

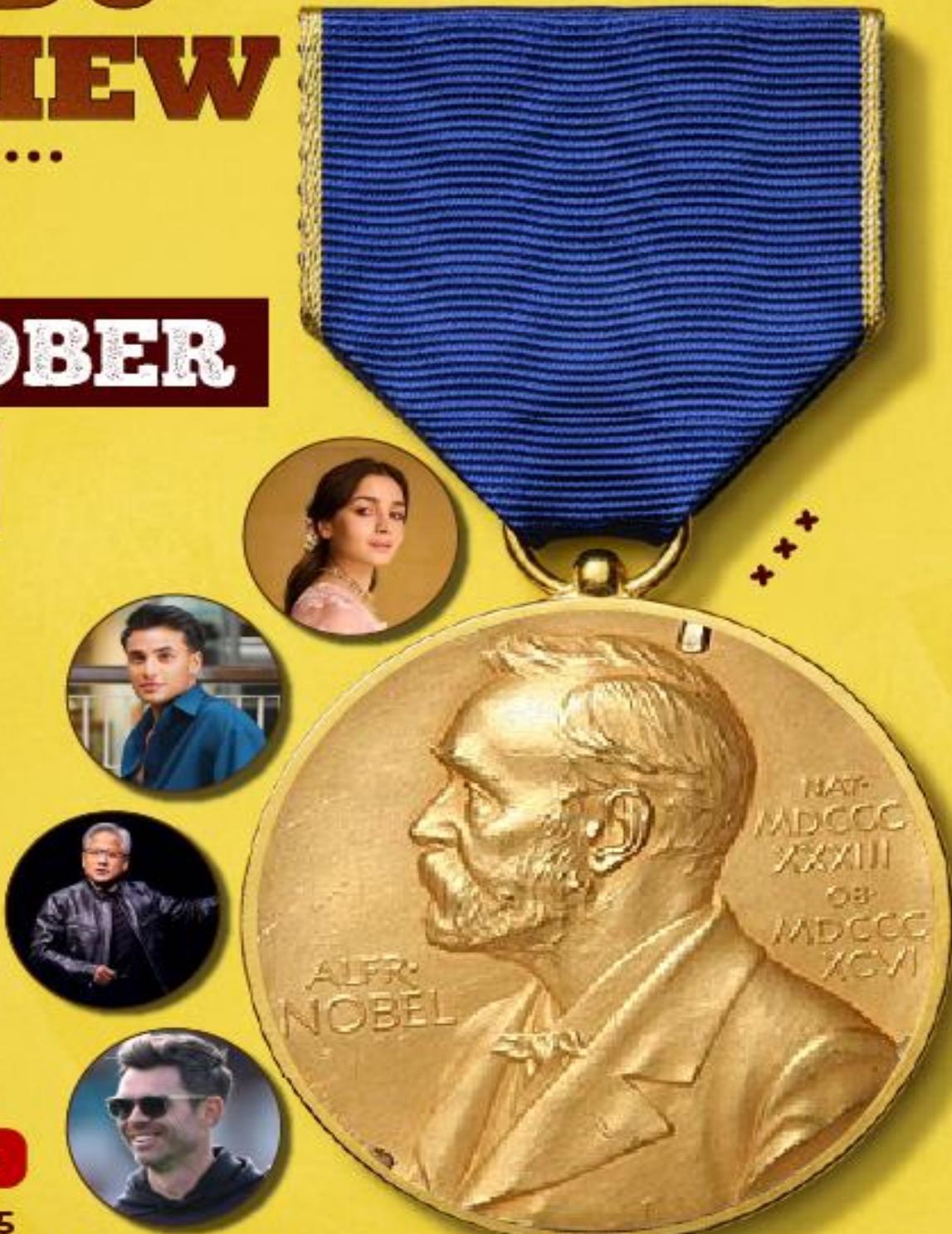
THE HINDU REVIEW

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- MONTHLY CAPSULE

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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).



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 Aghion) |

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 Rannta | 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 | Street 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-Caeser | 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 5.5% to 5.8% 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.
- Unmesh 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, Kopargaon*, 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 AIIMS Goa blending Ayurveda, Yoga & modern oncology.
- NIELIT Digital University Platform:** Launched by Ashwini Vaishnaw 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 Relaunched:** 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.
- All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) 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, Mudiyettu, 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.
- **Mappi App Gains National Recognition:** Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** endorsed **Mappi**, 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 Pulses for in | 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 Sébastien 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) |

| S. No. | Bank Name / Institution | Purpose / Key Update |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 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 |

| S. No. | Name | Purpose / Key Update |
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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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
| 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 Hillary & 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 | Shubhangshu 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 |

| S. No. | Person Name | Appointed As | Entity / Place | Key Notes |
|--------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 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 Research and 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 |

| S. No. | Award Name | Award Winner / Recipient | Field / Organisation | Key Notes |
|--------|---|---|-----------------------------|--|
| 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 | 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 Amrit | 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 Korisettar | 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 "Innovating for Impact"; 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: "The Commonwealth: A Global Partner"; 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 (20x 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 Readiness Mining 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 IRS 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 Interstellar Leads 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) | Stellerus 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 Mariavaan . |
| 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 |
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| 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 | <i>Theme:</i> "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 | <i>Theme:</i> "Digitizing Our Shared UNESCO History" — promotes digital preservation of historical media records. |
| Oct 27 – Nov 2, 2025 | Vigilance Awareness Week (India) | <i>Theme:</i> "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 Sambhajinagar 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 Puliyankudi 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 for Aatmanirbharta in 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: Shehzad 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—AIIMS 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 (Unmesh) | 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 Nation 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); Sumanth 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 (Banegaon, 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 (Maharajganj, UP) |
| UNCTAD | Geneva, Switzerland | 1964 | Secretary-General – Rebeca Grynspan | — |
| 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 – Haribhai 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 Vanasthalı 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 | — |

