

June 2025 Current Affairs

Important Days

- **World Environment Day 2025:** Celebrated on June 5th. The theme was "Together Putting an End to Plastic Pollution." The Republic of Korea (South Korea) officially hosted the event. A UNEP campaign, #BeatPlasticPollution, was also launched. World Environment Day was established in 1972 in Stockholm and first observed in 1973.
- **International Day of Yoga 2025:** Celebrated on June 21st, coinciding with the Summer Solstice. The theme was "Yoga for One Earth, One Health." Yoga signifies "union" of body and consciousness. It was officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014 and first celebrated on June 21, 2015.
- **Global Day of Parents & World Milk Day:** June 1st.
- **Telangana Formation Day:** June 2nd.
- **World Bicycle Day:** June 3rd.
- **World Food Safety Day:** June 7th. Theme: "Food Safety Science and Action."
- **World Oceans Day:** June 8th. Theme: "Wonder Sustaining What Sustains Us."
- **World Brain Tumor Day:** June 8th.
- **World Accreditation Day:** June 9th. Theme: "Accreditation for SMEs."
- **World Day Against Child Labour:** June 12th. Theme: "Progress is Clear, But There is More to Do. Let's Speed Up Efforts."
- **Russia Day:** June 12th.
- **International Albinism Awareness Day:** June 13th. Theme: "Demanding Our Rights, Protect Us Can Preserve Our Lives."
- **World Blood Donor Day:** June 14th. Theme: "Give Blood. Give Hope. Together We Save Lives."
- **World Wind Day:** June 15th.
- **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought:** June 17th. Theme: "Restore the Land, Unlock the Opportunities."
- **World Sickle Cell Awareness Day:** June 19th. Theme: "Global Action, Local Impact: Empowering Communities for Effective Self-Advocacy."
- **World Refugee Day:** June 20th. Theme: "Solidarity with Refugees."
- **World Rainforest Day:** June 22nd.
- **UN Public Service Day:** June 23rd. Theme: "Five Years to 2030: Accelerating Public Service Delivery for a Sustainable Future."
- **International Olympic Day:** June 23rd.
- **International Day of Women in Diplomacy:** June 24th. Theme: "Eliminating Structural Barriers to Women Leadership."
- **Constitution Assassination Day (Samvidhan Hatya Diwas):** June 25th. Declared by the current government to mark the Emergency period in 1975.
- **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking:** June 26th. Theme: "The Evidence is Clear: Invest in Prevention." This year's theme: "Break the Cycle, #StopOrganizedCrime."
- **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Day (MSME Day):** June 27th. Theme: "Enhancing the Role of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises as Drivers of Sustainable

Growth and Innovation."

- **International Day of Deafblindness:** June 27th.
- **National Statistics Day:** June 29th. Celebrated on the birth anniversary of P.C. Mahalanobis. Theme: "75 Years of National Sample Survey."
- **International Day of the Tropics:** June 29th.
- **International Asteroid Day:** June 30th.
- **International Day of Parliamentarism:** June 30th. Theme: "Achieving Gender Equality: Action by Action."

Books

- **"The Emergency Diaries: Years That Forged a Leader":** Chronicles the early life and contributions of PM Narendra Modi during the Emergency period. Released by Amit Shah.
- **"President's Speeches Compilation" (Wings to Our Hope Volume Two):** Released by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- **"Karnad Kaleidoscope":** By Muralidhara Khajane, discusses actor Girish Karnad.
- **"The Stars Light the Way":** By Sucheta Raj Khanna.
- **"Guardians of Heritage":** By Senthil Kumar Chandrasekaran, discusses GI-tagged products in India.
- **"A Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory":** By eminent climate scientist Dr. Jagadish Shukla.
- **"Story of Schism and Ism":** By R Mohan (IRS officer), details Kerala's historical backdrop.
- **"India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent":** By Audrey Truschke.
- **"Kashmir in Insurgency: Deconstructing the State Response, Revisiting 1989-90":** By Retired Colonel Yogendra Khandari.
- **"The One: Cricket, My Life and More":** Memoir of cricketer Shikhar Dhawan.
- **"History That India Ignored":** Unveiled by Union Minister Jitendra Singh, written by Prem Prakash (ANI Chairman and journalist).
- **"Woman, Life, Freedom":** Upcoming book by Chora Makaremi, discusses women's protests in Iran after Mahsa Amini's death.
- **"New World: 21st Century Global Order in India":** By senior BJP leader Ram Madhav.

Appointments

- **Rajeev Memani:** Appointed President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for FY 2025-26. CII was established in 1895 as a non-government, not-for-profit organization.
- **Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki:** First woman to be appointed as Aide-de-Camp to the President of India. She is the first woman officer from the Indian Navy to hold this responsibility.
- **Parag Jain:** Appointed as the next Secretary of RAW (Research and Analysis Wing) for two years.
- **S. Mahendra Dev:** Economist, appointed Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).
- **Ashwani Lohani:** Former Air India Chief, appointed Director of the Prime Minister's Museum and Library in New Delhi.

- **Aliawati Longkumar:** Appointed as India's next Ambassador to North Korea.
- **Air Marshal Manish Khanna:** Assumed charge of the Southern Air Command.
- **Anuradha Thakur:** Economic Affairs Secretary Designate, appointed as a new member of SEBI.
- **T. Rabi Sankar:** RBI Deputy Governor, appointed as a member of the 16th Finance Commission (chaired by Arvind Panagariya).
- **Shailesh C. Mehta:** Managing Director of Deepak Fertilizers and Petrochemical Corp, appointed Chairman of the Fertilizer Association of India (FAI).
- **Satpal Bhanu:** LIC Managing Director, appointed CEO and MD of LIC for three months.
- **Swarup Kumar Saha:** MD of Punjab & Sind Bank, tenure extended until February 2027.
- **Ashish Pandey:** Appointed MD & CEO of Union Bank of India.
- **Kalyan Kumar:** Appointed MD & CEO of Central Bank of India.
- **Sandeep Mathur:** Appointed General Manager of South Coast Railway (SCOR) Zone by the Railway Board.
- **Stefen Schafer:** Appointed CEO of Deutsche Bank India.
- **Sudarsan Venu:** Current MD of TVS Motor Company, also named its incoming Chairman.
- **Bobby Mukkamala:** Indian-origin physician, appointed 180th President of the American Medical Association (AMA), the first physician of Indian heritage to lead the organization.
- **Professor Ananth Chandrasekaran:** First Indian American to be named Provost of MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).
- **Katrina Kaif:** Appointed as Maldives' Global Tourism Ambassador.
- **M.S. Dhoni:** Appointed Brand Ambassador for Dettol.
- **Shiv Subramanian Raman:** Assumed charge as Chairperson of PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority).
- **Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana:** Indian Army Commander-in-Chief of Andaman & Nicobar Command, appointed 23rd Colonel of the Regiment of Garhwal Rifles.
- **Zou Jiayi:** Appointed President of AIIB (Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank).

Awards

- **AIIMS Mohali:** Set an Asia record for the largest yoga session by healthcare professionals on the 11th International Day of Yoga 2025. Over 3000 participants.
- **Guinness World Records (International Day of Yoga 2025):** Two records set in Andhra Pradesh:
 - Mass Surya Namaskar session by tribal students (over 22,000).
 - Largest yoga session at a single location (over 3 lakh people at RK Beach).
- **Bloomberg Philanthropies Award (Global Tobacco Control):** India was among six countries to receive this award. The National Tobacco Control Cell (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) received the 'O' category award for promoting tobacco cessation. Other winning countries include Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Philippines, and Ukraine.
- **National Awards for e-Governance:**
 - Gold Award: Rohini Gram Panchayat, Dhule, Maharashtra (for outstanding digital initiative in Panchayati Raj Institution).
 - Silver Award: West Majlispur Gram Panchayat, Tripura.
- **Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2025:** Announced for 23 writers. Notable winners: Anuvrat Kotari (English) and Parvati Tirkey (Hindi).
- **Justice H.S. Hegde Charitable Foundation Award 2025:** Awarded to Sudha Murty for

her contributions to society.

- **Kalaigarnar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award 2025:** Presented by Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin to Tharnal Aravanan.
- **Food Planet Prize 2025 (2 Million USD):** Awarded to Swedish company Natrocapt. Considered the world's largest environment award.
- **Sasakawa Award:** Awarded by UNDRR (United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction) to Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of IMD (Indian Meteorological Department), for his work in disaster risk reduction.
- **Champion of Digital Media Award (South Asia 2025):** Awarded to The Hindu Group by the World Association of News Publishers.
- **Honorary Leopard Award (Locarno Film Festival):** To be given to American filmmaker Alexander Payne.
- **Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film (Annecy International Animation Festival 2025, France):** Awarded to Suresh Eriyat for his animated film "Desi Oon."
- **Dostoevsky Star Award (Russia):** Javed Akhtar became the first Indian writer to receive this award for strengthening cultural relations between India and Russia.
- **James Beard Award for Best Chef in New York:** Won by Vijay Kumar (casually known as the "Oscar of the Food World" in the culinary world).
- **Knighthood:** To be conferred upon David Beckham (former England soccer captain and UN Children's Fund Ambassador) by King Charles III.
- **Shakti Bhatt Prize 2025:** Zara Chaudhary named for her debut memoir "The Lucky Ones." This will be the final award in this category.
- **Dharma Chakravarti Samman:** Conferred upon PM Modi on June 20th during the centenary celebrations of Jain Muni Acharya Shri 108 Vidyanand Ji Maharaj.
- **Guinness World Record Icon List:** Usain Bolt's name included.

Obituaries

- **Etienne-Emile Baulieu:** Pioneer of the abortion pill, French biochemist and physician, passed away. He developed the oral drug RU 486 (Mifepristone).
- **Mangala Bhatt:** Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee, Kathak exponent, passed away.
- **Maruti Chitampalli:** Noted environmentalist, wildlife expert, Padma Shri awardee, fondly known as "Aranya Rishi," passed away in Maharashtra.
- **Vijay Rupani:** Former Gujarat CM, passed away in an Air India flight crash.
- **Bill Atkinson:** Involved in creating the graphical interface for Apple company, passed away.
- **Dilip Doshi:** Former Indian spinner, passed away.

National News

- **IATA Annual General Meeting 2025:** PM Narendra Modi addressed the 81st Annual General Meeting of IATA (International Air Transport Association) in Delhi. This was the first time India hosted the IATA AGM in 42 years. India is the world's third-largest domestic aviation market. IATA was established in 1945 in Havana, Cuba, with its headquarters in Montreal, Canada.
- **Bharat GPT:** India launched Bharat GPT, a government-backed large language model for text, speech, and images in 22 Indian languages. It's an indigenously developed product

of the National Mission for Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems, supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

- **India's First Wildlife Overpass Corridor:** Constructed by NHAI (National Highway Authority of India) on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway. The 12 km stretch passes through the Ranthambore buffer zone. It includes five overpasses (500m each) and one underpass (1.2 km), making it India's longest wildlife underpass.
- **Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited:** Became India's first maritime NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company), providing funding for the maritime sector. It has been granted Mini Ratna Category-I status and is headquartered in Delhi.
- **Lokpal of India:** Changed its motto to "Empower Citizens, Expose Corruption." The previous motto was "Ma Gridha Kasyasya Svidhanam" (Do not be greedy for anybody's wealth). Lokpal Day is celebrated on January 16th. Pinaki Chandra Ghose was the first chairperson.
- **Pratibha Setu Platform:** UPSC launched a new platform, Pratibha Setu (Professional Resource and Talent Integration Bridge for Hiring Aspirants), to connect top non-recommended candidates with private employers. It was formerly known as the Public Disclosure Scheme (PDS).
- **CBSE Class 10 Board Exams:** From 2026, students will have two chances annually, with the first attempt being mandatory. This change aligns with the New Education Policy.
- **Estimates Committee:** Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the National Conference for Estimates Committee in Mumbai. The committee was established in 1950 and consists of 30 Lok Sabha MPs (excluding ministers).
- **National Polio Surveillance Network:** Government of India, in coordination with WHO, plans to gradually phase out the network, reducing centers from 280 to 140 by 2026-27 due to declining cases.
- **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan:** Completed nine years (launched in 2016). Provides free antenatal care to pregnant women on the 9th of every month.
- **Nationwide Waste Picker Enumeration App:** Launched by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to integrate waste pickers into the government's Namaste Scheme for social security benefits.
- **Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA) / Indian Language Section:** Launched by Amit Shah, in collaboration with C-DAC, to develop the Kanthasth Bahubhashini Translation System for bridging the gap between Hindi and regional languages.
- **National Registry for Rare Blood Donors:** Created by NIHH (National Institute of Immunohematology) in Mumbai, under ICMR, to facilitate contact with rare blood donors.
- **Gyan Post:** Introduced by the Department of Post for affordable delivery of educational, cultural, social, and religious books.
- **TRAI Tariff Capping:** TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) capped tariffs for Public Data Offices under the PM-WANI scheme to ensure affordable Wi-Fi.
- **Indian Standard Time (IST):** Government decided to make IST mandatory for all legal, commercial, digital, and administrative activities. IST is 5.5 hours ahead of GMT.
- **Committee on Coaching Institutions:** Center formed a panel headed by Higher Education Secretary Vineet Joshi to study and reduce students' over-dependence on coaching institutions.
- **Y-Break:** A 5-minute guided yoga module developed by the Ministry of AYUSH for professionals to take a quick break at their desks.
- **Operation Sindhu:** Launched by India to evacuate Indians stranded in Iran during the Iran-Israel conflict.

- **4th India-Central Asia Dialogue:** Hosted by India in New Delhi, chaired by S. Jaishankar.
- **Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner Crash:** An Air India-operated Dreamliner crashed shortly after takeoff from Ahmedabad airport, killing 241 people.
- **16th Census:** Government formally announced the 16th Census to take place in two phases, with reference dates of March 1, 2027 (majority of country) and October 1, 2026 (hilly terrains). This census will include caste data for the first time since 1931.
- **C-CARES Version 2.0:** Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy launched C-CARES Version 2.0, developed by C-DAC, a web portal for the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization.
- **Dharti Aaba Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan:** India launched its largest-ever tribal empowerment campaign to deliver government services directly to over 1 lakh tribal villages.
- **CropIC:** Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare launched CropIC, a tech-driven initiative to monitor crop health.
- **Aadi Karmayogi Initiative:** Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched this to train officials to deliver services to tribal populations.
- **Sugamya Bharat App:** Revamped with AI features for reporting accessibility issues for digitally challenged individuals.
- **Operation Deep Manifest:** DRI (Directorate of Revenue Intelligence) seized illegal goods worth ₹9 crore from Pakistan.
- **GOI STATS Mobile App:** NSO (National Sample Survey Office) launched this app on Statistics Day (June 29th) to make statistical data publicly available.
- **Operation Chakra V:** CBI cracked down on cyber fraud networks.
- **IFFCO Plant in Brazil:** Indian Farmer Fertilization Cooperative (IFFCO) is setting up its first plant abroad in Brazil to manufacture nano soil nutrients.

State News

- **Tripura:** Became the third state in India to be declared fully functionally literate under the ULLAS Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Program). Mizoram and Goa were the first two states, and Ladakh was the first UT. ULLAS aims to provide functional literacy to adults aged 15 and above.
- **Uttar Pradesh Police Recruitment Policy for Agniveers:** Announced 20% reservation in state police forces and up to three years of age relaxation for Agniveer candidates who completed four years of service. Haryana and Odisha also announced 10% reservation.
- **Ladakh Reservation Regulation 2025:** Center approved new regulations for jobs and domicile in Ladakh. Total reservation cap for SC, ST, OBC, and other socially/educationally backward groups is 85% (excluding 10% EWS quota). Domicile requirement introduced for government jobs (15 years residency or 7 years study). Official languages: Hindi, English, Urdu, Bhoti, Purigi. One-third seats in Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (Leh and Kargil) reserved for women.
- **Assam & Meghalaya Joint Hydro Power Project:** Collaborated to launch a 55 MW hydro power and irrigation project on the Kulsi River, a tributary of the Brahmaputra. The project will generate electricity, provide irrigation to Assam, and address urban flooding in Guwahati.
- **Salkhan Fossil Park (Uttar Pradesh):** Included in UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites. Also known as Sonbhadra Fossil Park, it's located in the Kaimoor Wildlife

Sanctuary and contains unique stromatolite fossils dating back 1.4 billion years.

- **Arlam Wildlife Sanctuary (Kerala):** Renamed Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary, becoming India's first dedicated butterfly sanctuary.
- **Shongtong Karcham Hydroelectric Project (Himachal Pradesh):** Built on the Satluj River in Kinnaur district, a 450 MW run-of-the-river project. CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu set a deadline of November 2026 for its completion.
- **Uttarakhand Yoga Policy:** Became the first state to introduce a comprehensive yoga policy promoting yoga, wellness, and naturopathy. It includes ₹20 lakh subsidy for yoga/wellness centers and ₹1 lakh grant for research.
- **Bihar E-Voting System:** Became the first Indian state to launch an Android-based e-voting system for groups like migrant workers, divyang voters, and senior citizens.
- **India's First Underwater Museum & Artificial Coral Reef:** To be developed around the decommissioned warship INS Guldar in Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra.
- **Greater Flamingo Sanctuary (Tamil Nadu):** Newly notified in Dhanushkodi, Ramnathapuram District, within the Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve, to protect migratory Greater Flamingos.
- **Jammu:** Notified as a new railway division under the Northern Railway Zone from June 1st.
- **Annual Kheer Bhawani Mela:** Celebrated in Jammu & Kashmir at the Mata Ragnya Devi Temple.
- **India's First E-Waste Recycling Eco-Park:** Announced in Holambi Kalan, North Delhi.
- **Delhi Cab Aggregators:** No new petrol or diesel-powered vehicles to be added to cab aggregator fleets in Delhi, as per the Commission for Air Quality Management.
- **Jai Hind Scheme (Delhi University):** Launched for skill development of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students to help them clear higher education entrance exams.
- **Rajiv Gandhi Van Sanvardhan Yojana (Himachal Pradesh):** Launched by CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu to increase green cover and plant fruit-bearing trees.
- **Raja Khas (Himachal Pradesh):** First solar model village in Himachal Pradesh (Kangra District).
- **Punjab Udyog Kranti Initiative (Punjab):** Launched by the Punjab Government to simplify and invigorate the industrial development process.
- **India's Largest Automobile Gati Shakti Multimodal Cargo Terminal:** Inaugurated by Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at Maruti Suzuki Manesar Facility, Haryana.
- **Jal Ganga Sanvardhan Abhiyan (Madhya Pradesh):** Initiative to rejuvenate rivers and water bodies.
- **Ujjain Spiritual and Wellness Summit:** Hosted on June 5th with the theme "Wellness: A New Perspective."
- **Jharkhand's First Tiger Safari:** Planned in the fringe areas of Barwadih Western Forest Range, Latehar District, near Palamu Tiger Reserve.
- **Assam Cabinet Arms License Scheme:** Approved a scheme to provide arms licenses to indigenous people living as minorities in their areas.
- **Mukhyamantri Jeevan Anupreana Scheme (Assam):** Launched by CM Himanta Biswa Sarma to provide financial support to research scholars, particularly disabled individuals.
- **Maharashtra Three-Language Policy:** CM Fadnavis revoked the government resolution on making Hindi compulsory in primary schools; a committee headed by Dr. Narendra Jadhav will decide on its implementation.
- **Cherrapunjee Eastern Craft Gin:** Became the first alcohol label from Northeast India to be exported.

- **First Dedicated Maintenance Depot for Vande Bharat Trains:** Being set up at Bhagat Ki Kothi, Jodhpur Railway Division.
- **Jutappi Jungle Lands (Maharashtra):** Supreme Court ruled that these lands in the Vidarbha region should be classified as forest land.
- **13-Digit Alpha-Numeric Unique ID for Infrastructure Projects (Maharashtra):** All infrastructure development projects will be assigned a unique ID for easier tracking.
- **India's First International Agri Hackathon:** Held in Pune to discuss technological advancements in agriculture.
- **Samruddhi Mahamarg:** Operational, reducing travel time between Mumbai and Nagpur to 9 hours.
- **Goa's Ozo Fenny:** Received GI-tag.
- **Ghumot (Goa):** Traditional percussion instrument, declared State Heritage Instrument in 2019, currently in news for further promotion.
- **Karnataka Tobacco Purchase Age:** Revised from 18 to 21 years.
- **Telangana Stone Inscription:** A 1418 CE stone inscription found near Telapur, Hyderabad, is the earliest known reference to "Telangana."
- **Praja Teerpu Dinam (Andhra Pradesh):** Declared by CM N. Chandrababu Naidu on June 4th (People's Verdict Day), marking the change in government.
- **First Indian Epigraphical Reference to Halley's Comet:** Found on a copper plate inscription at Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, Srisailem, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Mandap Yojana (Bihar):** Cabinet approved marriage halls in every panchayat.
- **Shaktipeeth Expressway (Maharashtra):** Cabinet approved this expressway connecting Wardha (Pawanar) to Patradevi (Maharashtra-Goa border).
- **Navya (Uttar Pradesh):** Central Government launching Navya (Nurturing Aspirations Through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls) in Sonbhadra.
- **Ambubachi Mela (Assam):** Organized at Kamakhya Devi Temple in Guwahati, also known as the "Mahakumbh of the East."
- **Adani Group Green Hydrogen Plant:** Commissioned India's first off-grid 5 MW green hydrogen pilot plant in Kutch, Gujarat.
- **Balaga Ganesh:** Para swimmer from Eluru, set a record by swimming both the English Channel and Park Street in two months.
- **Bonalu (Telangana):** Folk festival celebrating Goddess Mahakali.
- **Ashadhi Beej:** Celebrated on the second day of the bright fortnight of the Ashadh month, coinciding with the Puri Jagannath Rath Yatra. It marks the New Year for the Kutch community.

International News

- **Annalena Baerbock (Germany):** Elected President of the 80th UNGA (United Nations General Assembly) session, the first woman from the Western European Group and overall fifth woman to lead the General Assembly.
- **International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS):** India won the presidency of IIAS for the 2025-2028 tenure. V. Srinivas, Secretary of the Department of Administrative Reform & Public Grievances, will represent India. IIAS was established in 1930 and is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. India has been a member since 1998.
- **G7 Summit 2025:** Held in Kananaskis, Canada (June 15-17). India is not a member but

has been attending as a special invitee since 2019. G7 is an informal intergovernmental group of the world's richest democracies, with no permanent secretariat. It was launched in 1975.

- **PM Modi's Gifts during G7 and Three-Nation Tour (Cyprus, Canada, Croatia):**
 - Cypriot President Nikos Christodoulides: Kashmiri Silk Carpet.
 - First Lady of Cyprus: Silver Clutch (from Andhra Pradesh).
 - Canadian PM Mark Carney: Brass Bodhi Tree (from Bihar).
 - Croatian PM: Silver Candle Stand.
 - Croatian President: Pattachitra Painting (from Odisha).
- **UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):** India was elected for the 2026-28 term. ECOSOC is a principal organ of the UN, established in 1945, with 54 member countries.
- **Strait of Hormuz:** Served as a crucial maritime passage between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman/Arabian Sea. Recent oil tanker fires raised concerns about energy security and trade. It's a choke point, strategically important, and handles 20% of global oil trade. India's Operation Sankalp ensures the safety of Indian vessels passing through.
- **Operation Secure:** Launched by Interpol to identify and dismantle malicious IP addresses and domains, targeting cybercrime infrastructure and malware.
- **Lee Jae-myung:** South Korea's newly elected President.
- **UNSC Non-Permanent Members:** UNGA elected Bahrain, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Latvia, and Liberia as new non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for a two-year term starting January 1, 2026.
- **Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III:** Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides conferred this highest civilian honor upon PM Modi.
- **7th Edition of ICDRI (India's Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure):** PM Modi virtually addressed the event held in Nice, France, with the theme "Shaping Resilient Future for Coastal Regions."
- **UN Ocean Conference:** The 3rd edition was held in Nice, France. France and Brazil launched the "Blue NDC (Nationally Determined Contribution) Challenge."
- **Vietnam:** Declared an official partner country of BRICS in June.
- **Indian Arrival Day:** Celebrated by the Indian Mission in Trinidad and Tobago, marking 180 years since Indians first arrived.
- **Poson Poya Festival (Sri Lanka):** Celebrated to mark 2000 years of Buddhism reaching Sri Lanka.
- **Operation Spider Web (Ukraine):** Ukraine launched swarm drone attacks on Russia's borders.
- **Iran-Israel Conflict:**
 - Israel launched "Operation Rising Lion" (PM Netanyahu) against Iran.
 - US launched "Operation Midnight Hammer" against Iran's nuclear facilities (Fordow, Natanz, Isfahan) using bunker buster bombs.
 - Iran launched "Operation Bashayer Al Fateh" in response, attacking US air bases.
- **UK Parliament:** Passed the "Terminally Ill Adults End of Life Bill," allowing terminally ill individuals (with less than 6 months to live) to end their lives.
- **Mount Etna (Italy):** Europe's largest active volcano, erupted. Located on the east coast of Sicily.
- **Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki (Indonesia):** Erupted on Flores Island, East Nusa Tenggara Province.
- **New Bangladesh Day:** Observed on August 8th, marking the interim government of Muhammad Yunus after Sheikh Hasina's eviction.

- **Donkey Demand in Pakistan:** Increased due to demand for Ejiao (gelatin from donkey skin used in Chinese traditional medicine) in China.
- **Annual Kataragama Esala Festival (Sri Lanka):** Cultural and religious festival.
- **Hong Kong Convention:** Enforced by IMO (International Maritime Organization) for safe and environmentally sound ship recycling. India has ratified it.
- **Tevibir Singh (India):** Youngest person globally to climb Mount Elbrus (Europe's highest peak in Russia).
- **Bajau People:** Indigenous people of coastal Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines, known for long underwater dives. Research showed their spleens are 50% larger than average.

Sports

- **IPL 2025:** RCB defeated PBKS in the final at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, winning their first IPL title.
 - **Finals Awards:** Player of the Match: Krunal Pandya (RCB); Super Striker: Jitesh Sharma; Super Sixes: Shashank Singh; On-the-Go Fours: Priyank Arya; Green Dot Ball: Krunal Pandya (500 trees planted for every green dot ball).
 - **Season Awards:** Emerging Player: Sai Sudharsan (Gujarat Titans); Super Striker: Vaibhav Suryavanshi; Super Sixes: Nicholas Pooran; On-the-Go Fours: Sai Sudharsan; Green Dot Balls: Mohammed Siraj; Catch of the Season: Kamindu Mendis; Fair Play Award: Chennai Super Kings; Purple Cap (leading wicket-taker): Prasidh Krishna; Orange Cap (leading run-scorer): Sai Sudharsan; Most Valuable Player: Suryakumar Yadav (Mumbai).
 - First IPL Champions (2008): Rajasthan Royals. CSK and Mumbai Indians have won 5 titles each.
- **UzChess Cup 2025:** Won by Praggnanandhaa, who became India's top-ranked chess player in live ratings and is now World No. 4.
- **2029 World Police and Fire Games:** India won the bid to host these games in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **ICC Cricket Rule Changes:**
 - Stop Clock: Fielding team must start the next over within 60 seconds (penalty of 5 runs for batting team).
 - ODI Ball Rule: Two new balls until 34 overs, then one to be used for remaining overs.
 - Boundary Catches: Fielder must land inside the boundary line after making contact with the ball.
 - Deliberate Short Runs: 5-run penalty.
 - DRS Wicket Zone Update: DRS decision based on the center of the ball hitting the stumps.
 - Concussion: Teams must nominate a replacement beforehand; concussed player gets 7 days mandatory rest.
- **55th CISM World Military Shooting Championship:** Master Chief Petty Officer Omkar Singh won a bronze medal for India in the 25m Center Fire Pistol event (first medal for India in this championship).
- **New Delhi 2025 World Para Athletics Championship:** Official mascot is a young elephant named Viraj. India is hosting this event for the first time.

- **ICC Hall of Fame 2025:** M.S. Dhoni was among seven new inductees, becoming the 11th Indian. Players are inducted 5 years after retirement.
- **French Open 2025 (Mixed Doubles):** Won by Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori.
 - Women's Singles: Coco Gauff.
 - Men's Singles: Carlos Alcaraz.
- **Ostrava Golden Spike Event 2025:** Neeraj Chopra won with a winning javelin throw of 85.29 meters.
- **Billie Jean King Cup Heart Award (Asia/Oceania Zone):** Won by Srivalli Bhamidipati. Sania Mirza (2021) and Ankita Raina (2022) previously won it.
- **15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship:** Hilang Yajik won both a gold (physique sport) and silver (bodybuilding) medal for India.
- **Khelo India University Games 2025:** To be jointly organized by Poornima University and Rajasthan University in Jaipur for the first time.

Science & Technology and Environment

- **India's First Indigenous Polar Research Vessel:** GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited) signed an MoU with Norway's Kongsberg company to build it.
- **Aravalli Green Wall Initiative:** Launched by PM Modi on World Environment Day to rejuvenate the Aravalli Range. It covers 29 districts across Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Delhi, and is part of India's NDC under UNFCCC.
- **Zero-Gravity Indicator Toy (Joy):** A white swan plush toy carried by Sudhanshu Shukla on the Axiom-4 mission (first Indian astronaut to visit ISS, second Indian in space after Rakesh Sharma). The toy indicates zero gravity.
- **New Ramasar Sites (June 2025):** Menar (Udaipur) and Khichan (Phalodi), both in Rajasthan, were declared new Ramsar sites. This brings the total number of Ramsar sites in India to 91, and Rajasthan now has 4.
- **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA):** Bhupendra Yadav (Environment Minister) assumed the presidency at its inaugural assembly in New Delhi. Launched by India in 2023 for the conservation of seven big cats (tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, puma).
- **NASA's 2001 Mars Odyssey Orbiter:** Captured a beautiful picture of Arsia Mons volcano (one of the largest volcanoes on Mars).
- **X Chat:** Elon Musk released X Chat, a new messaging service.
- **Quantum 5G FWA (BSNL):** BSNL launched a new internet service in Hyderabad, offering fiber-like speeds wirelessly.
- **DRUM App (IIT Kharagpur):** Developed to provide information on less polluted routes for navigation.
- **H2A Rocket (Japan):** Lifted off from Tanegashima Space Center, carrying the GOSAT-GW satellite to gather climate change data.
- **Jahnvi Dangeti:** Analog astronaut from Andhra Pradesh, selected as an astronaut candidate for Titan Space Industries' 2029 space mission.
- **Guada Negative Blood System:** Identified by French Blood Establishment, a new blood system lacking the EMM antigen. Officially recognized by the International Society of Blood Transfusion.
- **Portulaca Bharat:** A new endemic flowering plant species discovered in the Aravalli Hills near Jaipur.

- **Gharial Species Conservation Program:** Launched by Bhupendra Yadav.
- **Tiger Deaths in Karnataka:** Five tigers (a mother and four cubs) found dead in Male Mahadeshwara Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, Karnataka, raising concerns about poisoning or poaching.

Index and Reports

- **WEF Gender Gap Index 2025:** India ranked 131st out of 148 countries (slipped from 129th). Iceland topped the index for the 16th consecutive year.
- **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025:** India ranked 10th. Jointly published by Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute, and Climate Action Network International. Top three positions are empty, with Denmark ranking 4th (highest performer). Iran is at the bottom.
- **Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) 2020-25:** Kerala topped the national evaluation of protected areas with a "very good" rating (76.22%). Iravikulam National Park (Kerala) and Dachigam National Park (J&K) scored highest among protected areas. Chandigarh topped among UTs, while Ladakh received a "poor" rating.
- **Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2025:** India ranked 3rd globally, with 1523 unicorns recorded. USA dominated, followed by China. Bengaluru is the unicorn capital of India, followed by Mumbai. Fintech and gaming are the top sectors.
- **Global Peace Index 2025:** Published by IEP (Institute for Economics and Peace). India ranked 115th out of 163 countries. Iceland is the most peaceful country, and Afghanistan is the least peaceful.
- **Global Terrorism Index (GTI):** Also published by IEP. India ranked 14th out of 163 countries, with Burkina Faso having the highest terrorism impact.
- **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Index:** India ranked 99th out of 167 countries, entering the top 100 for the first time. Finland topped the index.
- **Energy Transition Index 2025:** Released by WEF. India ranked 71st out of 118 countries. Sweden topped the index, followed by Finland and Denmark. Congo is at the bottom.
- **QS World University Rankings 2026:** IIT Delhi emerged as the highest-ranked Indian institution (123rd globally), surpassing IIT Bombay.
- **Times Higher Education Impact Ranking:** Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and Lovely Professional University were the only Indian institutions in the top 50.
- **Performance Grading Index 2.0 (Ministry of Education):** Chandigarh topped, and Meghalaya was at the bottom in school education ranking.
- **Global Drought Outlook Report (OECD):** 40% of the world's land area faces frequent and severe droughts.
- **Unvaccinated and Zero-Dose Children Category (2023):** India ranked 2nd after Nigeria.
- **Comprehensive Household Income Survey:** Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation announced India would conduct its first comprehensive survey in 2026.
- **Sea Level Rise:** India's eastern and western coastal regions are experiencing faster sea-level rise than the global average (World Meteorological Organization State of Climate in Asia 2024 report).
- **Best Airline (Skytrax 2025):** Qatar Airways declared the world's best airline.

Defense

- **Adamya (Indian Coast Guard):** Newly inducted fast patrol vessel, developed by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL). It's part of a series of eight vessels, with over 60% indigenous content.
- **THAAD (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense):** Advanced anti-ballistic missile system developed by the USA. It intercepts and destroys short, medium, and intermediate-range ballistic missiles without a warhead.
- **Convex-3 (2025):** Full-scale international exercise coordinated by IAEA and hosted by Romania in Bucharest. It simulated a severe accident at the Cernavoda Nuclear Power Plant to assess global preparedness for nuclear emergencies.
- **Exercise Tiger Claw:** Joint military exercise conducted between the special forces of India (Air Force's Garud Regiment) and the USA (Air Force's special forces).
- **Exercise Shakti:** The 8th edition of this joint military exercise between India and France was held in La Cavalerie, France. It's a biennial, bilateral exercise between the armies, ongoing since 2011.
- **Khan Quest:** Multinational military exercise hosted by Mongolia, with the Indian Army contingent participating.
- **INS Arnala:** Indian Navy commissioned this anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft in Visakhapatnam. Built by GRSE Kolkata in collaboration with L&T Shipbuilders.
- **Dassault Aviation & Tata Advanced Systems Limited:** Signed four production transfer agreements for the manufacturing of Rafale fighter aircraft in India.
- **ISRO Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) Technology Transfer:** ISRO transferred its SSLV technology to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the first time.
- **INS Nilgiri:** First indigenously built Project 17A stealth frigate, joined the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam.
- **Operation Bihali:** Conducted in Udhampur District, Jammu & Kashmir, to neutralize Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists.
- **Operation True Promise III (Iran):** Launched by Iran to continue military strikes against Israel.
- **Fattah Missile (Iran):** Iran used this hypersonic ballistic missile against Israel.
- **GBU-57 AB Bunker Buster Bomb (USA):** Also known as MOP (Massive Ordnance Penetrator), used by the US military to attack Iran's deeply buried nuclear facilities. The B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber is the only aircraft capable of carrying it.