025' for innovation and customer service

SUMMITS, EVENTS & CONFERENCE

Category	Event	Venue	Key Points
Summit	11th World Green Economy Summit 2025	Dubai, UAE	Attended by 3,300+ participants from 30+ countries under the theme " <i>Innovating for Impact</i> "; co-hosted with WETEX 2025 ; focused on climate finance , sustainability, and net-zero goals .
Conference	National Conference on Land & Disaster Management 2025	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Focused on digitization of land records , integration of indigenous technologies for disaster resilience, and improved coordination between authorities.
Summit	Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025	Nationwide (India)	Launched by Ministry of Education engaging 1 crore students (Classes 6–12) ; live innovation event on 13 October 2025 .
Conference	68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference	Barbados	Indian delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla ; theme: " <i>The Commonwealth: A Global Partner</i> "; held 5–12 October 2025 .
Summit	India Mobile Congress 2025	Yashobhoomi, New Delhi	Inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi (8–11 Oct); Asia's largest telecom event with 1.5 lakh visitors, 7,000+ delegates ; focused on 6G, AI, cybersecurity, satellite communication .
Congress	IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025	Abu Dhabi, UAE	India unveiled its first National Red List (11,000 species) and announced Dugong Conservation Reserve in Tamil Nadu.
Assembly	8th International Solar Alliance Assembly 2025	New Delhi, India	Attended by 124 member nations ; focused on accelerating solar cooperation and climate action globally.
Forum	ARISE Cities Forum 2025	New Delhi, India	Adopted Delhi Declaration , uniting Global South cities for urban climate leadership ahead of COP30 .

Category	Event	Venue	Key Points
Festival	Purple Fest 2025	Goa, India	Launched IELTS Training Handbook , ISL Interpretation Certification , and Specialized Sign Language Training promoting inclusivity for persons with disabilities.
Expo	45th GITEX Global 2025	Dubai, UAE	World's largest technology & AI exhibition ; 6,800+ exhibitors from 180+ countries ; India's largest-ever participation (237 exhibitors).
Summit	India–Mongolia Strategic Summit 2025	New Delhi, India	PM Modi & President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa signed 10 MoUs on digital cooperation, culture, and heritage; India announced free e-visas and reaffirmed \$1.7B oil refinery project .
Summit	Uttarakhand AI Impact Summit 2025	Dehradun, Uttarakhand	Inaugurated by MoS Jitin Prasada (MeitY); explored AI's role in governance, education, and sustainable development.
Summit	Sharm El-Sheikh Gaza Summit 2025	Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	Leaders including Donald Trump , Egypt , Qatar , and Turkey signed "Trump Declaration for Enduring Peace" for Gaza reconstruction; Israel & Hamas absent.
Session	8th Codex Committee on Spices & Culinary Herbs	India	Finalized international standards for vanilla , large cardamom , and coriander ; India now leads Codex standards for 19 spices .
Meeting	Asia-Pacific Aviation Safety Summit (APAC-AIG)	New Delhi, India	Organized by Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) from 28–31 October 2025 with 90 international delegates ; focused on aviation safety & investigation .
Summit	20th East Asia Summit (EAS)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Adopted Kuala Lumpur Declaration , reaffirming ASEAN centrality and peace, stability in Indo-Pacific.
Convention	UN Cybercrime Convention 2025	Hanoi, Vietnam	Signed by 72 nations ; first global treaty against cybercrime , to enter into force 90 days after 40 ratifications .
Summit (Upcoming)	COP30 Climate Summit	Belém, Brazil	Scheduled 10–21 November 2025 ; focuses on forest conservation , carbon markets , and climate finance for developing nations.

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Category	Report / Title	Submitted By / Source	Key Notes
Ranking	Hurun India Rich List 2025	Hurun India	Mukesh Ambani tops with ₹9.55 lakh crore net worth; Gautam Adani second; Roshni Nadar becomes India's richest woman .
Ranking	India's Billionaire Actors List 2025	Forbes / Industry Reports	Shah Rukh Khan becomes India's first billionaire actor (₹12,000 crore); followed by Juhi Chawla , Hrithik Roshan , Karan Johar , Amitabh Bachchan , Akshay Kumar .
Report	Crime in India Report 2023	National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)	Manipur tops violent crime cases with 14,427 incidents (20× rise from 2022), including 5,421 riots and 6,203 arson cases linked to Meitei–Kuki conflict.
Environmental Report	World Heritage Outlook 4 (2025)	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Warns that 43% of Natural World Heritage Sites face threats from climate change , invasive species , and wildlife diseases ; calls for Indigenous leadership in conservation.
Index	Henley Passport Index 2025	Henley & Partners	Singapore tops (193 destinations) ; India ranks 85 , China 64 , Bhutan 89 , Pakistan 106 , Afghanistan 110 — reflecting visa policy shifts.
Index	State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) 2025	Ministry of Mines, Government of India	Assesses mineral governance & transparency ; Madhya Pradesh , Rajasthan , and Gujarat lead among mineral-rich states.
Environmental Report	Global Forest Resource Assessment (GFRA) 2025	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations	India ranks 9th globally with 72.74 million hectares (2%) forest cover; up from 10th earlier. Russia (20%) , Brazil (12%) , Canada (9%) lead globally.

DEFENCE

MILITARY EXERCISES – OCTOBER 2025

Exercise Name	Venue / Participating Countries	Key Notes
Exercise Konkan 2025	Off Western Coast of India (India–UK)	Bilateral naval exercise (Oct 5–12); featured INS Vikrant and HMS Prince of Wales with participation from Norway & Japan ; first combined Carrier Strike Group drill.
10th NATPOLREX	Chennai Coast, India	Conducted by Indian Coast Guard with 40 foreign observers from 32 countries; focused on marine oil spill response and pollution preparedness.
AUSTRAHIND 2025	Perth, Australia	4th India–Australia joint military exercise (Oct 13–26); involved 120 Indian troops from Gorkha Rifles; focused on urban warfare & interoperability .
India–South Korea Naval Exercise	Busan Naval Base, South Korea	First-ever bilateral naval drill featuring INS Sahyadri and ROKS Gyeongnam ; aimed at strengthening maritime security cooperation.
Samudra Shakti 2025	Visakhapatnam, India	5th India–Indonesia maritime exercise under Act East Policy ; enhanced interoperability in maritime domain awareness and anti-submarine warfare.
JAIMEX 25 (India–Japan Maritime Exercise)	Yokosuka, Japan	Conducted Oct 16–17; INS Sahyadri participated with Japanese naval and air units; focused on tactical coordination and regional security .
Ocean Sky 2025	Gando Air Base, Canary Islands, Spain	Multinational air combat exercise hosted by Spanish Air Force (Oct 20–31); India became first non-NATO nation to participate, enhancing aerospace interoperability.
Trishul 2025 (Tri-Services Exercise)	Gujarat & Rajasthan, India	10-day tri-services drill (Oct 30–Nov 8) involving 20,000 troops , Rafale , Sukhoi-30 , T-90 tanks , and Navy frigates ; aimed at joint combat readiness .
Drone Kavach 2025	Arunachal Pradesh	Held Sep 25–28 by Spear Corps, Eastern Command ; focused on counter-drone tactics and was preceded by Mount Gorichen Expedition (6,488 m) .

DEFENCE DEALS & MoUs

Entity / Organization	Partner / Country	Purpose / Details
India & Australia (Defence Ministries)	Canberra, Australia	Signed defence agreements on maritime security , cybersecurity , and technology cooperation under Atmanirbhar Bharat and Indo-Pacific Strategy .
Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)	Russia's United Aircraft Corporation (UAC)	MoU signed Oct 27 to manufacture SJ-100 commuter aircraft in India for regional connectivity under UDAN scheme.
Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL)	Swan Defence Pvt Ltd	Teaming Agreement (Oct 28) to build Landing Platform Docks worth ₹33,000 crore for the Indian Navy.

ARMY, NAVY & AIR FORCE NEWS

S. No.	News	Details / Highlights
1	ICGS Akshar Commissioned	Fast Patrol Vessel commissioned on 4 Oct 2025 at Karaikal ; built by Goa Shipyard Ltd with 60% indigenous content , top speed 27 knots .
2	INS Androth Commissioned	Second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASWSWC) inducted at Visakhapatnam (Oct 6) ; 80% indigenous content ; fitted with advanced sensors and waterjet propulsion .
3	DRDO Releases IRSA 1.0	Indian Radio Software Architecture launched Oct 6; establishes framework for interoperable military radios with standardized APIs.
4	Indian Army Launches SAKSHAM	Counter-UAS grid developed with BEL Ghaziabad to detect and neutralize drone threats via Army Data Network.
5	Army Contracts for Software Defined Radios	Signed in Oct 2025; first DRDO-designed SDRs to be produced by BEL , featuring MANET communication capability .

S. No.	News	Details / Highlights
6	25 Bhairav Battalions Formed	New elite Army units created for rapid strikes, counter-insurgency, and cross-border operations.
7	UN Peacekeeping Chiefs' Conclave	Hosted by Indian Army in Delhi (Oct 14–16); attended by 32 troop-contributing nations; addressed by Rajnath Singh & S. Jaishankar.
8	Titanium & Superalloy Plant Inaugurated	₹1,000 crore facility inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Lucknow to strengthen defence material self-reliance.
9	INS Sutlej Completes Indo-Mauritian Mission	18th Hydrographic Mission completed (Oct 26); surveyed 35,000 sq nautical miles, trained 6 Mauritian officers, aligned with MAHASAGAR Vision.
10	Defence Manufacturing Collaboration (Australia)	India invited Australian defence firms to co-develop aerospace and naval systems and export defence technologies.
11	Indian Coast Guard's NATPOLREX Exercise	National-level pollution response drill with 40 foreign observers focusing on marine oil spill control.

OTHER DEFENCE DEVELOPMENTS

S. No.	Event / Development	Details / Highlights
1	Indian Army Celebrates 199th Gunners Day	Observed on September 28, 2025 at National War Memorial; commemorates the raising of India's first artillery unit in 1827.
2	BSF Launches AI-Powered Command Centre	Integrated AI & GIS-based Border Command and Control Centre for real-time surveillance, data analysis, and infiltration prediction.
3	Mount Gorichen Expedition	Conducted by Spear Corps in Arunachal Pradesh; demonstrated high-altitude endurance and tactical readiness at 6,488 m.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SPACE & SATELLITE MISSIONS

Mission / Project	Agency / Organization	Key Highlights
Vyommitra (Gaganyaan Mission)	ISRO	India's first AI-powered humanoid robot to assist in uncrewed Gaganyaan test flights; capable of voice recognition, gesture control, and real-time communication; supports India's first human spaceflight in 2027.
Chandrayaan-2 (New Findings)	ISRO	Discovered how solar storms (Coronal Mass Ejections) impact the Moon's exosphere, improving understanding of lunar space weather.
CMS-03 Satellite Launch	ISRO	India's heaviest communication satellite (4,400 kg) to be launched on Nov 2, 2025, from Sriharikota using LVM3-M5 rocket to enhance digital & maritime connectivity.
Mission Drishti	GalaxEye Space (India)	India's first multi-sensor Earth Observation satellite (launch: 2026) combining SAR and optical sensors for defence, agriculture, and disaster management; world's first of its kind.
Indo-Mauritian Hydrographic Mission	INS Sutlej (Indian Navy)	Completed 18th survey mission mapping 35,000 sq nautical miles and training Mauritian officers, aligning with MAHASAGAR Vision.
India Leads Interstellar Comet Tracking	ARIES Devasthal & IIA Pune	Led global tracking of interstellar comet 3I/ATLAS after NASA's outage; data shared with Minor Planet Center improving global space observation collaboration.

SCIENCE & HEALTH

Initiative / Discovery	Institution / Source	Key Highlights
Biomedical Research Career Programme – Phase III	Department of Biotechnology (DBT) & Wellcome Trust (UK)	Cabinet approved ₹1,500 crore (2025–31) program to train 2,000+ biomedical researchers in Tier-2/3 cities.
India's First Indigenous Antibiotic – Nafithromycin	Indian Biotech Researchers	Developed new antibiotic effective against community-acquired pneumonia; milestone in domestic pharma innovation.

Initiative / Discovery	Institution / Source	Key Highlights
Gene Therapy for Hemophilia Success	Indian Biotech Consortium	First successful gene therapy treatment for Hemophilia patients achieved in India, reducing dependency on imported treatments.
Australia Approves Alzheimer's Drug – Lecanemab	Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), Australia	Approved for early-stage Alzheimer's ; slows progression but remains costly and has side effects.

SATELLITE & TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS

Project / Announcement	Organization / Country	Details / Impact
Google AI Data Centre, Andhra Pradesh	Google	\$15 billion investment for AI Data Centre in Visakhapatnam , creating 1.88 lakh jobs (2025–2030) under Digital India & AI Mission Bharat .
World's First 3D Wind-Mapping Satellite Constellation (Feilian)	Stellus Technology, Hong Kong	Will deploy Feilian constellation led by ex-NASA scientist Prof. Hui Su to provide hourly wind data for aviation & renewable forecasting .
India Surpasses \$20 Billion in AI Investments	Government of India / MeitY	Reflects India's emergence as a global AI hub , driven by AI Mission Bharat and growing startup ecosystem.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & DIGITAL INNOVATION

Initiative / Launch	Organization / Partner	Key Features / Objectives
India-AI Impact Summit 2026 (Logo Unveiled)	Government of India (MeitY)	Logo by Ajith P. Suresh unveiled; design integrates Ashoka Chakra + Neural Network motifs; Summit to be held Feb 19–20, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam .
IBM–Anthropic Partnership	IBM & Anthropic	Integrates Claude LLM into enterprise tools for AI productivity, secure automation, and analytics .
Google Opal AI Builder (India Launch)	Google	No-code AI app builder enabling users to create applications using natural language prompts ; launched in 15 countries including India .
EY–Microsoft AI Skills Passport	EY India & Microsoft	Free AI training program (10 hours) for students (16+) in English & Hindi , offering digital certification badges upon completion.
AR Rahman & Google Cloud – Secret Mountain	Google Cloud & A.R. Rahman	AI-powered music avatar generator using Gemini 2.5 Pro & Veo 3 technologies; merges art and AI creativity.
Amit Shah Adopts Zoho Mail	Union Home Ministry / Zoho Corp.	Adoption of indigenous Swadeshi email platform promotes data sovereignty and reduced dependence on foreign tech.
OpenAI ChatGPT Atlas (MacOS)	OpenAI	Launched ChatGPT Atlas browser with contextual help, memory, and Agent Mode to automate workflows; Windows & mobile rollout next.
Ramanujan Junior Researchers Programme	DST (India) & London Institute for Mathematical Sciences (UK)	New fellowship enabling young Indian physicists & mathematicians to conduct research in the UK under Indo-UK collaboration.

INTERNATIONAL & SPACE COOPERATION

Summit / Initiative	Hosted By	Key Highlights
8th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly 2025	New Delhi, India	Attended by 125 member countries ; launched SUNRISE and OSOWOG initiatives to promote global solar economy and sustainability.
India–UK Scientific Collaboration	DST & UK Govt	Jointly advancing STEM research , fellowships, and youth innovation under Ramanujan Programme .
ISRO–GalaxEye Cooperation	Private–Public Partnership	Strengthens space-tech ecosystem through AI, Earth Observation, and dual-sensor satellite development .

SPORTS

CRICKET

Event / Update	Details
India Wins 2025 Asia Cup	India defeated Pakistan in a thrilling final; Tilak Varma's unbeaten 69* guided India to chase 147 runs . BCCI announced ₹21 crore prize money for the champions.
Abhishek Sharma Tops ICC T20I Rankings	Became world's highest-rated T20I batter (931 points) , surpassing Dawid Malan's 2020 record; scored 314 runs in Asia Cup 2025.
Rohit Sharma Becomes India's 3rd-Highest ODI Run Scorer	Surpassed Sourav Ganguly with 11,249 runs in 275 matches, trailing only Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli .
Bumrah's Historic Milestone	Jasprit Bumrah became first Indian pacer to play 50 Tests and achieve 50+ appearances in all formats , joining elite company of Dhoni & Kohli.
India Clinches Test Series vs West Indies (2–0)	India beat West Indies by 7 wickets in the 2nd Test at Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi .
ICC–UNICEF “Promise to Children” Campaign	Launched during 2025 Women's Cricket World Cup to promote education, healthcare, and child protection , endorsed by Ayushmann Khurrana and Smriti Mandhana .
Chris Woakes Retires	England all-rounder Chris Woakes retired from international cricket after a 14-year career (396 wickets, 3,705 runs).

ATHLETICS, FOOTBALL & MULTISPORTS

Event / Championship	Key Highlights
World Para Athletics Championships 2025	Held in New Delhi with 1,000+ athletes from 100+ nations. India achieved best-ever haul of 18 medals (6 Gold, 7 Silver, 5 Bronze).
Nishad & Simran Win Golds	Nishad Kumar set Asian record (2.14m) in Men's High Jump T47; Simran Sharma won Gold in Women's 100m T12 (11.95s PB).
Men's Javelin F44 Double Podium	Sandip Sargar (Gold – 62.82m) and Sandeep Chaudhary (Silver – 62.67m) secured 1–2 finish at Para Athletics Worlds.
SAFF U-17 Championship	India U-17 football team defeated Bangladesh 4-1 on penalties (after 2–2 draw) to clinch 7th title in Colombo.
Cape Verde Qualifies for FIFA World Cup	Becomes second smallest nation ever to qualify; India lost to Singapore, missing out on 2027 Asian Cup berth .
FIFA ASEAN Cup Announced	New regional football tournament announced at 47th ASEAN Summit (Kuala Lumpur) with 11 Southeast Asian nations .
Morocco Wins U-20 FIFA World Cup	Morocco beat Argentina 2–0 in Santiago, Chile, becoming first African champions since 2009 .
India Re-elected Vice-Chair, Anti-Doping Bureau	India re-elected as Vice-Chairperson of COP10 Bureau (2025–2027) at UNESCO Paris , promoting anti-doping governance.
Commonwealth Games 2030	India to host centenary edition in Ahmedabad, Gujarat —its second time after 2010 Delhi CWG.
Khelo India University Games 2025	5th edition to be held Nov 24–Dec 5, 2025 across 7 cities in Rajasthan .
Sachin Tendulkar Launches “TEN x You” Brand	Bharat Ratna Sachin Tendulkar launched his first sportswear and athleisure brand to promote fitness and sports.

WEIGHTLIFTING & POWERLIFTING

Championship	Highlights
World Weightlifting Championships 2025 (Norway)	Mirabai Chanu won Silver (Total: 199kg – 84kg Snatch, 115kg Clean & Jerk) and Bronze in Snatch; set 2 National Records .
World Para Powerlifting Championships 2025 (Egypt)	11th edition held in Cairo (Oct 11–18) ; 537 athletes from 70 countries ; China topped medal table with 6th overall title; first-ever world para event hosted in Africa.

BADMINTON, TENNIS & HOCKEY

Event / Update	Key Highlights
BWF World Junior Championships 2025	Hosted in Guwahati (Oct 6–19) after 17 years; 36 teams competed under new relay-scoring format for Suhandinata Cup .
Sultan of Johor Cup 2025	Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team won Silver , losing 1–2 to Australia in final at Johor Bahru, Malaysia ; India's 5th Silver in event history.
Indian Chess Stars Shine in Europe	D. Gukesh (Board 1 Gold) and Divya Deshmukh (Board 2 Gold) excelled at European Club Cup , ahead of FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 in Goa.

ARCHERY & SHOOTING

Athlete / Event	Achievement
Sheetal Devi (World Archery Para Championships 2025)	Won Gold in Women's Compound Open defeating Turkey's Oznur Girdi (146–143) ; also claimed Team Silver and Mixed Bronze .
Abhinav Bindra – Olympic Torchbearer	Appointed Torchbearer for Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics (Feb 6–22, 2026).

AQUATICS

Event / Update	Details
Asian Aquatics Championships 2025	Hosted for first time in India (Ahmedabad, Sept 28–Oct 11) with 1,100+ participants from 29 countries ; India's best-ever tally: 13 medals (4 Silver, 9 Bronze) .
Srihari Nataraj's Record Performance	Won 7 medals , while Bhavya Sachdeva earned India's first women's medal (Bronze – 400m freestyle).
Ariarne Titmus Retires	Australian Olympic gold medalist Ariarne Titmus retired citing personal and health reasons.

CHESS

Event / Announcement	Highlights
FIDE World Cup 2025 (Goa)	Official logo and anthem 'It's Your Move' by Daler Mehndi unveiled by Goa CM; logo features three trapezoidal panels representing Goa's identity.
European Club Cup (Chess)	Gukesh (Gold – Board 1) & Divya Deshmukh (Gold – Board 2) shine for respective clubs, highlighting India's growing dominance.

MOTORSPORTS

Event / Race	Winner / Highlights
Formula 1 – US Grand Prix 2025	Max Verstappen won, narrowing championship gap to 40 points , intensifying F1 title battle

BOOKS & AUTHORS

Book Name	Author	Key Notes
They Will Shoot You, Madam	Harinder Baweja	A compelling memoir chronicling 40 years of conflict reporting , providing deep insights into India's modern history, insurgencies, and war journalism .
Mahatma Gandhi and the Environment: Analysing Gandhian Environmental Thought	T.N. Khoshoo	Explores Gandhiji's ecological philosophy , emphasizing sustainability, rural development, and climate-conscious living ; connects Gandhian values to modern environmental challenges .
Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II: Shaping a Future Ready Force	General Anil Chauhan (Chief of Defence Staff)	Released by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh ; outlines India's strategy for a technologically advanced and integrated defence force to meet future security challenges.
Civil-Military Fusion as a Metric of National Power and Comprehensive Security	Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)	Released at United Service Institution of India (USI), New Delhi ; focuses on integrating defence and civil sectors for national security and innovation synergy.

Book Name	Author	Key Notes
Sivam Subham: The Biography of a Couple	B.K. Harinarayanan	A biography of M.S. Subbulakshmi and T. Sadasivam ; celebrates their contribution to Indian classical music and cultural heritage ; published by Current Books (Malayalam) .
Modi's Mission	Berjis Desai	Launched by Governor Acharya Devvrat in Mumbai ; highlights Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governance philosophy, leadership journey, and development vision for India.

OBITUARY

S.No.	Person Name	Field	Born Place	Key Notes
1	Dr. G. G. Parikh	Gandhian Socialist & Freedom Fighter	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Passed away at 100 on Oct 2, 2025 ; known as the " Saint of the Socialists "; active in Quit India Movement (1942) ; lifelong advocate of social justice & Gandhian principles .
2	Pandit Chhannulal Mishra	Hindustani Classical Music (Banaras Gharana)	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	Passed away at 89 in Mirzapur; Padma Bhushan awardee ; famous for Khyal and Thumri renditions blending classical and folk traditions.
3	Varinder Singh Ghuman	Actor & Professional Bodybuilder	Amritsar, Punjab	Passed away on Oct 9, 2025 aged 41 ; Mr. India 2009 winner; noted for vegetarian bodybuilding advocacy ; acted in Tiger 3 , Roar: Tigers of Sundarbans , and Marjaavaan .
4	Pankaj Dheer	Actor (Television & Film)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Died on Oct 15, 2025 at 68 ; iconic as Karna in Mahabharat (B.R. Chopra) ; featured in Baadshah (1999) & Zameen (2003) ; remembered for his legacy in Indian television mythology .
5	Asrani	Veteran Bollywood Actor & Comedian	Jaipur, Rajasthan	Passed away at 84 ; beloved for comic roles and his " British-era jailer " in Sholay ; contributed to 300+ films in Hindi cinema.
6	Diane Keaton	Hollywood Actress & Oscar Winner	Los Angeles, USA	Died at 79 in California; born Jan 5, 1946 ; won Academy Award for Best Actress (Annie Hall) ; acclaimed for The Godfather and Something's Gotta Give .
7	Ravi Sitaram Naik	Politician, Former CM of Goa	Ponda, Goa	Passed away aged 79 ; served as Goa CM (1991–94) & Agriculture Minister ; known for contributions to Goa's rural and agricultural development .
8	Dr. Eknath Vasant Chitnis	Space Scientist	Kolhapur, Maharashtra	Died at 100 in Pune; architect of India's early space programme , collaborated with Dr. Vikram Sarabhai ; pioneer of ISRO's foundational projects .
9	Chen-Ning Yang	Theoretical Physicist & Nobel Laureate	Hofei, Anhwei, China	Passed away at 103 in Beijing; Nobel Prize in Physics (1957) for Parity Violation Theory ; key contributor to quantum field theory .
10	Dr. K. Mathangi Ramakrishnan	Plastic Surgeon & Medical Innovator	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Died aged 91 on Oct 27, 2025 ; founded first government burns unit in South India ; Padma Shri (2002) recipient; innovated collagen membrane for burn treatment .
11	Rishabh Tandon	Singer & Music Composer	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Passed away at 35 due to a heart attack; known for hit song " Yeh Ashiqui " and contributions to indie music and playback singing .
12	Piyush Pandey	Advertising Legend	Jaipur, Rajasthan	Passed away in 2025; called the " Father of Indian Advertising "; joined Ogilvy India in 1982 ; led iconic ad campaigns and revolutionized Indian ad storytelling .

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day / Observance	Theme / Description
Sept 29, 2025	World Heart Day	<i>Theme:</i> "Small Lifestyle Changes, Big Health Benefits" — promotes cardiovascular health through balanced diet, exercise, and stress management.
Sept 30, 2025	International Translation Day	Celebrates translators' contribution to global communication; observed on St. Jerome's Feast Day — patron saint of translators.
Oct 1, 2025	International Day of Older Persons	<i>Theme:</i> "Older Persons Driving Local and Global Action" — recognizes senior citizens' role in community and policymaking.
Oct 4, 2025	World Animal Day (100th Anniversary)	<i>Theme:</i> "Save Animals, Save the Planet!" — promotes animal welfare and links conservation to climate action.
Oct 6, 2025	World Habitat Day	<i>Theme:</i> "Urban Crisis Response" — emphasizes sustainable urban planning and housing under UN SDG 11 .
Oct 6, 2025	World Cerebral Palsy Day	<i>Theme:</i> "Unique and United" — promotes awareness, inclusion, and support for 18+ million people with cerebral palsy globally.
Oct 7, 2025	World Cotton Day	Highlights cotton's role in livelihoods, trade, and sustainability — recognized by UN and observed in 75+ countries.
Oct 7, 2025	Valmiki Jayanti	Honors Maharishi Valmiki , author of <i>Ramayana</i> and Sanskrit's first poet (<i>Adi Kavi</i>); celebrates social harmony and justice.
Oct 8, 2025	Indian Air Force Day (IAF Day)	Marks IAF's founding in 1932 ; showcases modernization, air shows, and career opportunities via NDA & AFCAT .
Oct 10, 2025	World Mental Health Day	<i>Theme:</i> "Access to Services – Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies" — focuses on mental well-being during crises.
Oct 10, 2025	National Post Day (India)	<i>Theme:</i> "#PostForPeople: Local Service, Global Reach" — celebrates 150 years of India Post's service and financial inclusion.
Oct 9–15, 2025	National Postal Week	Promotes digital postal services , rural outreach, and philately with daily observances like Banking Day and Antyodaya Day.
Oct 13, 2025	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	Encourages global efforts for disaster preparedness and resilience , shifting focus from response to prevention.
Oct 14, 2025	World Standards Day	<i>Theme:</i> "A Shared Vision for a Better World" — honors ISO, IEC, and ITU experts shaping global standardization and innovation.
Oct 17, 2025	International Day for Eradication of Poverty	Promotes dialogue, dignity, and justice; India's extreme poverty fell from 16.2% (2011–12) to 2.3% (2022–23) .
Oct 18, 2025	World Menopause Day	<i>Theme:</i> "Lifestyle Medicine in Menopausal Health" — promotes women's wellness and holistic care during menopause.
Oct 20, 2025	World Osteoporosis Day (WOD)	<i>Theme:</i> "It's Unacceptable!" — spreads awareness on bone health and prevention of osteoporosis.
Oct 20, 2025	National Solidarity Day (India)	Honors soldiers of the 1962 Indo-China War ; reaffirms national unity and military valor.
Oct 21, 2025	Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) Prevention Day	Raises awareness on iodine's importance for thyroid and brain health; promotes iodized salt use.
Oct 21, 2025	Bandi Chhor Divas (Sikh Festival)	Commemorates Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji's release from captivity; symbolizes freedom and justice .
Oct 21, 2025	Police Commemoration Day (India)	Remembers 10 police martyrs of 1959 Ladakh clash ; observed at National Police Memorial, New Delhi .
Oct 22, 2025	Bestu Varas (Gujarati New Year)	Marks new business year and spiritual renewal a day after Diwali; celebrated with Chopda Pujan & Saal Mubarak greetings.
Oct 23, 2025	World Snow Leopard Day	<i>Theme:</i> "Protecting the Mountain Guardian" — focuses on conserving endangered snow leopards (Panthera uncia) .
Oct 24, 2025	United Nations Day	Marks UN's founding (1945) ; celebrates peacekeeping, human rights, and sustainable development.

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Oct 24, 2025	World Polio Day	Theme: "End Polio: Every Child, Every Vaccine, Everywhere" — emphasizes global eradication of polio.
Oct 24, 2025	World Development Information Day	Highlights ICT's role in global progress and digital inclusivity .
Oct 24, 2025	ITBP Raising Day	Marks 63 years of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police ; honors service in guarding high-altitude frontiers.
Oct 27, 2025	Infantry Day (India)	Commemorates the 1947 airlift of Sikh Regiment to Srinagar , pivotal in defending Jammu & Kashmir.
Oct 27, 2025	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage	Theme: "Digitizing Our Shared UNESCO History" — promotes digital preservation of historical media records.
Oct 27 – Nov 2, 2025	Vigilance Awareness Week (India)	Theme: "Vigilance – Our Shared Responsibility" — promotes transparency, ethics, and anti-corruption efforts nationwide.
Oct 28, 2025	International Animation Day	Celebrated by ASIFA ; honors Émile Reynaud's 1892 Théâtre Optique — 2025 poster by Lucija Mrzljak .
Oct 29, 2025	World Stroke Day	Highlights Ayurveda's Pakshaghata therapy and holistic stroke recovery through traditional medicine.
Oct 31, 2025	National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas)	Celebrates Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th birth anniversary ; nationwide Run for Unity organized at Statue of Unity , Gujarat.

Miscellaneous

- Aurangabad Railway Station Gets New Identity:** Station officially renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar Railway Station with new code CPSN under South Central Railway, honoring Maratha heritage through gazette notification issued 15 October 2025.
- India's First Volcano Tourism Initiative:** Passenger vessel 'Sindhu' completes maiden civilian voyage to Barren Island with 500 passengers, marking India's first structured tourism to the country's only active volcano located 140 km from Port Blair.
- Maritime Heritage Complex Logo Unveiled:** Ministry of Ports launched National Maritime Heritage Complex logo on 28 October 2025 during India Maritime Week in Mumbai, complex to be built at Lothal, Gujarat.
- GI-Tagged Lime Exports to UK:** India exported Indi Lime from Karnataka and Puliyanakudi Lime from Tamil Nadu to the UK for the first time, facilitated by APEDA to boost farmer income and promote geographical indication products.
- All Top 40 Polluted Cities from India:** Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan topped the world's pollution list with AQI 830, while Delhi ranked 13th with AQI above 400, highlighting worsening air quality crisis from stubble burning and emissions.
- Dictionary.com Names "67" Word of the Year:** For the first time, a number received Word of the Year designation, symbolizing Gen Z internet culture and "brainrot" slang used to express vibes and emotions in digital meme culture evolution.

Static Takeaways

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Asian Cricket Council (ACC)	Dubai, UAE	1983	Mohsin Naqvi (President)	Continental cricket body for Asia
Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Mumbai, India	1935	Sanjay Malhotra (Governor)	India's central bank
Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), RBI	Mumbai, India	2016	Chaired by RBI Governor (Sanjay Malhotra)	Statutory 6-member rate-setting body
Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana	India (nationwide)	2014	Under Dept. of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance (programme—not a single "head")	Financial inclusion: zero-balance a/cs, RuPay cards, DBT
Sangeet Natak Akademi	New Delhi, India	1953	Dr. Sandhya Purecha (Chairperson)	India's national academy for performing arts
Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	Nagpur, India	1925	Mohan Bhagwat (Sarsanghchalak)	Volunteer socio-cultural organisation

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Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)	New Delhi, India	1926	Dr. Ajay Kumar	Central recruitment for All-India/Central Services
NIELIT	New Delhi, India	1994	Dr. Madan Mohan Tripathi (Director-General)	Skilling & certification in electronics/IT
ICAO	Montréal, Canada	1947	Juan Carlos Salazar (Secretary-General)	International civil aviation standards
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)	Geneva, Switzerland	1960	Kurt Jäger (Secretary-General)	Trade bloc: IS, LI, NO, CH
SIDBI	Lucknow, India	1990	Shri Manoj Mittal	MSME development finance
DRDO	New Delhi, India	1958	Dr. Samir V. Kamat (Chairman / Secy DDR&D)	Defence R&D
Azim Premji Foundation	Bengaluru, India	2001	Anurag Behar (CEO); Azim Premji (Founder–Chair)	Philanthropy, school education
International Emmy Awards (IATAS)	New York, USA	1973	Bruce L. Paisner (President & CEO)	TV awards (outside US primetime)
Andhra Pradesh Tourism Dept.	Amaravati, AP	—	—	State tourism promotion
Novotel Vijayawada Varun	Vijayawada, AP	—	(verify now) — Hotel GMs rotate; confirm with property/Accor page	Accor group hotel (tourism award ref.)
President's Bodyguard Regiment	New Delhi, India	1773	—	Oldest regiment; ceremonial/operational roles
TANSA (TN State Academy of Sciences)	Chennai, TN	1986	—	State science awards (TANSA Awards)
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Manila, Philippines	1966	Masatsugu Asakawa (President)	Multilateral development bank (Asia-Pacific)
Border Security Force (BSF)	New Delhi, India	1965	Daljit Singh Chawdhary	India's border guarding force (Pak/Bangla borders)
College of Defence Management (CDM)	Secunderabad, India	1970	Major General G. Srinivas	Tri-service management education
MoHUA	New Delhi, India	1952 (as ministry lineage)	Hardeep Singh Puri (Cabinet Minister)	Urban development, housing, SBM-U
Ministry of Ayush	New Delhi, India	2014 (as AYUSH)	Sarbananda Sonowal (Cabinet Minister)	Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy
MoRTH	New Delhi, India	1966	Nitin Gadkari (Cabinet Minister)	Roads, highways, transport
Ministry of Food Processing Industries	New Delhi, India	1988	Chirag Paswan (Cabinet Minister)	Food processing & value addition
Mission Aatmanirbharta for Pulses	India	2025	—	Pulses production & MSP-backed procurement
MY Bharat App	India	2023	—	Youth engagement & opportunities
Rashtriya Gokul Mission	India	2014	—	Indigenous cattle genetic improvement
White Revolution 2.0	India	2014–15 onward	—	Dairy productivity push
World Food India 2025	New Delhi, India	2025 (edition)	—	Global food processing investment meet
India	Capital: New Delhi	—	PM: Narendra Modi; President: Droupadi Murmu	Currency: INR

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China	Capital: Beijing	—	President: Xi Jinping; Premier (PM): Li Qiang	Currency: CNY (Yuan)
Pakistan	Capital: Islamabad	—	PM: Shehbaz Sharif; President: Asif Ali Zardari	Currency: PKR
Bangladesh	Capital: Dhaka	—	PM: Sheikh Hasina; President: Mohammed Shahabuddin	Currency: BDT (Taka)
Egypt	Capital: Cairo	—	President: Abdel Fattah El-Sisi; PM: Mostafa Madbouly	Currency: EGP
Brazil	Capital: Brasília	—	President: Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva	Currency: BRL (Real)
Mexico	Capital: Mexico City	—	President: Claudia Sheinbaum	Currency: MXN (Peso)
Japan	Capital: Tokyo	—	PM: Fumio Kishida	Currency: JPY (Yen)
Switzerland	Capital: Bern	—	—	Currency: CHF
Norway	Capital: Oslo	—	PM: Jonas Gahr Støre	Currency: NOK
Iceland	Capital: Reykjavík	—	PM: Bjarni Benediktsson; President: Guðni Th. Jóhannesson	Currency: ISK
Liechtenstein	Capital: Vaduz	—	PM: Daniel Risch; Head of State: Prince Hans-Adam II	Currency: CHF
Bhutan	Capital: Thimphu	—	PM: Tshering Tobgay; King: Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck	Currency: BTN/INR
Dubai, UAE	Capital (UAE): Abu Dhabi	—	President (UAE): Mohamed bin Zayed; PM: Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum	Currency: AED
Himachal Pradesh (Cold Desert Biosphere)	HP, India	—	—	UNESCO-listed biosphere reserve
Bihar (Ramsar Sites)	Bihar, India	—	—	Multiple wetlands (India total 90+ as of 2024)
Tamil Nadu (Palk Bay—Dugong Reserve)	TN, India	2022 (reserve notified)	—	India's 1st dugong reserve; IUCN note 2025
Goa (Oncology Centre—ALIA Goa)	Goa, India	—	—	Integrative oncology centre context
Chhattisgarh – Balod District	Chhattisgarh, India	—	—	Child-marriage-free district note
Madhya Pradesh – Bandhavgarh	MP, India	NP 1968	—	Tiger reserve / eco-tourism
Telangana – Bathukamma Festival	Telangana, India	—	—	Floral festival (Guinness record 2025 note)
Patna, Bihar – Literature Festival (Unmesha)	Patna, Bihar	—	—	Intl. literature festival venue
Union Bank of India	Mumbai, India	1919	Asheesh Pandey	PSB; tagline “Good People to Bank With”
Central Bank of India	Mumbai, India	1911	Kalyan Kumar	PSB; tagline “Central to You Since 1911”
Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve	Himachal Pradesh, India	—	—	UNESCO World Network member
Palk Bay Dugong Conservation Reserve	Tamil Nadu, India	2022	—	Seagrass & dugong habitat (448+ sq km)
Qatar	Doha	—	Mohammad bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani (PM)	Qatari Riyal (QAR)

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France	Paris	—	Emmanuel Macron (President)	Euro (EUR)
Australia	Canberra	—	Anthony Albanese (PM)	Australian Dollar (AUD)
Maldives	Male	—	Mohamed Muizzu (President)	Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)
Barbados	Bridgetown	—	Mia Amor Mottley (PM)	Barbados Dollar (BBD)
Indonesia	Jakarta	—	Prabowo Subianto Djojohadikusumo (President)	Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)
Madagascar	Antananarivo	—	Ruphin Zafisambo (PM)	Gained independence from France in 1960; Located in Indian Ocean off Africa's east coast; Malagasy Ariary (MGA)
Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	—	Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh (President)	Mongolian Turk (MNT)
Andhra Pradesh	Amaravati	—	Nara Chandrababu Naidu (Chief Minister)	Justice (Rtd.) Syed Abdul Nazeer (Governor); Zoological Parks: Indira Gandhi ZP, Sri Venkateswara ZP; National Parks: Rajiv Gandhi NP, Papikonda NP
Puducherry (UT)	—	—	N. Rangaswamy (Chief Minister)	K. Kailashnathan (Lt. Governor); Stadium: Indira Gandhi Sports Complex (outdoor)
Amnesty International	London, UK	1961	Agnès Callamard (Secretary-General)	—
World Egg Organisation (WEO)	London, UK	1964	Juan Felipe Montoya Muñoz (Chairman)	Formerly International Egg Commission (IEC); Rebranded in January 2025
UNICEF	New York, USA	1946	Catherine Russell (ED)	United Nations Children's Fund
Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)	Copenhagen, Denmark	1981	Daniel Schaffer (CEO)	World's largest environmental education organization; 110+ member organizations in 85 countries
United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)	Geneva, Switzerland	1999	Kamal Kishore (Head)	—
International Organization for Standardization (ISO)	Geneva, Switzerland	1947	Dr. Sung Hwan Cho (President)	—
United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)	Geneva, Switzerland	2006	Volker Turk (UN High Commissioner for Human Rights)	—
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Washington DC, USA	1944	Kristalina Georgieva (MD)	191 member nations
International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)	Lausanne, Switzerland	1905	Mohamed Hassan (President)	—
UN Women	New York, USA	2010	Sima Sami Bahous (ED)	UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

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WHO SEARO	New Delhi, Delhi	1948	Saima Wazed (Regional Director)	10 member nations: Bangladesh, Bhutan, DPRK, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste
Henley & Partners	London, UK	1997	Dr. Juerg Steffen (CEO)	—
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Gland, Switzerland	1948	Grethel Aguilar (DG)	—
United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)	New York, USA	2011	—	Established by UN's ECOSOC
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Rome, Italy	1945	Qu Dongyu (DG)	—
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Nairobi, Kenya	1972	Inger Anderson (ED)	UN's leading global authority on environment; Focuses on climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution and waste
PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)	New Delhi, Delhi	1905	—	Leading industry association; International office in Bahrain serving 6 GCC countries
Indian Army (IA)	New Delhi, Delhi	1895	General Upendra Dwivedi (CoAS)	Motto: Seva Paramo Dharma (Service Before Self)
Bank of India (BoI)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1906	Rajneesh Karnatak (MD & CEO)	—
GalaxEye Space	Bengaluru, Karnataka	2021	Suyash Singh (CEO)	—
Swimming Federation of India (SFI)	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	1948	R.N. Jayprakash (President)	—
National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog	New Delhi, Delhi	2015	Narendra Modi (Chairman - PM of India); Sumant K Bery (Vice Chairperson)	—
Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)	New Delhi, Delhi	1952	Ramesh Krishnamurthi (CPFC)	—
Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)	New Delhi, Delhi	1958	Dr. Samir Vankatpati Kamat (Chairman)	R&D wing of Ministry of Defence
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)	Bengaluru, Karnataka	1969	Dr. V. Narayanan (Chairman)	—
New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA)	Panambur, Mangalore, Karnataka	1975	Dr. Venkata Ramana Akkaraju (Chairperson)	—
Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1956	R. Doraiswamy (CEO & MD)	—
Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I)	—	—	Piyush Goyal (Mumbai North, Maharashtra)	Jitin Prasada (Pilibhit, UP)
Ministry of Mines (MoM)	—	—	G. Kishan Reddy (Secunderabad, Telangana)	Satish Chandra Dubey (Rajya Sabha - Bihar)

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Ministry of Defence (MoD)	—	—	Rajnath Singh (Lucknow, UP)	Sanjay Seth (Ranchi, Jharkhand)
Cotton Corporation of India Ltd (CCI)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1970	Lalit Kumar Gupta (CMD)	Under Ministry of Textiles
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoAFW)	New Delhi, India	—	Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Union Minister)	MoS: Ram Nath Thakur (Bihar), Bhagirath Choudhary (Ajmer, RJ)
International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF)	Nyon, Switzerland	1998	Prof. Nicholas Harvey (President)	Global health-focused NGO
Ministry of Law & Justice (MoL&J)	New Delhi, India	—	Arjun Ram Meghwal (MoS, Independent Charge)	Legal and judicial matters in India
Payment Council of India (PCI)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	2013	Vishwas Patel (Chairman)	Formed under IAMAI for digital payments
Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)	Kochi, Kerala	1972	Madhu S. Nair (CMD)	Public Sector Shipbuilding Company
Brazil	Capital: Brasilia	—	Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (President)	Currency: Brazilian Real (BRL)
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Manila, Philippines	1966	Masato Kanda (President)	Regional development bank
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1988 (Statutory: 1992)	Tuhin Kanta Pandey (Chairperson)	Capital market regulator
Japan	Capital: Tokyo	—	Sanae Takaichi (Prime Minister)	Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)
International Paralympic Committee (IPC)	Bonn, Germany	1989	Andrew Parsons (President)	Governs Paralympic movement
Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)	New Delhi, Delhi	1939	Gyanendra Pratap Singh (Director General)	India's largest paramilitary force
Ministry of Civil Aviation	—	—	Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu (Union Minister)	MoS: Murlidhar Kisan Mohol (Pune, Maharashtra)
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	Geneva, Switzerland	1967	Daren Tang (Director General)	UN agency for IP rights
World Economic Forum (WEF)	Cologny, Switzerland	1971	Borge Brende (President & CEO)	International public-private org.
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Rome, Italy	1945	Qu Dongyu (Director General)	UN body for food and agriculture
Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoC&I)	—	—	Piyush Goyal (Union Minister)	MoS: Jitin Prasada (Pilibhit, UP)
UNESCO	Paris, France	1945	Audrey Azoulay (Director-General)	UN agency for education and culture
Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	New Delhi, Delhi	1962	Praveen Kumar (Director General)	Border guarding force
World Health Organization (WHO)	Geneva, Switzerland	1948	Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (Director General)	UN agency for global health
Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)	New Delhi, India	—	Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Union Minister)	MoS: Dr. C.S. Pemmasani (Guntur, AP), Kamlesh Paswan (Bansgaon, UP)
Kerala (State)	Capital: Thiruvananthapuram	—	CM: Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor: Rajendra V. Arlekar	Sanctuaries: Karimpuzha, Kurinjimala; Port: Kochi
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	—	—	Rajnath Singh (Union Minister)	MoS: Sanjay Seth (Ranchi, Jharkhand)

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Elsevier Publishers	Amsterdam, Netherlands	1880	Kumsal Bayazit (CEO)	Part of RELX Group – global research publisher
United Nations (UN)	New York City, USA	1945	António Guterres (Secretary-General)	Global intergovernmental body
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	—	CM – Pinarayi Vijayan	Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar; Tiger Reserves – Periyar TR, Parambikulam TR
Indian Coast Guard (ICG)	New Delhi, Delhi	1978	DG – Paramesh Sivamani	—
UNODA	New York, USA	1998	USG & HR – Izumi Nakamitsu (Japan)	—
Ministry of Finance (MoF)	New Delhi, India	—	Union Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman (RS–Karnataka)	MoS – Pankaj Chaudhary (Maharajanj, UP)
UNCTAD	Geneva, Switzerland	1964	Secretary-General – Rebeca Grynsman	—
FATF	Paris, France	1989	President – Elisa de Anda Madrazo (Mexico)	—
IUCN	Gland, Switzerland	1948	President – Razan Al Mubarak / DG – Dr. Grethel Aguilar	Maintains the Red List of Threatened Species
RBI	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1935	Governor – Sanjay Malhotra	—
City Union Bank (CUB)	Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu	—	MD & CEO – Dr. N. Kamakodi	Tagline – “Trust and Excellence since 1904”
ICMR	New Delhi, Delhi	1911	DG – Dr. Rajiv Bahl	—
Kotak Mahindra Bank	Mumbai, Maharashtra	21 Nov 1985	CEO – Ashok Vaswani	—
Russia	Moscow	—	President – Vladimir Putin; PM – Mikhail Mishustin	Currency – Russian Ruble (RUB)
BWF	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	1934	President – Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul	—
European Chess Union (ECU)	Hünenberg, Switzerland	1985	President – Zurab Azmaiparashvili	—
Indian Army (IA)	New Delhi, Delhi	1895	CoAS – General Upendra Dwivedi	Motto – Seva Paramo Dharma
ASIFA	Annecy, France	1960	President – Deanna Morse	Operates under UNESCO; Unites global animators for peace
Rajasthan	Jaipur	—	CM – Bhajan Lal Sharma	Governor – Haribhau Kishanrao Bagde; NPs – Ranthambore NP, Keoladeo NP
MoA&FW	New Delhi, India	—	Union Minister – Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Vidisha, MP)	MoS – Ram Nath Thakur (RS–Bihar), Bhagirath Choudhary (Ajmer, Rajasthan)
UNODC	Vienna, Austria	1997	Executive Director – Ghada Fathi Waly	—
IAPB	London, UK	1975	President – Caroline Casey	—
ILO	Geneva, Switzerland	1919	DG – Gilbert F. Houngbo (Togo)	Member Nations – 187
World Stroke Organisation (WSO)	Geneva, Switzerland	2006	President – Jeyaraj Pandian (India)	President-Elect – Craig Anderson (Australia)
Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)	New Delhi, Delhi	1964	Central Vigilance Commissioner – Praveen Kumar Srivastava	Promotes integrity; autonomous; reports to Parliament

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Ministry of Culture	New Delhi, India	—	Union Minister – Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Jodhpur, Rajasthan)	MoS – Rao Inderjit Singh (Gurugram, Haryana)
Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY)	New Delhi, India	—	Union Minister – Ashwini Vaishnaw (RS–Odisha)	MoS – Jitin Prasada (Pilibhit, UP)
Telangana	Hyderabad	—	CM – Anumula Revanth Reddy	Governor – Jishnu Dev Varma; NPs – KBR NP, Mahavir Harina Vanasthali NP
State Bank of India (SBI)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1955	Chairman – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty	Originated from Bank of Calcutta (1806)
MoCF	New Delhi, India	—	Union Minister – Jagat Prakash Nadda (RS–Gujarat)	MoS – Anupriya Patel (Mirzapur, UP)
Republic of Seychelles	Victoria	—	—	Currency – Seychelles Rupee (SCR)
MoC&I	New Delhi, India	—	Union Minister – Piyush Goyal (Mumbai North, Maharashtra)	MoS – Jitin Prasada (Pilibhit, UP)
NITI Aayog	New Delhi, Delhi	2015	Vice-Chairperson – Suman Bery	—
Uttar Pradesh (UP)	Lucknow	—	CM – Yogi Adityanath	Governor – Anandiben Patel; NP – Dudhwa NP
NTPC Green Energy Ltd (NGEL)	Greater Noida, UP	2022	CMD – Gurdeep Singh (Addl. Charge)	—
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Manila, Philippines	1966	—	—
South Korea	Seoul	—	President – Lee Jae Myung	Currency – South Korean Won (KRW)
Nepal	Kathmandu	—	PM – Sushila Karki	Currency – Nepalese Rupee (NPR)
NICDC	New Delhi, Delhi	2008 (renamed 2020)	MD & CEO – Rajat Kumar Saini	Under MoC&I (DPIIT); Formerly DMICDC
Karnataka	Bengaluru	—	CM – Siddaramaiah	Governor – Thawar Chand Gehlot; TRs – BRT TR, Bandipur TR
World Savings and Retail Banking Institute (WSBI)	Brussels, Belgium	1924	President – Isidro Fainé	—

