

# Weekly One Liners 01st to 07th of December 2025

## 56th International Film Festival of India Held in Goa

Established in 1952, IFFI aims to showcase Indian cinema globally and bring world cinema to India. The event has been held annually in Goa since 2004, organised by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), in collaboration with the Government of Goa and the Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG).

### Special Country Participation

- Country of Focus: Japan
- Partner Country: Spain
- Spotlight Country: Australia

### Major Highlights of IFFI 2025

#### 1. Grand Carnival Parade Opening

For the first time, the festival opened with a street carnival parade inaugurated by Goa CM Pramod Sawant and Governor Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju.

It featured:

- 26 film-themed floats
- Cultural performances
- Public participation

#### 2. Opening & Closing Films

- Opening Film: *The Blue Trail* (Brazil), directed by Gabriel Mascaro
- Closing Film: *A Useful Ghost* (Thailand), directed by Ratchapoom Boonbunchachoke

### Awards & Felicitations

#### Commemorative Release

A postal stamp was launched to mark the 100th birth anniversary of cinematographer K Vaikunth.

#### Special Felicitations

- Nandamuri Balakrishna, MLA of Andhra Pradesh, received Special Recognition for Contribution to Indian Cinema.
- Industry legends Guru Dutt, Raj Khosla, Bhanumati, Bhuwan, Ritwik, and actors Rajinikanth and Balakrishna were honoured for completing 50 years in cinema.

### Participation Scope

- 240+ films from 81 countries
- 13 world premieres
- 5 international premieres
- 44 Asian premieres
- Selected from 2,314 submissions across 127 nations

### Screening Segments

IFFI featured competitive and curated segments, including:

- International Competition
- Indian Panorama (Feature & Non-Feature)

- Tribute Screenings
- World Cinema Showcase
- Documentaries and experimental cinema

### Panel Jury Highlight

Kamlesh K Mishra, National Award-winning filmmaker, served as a jury member for the Indian Panorama Feature section.

### Special Programmes

Nine curated sections were screened:

- Docu-Montage
- From the Festivals
- Rising Stars
- Mission Life
- Experimental Films
- Restored Classics
- Macabre Dreams
- UNICEF
- Cinema of the World

### Key Events at IFFI 2025

#### 1. WAVES Film Bazaar (19th Edition)

- Inaugurated on 20 November 2025 by Dr. L. Murugan (MoS, MIB) at the Marriott Resort, Panaji.
- Originally launched in 2007 as Film Bazaar, renamed in 2025.

### Highlights

- 300+ projects
- Delegations from over 7 countries
- Film incentives from 10+ Indian states
- Showcased Screenwriters' Lab, Co-production Market, Viewing Rooms, Market Screenings.

### Outcome

- Generated business leads worth ₹1,050 crore.
- Facilitated four major MoUs between NFDC, IFFI, FTII (Pune), Deakin University, Melbourne Film Festival and IICT (Mumbai).



**2. India's First AI Film Festival**

Organised jointly by IFFI, NFDC, and LTIMindtree.

**Top Winners**

- **Best AI Short Film – Craft Master Award (₹3 lakh):** *Nagori* (France)
- **Most Innovative AI Film – Craft Vanguard Award (₹2 lakh):** *The Cinema That Never Was* (Germany)
- **Best AI Animation – Craft Spectra Award (₹1 lakh):** *Kyra* (USA)

**Special Jury Mentions**

- *The Last Backup Final Part* – English
- *Miracle on Kachua Beach* – Hindi

**3. CMOT 2025 – Creative Minds of Tomorrow**

Launched by **Dr. L. Murugan (MoS, MIB)** to nurture young filmmaking talent.

**Participation**

- **125 youth**
- **48-hour filmmaking challenge across 13 crafts**, including:
  - Direction, Acting, Scriptwriting, Music
  - Editing, Animation, VFX, AR/VR, Sound
  - Costume, Makeup, Art direction
  - Voiceover and dubbing

**4. UNICEF – NFDC Partnership**

For the **fourth year**, UNICEF partnered with IFFI to promote films related to **childhood themes**.

Featured films include:

- *Odyssey of Joy*
- *Happy Birthday*
- *The Beetle Project*
- *Kadal Kanni*
- *Putul*

**IFFI 2025 – Major Award Winners**

Award	Winner	Country	Prize (Rs.)
Golden Peacock – Best Feature Film	<i>Skin of Youth</i> by Ashleigh Mayfair	Vietnam	40,00,000
Silver Peacock – Best Director	Santosh Davakhar ( <i>Gondhal</i> )	India (Marathi)	15,00,000
Silver Peacock – Best Actor (Male)	Ubeimar Rios ( <i>A Poet</i> )	Spain	10,00,000
Silver Peacock – Best Actor (Female)	Jara Sofija Ostan ( <i>Little Trouble Girls</i> )	Slovenia	10,00,000
Special Jury Award	Akinola Davies Jr ( <i>My Father's Shadow</i> )	UK-Nigeria	15,00,000
Best Debut Director	Hesam Farahmand – <i>My Daughter's Hair</i>	Iran	10,00,000

Award	Winner	Country	Prize (Rs.)
Best Debut Director (2nd entry)	Tonis Pill – <i>Frank</i>	Estonia	—
Best Debut Indian Feature Film	Karan Singh Tyagi – <i>Kesari Chapter 2</i>	India	5,00,000
Best Web Series (OTT)	<i>Bandish Bandits</i> Season 2	India	10,00,000
ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal	<i>Safe House</i> by Eirik Svensson	Norway	—
Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award	Rajinikanth	India	10,00,000

**World Athletics' Athletes of Year 2025**

Award	Winner	Country
Women's World Athlete of the Year	Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone	USA
Men's World Athlete of the Year	Mondo Duplantis	Sweden
Women's Track Athlete of the Year	Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone	USA
Men's Track Athlete of the Year	Emanuel Wanyonyi	Kenya
Women's Field Athlete of the Year	Nicola Olyslagers	Australia
Men's Field Athlete of the Year	Mondo Duplantis	Sweden
Women's Out of Stadium Athlete of the Year	Maria Perez	Spain
Men's Out of Stadium Athlete of the Year	Sabastian Sawe	Kenya
Women's Rising Star	Zhang Jiale	China
Men's Rising Star	Edmund Serem	Kenya
Coaching Achievement Award	Michael O'Connor	Ireland
President's Award	Bruce McAvaney	Australia
Woman of the Year	Ruth Jepchumba Bundotich	Kenya
International Fair Play Award	Tim Van de Velde	Belgium
Photograph of the Year	Vegard Grott	Norway
Member Federation Award	China	

**RBI Monetary Policy December 2025**

Under Section 45ZL of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, every quarter, India's **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** meets to decide how interest rates should move. These decisions shape borrowing costs, loan EMIs, business investments and the price of money in the economy.

From **December 3 to 5, 2025**, the MPC held its **58th meeting**. Led by **RBI Governor Shri Sanjay Malhotra**, it was attended by:

- Dr. Nagesh Kumar
- Shri Saugata Bhattacharya
- Prof. Ram Singh
- Dr. Poonam Gupta
- Shri Indranil Bhattacharyya

Together, they assessed domestic and global data, inflation behaviour, growth conditions and financial market signals before giving India a fresh monetary direction.

**The Big Decision: A Rate Cut to Push Growth**

After analysing numbers and risks, the MPC **unanimously reduced** the key policy rate — the **repo rate** — to **5.25%**. This is the interest rate at which RBI lends to commercial banks and serves as India's benchmark policy rate.

**Other policy rates shifted accordingly:**

- **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)** moved down to **5.00%**
- **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)** and the **Bank Rate** now stand at **5.50%**

Despite cutting rates, the RBI **kept its stance neutral**, meaning it remains neither biased towards easing nor tightening — future decisions will depend on data trends. One interesting disagreement emerged: **Prof. Ram Singh felt the stance should shift to accommodative**, signalling stronger support. This highlights how monetary policy involves judgement, debate and interpretation.

**Understanding Why MPC Cut Rates**

The RBI faces a classic challenge — inflation versus growth. Normally, high inflation prevents rate cuts and forces monetary tightening. However, **India entered a rare moment**:

- Inflation was at a **historic low**
- Growth was **strong but starting to soften**

This meant there was **room for policy support**. A lower repo rate reduces borrowing costs, encourages investment and can sustain growth momentum. The MPC therefore acted before early signs of slowdown became sharper.

**Global Context: Recovery with Warning Signals**

MPC discussions placed heavy emphasis on global developments:

- The world economy is **holding up better** than earlier forecasts
- The US shutdown ended, easing uncertainty
- Some trade agreements progressed

Yet risks remain elevated. Global inflation trends are uneven — advanced economies still face pressures. The US dollar strengthened due to safe-haven flows, while equity markets became **volatile**, reacting to changing expectations of monetary policy and fears about tech valuations.

This backdrop matters because India's export sector depends on global demand and risk sentiment.

**India's Growth Story: A Strong Headline with Early Soft Spots**  
India's economic performance impressed policymakers. In **Q2 2025-26**, GDP grew **8.2%**, a six-quarter high. GVA growth stood at **8.1%**, supported by industry and services.

**What contributed to this momentum?**

- GST rationalisation improved tax efficiency
- Lower crude oil prices reduced costs
- Government front-loaded capital expenditure
- Monetary conditions were supportive
- Corporate and banking balance sheets strengthened

High-frequency indicators in Q3 showed **continued resilience**, driven by festival demand, solid rural spending and a revival in private investment. However, some cracks emerged — **merchandise exports fell sharply** as external demand weakened, and services exports became softer.

**Looking Ahead: What Will Drive Growth?**

The MPC expects strong domestic drivers to continue:

- Good agriculture prospects
- Impact of GST reforms
- Sound corporate finances
- Lower inflation and easier credit conditions

**On the external front:**

- Services exports may remain steady
- Merchandise exports face pressure

For FY 2025-26, the RBI **projects GDP growth at 7.3%**.

Quarterly expectations are:

- **7.0% in Q3**
- **6.5% in Q4**

Growth for the first half of next financial year is expected around **6.7–6.8%**, showing moderation but continued strength.

**Inflation: The Story Behind the Rate Cut**

Inflation — the villain in most rate decisions — finally supported the RBI. October 2025 saw **the lowest inflation ever recorded**, mainly because **food prices corrected sharply**, which usually rise during this period.

Core inflation was stable and even **more subdued when gold-related inflation was excluded**. This gave MPC confidence that inflationary pressures were genuinely easing and not just temporarily.

**Inflation Outlook: Still Soft Ahead**

**Several factors support low inflation ahead:**

- Good kharif harvest
- Strong rabi sowing
- Adequate water reservoirs
- Easing global commodity prices

The RBI now projects inflation at **2.0% for FY 2025-26** — much lower than earlier estimates.

Break-up:

- **0.6% in Q3**
- **2.9% in Q4**

For FY 2026-27, inflation is expected to rise gradually toward the target:

- **3.9% in Q1**
- **4.0% in Q2**

Importantly, underlying inflation pressures are even lower once precious metal prices are set aside.

Why This Meeting Matters for Students

This meeting offers valuable learning:

1. When inflation is low and stable, central banks can support growth by cutting rates.
2. Neutral stance means RBI is keeping options open.
3. Monetary policy is forward-looking — decisions are made before slowdowns spill over into numbers.
4. Domestic conditions can justify easing even if global uncertainty persists.

These concepts help aspirants understand why interest rates move and how central banks balance competing priorities.

**National Affairs**

- **MoD signed ₹7,995 crore 5-year support deal with the USA for 24 MH-60R Seahawk helicopters under Foreign Military Sales** to enhance naval readiness.
- **India re-elected to IMO Category-B (2026-27) with 154 votes out of 169** — highest votes secured in the category.
- **India unveiled Hansa-3 NG, its first indigenous all-composite two-seater trainer aircraft**, launched by Union MoS Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- **India re-elected to UNESCO Executive Board (2025-29)**, signalling global faith in its role in multilateral education and cultural cooperation.
- **Ministry of Coal notified 18 new Accredited Prospecting Agencies**, raising the total to **45 APAs**, all accredited by QCI-NABET.
- **Ashwini Vaishnav inaugurated Semiconductor Process Gallery & PARANGAT Lab at SCL Mohali**, strengthening India Semiconductor Mission.
- **India Post released a 25-year commemorative stamp for National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) at Antarctica Day celebrations in Goa.**
- **GoI approved Sustainable Aviation Fuel blending targets — 1% (2027), 2% (2028), 5% (2030) for greener aviation.**

- **BIS released revised seismic zonation map under Earthquake Design Code 2025**, integrating data on faults, tectonics and lithology.
- **PMO complex renamed 'Seva Teerth'** to reinforce citizen-centric governance; **Raj Bhavan/Raj Niwas renamed Lok Bhavan/Lok Niwas.**
- **NITI Aayog Frontier Tech Hub released Roadmap for Quantum-Powered Economy targeting top-3 quantum nations by 2047.**
- The **Quantum Roadmap** was co-developed with **IBM and Expert Leadership Council**, focusing on **10 global-scale quantum startups** and **50% share in quantum services market by 2035.**
- **India's Total Fertility Rate dropped to 1.9**, projected population stabilisation at **1.8–1.9 billion by 2080.**
- **India achieved record 357 million tonne foodgrain output in 2025**, 100 MT higher over a decade.
- **DoT mandated SIM-linked identity verification for messaging apps with 6-hour auto-logout** to curb cyber fraud.
- **India's renewable capacity reached 2,59,423 MW, surpassing fossil fuels at 2,45,600 MW**, with **129 GW solar capacity.**
- **IGI Delhi became India's first water-positive airport**, recycling **16.6 MLD sewage** via 625 rainwater harvesting units.
- **Industrial growth slowed to 0.4% in October 2025**, lowest in 14 months due to festive slowdown and rains.
- **ISRO launched India's first private Navigation Excellence Centre (ACEN)** in Thiruvananthapuram for defence navigation & MRO support.
- **NSFI 2025-30 launched with Panch-Jyoti framework & 47 actions** targeting inclusive finance and grievance safety.
- **Credit Assessment Model (CAM)** launched to speed MSME loans using verified digital data.
- **National 'LandStack' Symposium held on Dec 3 in New Delhi**, focusing on **digitised land records under NAKSHA model.**



- India started reviewing 26 global indices under GIRG framework, monitored by NITI Aayog-DMEO.
- Nagpur University appointed Dr. Manali Kshirsagar as 1st Woman Vice-Chancellor in its 102-year history.
- New GDP base year updated to 2022-23, effective Feb 2026, replacing 2011-12 framework.
- India assumed chairship of International IDEA for 2026, represented by CEC Gyanesh Kumar.
- Lok Sabha passed new Excise & Cess Bill imposing ₹5,000–₹11,000 duty per 1,000 cigarettes to fund health & national security.
- DigiLocker integrated with Passport Verification Records enabling instant digital passport verification.
- Russia approved RELOS agreement, giving India access to 40+ Russian naval and air bases across Arctic and Pacific.
- Victoria University became first foreign university with campus in India, opening Gurugram campus under NEP reforms from mid-2026.

### States in the News

- Arunachal Pradesh's 'Dao' handcrafted blade and Yak Churpi cheese received GI tags under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- The 26th Hornbill Festival ("Festival of Festivals") is held 1–10 December 2025 at Kisama Heritage Village, Kohima, showcasing Nagaland's 17 tribes and Statehood culture.
- Hornbill Festival, launched in 2000, celebrates Nagaland's tradition, unity and the revered Hornbill bird.
- Nagaland observed its 62nd Statehood Day on 1 December 2025, marking formation as India's 16th state (1963) alongside launch of the Hornbill Festival.
- Bihar launched 'Mukhyamantri Bharat Darshan Yojana' to give secondary school students field exposure to India's heritage and culture for experiential learning and national integration.
- Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi inaugurated the 15th International Sand Art Festival and 36th Konark Festival (1–5 Dec 2025) at Konark Sun Temple, organized by Odisha Tourism, OSNA & OTDC.
- Tamil Nadu secured GI tags for five products — Woraiyur sari, Kavindapadi jaggery, Namakkal cookware, Thooyamalli rice, Ambasamudram toys — raising its GI count to 74.
- Karnataka launched e-Swathu 2.0, digitizing 95 lakh rural property records, enabling online e-Khata and expected to generate ₹2,000 crore revenue.
- Haryana modified Lado Lakshmi scheme by switching payments to quarterly ₹6,300 instead of ₹2,100 monthly, benefitting 7 lakh+ women with streamlined processing.

### International Affairs

- IWMI & SDC launched SoLAR Phase-II in India, Bangladesh, Kenya & Ethiopia to expand solar irrigation and climate-resilient agriculture in South Asia and East Africa.
- Paschal Donohoe (Former Irish Finance Minister) took charge as World Bank Managing Director & Chief Knowledge Officer on 24 November 2025.
- ILO Modern Slavery Report 2025:
  - 50 million global slavery victims, up 10 million since 2016.
  - 27.6 million in forced labour generating US \$236 billion annually.
  - Asia-Pacific region hosts 15.1 million victims.
- India to Chair International IDEA:
  - CEC Gyanesh Kumar to assume chairship of the 35-member International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance on 3 December 2025 in Stockholm.
- Russia secured its first African naval base as Sudan approved a 25-year deal allowing a base near Port Sudan (Red Sea) hosting 300 personnel and 4 vessels including nuclear-capable ships.
- Pakistan appointed its first Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) — Field Marshal Asim Munir, under the 27th Constitutional Amendment, retaining COAS authority over Army, Navy & Air Force.
- India–Russia 2025 State Visit: Strengthened strategic partnership; signed agreements in labour mobility, healthcare, maritime & polar cooperation, trade, academia, media; unveiled 2030 Economic Cooperation Roadmap. Russia joins International Big Cat Alliance, launches 30-day e-tourist visa, expands Arctic training, reinforces defence, energy, customs ties.

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- C-DOT signed an MoU with IIT Roorkee to set up a Centre of Excellence in advanced communication technologies — boosting telecom R&D and self-reliance.
- IWAI signed MoUs worth ₹6,000+ crore under India Maritime Week 2025 (Mumbai) to transform river transport & tourism on Ganga Waterway NW-1 in Uttar Pradesh.
- Indian Navy's DGNAI signed a joint MoU with IIT-Chennai & Apollo Micro Systems to develop next-generation indigenous naval armament systems.
- Ministry of Tourism signed a 2-year MoU with Mastercard to promote India as a global tourism hotspot.
- GoI and ADB signed three loan agreements exceeding USD 800 million to fund development projects in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat.

- **NHAI signed an MoU with Reliance Jio for telecom-based highway safety alerts**, enabling safer travel with real-time notifications.
- **SEBI issued FVCI (Amendment) Regulations 2025** introducing **SWAGAT-FI**, a **single-window access framework** for trusted foreign investors to invest with lower risk hurdles.
- **Atal Innovation Mission (NITI Aayog) signed an SoI with Hitachi MGRM Net** to develop **MStar™ Global AI Connect**, connecting **students, industry & institutions** for innovation-driven market readiness.
- **Nokia partnered with Bharti Airtel** to open Airtel's pan-India network capabilities via Nokia's "Network as Code" platform, enabling third-party developer innovation.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- **ADB approved USD 475.8 million loans –**
  - ◆ USD 398.8 mn for Assam tertiary healthcare modernisation
  - ◆ USD 77 mn for Meghalaya ecotourism & livelihood development.
- **NPCI Bharat BillPay launched "Banking Connect"** – an interoperable net banking platform enabling biometric authentication and real-time RBI oversight.
- **RBI fined HDFC Bank ₹91 lakh and Mannakrishna Investments ₹3.10 lakh** for regulatory lapses under Banking Regulation Act 1949.
- **Tata Realty signed ₹1,280 crore green loan with DBS Bank India** to fund **Intellion Park commercial campus** in Gurugram.
- **Moody's APAC Power 2026 Outlook report** projected India as fastest-growing APAC economy – **7% GDP in 2025, 6.4% in 2026.**
- **Average APAC GDP growth projected at 3.4% in 2026**, slightly above 3.3% in 2024.
- **SBI & Bank of India signed MoU** to establish a **Centre of Excellence in Project Finance** for co-financing and capacity building.
- **NSO reported India's Q2 FY26 GDP at ₹48.63 lakh crore**, an **8.2% growth – six-quarter high.**
- **RBI released National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2025-30** based on **Panch-Jyoti five-pillar framework & 47 action points.**
- **NSFI aligns with UN SDGs (Financial Inclusion supports 7 of 17 goals)** and includes **UPI to reach 1 billion users by December 2029.**
- **CRISIL revised India's FY26 GDP forecast to 7%**, citing strong Q2 and consumption recovery.
- **RBI Ombudsman Report 2024-25 released –**
  - ◆ 13.34 lakh complaints recorded (up 13.55%)
  - ◆ 81.53% against banks; highest from metro centres
  - ◆ Private banks had maximum share of complaints (37.53%).

- **Complaints on credit cards rose 20.04%**, while **debit card/ATM complaints fell sharply.**
- **Complaint handling cost reduced to ₹1,582 per case** at Ombudsman offices.
- **RBI launched accelerated payout scheme for unclaimed deposits** (₹67,000 crore outstanding as of June 2025).
- **Bharat Taxi Cooperative soft-launched in Delhi & Gujarat – India's first driver-owned national mobility platform.**
- **LIC launched two new products – "Protection Plus" & "Bima Kavach"** offering linked protection and savings options.
- **NPCI International signed MoU with Cambodia's ACLEDA Bank** to enable **QR-based cross-border UPI-KHQR payments.**
- **HSBC India & Vrutti launched 'FPO Shakti'** to enable blended finance access to **Farmer Producer Organisations.**
- **Fitch upgraded India's FY26 GDP forecast to 7.4%**, driven by private consumption, GST reforms and income growth.
- **BPCL became the only Indian entity in Top 100 Corporate Startup Stars (CSS) 2025**, awarded in Paris by ICC & MTB.
- **RBI approved Vikram Sahu as CEO of Bank of America India** for three years, succeeding Kaku Nakhate.
- **UPI crossed 19 billion transactions worth ₹24.58 lakh crore in November 2025**, growing 23% YoY.
- **India's coffee exports hit USD 1.8 billion**; Karnataka leads with 2.8 lakh MT on 4.91 lakh hectares.
- **India-ADB signed USD 800 mn+ loan agreements** for Maharashtra agricultural solarisation, Indore Metro, Gujarat skill programs & Assam wetland restoration.
- **Senior IRS Vivek Chaturvedi appointed CBIC Chairman**, replacing Sanjay Kumar Agarwal.
- **NIRDC launched "InDApp" unified MSME portal** with support from seven central ministries.
- **Kochi to host 7th India International Seaweed Expo on 29–30 Jan 2026** focusing on **blue economy**, organised by CMFRI, ICC & CSMCRI.
- **RBI mandated banks to provide trilingual services – Hindi, English & regional languages.**
- **SBI, HDFC Bank & ICICI Bank retained D-SIB status**, requiring **capital surcharge of 0.80%, 0.40% & 0.20% respectively.**
- **Usha Janakiraman appointed RBI Executive Director** heading **Department of Supervision.**
- **S&P upgraded India's insolvency ranking to Group-B**, doubling **IBC recovery rates to 30%+.**
- **Bharat Taxi registered 51,000+ drivers in 10 days**, offering **zero commission, no surge pricing transport model.**
- **Brendan Nelson appointed permanent Chairman of HSBC**, replacing Mark Tucker.
- **Reliance Retail appointed Jeyandran Venugopal (ex-Flipkart) as CEO**, reporting to **Isha Ambani** for omni-channel expansion.

- **RBI cut repo rate to 5.25%**, projecting **FY26 GDP growth at 7.3%** & inflation at 2%.
- **RBI announced ₹1 trillion OMO purchases** to inject liquidity amid rupee depreciation.
- **Fitch revised India's FY26 GDP estimate to 7.4%**, forecasting **FY27 GDP at 6.4%**.
- **Luana Lopes Lara became world's youngest self-made woman billionaire at 29**, valuation **USD 1.3 bn**.
- **IFFCO-TOKIO launched micro-insurance initiative** via cooperatives under **Insurance for All by 2047** vision.
- **Fino Payments Bank** first payments bank to get RBI nod to become **Small Finance Bank (SFB)**; expands **credit, deposits**, boosts **financial inclusion**.
- **Retail CBDC crosses 120M transactions worth ₹28,000 crore**; **8M+ active users**, government and fintech integration; exploring **cross-border applications**.
- **Netflix acquires Warner Bros Discovery for \$72B**; gains **HBO Max, DC Comics, Harry Potter**; strengthens **global production, streaming dominance**, and **premium IP ownership**.
- **RBI raises FY26 GDP forecast to 7.3%**; cuts **repo rate to 5.25%**; driven by **domestic demand, GST rationalisation, government spending**; India may become **4th largest economy**.

### Appointments/Resignations

- **DP World appointed Indian cricketer Abhishek Sharma as Brand Ambassador** to boost sports engagement and showcase innovation & global connectivity.
- **Vivek Chaturvedi appointed Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC)** replacing **Sanjay Kumar Agarwal**.
- **Praveen Kumar, DG ITBP, given additional charge of DG BSF** from **1 December 2025**, succeeding **Daljit Singh Chawdhary**.
- **Ramakrishnan Chander appointed Managing Director (MD) of LIC effective 1 December 2025 till 30 September 2027**.
- **Harmanpreet Kaur appointed International Brand Ambassador for Vedanta Pink City Half Marathon 2025 (#RunForZeroHunger initiative)**.
- **Usha Janakiraman appointed as RBI Executive Director (ED) effective 1 December 2025**.
- **Stefan Priesner of Austria appointed UN Resident Coordinator in India for 2025–2029**, succeeding **Shombi Sharp**.
- **Arun Kumar Singh's tenure as ONGC Chairman extended till 6 December 2026** by the Cabinet Appointments Committee.
- **Reliance Retail Ventures appointed Jeyandran Venugopal (ex-Flipkart CPTO) as its first ever President & CEO**, working closely with **Isha Ambani**.

- **Former England cricketer Robin Smith passed away at 62—** Scored **4,236 Test runs, 9 centuries** and held *England's ODI record 167 for 23 years\**.
- **Harmanpreet Kaur appointed first female Brand Ambassador of Punjab National Bank**, launching **four new products including Luxura Metal Card**.
- **Apple appointed Amar Subramanya as Vice-President of Artificial Intelligence**, replacing **John Giannandrea**, to lead **Siri & Apple Intelligence development**.
- **Dr Renuka Iyer – new CMO, NCCN**, expert in **oncology**.
- **Roman Gofman – next Mossad chief**, military background, strategic intelligence focus.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo – joins Perplexity AI as investor & brand ambassador**, launches **Ronaldo Hub AI**.

### Defence News

- **INS Taragiri (Project 17A) inducted into Indian Navy—** fourth Nilgiri-class frigate, third built by MDL; revives legacy of former INS Taragiri (1980–2013).
- **ICGS Amulya delivered to Indian Coast Guard by Goa Shipyard—**third Fast Patrol Vessel built under Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- **India launched Operation Sagar Bandhu** to deliver Humanitarian Aid & Disaster Relief to Sri Lanka after Cyclone Ditwah.
- **14th India–Maldives Exercise EKUVERIN began in Thiruvananthapuram on December 2, 2025—**two-week counter-terror & joint training drill.
- **Bharat Dynamics secured ₹2,461.62 crore emergency defence contracts** for supplying ATGMs & SAMs to Indian Army.
- **DRDO successfully tested a high-speed fighter escape system** at the RTRS facility, TBRL Chandigarh.
- **Indian Army's Southern Command successfully test-launched BrahMos missile** in Bay of Bengal, proving long-range precision strike capability.
- **International Day for Abolition of Slavery observed on December 2, 2025—**marks 76th anniversary of UN Convention to end trafficking & forced exploitation.
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed on December 3, 2025—**theme: *"Fostering disability-inclusive societies for advancing social progress."*
- **10th India–Indonesia 'Exercise Garuda Shakti' began on December 3, 2025** at Bakloh, HP—bilateral special forces exercise initiated in 2012.
- **Vice Admiral Sanjay Sadhu assumed charge as Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition** replacing Vice Admiral Rajaram Swaminathan.
- **INS Mahe inducted into Indian Navy**, further strengthening maritime fleet capability (highlighted in Mann Ki Baat).

- **Air Marshal Tejbir Singh appointed DG (Inspection & Safety)**—37-year IAF career, 7000+ flying hours, recipient of Vayu Sena Medal & AVSM.
- **Praveen Kumar given additional charge as BSF DG** after Daljit Singh Chawdhary's retirement—continues role as ITBP DG.
- **INS Aridhaman entered final commissioning trials**—India's 3rd nuclear submarine with K-4 missile capability, joining Arihant & Arighaat.
- **Indian Navy held operational demo at Shangumugham Beach (Dec 3–4)** showcasing indigenous submarines, aircraft & special ops capability.
- **DRDO transfers 7 indigenous technologies to Armed Forces**; approves 12 new TDF projects.
- **India–Malaysia Exercise Harimau Shakti** 5th edition in Rajasthan, focus on semi-arid combat, interoperability.

### Awards and Recognitions

- **UNFPA India honoured IUSSP for winning the 2025 UN Population Award** during the 46th IASP Conference in Kolkata.
- **Government approved PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2025**— awards to be presented on 21 April 2026 (Civil Services Day).
- **PM's Awards 2025 to recognise civil servants under three categories**— Holistic District Development, Aspirational Blocks Programme, and Innovations.
- **Award components include a trophy, scroll and ₹20 lakh incentive**—evaluated on good governance, qualitative & quantitative performance.
- **E-portal for PM's Awards opened 1 October–20 November 2025**, receiving 2035 nominations.
- **Evaluation conducted through Screening, Expert and Empowered Committees**, chaired respectively by Additional Secretaries, Rachna Shah and Cabinet Secretary Dr. T.V. Somanathan, then approved by PM Narendra Modi.

- **Jindal Stainless Limited entered global top 5% of steel companies on DJSI CSA 2025**, ranking 4th globally and 1st in stainless-steel sector with ESG score 78.
- **IUSSP won 2025 UN Population Award** for global contributions in population science, recognised under leadership of Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy.
- **Archery Premier League won FICCI TURF 2025 Emerging Sports Event Award**, with Rajputana Royals winning 5-4 in Delhi's first professional archery league.
- **World Athletics honoured Mondo Duplantis & Sydney McLaughlin** for unbeaten 2025 seasons—Duplantis broke world pole vault record **four times**, McLaughlin clocked **47.78s in women's 400m**.
- **Microsoft Store Awards 2025**: Winners include ChatGPT, Perplexity, Notion for AI, productivity, business apps.
- Donald Trump was awarded the **first FIFA Peace Prize on 5 December 2025** at the **2026 World Cup draw** in Washington, D.C.

### Summits and Conferences News

- PM Narendra Modi chaired the **60th DGP–IGP Conference (Nov 28-30, 2025)** at IIM-Raipur, themed "Viksit Bharat: Security Dimensions."
- **World Summit on Disaster Management & Uttarakhand Science Conference** held Nov 28-30, 2025 in Dehradun; inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- **Regional AI Conference held in Shillong**, ahead of India's AI Summit, backed by ₹10,300 crore IndiaAI Mission and 38,000 GPUs for research.
- **Russian President Vladimir Putin visited India for the 23rd Annual Summit**, discussing defence upgrades, energy and labour mobility.
- **India hosts 20th UNESCO ICH session at Red Fort**, Diwali nominated for **Intangible Cultural Heritage** list.
- **Amit Shah inaugurated the EARTH Summit 2025** in Gandhinagar, launching **Sahakar Sarathi**, a major digital initiative for India's cooperative and rural banking sector.

### Ranks and Reports

- **World Urbanization Prospects 2025 – Key Highlights**
- **UNDESA released the "World Urbanization Prospects 2025"** in November 2025, projecting urban population trends for 237 countries.
- **Jakarta (Indonesia) ranked as the world's most populous city** with 41.9 million residents, followed by:
  - Dhaka (Bangladesh) – 36.6 million
  - Tokyo (Japan) – 33.4 million
- **New Delhi ranked 4th globally** with a population of 30.2 million, while **Kolkata ranked 9th** with 22.5 million inhabitants.



- **Megacities increased from 8 (1975) to 33 (2025), projected to reach 37 by 2050, with 9 of the top 10 located in Asia.**
- **The 2025 edition lowered city-population threshold to 50,000, allowing analysis of 12,000+ cities.**
- **Small and medium cities dominate global settlement patterns—**
  - 96% have fewer than 1 million population
  - 81% have fewer than 250,000 population
- **Rural areas reduced to 62 countries (from 116 in 1975), projected to shrink to 44 countries by 2050.**
- **India-specific urban distribution:**
  - 44% of its people live in towns (≥5,000 population, ≥300 persons per sq. km).
- **UNDESA Headquarters – New York, USA; Established – 1948**
  - Under-Secretary-General – Li Junhua
- **India Tourism Data Compendium 2025 – Ministry of Tourism**
- **The 66th edition of India Tourism Data Compendium 2025 revealed:**
  - Maharashtra was the most visited state by foreign tourists with 3.71 million FTVs in 2024,
  - followed by West Bengal (3.12 million) and
  - Uttar Pradesh (2.27 million).
- **Total Foreign Tourist Visits in India reached 20.94 million in 2024, rising 8.84% from 2023.**
- **Asia Power Index 2025 – India Becomes a “Major Power”**
- **Australia’s Lowy Institute released the 7th edition of Asia Power Index 2025 in November 2025.**
- **India ranked 3rd with an overall score of 40, crossing the Major Power threshold (≥40 points).**
  - Earlier, India was a *Middle Power* (score 38.1 in 2024).
- **Top 3 rankings:**
- **USA – 80.4**
- **China – 73.7**
- **India – 40.0**
- **India moved up due to gains in:**
  - Economic capability (Rank 3; 27.1 points)
  - Military capability (Rank 4; 48 points)
  - Foreign investment attractiveness (2nd after USA)
- **Weakest area: Defence networks – India fell to 11th place, overtaken by Philippines and Thailand.**
- **Top gainers globally: North Korea (+1.5), Vietnam (+1.2), China (+1.0).**
- **Top loser: USA (-1.2).**
- **Index covered 27 Asian countries using 131 indicators across 8 themes, including diplomacy, resilience, military, economy, culture.**
- **SIPRI Top 100 Arms-Producing Companies, 2024**
- **SIPRI released world defence rankings on 1 December 2025.**
- **Top three companies:**
  - Lockheed Martin (USA) – USD 71.04 bn total revenue; USD 64.65 bn arms revenue
  - RTX (formerly Raytheon, USA) – USD 80.74 bn total revenue; USD 43.6 bn arms revenue
  - Northrop Grumman (USA) – USD 41.03 bn total revenue; USD 37.85 bn arms revenue
- **India featured three PSUs in the global Top 100:**
- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**
  - ▶ Rank 44 | Arms revenue USD 3.81 bn | Total USD 4.01 bn
- **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**
  - ▶ Rank 58 | Arms revenue USD 2.47 bn | Total USD 2.75 bn
- **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)**
  - ▶ Rank 91 | Arms revenue USD 1.23 bn | Total USD 1.37 bn
- **India’s total arms revenue reached USD 7.5 bn, 8.2% higher than 2023, contributing 1.1% of global sales.**
- **Top performer in growth:**
  - Czechoslovak Group (Czech Republic) – 193% increase | USD 3.6 bn
- **SpaceX entered the defence space strongly – USD 1.8 bn arms revenue (+103%).**
- **Regional distribution:**
  - USA led with 39 firms accounting for 49% of global arms revenue (USD 334 bn)
  - Europe (ex-Russia) generated USD 151 bn (+13%)
  - Russia earned USD 31.23 bn (+23.4%)
  - Middle East revenue – USD 30.9 bn (+13.7%)
  - Asia & Oceania revenue declined slightly to USD 130 bn
- **SIPRI Director: Karim Haggag | HQ: Stockholm, Sweden | Established: 1966**
- **UBS Report: 91 billionaires inherited \$298 billion in 12 months, and \$5.9 trillion wealth may transfer globally in the next 15 years, led by USA, India, France, Germany & Switzerland.**

### Sports News

- **Bisleri Partners with TATA Women’s Premier League**
- **In November 2025, Bisleri International, a leading bottled water company,**
- **became the Official Beverage Partner for the TATA Women’s Premier League (WPL).**
- **The agreement covers two seasons beginning from WPL 2026.**
- **Objective – strengthen Bisleri’s presence in women’s cricket and deepen brand engagement.**
- **31st Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2025 – Winner Summary**
- **Tournament held 23 – 30 November 2025 at Ipoh, Malaysia.**

- **Belgium defeated India 1–0** in the final to clinch its **first-ever title**.
- **Top 3 Teams:**
  - 1 **Belgium – Gold Medal**
  - 2 **India – Silver Medal** (led by captain Sanjay Rana)
  - 3 **\*New Zealand – Bronze Medal**
- **Syed Modi International 2025 (Super 300 Badminton Tournament)**
- Venue: **Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium, Lucknow (UP)**
- Dates: **25–30 November 2025**
- 🔑 **Winners List**
  - **Men’s Singles:** Jason Gunawan (Hong Kong)  
– Runner-Up: Kidambi Srikanth (India)
  - **Women’s Singles:** Hina Akechi (Japan)  
– Runner-Up: Neslihan Arin (Turkey)
  - **Men’s Doubles:** Kang Khai Xing / Aaron Tai (Malaysia)  
– Runner-Up: Chia Wei Jie / Lwi Sheng Hao (Malaysia)
  - **Women’s Doubles:** Gayatri Gopichand / Treesa Jolly (India)  
– Runner-Up: Kaho Osawa / Mai Tanabe (Japan)
  - **Mixed Doubles:** Dejan Ferdinansyah / Bernadine Wardana (Indonesia)  
– Runner-Up: Pakkapon Teeraratsakul & Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Thailand)
- **2025 Qatar Formula One Grand Prix**
- **Netherlands’ Max Verstappen**, four-time F1 World Champion,  
won the **2025 Qatar Grand Prix at Lusail International Circuit on 30 November 2025**.
- Team: **Red Bull Racing**
- **WorldSkills Asia Competition (WSAC) 2025 – India’s Debut Performance**
- Held in **Taipei, Taiwan, from 27–29 November 2025**.
- **India participated for the first time** and finished **8th among 29 nations**.
- Medal tally:  
→ 1 Silver  
→ 2 Bronze  
→ 3 Medallions for Excellence
- **UAE topped the table**, followed by **Saudi Arabia** and **Malaysia**.
- **Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) 2025 – RBI List**
- Released in **December 2025** — same bucket structure as 2024.
- **Identified D-SIBs:**
  - State Bank of India (SBI)
  - HDFC Bank
  - ICICI Bank
  - **Additional CET-1 Capital requirements:**
  - SBI – **0.80% RWAs**
  - HDFC Bank – **0.40% RWAs**
  - ICICI Bank – **0.20% RWAs**
- Based on data up to **31 March 2025**.
- **SEBI Approves IPOs including ICICI Prudential AMC**
- **SEBI granted approval to ICICI Prudential AMC for a ₹10,000 crore IPO**.
- Other IPOs approved – **Powerica Ltd., Technocraft Ventures, and Annu Projects**.
- **Razorpay Gets RBI Approval for Cross-Border Payment Aggregator License**
- Razorpay authorised as **Payment Aggregator – Cross Border Inward & Outward (PA-CB-I&O)**
- Framework under the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**
- Enables secure international payment processing for merchants.
- **India’s Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Growth**
- As per **DPIIT quarterly fact sheet (Dec 2025):**  
→ **FDI rose 18% to USD 35.18 bn (April–Sept FY 2025-26)**  
→ **FDI inflow from USA doubled to USD 6.62 bn**
- **OECD Economic Outlook 2025 – India Forecast**
- Report released in **December 2025** titled  
• **“OECD Economic Outlook, Volume 2025 Issue 2: Resilient Growth but with Increasing Fragilities.”**
- **India’s GDP growth for FY 2025-26 retained at 6.7%**.
- Higher US tariffs pose export risk, but **growth supported by:**
  - Rising household incomes
  - Monetary policy easing
  - Strong government capital spending
- **Cricket Retirement & Records**
  - ◆ **Mohit Sharma Retires**
  - Veteran fast bowler **Mohit Sharma** retired from all formats in December 2025.
  - Played for India + multiple IPL teams across a decade-long career.
  - ◆ **Rohit Sharma Record – Highest ODI Six Hitter**
  - Achieved **352 ODI sixes**, surpassing **Shahid Afridi**.
  - Reached milestone during 1st ODI vs **South Africa in Ranchi**.
  - ◆ **Virat Kohli Breaks ODI Century Record**
  - Scored **52nd ODI century**, overtaking **Sachin Tendulkar (49)**.
  - Total international centuries reached **83**.
  - ◆ **Andre Russell Retires from IPL**
  - West Indies all-rounder **Andre Russell** retired from IPL (140 matches, 2,651 runs, 123 wickets).
  - Appointed **KKR Power Coach** for batting, bowling & fitness.
  - ◆ **Belgium Wins Sultan Azlan Shah Cup**
  - India takes **Silver**, Belgium wins **Gold** for the first time,
  - New Zealand gets **Bronze**.
  - ◆ **Tokyo Athletics Milestones**

- **Sydney McLaughlin** – record **47.78 seconds** in women's 400m.
- **Armand Duplantis** – first athlete to clear **6.30m pole vault height**.  
◆ **Sunil Narine Creates T20 World Record**
- **First cricketer to take 600 T20 wickets** at age 37.
- Milestone achieved while playing for **Abu Dhabi Knight Riders**
- in **World ILT20** league on 4 December 2025.

### Schemes and Committees News

- **GoI approved Tex-RAMPS Scheme** with ₹305 crore (FY 2025-26 to 2030-31) to boost textile research, innovation, infrastructure and start-ups.
- **PM SVANidhi extended till March 2030**, offering three loan stages plus **UPI-Rupay credit card with ₹30,000 limit**.
- **MoWCD launched 100-Day Child Marriage-Free Bharat Awareness Campaign** marking 1st anniversary of **Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat Abhiyan**.
- **Atal Pension Yojana** crossed **8.34 crore subscribers**, with **48% women enrollment**.
- **CBDT launched Phase-2 of NUDGE campaign** to encourage disclosure of foreign assets after **Phase-1 led to ₹29,208 crore asset & ₹1,089.88 crore foreign income disclosure**.

### Science and Technology News

- **Russia launched Soyuz MS-28** from **Baikonur, Kazakhstan**, carrying **2 Russian cosmonauts and 1 American astronaut** to the ISS for an **8-month Expedition 73 mission**.
- **Wildlife Institute of India discovered 13 new bush frog species (Raorchestes genus)** across **Eastern Himalayas & Indo-Burma hotspots**, marking **India's largest vertebrate discovery** in over a decade.
- **ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan inaugurated India's first private Navigation Excellence Centre— ACEN — in Thiruvananthapuram**, set up by **Ananth Technologies**.
- **National Industries R&D Council launched InDApp**, a **single-window digital MSME empowerment platform**, unveiled by **Union MoS B.L. Verma**.
- **Skyroot Aerospace opened Infinity Campus** to boost private space innovation, highlighted in **PM's Mann Ki Baat**.
- **WHO & CDC flagged Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome (CHS)**—severe vomiting due to **chronic cannabis use**—as a **global health concern** requiring awareness and treatment.
- **WMO forecast: 55% probability of weak La Niña in December 2025–February 2026**, but **warmer temperatures likely in Northern Hemisphere** due to climate change.
- **Google Gemini 3 Deep Think Mode: Advanced AI reasoning, problem-solving, better for STEM, research, professional workflows.**

### Important Days News

- **World AIDS Day** was observed on **December 1, 2025** with the theme **"Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response"**, spotlighting **India's NACP-V efforts to end AIDS by 2030**.
- **BSF celebrated its 61st Raising Day on December 1, 2025**, marking its establishment as **India's primary border guarding force in 1965**.
- **National Pollution Control Day** was observed on **December 2, 2025** to remember **Bhopal Gas Tragedy victims**, themed **"Sustainable Living for a Greener Future"**.
- **World Computer Literacy Day** was marked on **December 2, 2025**, celebrating its **25th edition**, aimed at **bridging digital literacy gaps** since **NIIT launched it in 2001**.
- **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (December 2)** focused on **eliminating modern slavery** affecting **50 million people globally**.
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** was observed on **December 3, 2025** with theme **"Fostering disability-inclusive societies for advancing social progress."**
- **Indian Navy Day** was observed on **December 4, 2025**, celebrating naval excellence under theme **"Combat Ready, Cohesive, Self-Reliant."**
- **UN International Day of Banks** was observed on **December 4, 2025**, themed **"Banks Powering a Livable Planet"** highlighting banks' role in sustainable development.
- **International Cheetah Day (December 4)** raised awareness on **endangered cheetahs (Acinonyx jubatus)** capable of **112 km/hr speeds** but facing **survival threats**.
- **International Volunteer Day 2025 (December 5)** was observed with theme **"Every Contribution Matters"** launching **International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development 2026**.
- **World Soil Day** was celebrated on **December 5, 2025**, marking the **12th edition** with theme



👉 **“Healthy Soils for Healthy Cities.”**

- **Mahaparinirvan Diwas** – 6 Dec, honoring **Dr B.R. Ambedkar**, social justice, Dalit empowerment.
- **National Microwave Oven Day** – 6 Dec, celebrates **Percy Spencer’s invention**, cooking innovation.

**Obituaries News**

- **Sir Tom Stoppard, acclaimed British playwright and Oscar-winning screenwriter**, passed away at **88 in Dorset, UK**; born **3 July 1937 in Zlin, Czechoslovakia**.
- **Italian tennis legend Nicola Pietrangeli**, former French Open champion, died at **92 in Rome, Italy**; born **11 September 1933 in Tunisia (then under Italy)**.
- **Swaraj Kaushal, former Governor of Mizoram**, passed away at **73 in New Delhi**; born **12 July 1952 in Solan (now Himachal Pradesh)**.
- **Former England cricketer Robin Smith died at 62** at his **South Perth home**, remembered for scoring **4,236 Test runs**; post-career challenges were documented in his autobiography **“The Judge.”**
- **Simone Tata passes away at 95: Pioneering beauty and retail industry leader, step-mother of Ratan Tata**. Born in **Geneva**, moved to India in 1955 after marrying **Naval Tata**.

**Miscellaneous News**

- **Oxford University Press declared “Rage Bait” as Word of the Year 2025**, citing its three-fold rise due to online outrage-driven content trends.
- **Darjeeling Mandarin Orange (Citrus reticulata Blanco) from West Bengal received the GI tag**, with DOFPO Mirik as proprietor; valued for unique sweetness due to Darjeeling–Kalimpong climate.
- **Darjeeling Orange GI filing was facilitated by UBKV and Patent Information Centre**, marking WB’s 33rd GI tag and second from the Darjeeling region after Dalley Khorsani.
- **India’s first GI product was Darjeeling Tea (2004)** and GI registrations in India are valid for **10 years renewable every decade**.
- **IGI Airport became India’s first water-positive airport**, certified by CII-Triveni Water Institute under NITI Aayog’s Water Neutrality framework at the Water Innovation Summit 2025.
- **Tamil Nadu received GI tags for five traditional items—**Woraiyur sari, Kavindapadi jaggery, Namakkal cookware, Thooyamalli rice, and Ambasamudram wooden toys—raising its GI tally to **74**, second highest after Uttar Pradesh.

**Static Takeaways**

Organisation / State / Ministry	Key Office Holders / Full Forms / Facts
<b>Ministry of Defence (MoD – Ministry of Defence)</b>	Union Minister: Rajnath Singh (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh) Minister of State (MoS – Minister of State): Sanjay Seth (Ranchi, Jharkhand)
<b>Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)</b>	Chairman: Ravi Agarwal Headquarters: New Delhi Established: 1964
<b>Meghalaya</b>	Chief Minister (CM – Chief Minister): Conrad Sangma Governor: C.H. Vijayashankar Capital: Shillong National Parks (NPs – National Parks): Nokrek NP, Balpakram NP
<b>Moody’s Ratings</b>	President: Michael West Headquarters: New York, USA Founded: 1909
<b>National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)</b>	Acting Administrator: Sean Duffy Headquarters: Washington DC, USA Established: 1958
<b>Wildlife Institute of India (WII)</b>	Director: Gobind Sagar Bhardwaj Headquarters: Dehradun, Uttarakhand Established: 1982
<b>Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)</b>	Director General (DG – Director General): Fernando Arias Headquarters: The Hague, Netherlands Established: 1997
<b>United Nations Department of Economic &amp; Social Affairs (UN-DESA)</b>	Under-Secretary-General: Li Junhua Headquarters: New York, USA Established: 1948
<b>Goa</b>	CM: Pramod Sawant Governor: Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju Capital: Panaji Wildlife Sanctuaries (WLS – Wildlife Sanctuary): Cotigao, Bondla, Mhadei, Netravali
<b>Ministry of Textiles (MoT)</b>	Union Minister: Giriraj Singh (Begusarai, Bihar)
<b>Arunachal Pradesh (AR – Arunachal Pradesh)</b>	CM: Pema Khandu Governor: Lt. Gen. K.T. Parnaik Capital: Itanagar NPs: Namdapha NP, Mouling NP
<b>International Maritime Organization (IMO)</b>	Secretary-General: Arsenio Dominguez Headquarters: London, UK Established: 1948

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<b>Council of Scientific &amp; Industrial Research – National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL)</b>	Director: Dr. Abhay Anant Pashilkar Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka Established: 1959
<b>International Hockey Federation (FIH)</b>	President: Tayyab Ikram Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland Established: 1924
<b>Badminton World Federation (BWF)</b>	President: Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Established: 1934
<b>Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS)</b>	Executive Director: Winnie Byanyima Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland Operational Since: 1996
<b>Border Security Force (BSF)</b>	DG: Praveen Kumar (Additional Charge) Headquarters: New Delhi Motto: Duty Until Death Established: 1965
<b>Ministry of Tourism (MoT – Ministry of Tourism)</b>	Union Minister: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Jodhpur, Rajasthan) MoS: Suresh Gopi (Thrissur, Kerala)
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	CM: Vishnu Deo Sai Governor: Ramen Deka Capital: Raipur NPs: Indravati NP, Kanger Valley NP
<b>United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)</b>	DG: Khaled El-Enany Headquarters: Paris, France Established: 1945
<b>Uttar Pradesh (UP – Uttar Pradesh)</b>	CM: Yogi Adityanath Governor: Anandiben Patel Capital: Lucknow Tiger Reserves (TRs – Tiger Reserves): Amangarh TR, Ranipur TR
<b>Ministry of Coal</b>	Union Minister: G. Kishan Reddy (Secunderabad, Telangana) MoS: Satish Chandra Dubey (Rajya Sabha – Upper House of Parliament, Bihar)
<b>Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL)</b>	CEO & MD: Amish Mehta Headquarters: Mumbai Established: 1987
<b>Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)</b>	CEO & MD: R. Doraiswamy Headquarters: Mumbai Established: 1956
<b>Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)</b>	CMD (Chairman & Managing Director): Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay Headquarters: Goa Established: 1957
<b>Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)</b>	President: Mohammed Ben Sulayem Headquarters: Paris, France Established: 1904
<b>Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)</b>	Chairman: Vir Vikram Yadav Headquarters: New Delhi Established: 1974
<b>National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT)</b>	CEO: Pankaj Jathar Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana Established: 1981
<b>Lowy Institute</b>	ED (Executive Director): Dr. Michael Fullilove Headquarters: Sydney, Australia Founded: 2003
<b>Indian Navy (IN)</b>	CNS (Chief of Naval Staff): Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi Headquarters: New Delhi Established: 1950
<b>Maldives</b>	President: Mohamed Muizzu Capital: Male Currency: Maldivian Rufiyaa
<b>Reserve Bank of India (RBI)</b>	Governor: Sanjay Malhotra Headquarters: Mumbai Established: 1935
<b>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</b>	Secretary-General: Mathias Cormann Headquarters: Paris, France Established: 1961
<b>West Bengal (WB – West Bengal)</b>	CM: Mamata Banerjee Governor: C.V. Ananda Bose Capital: Kolkata WLS: Chapramari WLS, Mahananda WLS
<b>Indian Army (IA)</b>	COAS (Chief of the Army Staff): General Upendra Dwivedi Headquarters: New Delhi Established: 1895
<b>International Labour Organization (ILO)</b>	DG: Gilbert F. Hounqbo Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland Established: 1919
<b>Ministry of Social Justice &amp; Empowerment (MSJE)</b>	Union Minister: Dr. Virendra Kumar (Tikamgarh, MP) MoS: Ramdas Athawale (Rajya Sabha-Maharashtra); B.L. Verma (Rajya Sabha-Uttar Pradesh)
<b>Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)</b>	DG: Dr. Samir V. Kamat Headquarters: New Delhi Established: 1958

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<b>World Athletics (WA)</b>	President: Sebastian Coe Headquarters: Monaco Established: 1912
<b>Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions (MoPP&amp;P)</b>	Union Minister: PM Narendra Modi (Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh) MoS: Dr. Jitendra Singh (Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir)
<b>Taiwan</b>	President: Lai Ching-te Capital: Taipei Currency: New Taiwan Dollar
<b>Gujarat</b>	CM: Bhupendra Patel Governor: Acharya Devvrat Capital: Gandhinagar NPs: Gir National Park, Blackbuck National Park
<b>Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)</b>	Secretary: Amardeep Singh Bhatia Headquarters: New Delhi Established: 1995
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	CM: Pushkar Singh Dhami Governor: Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Gurmit Singh National Parks: Jim Corbett NP, Rajaji NP
<b>National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)</b>	MD: Pankaj Kumar Bansal Headquarters: New Delhi Established: 1963
<b>International Water Management Institute (IWMI)</b>	DG: Mark Smith Headquarters: Colombo, Sri Lanka Established: 1985
<b>Austria</b>	President: Alexander Van der Bellen Capital: Vienna Currency: Euro
<b>United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI)</b>	Secretary-General: Eric Usher Headquarters: Geneva Established: 1992
<b>Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)</b>	Director: Karim Haggag Headquarters: Stockholm Established: 1966
<b>Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)</b>	Chairman: Tuhin Kanta Pandey Headquarters: Mumbai Statutory Since: 1992
<b>Tamil Nadu (TN – Tamil Nadu)</b>	CM: M.K. Stalin Governor: R.N. Ravi Capital: Chennai NPs: Guindy NP, Mukurthi NP
<b>Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)</b>	Union Minister: Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu (Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh) MoS: Murlidhar Kisan Mohol (Pune, Maharashtra)
<b>Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)</b>	DG: Sanjay Garg Headquarters: New Delhi Established: 1987
<b>Indonesia</b>	President: Prabowo Subianto Capital: Jakarta Currency: Indonesian Rupiah
<b>Fitch Ratings Inc.</b>	President: Ian Linnell Headquarters: New York, USA Established: 1914
<b>Mizoram</b>	CM: Lalduhoma Governor: Dr. V.K. Singh (Retd.) Capital: Aizawl TR: Dampa Tiger Reserve
<b>United Nations Volunteers (UNV)</b>	Executive Coordinator: Toily Kurbanov Headquarters: Bonn, Germany
<b>Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)</b>	Director-General: QU Dongyu Headquarters: Rome, Italy Established: 1945
<b>Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD)</b>	Union Minister: Annapurna Devi (Kodarma, Jharkhand) MoS: Savitri Thakur (Dhar, Madhya Pradesh)
<b>National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog)</b>	CEO: B.V.R. Subrahmanyam Headquarters: New Delhi Established: 2015
<b>NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)</b>	MD & CEO: Ritesh Shukla Headquarters: Mumbai Established: 2020