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National News

India's Top 10 Philanthropists in 2025: Know The List

India's Top 10 Philanthropists in 2025

Rank	Name	FY25 Donation (₹ Cr)	5-Year Total (₹ Cr)	Foundation
1	Shiv Nadar & family	2,708	10,120	Shiv Nadar Foundation
2	Mukesh Ambani & family	626	2,855	Reliance Foundation
3	Bajaj family	446	1,728	Bajaj Group Trust
4	Kumar Mangalam Birla & family	440	1,630	Aditya Birla Capital Foundation
5	Gautam Adani & family	376	1,325	Adani Foundation
6	Nandan Nilekani	304	1,263	Nilekani Philanthropies
7	Hinduja family	298	1,083	Hinduja Foundation
8	Rohini Nilekani	204	763	Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies
9	Sudhir Mehta & Samir Mehta	189	541	UNM Foundation
10	Cyrus S Poonawalla & Adar Poonawalla	173	408	Villoo Poonawalla Foundation

Swachh Survekshan 2025: Madurai Tops the List of India's Dirtiest Cities

The Swachh Survekshan 2025 report, released under the **Swachh Bharat Mission**, has once again exposed the deep divide in India's urban cleanliness efforts. While some smaller cities have made impressive strides in maintaining hygiene, several of India's major metropolitan areas have failed to keep up. This year, **Madurai** has topped the list as the dirtiest city in India 2025, followed closely by Ludhiana, Chennai, Ranchi, and Bengaluru.

Top 10 Dirtiest Cities in India 2025

According to the official Swachh Survekshan 2025 results, the following cities performed the worst in the cleanliness rankings:

Rank	City	Score
1	Madurai	4823
2	Ludhiana	5272
3	Chennai	6822
4	Ranchi	6835
5	Bengaluru	6842
6	Dhanbad	7196
7	Faridabad	7329
8	Greater Mumbai	7419
9	Srinagar	7488
10	Delhi	7920

Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025 Announced, Check The Complete List of Winners

Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025: Full List of Winners by Language

- **Assamese** – Mainaahantar Padya (Poetry), Surendra Mohan Das
- **Bengali** – Ekhone Gaye Kanta Daye (Stories), Tridib Kumar Chattopadhyay
- **Bodo** – Khanthi Bwswn Arw Akhu Danai (Stories), Binay Kumar Brahma
- **Dogri** – Nanhi Tor (Poetry), P.L. Parihar 'Shauq'
- **English** – Dakshin: South Indian Myths and Fables Retold (Stories), Nitin Kushalappa MP
- **Gujarati** – Tinchak (Poetry), Kirtida Brahmabhatt
- **Hindi** – Ek Batey Barah (Non-fiction & Memoir), Susheel Shukla
- **Kannada** – Notebook (Short Stories), K. Shivalingappa Handihal
- **Kashmiri** – Shure Te Tchure Gyush (Short Stories), Izhar Mubashir
- **Konkani** – Belabaicho Shanker Ani Heir Kanyo (Stories), Nayana Adarkar
- **Maithili** – Chukka (Short Stories), Munni Kamat
- **Malayalam** – Penguinukalude Vankaravil (Novel), Sreejith Moothedath
- **Manipuri** – Angangshing-Gee Shannabungshida (Play), Shanto M.

- **Marathi** – Abhaimaya (Poetry), Suresh Govindrao Sawant
- **Nepali** – Shanti Van (Novel), Sangmu Lepcha
- **Odia** – Kete Phula Phutichi (Poetry), Rajakishore Parhi
- **Punjabi** – Jaddu Patta (Novel), Pali Khadim (Amrit Pal Singh)
- **Rajsthani** – Pankheruv Ni Peeda (Play), Bhogilal Patidar
- **Sanskrit** – Balvisvam (Poetry), Preeti R. Pujara
- **Santali** – Sona Miru-ag Sandesh (Poetry), Haralal Murmu
- **Sindhi** – Asmani Pari (Poetry), Heena Agnani ‘Heer’
- **Tamil** – Ottrai Siragu Oviya (Novel), Vishnupuram Sarvanan
- **Telugu** – Kaburla Devatha (Story), Gangisetty Sivakumar
- **Urdu** – Qaumi Sitare (Articles), Ghazanfar Iqbal

**National Water Awards**

List of Winners – 6th National Water Awards 2024

**1. Best State**

Rank	Winner	State
1	Maharashtra	Maharashtra
2	Gujarat	Gujarat
3	Haryana	Haryana

**2. Best District**

Zone	District	State	Rank
East Zone	Rajnandgaon	Chhattisgarh	1st
West Zone	Khargone	Madhya Pradesh	1st
South Zone	Tirunelveli	Tamil nadu	1st
North Zone	Mirzapur	Uttar Pradesh	1st
North East Zone	Sepahijala	Tripura	1st

**3. Best Urban Local Body (ULB)**

Rank	Urban Local Body	State
1st	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
2nd	Bhavanagar	Gujarat
3rd (Joint)	Nabadiganta Industrial Township	West Bengal
3rd (Joint)	Agra	Uttar Pradesh

**4. Best Institution (Other than School/College)**

**Inside Campus Category**

Rank	Institution	State
1st (Joint)	Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar	Gujarat
1st (Joint)	ICAR–Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute	Goa
2nd (Joint)	Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani	Rajsthan
2nd (Joint)	Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora	Jammu & Kashmir
Special Mention	Assam Rifles	Manipur

**Outside Campus Category**

Rank	Institution	State
1st (Joint)	Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar	Haryana
1st (Joint)	Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur Circle	Odisha

**5. Best Water User Association (WUA)**

Rank	Association	State
1st	Vettaikaranpudur Canal Odayakulam Village WUA, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
2nd	Kanifnath WUA, Nashik	Maharashtra
3rd	Kharlan WUA, Sri Ganganagar	Rajasthan

**6. Best Civil Society**

Rank	Organizations	State
1st	Banaskantha District Co-operative Milk Producers Union Ltd.	Gujarat
2nd	Ambuja Foundation	Rajasthan
3rd	Art of Living	Karnataka

**7. Best Village Panchayat**

Rank	Village Panchayat	District/State
1st (Joint)	Dubbiganipalli	Annamayya, Andhra Pradesh
1st (Joint)	Payam	Kannur, Kerala
2nd (Joint)	Kaweshwar	Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh
2nd (Joint)	Murugummi	Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh
3rd (Joint)	Balapuram	Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu
3rd (Joint)	Dumarpani	Kanker, Chhattisgarh

**8. Best School or College**

Rank	Institution	State
1st (Joint)	Krishna Public School, Raipur	Chhattisgarh
1st (Joint)	Army Public School, Kolkata	West Bengal
2nd BHSS,	Zainakote, Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
3rd (Joint)	Malusanta Govt. Nodal Higher Secondary School, Damanjodi, Koraput	Odisha
3rd (Joint)	Jharkhand Balika Aawasiya Vidyalaya (JBAV), Rahe, Ranchi	Jharkhand
Special Mention	Mount Abu Public School, Rohini	Delhi
Special Mention	Maharaja Agarsain Public School, Ashok Vihar	Delhi
Special Mention	Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Model School, Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala

9. Best Industry

Rank	Industry	State
1st	Apollo Tyres Ltd., Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu
2nd	Hero MotoCorp Ltd., Gurugram	Haryana
3rd	Jhajjar Power Ltd., Jhajjar	Haryana

10. Best Individual for Excellence in Water Sector

Zone	Name/State	Rank
East Zone	Shri Kishore Jaiswal/Bihar	1st
West Zone	Shri Bajrang Lal Jaithu/Rajasthan	1st
North Zone	Shri Mohan Chandra Kandpal/Uttarakhand	1st
South Zone	Shri Podili Rajasekhara Raju/Andhra Pradesh	1st

**President Droupadi Murmu's Historic State Visit to Botswana**

President **Droupadi Murmu** undertook a three-day official visit to **Botswana** from **11 to 13 November 2025**, marking the **first-ever state visit by an Indian President** to the country. This visit was the final part of her tour of **Angola and Botswana**, and comes ahead of the **60th anniversary of India–Botswana diplomatic relations** in 2026, established in 1966.

**Major Highlights of the Visit**

**Arrival and Delegation**

President Murmu arrived at the **Sir Seretse Khama International Airport** in Gaborone on 11 November 2025, where she received a ceremonial welcome. She was accompanied by:

- **V. Somanna**, Minister of State (MoJS & MoR)
- **Parbhubhai Vasava**, MP (Bardoli, Gujarat)
- **D.K. Aruna**, MP (Mahabubnagar, Madhya Pradesh)

**Bilateral Meetings**

She met **President Duma Gideon Boko** of Botswana and held one-to-one and delegation-level talks. Both sides explored cooperation in:

- Trade and investment
- Renewable energy
- Agriculture
- Health and pharmaceuticals
- Skill development
- Defence
- Digital technology

**Key Visits**

On 12 November 2025, President Murmu visited:

- **Diamond Training Company Botswana (DTCB)** – a major centre for diamond grading and training
- **National Assembly of Botswana**, the country's law-making body
- **Three Dikgosi Monument**, where she paid tribute to three key tribal leaders—Khama III, Sebele I, and Bathoen I—who played vital roles in Botswana's freedom movement

**MoUs Signed During the Visit**

**1. Pharmacopoeial Cooperation**

India and Botswana signed an MoU to harmonise pharmaceutical quality standards, improve regulatory collaboration, and expand access to Indian medicines in Botswana.

**2. Supply of ARV Medicines**

India agreed to supply **antiretroviral (ARV) drugs** used in the treatment of **HIV/AIDS**, strengthening Botswana's public health system.

**3. Recognition of Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP)**

Botswana became the **18th country** to recognise the **Indian Pharmacopoeia** as a reference standard for medicines. This recognition reduces the need for repeat quality testing and promotes smoother pharmaceutical trade.

Countries already recognising IP include: Afghanistan, Ghana, Nepal, Mauritius, Suriname, Nicaragua, Bhutan, Mozambique, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Nauru, Malawi, Guyana, Fiji, Cuba, Trinidad & Tobago, and Maldives.

**Project Cheetah: Botswana Donates Eight Cheetahs**

On 13 November 2025, President Murmu and President Boko visited the **Molokodi Nature Reserve**. They jointly witnessed the transfer of **eight cheetahs**, captured from Botswana's Ghanzi region, into a quarantine facility.

These cheetahs will later be sent to **Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh**, where India has already introduced batches from **Namibia and South Africa**.

**Project Cheetah** aims to restore the species in India, where cheetahs became extinct in **1952**.

**Trade Relations**

- India is one of Botswana's major trading partners, with **annual bilateral trade around USD 500 million**, dominated by the **diamond sector**.
- India imports rough diamonds from Botswana, processes them in hubs like **Surat (Gujarat)**, and re-exports finished stones globally.

**About Botswana**

- **President:** Duma Gideon Boko
- **Capital:** Gaborone
- **Currency:** Botswana Pula (BWP)

**India Skills Report 2026 Released: India's Employability Rises to 56.35%**

In November 2025, the **Educational Testing Service (ETS)**, along with its partners—the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**, **AICTE**, **AIU**, and **Taggd**—released the **13th edition of the India Skills Report (2026)**. The report highlights a steady rise in India's overall employability, which increased to **56.35%** in 2026 from **54.81%** in 2025. This improvement reflects India's shift toward a **skill-first economy**, driven by AI adoption, digital skilling, and growing global workforce mobility.

**Key Findings of the Report**

**1. Women Outperform Men in Employability**

For the first time in five years, **women’s employability (54%)** surpassed that of **men (51.5%)**.

The report attributes this growth to the rise of **hybrid work models**, increased **digital skilling**, and greater opportunities in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

Women’s participation has notably increased in **BFSI, education, and healthcare** sectors.

**2. Expanding Gig Workforce**

India’s **gig and freelance workforce** is expected to reach **23.5 million by 2030**.

Project-based hiring has increased by **38%** compared to the previous year.

Despite this rise, **permanent jobs still make up 72%** of total employment, but gig and third-party roles have grown to **16%**.

**3. India as a Global Talent Hub**

The report positions India as a leading global supplier of skilled professionals.

With global labour shortages projected to reach **85 million by 2030**, India is expected to offer a surplus talent pool of **45 million skilled workers**, strengthening its global relevance.

**4. AI and Tech Skills in High Demand**

- India now holds **16% of the world’s AI talent**, expected to reach **1.25 million** professionals by 2027.
- Over **90% of employees** across sectors use **Generative AI tools**.
- **70% of IT firms** and **50% of BFSI** companies have adopted **AI-based recruitment** systems.
- **Computer Science graduates** show the highest employability at **80%**, followed by **IT engineers at 78%**, showing strong demand for skills in AI, automation, and data analytics.

**5. Top Hiring Trends**

- Hiring intent for **FY 2026–27** stands at **40%**, compared to 29% last year.
- The most in-demand sectors are:
  - **Technology**
  - **BFSI**
  - **Manufacturing**
  - **Renewable Energy**
  - **Healthcare**

**6. Emerging Skill Hubs**

Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, including **Lucknow, Kochi, and Chandigarh**, have emerged as strong employability hubs, helping reduce the urban–rural skill gap.

**7. Top Employable States**

The states with the highest employability in 2026 are:

1. **Uttar Pradesh**
2. **Maharashtra**
3. **Karnataka**

**8. Most Employable Age Group**

The **22–25 age group** continues to lead with an employability rate of **75.7%**, dominating entry-level recruitment.

**About the India Skills Report**

This year’s theme is **“The Future of Work: Gig Workforce, Freelancing, AI-Supplemented Workforce, Remote Work and Entrepreneurship.”**

The report surveyed **over 1 lakh candidates** through the **Global Employability Test (GET)** and gathered insights from **seven key industries**, giving a comprehensive view of India’s evolving workforce landscape.

**About Educational Testing Service (ETS)**

- **CEO:** Amit Sevak
- **Headquarters:** Princeton, New Jersey, USA
- **Founded:** 1947

**List of Son of the Soil Awards 2025 Awardees:**

Award Category	Recipients	Field / Contribution
Emerging Achievers Award	Sukrita Baruah	Media & Communication
	Sanghamitra Kalita	Entrepreneurship
	Isharani Baruah	Sports
	Himjyoti Talukdar	Art & Culture
Lifetime Achievement Awards	Dr. Debjani Borah	Conservation
	Arun Nath	Art & Culture
	Ravi Shankar Ravi	News-Media
	Mainuddin Ahmed	Sports
	Lakshmi Baruah	Entrepreneurship
Social Sector Development Award	Simata Das	Public Service
	Dr. Alaka Sarma	Education & Community Empowerment
<b>Akshar Foundation</b>		

**QS World University Sustainability Rankings 2026**

The QS World University Sustainability Rankings 2026, an annual list by global education analytics firm QS, has ranked Lund University (Sweden) as the world’s most sustainable university. This is the first time Lund University has topped the list since its inception in 2023, displacing the University of Toronto, which had held the top position in both 2024 and 2025. This year’s rankings assess nearly 2,000 universities across 106 countries, up from around 1,750 in the previous edition, marking a significant expansion of global participation in evaluating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance in higher education.

**Top 10 Universities in QS Sustainability Rankings 2026**

The top 10 universities for 2026 are as follows,

1. Lund University, Sweden
2. University of Toronto, Canada
3. University College London (UCL), United Kingdom
4. University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom
5. University of British Columbia, Canada
6. London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), United Kingdom
7. Imperial College London, United Kingdom
8. University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney), Australia
9. McGill University, Canada
10. University of Manchester, United Kingdom

This list reflects strong performances by universities in the UK and Canada, with Sweden’s Lund University claiming a perfect score of 100.

**India’s Growing Footprint in Global Sustainability Rankings**

India has shown notable progress in the 2026 edition,

- 103 Indian universities featured in the rankings
- 26 institutions debuted in the rankings, the second highest number of new entries after Mainland China
- India ranks fourth in terms of total representation, behind the US (240), China (163), and the UK (109)
- This signals growing attention toward sustainability in Indian higher education institutions, with more universities aligning with ESG goals and sustainable development practices.

**About the QS World University Sustainability Rankings**

The QS Sustainability Rankings were introduced in 2023 and are designed to measure how well universities are addressing the world’s most pressing environmental and social challenges. The rankings are based on,

- Environmental impact (carbon footprint, green practices, climate action)
- Social impact (equality, access, community engagement)
- Governance and ethics (institutional transparency, sustainability targets)
- Universities are scored and ranked according to their ESG performance, providing a snapshot of how institutions contribute to a more sustainable global future.

**Why These Rankings Matter**

As the world grapples with climate change, inequality, and environmental degradation, universities are increasingly expected to lead by example. The QS Sustainability Rankings,

- Encourage universities to adopt sustainable operations
- Promote climate-conscious research and education
- Highlight socially responsible governance and inclusion
- Offer students a lens to evaluate universities beyond academics

For students, educators, and policymakers, these rankings reflect an institution’s commitment to building a greener, more equitable world.

**Key Takeaways**

- **Ranking name:** QS World University Sustainability Rankings 2026
- **Top rank:** Lund University, Sweden
- **Previous top:** University of Toronto (2024 & 2025)
- **India’s representation:** 103 universities
- **Indian debutants:** 26
- **Ranking criteria:** Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) impact
- **QS launched the sustainability rankings in:** 2023
- **Total institutions evaluated:** Nearly 2,000 from 106 locations
- **Top countries by representation:** USA (240), China (163), UK (109), India (103)

**PM Narendra Modi’s Visit to South Africa for the 20th G20 Summit**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s 2025 visit Johannesburg marked a significant moment in India–Africa relations and the evolution of the G20. Hosted by South African President **Cyril Ramaphosa**, the summit focused on strengthening global solidarity, reforming financial institutions, and advancing sustainable development. The visit also featured important announcements, new partnerships, and several bilateral meetings with world leaders.

**PM Narendra Modi Arrived in South Africa**

PM Modi arrived at **Waterkloof Air Force Base** on **November 21, 2025**, where he received a ceremonial welcome. This was his **fourth official visit** to South Africa, following his **2016 bilateral visit** and participation in **BRICS Summits in 2018 and 2023**.

**Highlights of the 2025 G20 Summit**

◆ **Theme and Participation**

The 2025 G20 Summit, held on **November 22–23**, was based on the theme **“Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability.”** Leaders from **19 member countries**, the **European Union**, and major global bodies such as the **UN, IMF, World Bank, WTO, WHO, OECD, and ILO** attended the summit. **The United States did not participate.**

**PM Narendra Modi’s Addresses at the Summit**

◆ **Opening Session: “Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth – Leaving No One Behind”**

PM Modi highlighted:

- The need to reform development financing
- The importance of inclusive and sustainable growth
- Enhancing the voice of the Global South

◆ **Second Session: “A Resilient World”**

He called for:

- Stronger global climate action
- Safeguarding global food security

### ◆ Third Session: "A Fair and Just Future for All"

He **proposed**:

- A **Global Framework for Talent Mobility**
- Cooperation on critical minerals
- Decent work standards
- Responsible and inclusive expansion of AI

He also **announced** that India would host the **AI Impact Summit** in **February 2026** under the theme "**Sarvajanam Hitaya, Sarvajanam Sukhaya.**"

#### Six Key Ideas Proposed by PM Modi

PM Modi **put forward** six major initiatives:

##### 1. G20 Global Traditional Knowledge Repository

A global database to preserve and utilize traditional knowledge.

##### 2. G20 Africa Skills Multiplier

Training **one million certified trainers** to build long-term skilling capacity across Africa.

##### 3. G20 Global Health Response Team

A rapid-response team of experts for global health emergencies.

##### 4. G20 Open Satellite Data Partnership

Sharing satellite data with developing countries for agriculture, disaster management, and fisheries.

##### 5. G20 Critical Minerals Circularity Initiative

Promoting recycling, urban mining, and reuse to strengthen mineral supply chains.

##### 6. G20 Initiative on Countering the Drug-Terror Nexus

A coordinated global effort to disrupt drug trafficking and terror financing.

#### G20 Adopted a 122-Point Joint Leaders' Declaration

G20 countries **adopted** a comprehensive **122-Point Leaders' Declaration** emphasizing:

- Climate Action and Sustainability
- Debt Relief and Development Financing
- Critical Minerals
- Trade and Multilateralism
- Peace and Security
- Support for Vulnerable Countries
- Reforms of Global Governance

#### Major Outcomes of the 2025 G20 Summit

##### ◆ IMF Reform

The Summit **approved** a **25th IMF Executive Board seat** for **Sub-Saharan Africa**, enhancing the region's representation.

##### ◆ Mission 300

Leaders **launched Mission 300**, aimed at providing electricity access to **300 million Africans by 2030**.

### ◆ Renewable Energy Goals

Members **agreed** to:

- Triple global renewable energy capacity by 2030
- Double global energy efficiency by 2030

### ◆ Critical Minerals

A **Critical Minerals Framework** was **adopted** for sustainable mining and resilient supply chains.

### ◆ Food Security

The **Ubuntu Approaches** on food security were **introduced**, supporting small farmers, local agriculture, and price stability.

### ◆ AI for Africa

The G20 **launched** the **AI for Africa Initiative**, strengthening digital talent, data access, and computing infrastructure.

#### ACITI Partnership Launched

India, Canada, and Australia **announced** the **ACITI Partnership** (Australia–Canada–India Technology & Innovation Partnership).

This trilateral initiative **focused on**:

- Critical and emerging technologies
- Green energy innovation
- Resilient supply chains, including critical minerals
- AI for public good

#### Bilateral Meetings Held by PM Modi

On the sidelines of the summit, PM Modi **met** several world leaders:

##### South Africa

He met President **Cyril Ramaphosa** and **reviewed** cooperation in trade, mining, skills, and investment.

##### Canada

He met Prime Minister **Mark Carney** and **discussed** expanding ties in defence, trade, space, and technology.

Both sides **agreed** to **resume CEPA negotiations**, aiming to double trade to **USD 50 billion by 2030**.

##### Japan

In his first meeting with PM **Sanae Takaichi**, both leaders **reviewed** progress under the **India–Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership (SSGP)**.

##### Italy

PM Modi met Italy's PM **Giorgia Meloni**, and both countries **adopted** the **India–Italy Joint Initiative to Counter Terror Financing**, strengthening cooperation in FATF and GCTF.

#### IBSA Leaders' Meeting

PM Modi **attended** the **IBSA Leaders' Meeting** with leaders from **Brazil** and **South Africa**.

He **proposed**:

- An **IBSA Digital Innovation Alliance** featuring UPI, CoWIN, cybersecurity exchanges, and women-led tech models.
- An **IBSA Fund for Climate-Resilient Agriculture** to boost South–South cooperation.

**About the G20 (Quick Revision)**

- **Established:** 1999
- **First Leaders' Summit:** 2008
- **Members:** 19 countries + European Union + African Union
- **Represents:**
  - 85% of global GDP
  - 75% of world trade
  - Two-thirds of the global population

The USA will host the 2026 G20 Summit in Doral, Florida.

**Key Highlights of ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2025**

**Participation and Host**

- **Venue:** Cairo, Egypt
- **Dates:** 6–18 November 2025
- **Participants:** 720 shooters from 70 NOCs
- **Organizer:** International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)

**Medal Tally – Top 5 Nations**

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	12	7	2	21
2	South Korea	7	3	4	14
3	India	3	6	4	13
4	Switzerland	3	5	4	12
5	Norway	3	4	3	10

**World Records Set During the Championship**

- **Men's Target Sprint:** Jacob Hoffman (Germany) set a **new world record**.
- **Men's 300m Rifle 3 Positions:** Tomasz Bartnik (Poland) **equalled** the world record.
- **Women's 50m Pistol:** Yao Qianxun (China) set a **new world record** and won the first gold of the event.
- **Men's 50m Rifle Prone Team:** China created a new team world record with **1881.3 points**.

**India's Performance at ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2025**

India secured 13 medals: 3 gold, 6 silver, and 4 bronze, finishing third overall.

**Gold Medals**

- **Samrat Rana** – Men's 10m Air Pistol
- **Ravinder Singh** – Men's 50m Standard Pistol
- **Men's 10m Air Pistol Team**

**Silver Medals**

- **Anish Bhanwala** – 25m Rapid Fire Pistol
- **Gurpreet Singh** – 25m Centre Fire Pistol
- **Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar** – 50m Rifle 3 Positions
- **Esha Singh** – Women's 10m Air Pistol
- **Samrat Rana** – Mixed/Team events
- **Other team rifle/pistol events**

**Bronze Medals**

- **Esha Singh** – Women's 10m Air Pistol
- **Elavenil Valarivan** – 10m Air Rifle
- **Varun Tomar** – 10m Air Pistol
- **Women's 10m Air Rifle Team**

**About ISSF World Shooting Championships – Quick Notes**

- **Founded:** 1897
- **1st Edition:** Lyon, France, 1897
- **Governed by:** ISSF
- The last combined rifle–pistol–shotgun championship took place in **Baku, Azerbaijan, in 2023**.
- The **separate Rifle/Pistol World Championships** began in **2022**, also held in Cairo.

**COP30 Summit Held from November 10 to 21, 2025, in Belem, Brazil: Part II**

**Representation**

India was represented by:

- **Dinesh Bhatia**, Indian Ambassador to Brazil
- **Bhupender Yadav**, Union Minister, MoEF&CC

**Key Engagements**

- **November 17, 2025:** Bhupender Yadav addressed the **High-Level Ministerial Segment on the International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA)**, promoting "Big Cat Landscapes" as **Nature-Based Climate Solutions**.
- Delivered **India's National Statement** and co-chaired the **LeadIT Industry Roundtable** with Sweden.
- Participated in the **11th JCM Partner Countries' Meeting** (Japan).
- **November 19:** Addressed the **ISA SIDS Platform**, urging global cooperation for energy security.
- **November 20:** Addressed the **Baku High-Level Dialogue on Adaptation** and the **Third High-Level Roundtable on Just Transition**.

**Major Announcements**

- **Global Big Cats Summit 2026** to be held in **New Delhi**.
- Release of the GoI publication "**One Earth, One Family, One Future: A Decade of Climate Action.**"
- **India joined the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF)** as an observer.

**Key Global Outcomes and Initiatives**

**1. Belem Package Adopted**

COP30, with participation from **195 countries**, adopted the **Belem Package**, a set of **29 decisions** covering:

- Adaptation finance
- Just transition
- Technology support
- Gender and climate
- Trade, mitigation, and implementation

**Commitment:**

Countries agreed to **double adaptation finance by 2025** and **triple it by 2035**.

**2. ARISE Programme Launched**

The **Climate Investment Fund (CIF)** launched the **ARISE (Accelerating Resilience Investments and Innovations for Sustainable Economies)** initiative.

**Aim:**

Support **Least Developed Countries (LDCs)** and **Small Island Developing States (SIDS)** in integrating adaptation into development and mobilising large-scale climate finance.

**Funding:**

- Germany: **USD 63.25 million**
- Spain: **USD 36.8 million**
- **Total: ~USD 100 million**

**3. DRC Launched National Digital Carbon Credit Registry**

The **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** introduced a national digital registry to **record, verify, track, and regulate** all carbon-credit projects, helping the country protect its forests and generate carbon revenue.

**4. Cambodia Joined Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**

Cambodia became the **18th country** to join the **Fossil Fuel Treaty**, a global campaign to:

- Stop new fossil-fuel projects
- Phase out coal, oil, and gas production

**India has not joined** the treaty.

**5. 17 Countries Joined the Blue NDC Challenge**

The **Blue NDC Challenge**, jointly launched by **Brazil and France**, aims to integrate **ocean-based climate solutions** into national climate commitments (NDCs).

**Countries that Joined (17):**

Brazil, France, Australia, Fiji, Kenya, Mexico, Palau, Seychelles, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, Indonesia, Portugal, Singapore, Chile, Madagascar, United Kingdom.

**Other Major Announcements at COP30**

- **USD 1.3 trillion climate finance annually by 2035** committed for global climate action.
- Calls issued to **end and reverse global deforestation by 2030**.
- Initiatives such as the **Global Implementation Accelerator** and **Belém Mission to 1.5°C** were launched to track NDC progress.
- The **Just Transition Mechanism** supported fossil-fuel-dependent economies.
- Brazil introduced **roadmaps for equitable fossil-fuel transition and deforestation control**.
- The **Belém Health Action Plan** connected climate policies with public health.

- The TFFF highlighted financial rewards for countries protecting tropical forests.
- Climate-Trade Dialogue promoted alignment between trade rules and climate goals.
- The **Global Mutirão Agreement** reinforced multilateral climate cooperation.

**Earthshot Prize 2025**

The **Earthshot Prize 2025** was awarded in Brazil to:

- **re.green** (Brazil)
- **City of Bogota** (Colombia)
- **High Seas Treaty** (Global)
- **Lagos Fashion Week** (Nigeria)
- **Friendship** (Bangladesh)

Each winner received **€1 million**.

**COP31 Host (2026)**

The **31st UN Climate Change Conference (COP31)** will be hosted by **Turkey in 2026**.

**Four New Labour Codes made effective to Simplify and Streamline Labour Laws**

In **November 2025**, the **Government of India (GoI)** officially enforced **four major labour codes**—the **Code on Wages (2019)**, the **Industrial Relations (IR) Code (2020)**, the **Code on Social Security (2020)**, and the **Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSHWC) Code (2020)**.

These codes **came into effect on 21 November 2025**, replacing and consolidating **29 existing labour laws** into a unified and simplified framework.

The Code on Wages was earlier **notified on 8 August 2019**, while the remaining three codes were **notified on 29 September 2020**.

**Key Highlights (Exam-Friendly)**

- **What?** GoI enforced four major labour codes
- **Which Codes?** Wages Code (2019), IR Code, Social Security Code, OSHWC Code (all 2020)
- **Effective From:** 21 November 2025
- **Replaced:** 29 existing labour laws
- **Core Reforms:** Minimum wage right, gig worker coverage, fixed-term employment parity, 8-hour workday, appointment letters for transparency

**Code on Wages, 2019 – Key Provisions**

**1. Consolidation of Four Laws**

Merged:

- Payment of Wages Act, 1936
- Minimum Wages Act, 1948
- Payment of Bonus Act, 1965
- Equal Remuneration Act, 1976

**2. Minimum Wage for All**

A statutory **right to minimum wages** for all employees in both organised and unorganised sectors.

**3. National Floor Wage**

No state may fix wages below the *floor wage*, ensuring nationwide uniformity.

**4. Wage Fixation Criteria**

Skill level, location, and nature of work must guide minimum wage decisions.

**5. Gender Equality**

No discrimination based on gender—including **transgender** identity.

**6. Wage Payment Rules Expanded**

Timely wage payment and controls on deductions now apply to **all employees** (not limited to those earning below ₹24,000/month earlier).

**7. Overtime**

Overtime wages must be **at least 2×** the normal wage.

**Industrial Relations (IR) Code, 2020 – Key Provisions****1. Fixed-Term Employment**

Fixed-term workers get **equal pay and benefits** as permanent workers, including **gratuity after one year**.

**2. Re-skilling Fund**

A fund created for retrenched employees, with contributions equal to **15 days' wages per worker**.

**3. Trade Union Recognition**

A union with **51% membership** becomes the **Negotiating Union**; otherwise, a Negotiating Council forms.

**4. Expanded Worker Definition**

Includes journalists, sales promotion staff, and supervisors earning up to **₹18,000/month**.

**5. Higher Threshold for Lay-off/Retrenchment/Closure**

Approval threshold raised from **100 to 300 workers**.

**6. Women's Representation**

Mandatory proportional representation of women in grievance committees.

**7. Work-from-Home Provision**

Permitted through mutual consent in service sectors.

**8. Direct Tribunal Access**

Allowed if conciliation fails within **90 days**.

**9. Notice for Strikes/Lockouts**

Mandatory **14-day notice**, bringing uniformity.

**Code on Social Security, 2020 – Key Provisions****1. Expanded Social Security Coverage**

Covers **unorganised, gig, and platform workers**.

**2. ESIS Nationwide Coverage**

ESIS became applicable across **all of India**, not just notified areas.

**3. EPF Inquiry Timelines**

Inquiries must begin within **5 years** and end within **2 years** (extendable by 1 year).

Appeals require only **25% deposit** of the disputed amount.

**4. Gig & Platform Workers Included**

New definitions added—*gig worker, platform worker, aggregator*.

Aggregators contribute **1–2% of turnover**, capped at **5% of payments to workers**.

**5. Social Security Fund**

Dedicated fund for life, disability, health, and old-age benefits for unorganised and gig workers.

**6. Uniform Definition of Wages**

“Wages” = basic pay + DA + retaining allowance (must be **50%** of total remuneration).

**7. Gratuity for Fixed-Term Employees**

Eligibility reduced to **one year** instead of five.

**8. Compounding of Offences**

- Fine-only offences: **50%** of maximum fine
- Fine/imprisonment offences: **75%** of maximum fine

**OSHC Code, 2020 – Key Provisions****1. Objectives**

- Ensure **worker safety, health, and dignity**
- Create a **simplified and business-friendly** regulatory system

**2. Unified Registration**

Electronic registration required for establishments with **10+ employees**.

**3. Mandatory Appointment Letters**

All workers must receive appointment letters outlining job roles, wages, and benefits.

**4. Wider Coverage of Workers**

Definition of inter-state migrant workers expanded to include direct, contractual, and self-migrant workers.

**Benefits Include:**

- Annual travel allowance
- Portability of PDS & social security
- Toll-free helpline access

**5. Expanded Journalist & Cine Worker Definitions**

Covers all employees in electronic media and audio-visual content sectors.

**6. Women's Employment**

Women permitted to work across sectors, including **night shifts**, with consent and safety measures.

**7. Victim Compensation**

At least **50% of fines** imposed on offenders to be paid to victims or their families.

**8. Contract Labour Threshold**

Raised from **20 to 50 workers**.

**9. Safety Committees**

Mandatory for establishments with **500+ workers**.

**10. Working Hours**

- 8 hours/day, 48 hours/week
- Overtime at 2x wage, with worker consent

**11. Revised Factory Thresholds**

- With power: 10 → 20 workers
- Without power: 20 → 40 workers

**12. Annual Health Check-ups**

Free yearly health examinations for employees.

**53rd International Emmy Awards 2025**

**Highlights of the 2025 Winners:**

The Academy awarded **16 Emmy statuettes**, recognizing storytelling across continents.

**Best Arts Programming:** *Ryuichi Sakamoto* for the *Last Days* (Japan, NHK (Nippon Hoso Kyokai))

**Best Drama Series:** *Rivals* (United Kingdom; Disney+)

**Best Comedy Series:** *Ludwig* (United Kingdom (UK) ; BBC (The British Broadcasting Corporation))

**Best Performance by an Actress:** **Anna Maxwell Martin** (UK) for *Until I Kill You*

**Best Performance by an Actor:** **Oriol Pla** (Spain)

Category	Winner
Best Arts Programming	Ryuichi Sakamoto (Japan)
Best Performance by an Actress	Anna Maxwell Martin (UK)
Best Performance by an Actor	Oriol Pla (Spain)
Non- Scripted Entertainment	Shaolin in Heroes (Denmark)
Sports Documentary	It's all over: The Kiss That Changed the Spanish Football
Short Form Series	La Mediatrice (The Mediator)
TV Movie/ Mini-Series	Lost Boys and Fairies
Comedy	Ludwig
Telenovela	The Good and The Bad
Documentary	Hell Jumper
Current Affairs	Dispatches: Kill Zone: Inside Gaza
Best News	Gaza, Search for Life
Drama Series	Rivals
International Emmy Directorate Award Gaumont	João Roberto Marinho,
International Emmy Founder's Award	Dana Walden

**Kids**

Live-Action	Fallen
Factual & Entertainment	Auf Fritzi's Spuren – Wie war das so in der DDR? [On Fritzi's Traces – What Was It Like in the GDR?]
Animation	Bluey

**About International Emmy Awards:**

**Presented by:** The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences presents the International Emmy Awards annually in New York, USA honoring global TV (Television) excellence across categories like Drama, Comedy, and Documentary.

**Awards:** It also offers the above-mentioned Special Awards and hosts events for members from over 60 countries.

**Australian Open 2025 Badminton held in Sydney, Australia**

**The Australian Open (AO) 2025 Badminton**, officially titled the Sathio Group Australian Open 2025, is a Badminton World Federation (BWF) Super 500 tournament, held at the State Sports Centre in Sydney, Australia, from 18 to 23 November 2025.

- Indian badminton player **Lakshya Sen** (world Rank 11) clinched the men's **singles title** at the Australian Open 2025 by defeating **Japan's Yushi Tanaka** 21-15, 21-11, marking his first title of the 2025 season and the sixth BWF World Tour crown of his career.
- He became the second Indian to win a BWF World Tour title in 2025 after Ayush Shetty at the US (United States of America) Open Super 300 in June 2025.

**Exam Hints:**

- **Event:** Australian Open 2025 Badminton
- **When?** 18 to 23 November 2025
- **Where?** Sydney, Australia
- **Category?** BWF Super 500
- **Men's Singles Winner:** Lakshya Sen (India)
- **Women's Singles Winner:** An Se Young (Korea)
- **Total Prize Money:** USD 4,75,000

**Total Prize Money:** The Australian Open 2025 had a total prize money pool of **USD 4,75,000**.

- **Distribution:** Of this amount, **USD 35,625** was awarded to the men’s and women’s singles winners, while **USD 37,525** each was allocated to the men’s doubles, women’s doubles, and mixed doubles champions.

**Australian Open 2025 Badminton Winners:**

Category	Winner	Runner-Up
Men’s Singles	Lakshya Sen (India)	Yushi Tanaka (Japan)
Women’s Singles	An Se Young (Korea)	Putri Kusuma Wardani (Indonesia)
Men’s Doubles	Raymond Indra (Indonesia) and Nikolaus Joaquin (Indonesia)	Fajar Alfian (Indonesia) and Muhammad Shohib Fikri (Indonesia)
Women’s Doubles	Rachel Allessya Rose (Indonesia) and Febi Setianinfrum (Indonesia)	Febriana Dwipuji Kusuma (Indonesia) and Meilysa Trias (Indonesia)
Mixed Doubles	Chen Tang Jie (Malaysia) and Toh Ee Wei (Malaysia)	Jafar Hidayatullah (Indonesia) and Felisha Alberta Pasaribu (Indonesia)

**Cabinet Approvals**

**1. Cabinet Approves Rationalization of Royalty Rates for Critical Minerals**

The Union Cabinet has approved revised **royalty rates** for four critical minerals — **Caesium, Graphite, Rubidium, and Zirconium** — to promote their auction and boost domestic production. The new structure includes **2% ASP for Caesium, 4% and 2% ASP for Graphite** depending on grade, **2% ASP for Rubidium**, and **1% ASP for Zirconium**. This change is expected to unlock new **mineral blocks**, reduce **import dependence**, enhance **supply chain security**, and support India's push towards **Green Energy**. These minerals play major roles in **EV batteries, nuclear energy, electronics, GPS systems, fibre optics**, and other high-tech sectors, and the move aligns with the country’s growing focus on **critical and strategic minerals** under the **MMDR Act**.

**2. Cabinet Approves Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)**

The Union Cabinet has approved the **Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)** to provide **100% credit guarantee** through **NCGTC** for additional lending of up to **₹20,000 crore**, benefiting both **MSME and non-MSME exporters**. The scheme aims to boost **liquidity**, support **market diversification**, and strengthen India’s path toward achieving **USD 1 trillion exports**. By enabling **collateral-free credit**, the initiative will help exporters maintain operations, improve global competitiveness, and expand into new markets. With exports contributing significantly to **GDP**,

**employment**, and **foreign exchange reserves**, the scheme reinforces India's commitment to promoting an **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** through a more resilient export ecosystem.

**3. Cabinet Resolution on Explosion Near Red Fort, Delhi**

The Union Cabinet expressed deep grief over the tragic **terrorist car explosion near the Red Fort on 10 November 2025**, which caused multiple deaths and injuries. The Cabinet condemned the **heinous and cowardly act**, paid tribute to the victims, and appreciated the swift response of **security agencies, medical teams, and citizens**. The government reiterated its policy of **zero tolerance towards terrorism** and directed authorities to conduct a thorough and urgent **investigation** to identify and punish the perpetrators and their supporters. The Cabinet also acknowledged the global **solidarity and support** extended by various countries in response to the attack.

**4. Cabinet Approves Export Promotion Mission (EPM) –**

The Union Cabinet has approved the ambitious **Export Promotion Mission (EPM)** with an outlay of **₹25,060 crore** to strengthen India's **export ecosystem**, especially for **MSMEs, first-time exporters, and labour-intensive sectors**. The Mission consolidates earlier fragmented schemes into a single, flexible, digital framework operating through two components: **NIRYAT PROTSAHAN** (focused on affordable trade finance) and **NIRYAT DISHA** (focused on compliance, branding, logistics, and market access). The initiative aims to tackle challenges such as costly finance, limited branding, logistics gaps, and high compliance costs, while also supporting sectors affected by recent **global tariff hikes**. Implemented by **DGFT**, EPM is expected to boost **employment**, improve **export readiness**, and help India move toward the vision of **Viksit Bharat @2047**.

**5. Cabinet Approves Pune Metro Rail Project Phase-2 (Line 4 & 4A)**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved Pune Metro Phase-2’s Line 4 (Kharadi–Hadapsar–Swargate–Khadakwasla) and Line 4A (Nal Stop–Warje–Manik Baug), covering 31.636 km with 28 elevated stations at a cost of **₹9,857.85 crore**, to be completed in five years. The project will be jointly funded by the Centre, Maharashtra Government, and multilateral agencies, and implemented by Maha-Metro. These corridors integrate with existing metro lines at Kharadi Bypass, Nal Stop, and Swargate, and provide interchanges at Hadapsar Railway Station with future links to Loni Kalbhor and Saswad Road. Running through major routes like Solapur Road, Magarpatta Road, Sinhagad Road, Karve Road, and Mumbai–Bengaluru Highway, the project aims to reduce congestion, improve connectivity across IT hubs, educational clusters, residential belts, and tourism zones. Ridership is projected at 4.09 lakh daily by 2028, rising to 11.7 lakh by 2058. With pre-construction underway, this approval takes Pune’s metro network beyond 100 km and strengthens the city’s path toward a modern, integrated, and sustainable transport system.

## 6. Cabinet Approves ₹7,280 Crore Scheme for Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPM)

The Union Cabinet has approved a ₹7,280-crore Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPM), establishing India's first integrated 6,000 MTPA REPM production ecosystem to boost self-reliance and reduce import dependence. REPMs—critical for EVs, renewable energy, consumer electronics, aerospace, and defence—will be manufactured through complete value-chain conversion from rare earth oxides to final magnets. The scheme includes ₹6,450 crore in sales-linked incentives for five years and ₹750 crore capital subsidy for setting up manufacturing capacity, allocated to five global-bid winners with up to 1,200 MTPA each. The scheme duration is seven years, including a two-year gestation period and five years of incentive disbursement. With REPM demand expected to double by 2030, India aims to secure supply chains, boost advanced manufacturing, generate employment, and support the Net Zero by 2070 commitment under the Viksit Bharat @2047 vision.

## 7. CCEA Approves Two Railway Multitracking Projects Worth ₹2,781 Crore

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved two major Indian Railways multitracking projects worth ₹2,781 crore: the 141-km Devbhumi Dwarka (Okha)–Kanalus doubling and the 32-km Badlapur–Karjat 3rd & 4th line. Together adding 224 km to the rail network across Maharashtra and Gujarat, the projects aim to ease congestion, boost mobility, improve operational efficiency, and enhance freight capacity by 18 MTPA. The PM Gati Shakti-aligned proposals will provide seamless multimodal connectivity, benefiting 585 villages with 32 lakh population. The Kanalus–Okha doubling improves access to Dwarkadhish Temple and accelerates Saurashtra's development, while the Badlapur–Karjat project strengthens the Mumbai suburban corridor and enhances links to southern India. The project will also reduce logistics costs, cut 3 crore litres of oil imports, lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 16 crore kg (equivalent to planting 64 lakh trees), and support movement of key commodities such as coal, cement, POL, salt, and containers.

## Parliament News

### State-wise November Month Important Events

#### STATE-WISE CURRENT AFFAIRS (NOVEMBER 2025)

(All items organised under their respective states; no symbols used)

#### Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh approved three new districts: Polavaram, Markapuram, and Madanapalle, increasing the total from 26 to 29, along with five new revenue divisions.

The state launched the farmer welfare campaign "Rythanna Meekosam" from November 24–29, focusing on water security, agri-tech adoption, and demand-based farming.

Digital Connexion announced an USD 11 billion AI-native data centre campus of 1 GW capacity in Visakhapatnam, targeted for completion by 2030.

#### Assam

Assam observed Lachit Divas on November 24, honouring the 1671 Battle of Saraighat hero Lachit Borphukan.

Sarbananda Sonowal conferred the Sons of the Soil Awards to achievers in culture, sports, arts, and public service.

#### Bihar

Gogabeel Lake was declared a Ramsar Site in 2025, becoming Bihar's first community reserve; home to species such as the Smooth-Coated Otter and Helicopter Catfish.

Nitish Kumar was sworn in as Chief Minister for a record 10th term after the NDA victory in the 2025 Assembly Elections.

#### Gujarat

Gujarat launched the Tribal Genome Project, India's first tribal-focused genome sequencing programme by GBRC, covering 2,000 genomes across 17 districts to address genetic disorders like sickle cell anaemia and thalassemia.

Ambaji Marble from Banaskantha received the GI Tag under the High-Quality Natural Stone category.

#### Haryana

A 240 TPD biomass pellet plant was inaugurated in Rewari, and foundation was laid for the K2 Bio-Ethanol facility supporting E20 and Net Zero 2070 goals.

#### Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh celebrated the Raulane Festival in Kinnaur, featuring masked dances and ancient folklore traditions.

#### Jharkhand

The Supreme Court directed Jharkhand to declare Saranda Forest as a Wildlife Sanctuary.

#### Karnataka

Karnataka became India's first state to offer 12 days of paid menstrual leave annually for women across all sectors.

Karnataka launched the KEO PC, an affordable AI-ready computer priced at ₹18,999.

Karnataka announced India's first Quantum City, named Q-City, at Hesaraghatta under the ₹1,000 crore National Quantum Mission.

Karnataka Planters' Association elected M. Salman Baseer as Chairman and M. C. Kariappa as Vice Chairman at its 67th AGM.

#### Maharashtra

Maharashtra signed a Starlink Connectivity Pact with SpaceX to enable satellite internet across remote districts under the Digital Maharashtra Mission.

The state launched a new agricultural identity with the logo and motto "Sashwat Sheti, Samruddha Shetkari", focusing on sustainable, technology-driven farming.

The Asian Development Bank approved USD 400 million under the Maharashtra Roads Connectivity for Inclusive Growth Programme to upgrade state highways and rural roads.

The World Bank approved USD 776 million for POCRA-II (climate-resilient agriculture) and digital education reforms (POISE) in Punjab and Maharashtra.

Mandale Depot for Mumbai Metro Line 2B, spread across 32 hectares, was inaugurated as Asia's largest and first elevated metro depot.

Pune Metro Phase-2 Lines 4 and 4A worth ₹9,857.85 crore received Cabinet approval, covering 31.636 km with 28 elevated stations.

**Madhya Pradesh**

Project Cheetah update: Eight cheetahs will arrive from Botswana by December 2025, increasing the total population at Kuno National Park to 35.

**Nagaland**

(No event provided)

**Odisha**

Puri Beach and Sunapur Beach regained Blue Flag Certification, meeting 33 environmental criteria for eco-friendly tourism.

**Rajasthan**

Rajasthan hosted the 5th Khelo India University Games in Jaipur, with more than 7,000 participants and 5,000 athletes from 230 universities across 23 sports.

**Telangana**

Telangana launched the Telangana AI Innovation Hub (TAIH) in Hyderabad in partnership with IIT-H, BITS Pilani, ISB, Google, and Microsoft, with a vision to become one of the top 20 global AI hubs by 2035.

**Tamil Nadu**

South Korea's Samhyun will build an EV motor component plant in Sriperumbudur, boosting the state's EV manufacturing ecosystem.

**Uttarakhand**

Uttarakhand celebrated its 25th Foundation Day; Prime Minister Modi inaugurated projects worth more than ₹8,000 crore at the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun.

Under PMFBY, ₹62 crore was released for more than 28,000 farmers.

**Uttar Pradesh**

A new Skill India Centre was inaugurated in Baraut, Baghpat, to train 600 youth and women in electronics and IT-enabled services.

**Chhattisgarh**

Chhattisgarh celebrated its Formation Day; Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated projects worth ₹14,260 crore, opened the new Assembly Complex, and unveiled Atal Bihari Vajpayee's statue in Nava Raipur.

**Delhi (NCT)**

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced staggered office timings from November 15 to February 15 to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion during the smog season.

**Punjab**

Punjab became the first state to fully implement the Bharat Net Scheme, providing broadband connectivity to nearly all villages. Anandpur Sahib, Talwandi Sabo, and Golden Temple Galiara were declared holy cities, banning liquor, meat, and tobacco products.

**Sikkim**

Khangchendzonga National Park received a "Good" rating from IUCN, making it India's only natural world heritage site with this rating.

Traditional Lepcha instruments Tungbuk and Pumtong Pulit received GI Tags.

**November Month Launches & Inaugurations:**

- **Marine Fisheries Census 2025** launched by Union Minister **George Kurian** in **Kochi**; India's first **fully digital** fisheries census using the **VYAS App Suite**.
- **Employees' Enrolment Scheme 2025 (EPFO)** announced by **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**; 6-month window for employers to declare unregistered workers.
- **Research, Development & Innovation (RDI) Scheme 2025** launched by PM Modi with **₹1 lakh crore** funding for **AI, Quantum, Green Hydrogen, Semiconductors**, plus **10,000 PM Research Fellowships**.
- **Digital Museum for Tribal Freedom Fighters** inaugurated at **Nava Raipur**, honouring **Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh**.
- **PM Modi inaugurated four new Vande Bharat Express trains** from **Varanasi** — Banaras–Khajuraho, Lucknow–Saharanpur, Firozpur–Delhi, and Ernakulam–Bengaluru.
- **DRAP & UiWIN Programs** launched to clear **214 legacy dumpsites**, reclaiming **7,580 acres** and handling **8.8 crore tonnes** of waste.
- **Deep-Sea Fishing Rules Notified**, prioritising Indian cooperatives via **ReALCraft Portal** with 2.38 lakh boats registered.
- **Upgraded Aadhaar Mobile App** launched with **AI face authentication, QR verification, biometric lock, and selective data sharing**.
- **NHPC Golden Jubilee**: Minister Manohar Lal released a **₹50 commemorative coin** and launched a comic titled **"Chhota Bheem aur Bada Bandh."**

- **India to conduct All India Tiger Estimation 2026**, the world's largest wildlife survey using **AI-based camera traps & satellite mapping**.
- **India's first MWh-scale Vanadium Flow Battery** unveiled at **NTPC NETRA** under the **Green Hydrogen Mission**.
- **Aadhaar Biometric Enhancement Project**: UIDAI began pilot for AI-based fingerprint & iris capture for children aged 5–15 years.
- **PM Modi inaugurated the 1,020 MW Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project** in Bhutan.
- Government launched **₹1,500 crore projects** at **New Mangalore Port** to improve digital & cargo handling capacity.
- **Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)** approved — ₹20,000 crore collateral-free credit via **NCGTC**.
- **MeitY notified the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Rules 2025**, officially putting into effect the DPDP Act 2023 to strengthen privacy rights and data protection mechanisms.
- **CBFC launched a new Multilingual Module on the e-Cinepramaan portal**, enabling faster, region-friendly film certification across major Indian languages.
- **India's first AI Incubation Centre** was inaugurated at **DPS RK Puram, New Delhi**, promoting early-age innovation and AI-based learning for students.
- **PM Narendra Modi inaugurated development projects worth ₹9,700 crore in Gujarat**, focusing on infrastructure, tribal development, and public amenities.
- **10 new AMRIT pharmacies** were inaugurated across India on the scheme's 10th anniversary to provide low-cost quality medicines to citizens.
- The Government launched the **National Cyber Shield**, India's first AI-enabled cyber defence network integrating **50+ agencies** for real-time threat response.
- The **National Cybersecurity Helpline 1930** was launched for quick reporting of cyber frauds, phishing, and financial cybercrimes.
- **India's first Regional AI Innovation Hub** was inaugurated in Bengaluru under the IndiaAI Mission to support startups and AI research.
- GoI launched the **Offshore Wind Energy Policy 2025**, targeting a massive **37 GW offshore wind capacity** by 2030.
- PM launched the **TB-Mukt Bharat Mission 2026**, featuring AI-based chest X-ray diagnosis, free medicines, and nutrition support.
- India released the **EV Battery Recycling Policy 2025**, aiming for **85% metal recovery** from used EV batteries by 2030.
- **India Post opened its first Gen-Z themed post office at IIT Delhi**, designed for digital-savvy youth with tech-enabled services.
- PM Modi released a **₹100 commemorative coin and special postal stamps** in honour of Sri Sathya Sai Baba during the centenary celebrations.
- India launched **BIRSA 101**, the nation's first **indigenous CRISPR-based gene therapy** for Sickle Cell Disease, marking a major scientific breakthrough.
- GoI established **four Quantum Fabrication & Central Facilities** under the National Quantum Mission at IIT Bombay, IISc Bengaluru, IIT Delhi, and IIT Kanpur to accelerate quantum research.
- India inaugurated its **first Liquid Helium Facility** at IIT Bombay and showcased advanced quantum instruments like **QMagPI and QDM**.
- **NCW launched a nationwide 24x7 women's emergency helpline '14490'** for safety, legal support, and cybercrime assistance.
- PM Modi inaugurated '**Panchjanya**', a monumental **5.5-tonne, 5-metre conch** at the Mahabharata Experience Centre in Kurukshetra.
- PM Modi inaugurated the **Mahabharata Anubhav Kendra**, built under the Swadesh Darshan scheme at a cost of **₹200 crore**, showcasing India's civilizational heritage.
- The Government released a **commemorative cover** honouring Dr. Ramdas Pai on his 90th birthday at the MAHE Convocation.
- Cabinet approved **Pune Metro Phase-2**, including Lines 4 and 4A, covering **31.636 km**, with a cost of **₹9,857.85 crore**.
- A new **Skill India Centre** was inaugurated in Baraut, Uttar Pradesh, to boost skill training and employability.
- **Commonwealth Games 2030** were officially awarded to **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**, making India the host city for the first time.
- MNRE Minister inaugurated a **240 TPD biomass pellet plant** and laid the foundation stone for a **bio-ethanol plant** in Rewari, Haryana.
- PM Modi inaugurated the **Safran Aircraft Engine Services India (SAESI) MRO facility** in Hyderabad worth **₹1,300 crore** to support aircraft engine servicing.



Important FestivalMiscellaneous National News

- **Swachh Survekshan 2025:** Madurai ranked India's dirtiest city; Indore, Surat, Navi Mumbai retained top spots among cleanest cities.
- **Ayushman Bharat – PM-JAY** became the world's largest health scheme, covering 12 crore families, ₹5 lakh coverage each; 42 crore Ayushman Cards issued; ₹1.52 lakh crore saved.
- **UIDAI – Aadhaar Vision 2032** aims for AI, blockchain, and quantum-proof security.
- **UPI Transactions** hit ₹27.28 lakh crore in October 2025 with 20.7 billion transactions; operational in 7 countries.
- **8th Central Pay Commission (CPC)** headed by Justice Ranjana Desai; effective Jan 2026; expected fitment factor 1.8–2.57; minimum pay likely ₹46,260.
- **India–China Imports** resumed after lifting 5-year freeze with strategic checks on telecom & defence items.
- **EPFO–IPPB MoU** enables digital life certificates at doorstep for EPS-95 pensioners.
- **150 Years of “Vande Mataram”:** PM launched nationwide celebrations and released commemorative stamps & coins.
- **IIP Base Year Revised** to 2020–21, covering 400+ manufacturing items and 50 mining products.
- **India's Unemployment Rate** fell to 5.2% in Q2 2025 due to service & construction sector growth; female labour participation improved.
- **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Redevelopment** announced — to be developed into a modern sports city.
- India to host the **2nd WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2025** in New Delhi.
- **PM's Bhutan Visit:** Multiple MoUs on connectivity & digital payments; India announced ₹4,000 crore support for Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan.
- **Bioeconomy Value** reached \$150 billion in 2024–25; target \$300 billion by 2030 under BioE3 Policy.
- **India to receive 8 cheetahs from Botswana** under Project Cheetah to boost genetic diversity.
- **India leads globally with a 21% decline in TB incidence** since 2015, boosting TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan.
- The **e-Jagriti consumer grievance platform** under the Department of Consumer Affairs crossed 2.75 lakh registered users, improving consumer protection services.
- **India's merchandise + services exports** touched USD 491.8 billion (Apr–Oct 2025), registering a 4.84% growth over the previous year.
- **17 new projects worth ₹7,172 crore** were approved under the **Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS)** to boost domestic manufacturing.
- **Ambaji Marble from Gujarat** received the prestigious GI Tag for its unique texture and quality.
- **Tata Memorial Centre** announced a **global breakthrough** showing radiation significantly reduces recurrence in high-risk bladder cancer patients.
- India became the **world's 2nd-largest EV two-wheeler market** with 3.2 million sales in FY 2024–25.
- India surpassed Japan to become the **world's 3rd-largest equity market**, crossing the USD 5 trillion mark.
- India signed its **first-ever LPG import agreement with the US**, securing 2.2 million tonnes per year from 2026.
- India was re-elected to the **Codex Executive Committee (Asia) 2024–2027**, strengthening its global food safety role.
- The **56th IFFI** showcased UNICEF's special film package “Five Films, One Universal Story” from Nov 20–28.
- Courts in **New Zealand and Kenya** rejected **India's Basmati GI protection plea** under TRIPS.
- India reported a **21% reduction in TB cases** and a **25% fall in TB mortality** between 2015–2024.
- PM Modi visited **Puttaparthi** and paid tribute at the Mahasamadhi of **Sri Sathya Sai Baba** during the centenary celebrations.
- **GoI released a coffee-table book** on Guru Tegh Bahadur, published by the Haryana Government.
- **MoAFW released 3rd advance horticulture estimates**, recording 369.05 million tonnes, 4% higher than last year.
- **CISF designated as the nodal authority for safety and security** of nearly 250 seaports across India.
- India Post issued a **commemorative postal cover** on Dr. Ramdas Pai during MAHE's 90th birthday celebrations.
- **Indian Railways recorded 1,020 MT freight loading** in FY 2025–26, with coal contributing 505 MT.
- India debuted at **WorldSkills Asia** with a 23-member team across 21 skills.
- **Tribal Affairs Ministry's budget** increased to ₹15,000 crore, expanding the **EMRS network to 728 schools**.
- **Indian Army commemorated 1,171 martyrs of Operation Pawan** on November 26 after 38 years.
- Justice **Surya Kant** took oath as the **53rd Chief Justice of India**, with tenure till Feb 2027.
- **Assam passed the Prohibition of Polygamy Bill 2025**, banning polygamy except in ST & Sixth Schedule areas.
- **Election Commission completed 99.07% enumeration and 47.35% digitisation** of electoral rolls.
- India celebrated **National Milk Day**, recording 239.3 MT milk production in 2023–24 (25% of global output).
- **NCC observed its 78th Raising Day** with 20 lakh cadets and new modules on **drones & cybersecurity**.
- **Cabinet approved a ₹7,280 crore scheme for Rare Earth Permanent Magnet (REPM) manufacturing**.

- CCEA approved ₹2,781 crore for multitracking projects including Okha–Kanalus doubling & Badlapur–Karjat.
- **Sardar@150 Unity March** began from Anand, covering **180 km** to the Statue of Unity.
- EPFO formed a **Cadre Restructuring Committee** headed by BP Sharma (deadline: March 31, 2026).
- SEBI relaxed **IA/RA eligibility rules**, allowing graduates from any stream to apply.
- Tribal crafts from **705 communities** were showcased at **IITF 2025** under ‘Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat’.
- WII tracked **three Amur Falcons** migrating **5,100–6,100 km non-stop** to Africa.
- The **India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2025** was held in New Delhi on the theme “*Inclusive & Sustainable Viksit Bharat*”.
- **Cyclone Ditwah** approached Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Andhra Pradesh coasts with orange alerts.
- India unveiled **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s bust at UNESCO HQ** on Constitution Day.
- IFFI 56 released a **commemorative stamp** honouring filmmaker **K. Vaikunth**.

## GOVT SCHEMES

### CENTRAL GOVT SCHEMES

Name of Initiative	Ministry / Department	Year	Purpose / Key Features
<b>AMRIT Pharmacies – 10th Anniversary Expansion (10 New Outlets)</b>	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	2025	To provide affordable, quality medicines through AMRIT outlets; expansion improves accessibility to low-cost drugs for poor and middle-class citizens.
<b>YUVA AI for ALL</b>	Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY)	2025	A free foundational AI course under IndiaAI Mission to train <b>1 crore Indians</b> in basic AI skills, digital literacy, and ethical AI usage.
<b>Trade Intelligence &amp; Analytics (TIA) Portal</b>	Ministry of Commerce & Industry	2025	To offer transparent, real-time trade data for MSMEs, startups & small exporters, enabling informed decision-making and improved export competitiveness.
<b>ColoNoX (Nitric-Oxide Wound Dressing)</b>	Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)	2025	India’s first indigenous nitric-oxide wound dressing to accelerate healing, reduce infection, and support Atmanirbhar Bharat in medical technology.
<b>Ferrocyanate (BARC B1401) – Certified Reference Material (CRM)</b>	Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)	2025	India’s first CRM for Rare Earth Elements (REE), used to standardise testing labs and strengthen India’s rare-earth mineral capability.
<b>Re-election to Codex Executive Committee (CCEXEC – Asia)</b>	Ministry of Health / FSSAI	2025	Ensures India’s representation in global food safety standards until 2027; enhances India’s role in international food regulatory decisions.
<b>Project Gaja-Lok</b>	Ministry of Culture (INTACH)	2025	A national documentation project capturing the cultural, ecological & historical significance of Asian elephants and human-elephant coexistence.
<b>Capital Gains Accounts (2nd Amendment) Scheme 2025</b>	Ministry of Finance	2025	Allows taxpayers to temporarily park capital gains in designated accounts & retain tax exemption while purchasing/constructing property.
<b>SARAL SIMS (Simplified Steel Import Monitoring System)</b>	Ministry of Steel	2025	A simplified one-time import declaration system for iron & steel products; enables importers to use <b>one SARAL SIMS number</b> for multiple consignments.
<b>₹7,280-crore REPM Manufacturing Scheme</b>	Union Cabinet / Ministry of Commerce & Industry	2025	To promote manufacturing of <b>Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets</b> , cut import dependence, and support EVs, drones & renewable sectors.
<b>Nayi Chetna – Initiative for Change (4th Edition)</b>	MoAFW, MoRD & MoWCD (Joint)	2025	Focuses on women’s safety, mobility, dignity, gender equality, economic empowerment & social behavioural change at the community level.
<b>Tex-RAMPS (Textile-R&amp;D, Analytics, Modernisation, Promotion Scheme)</b>	Ministry of Textiles	2025	A ₹305-crore scheme to boost textile innovation, startups, IT-enabled services & strengthen data systems in the textile value chain.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- **Russia:** Launched nuclear submarine “Khabarovsk” (Nov 1–2); capable of carrying **Poseidon nuclear-powered underwater drones**.
- **Maldives:** Became **first country** to impose a **generational smoking ban** (for citizens born after Jan 1, 2007).
- **China:** Achieved breakthrough in **Thorium Molten Salt Reactor** technology; converted thorium into uranium.
- **International Monetary Fund (IMF):** Warned global **debt-to-GDP ratio** could reach **102.3% by 2030**; India’s debt at **81.4%**.
- **World Justice Project Rule of Law Index 2025:** India ranked **86th out of 143 countries**; Denmark topped the list.
- **Kazakhstan:** Announced decision to join the **Abraham Accords** (Nov 6, 2025).
- **United Nations (UN) Climate Summit 2025:** Held in **Belém, Brazil**; marked **30 years of climate negotiations**.
- **Ghazala Hashmi:** Elected **Virginia’s first Muslim and South Asian Lieutenant Governor** (USA).
- **FIFA:** Introduced the “**FIFA Peace Prize – Football Unites the World**” to be awarded on **Dec 5, 2025**.
- **G20 Inequality Report:** India’s **top 1% own 27% of national wealth**; wealth share increased by **62% (2000–2023)**.
- **Afghanistan:** To appoint its **first Taliban diplomat** to India since 2021.
- **China** launches its **third aircraft carrier – Fujian**, featuring **EMALS tech** and **electric propulsion**, boosting its **naval strength in Asia-Pacific**.
- The **US** conducted a **Minuteman III ICBM test** to verify **reliability** and **readiness**, reaffirming its **nuclear deterrence** amid global tensions.
- **Pakistan's Constitutional Crisis:** The 27th Constitutional Amendment proposed on November 8, 2025, centralizes power under Army Chief Gen. Asim Munir by creating a Field Marshal post with executive control over judiciary appointments and reduced provincial autonomy.
- **Egypt's Western Desert Gas Discovery:** New natural gas field discovered in Badr-15 area with initial production capacity of 16 million cubic feet per day and estimated reserves of 15 billion cubic feet, enhancing domestic energy security.
- **India Joins Tropical Forests Facility:** The country entered as observer during COP30 Summit in Belém, Brazil, joining initiative aimed at mobilizing \$125 billion for tropical forest conservation while emphasizing equity and climate adaptation.
- **India–Angola Sign MoUs to Boost Trade:** India and Angola exchanged MoUs on fisheries, aquaculture, and marine resource management during the President of India's historic first-ever state visit to Angola in 2025, aiming to expand bilateral trade and cooperation in the blue economy.
- **Bangladesh Joins UN Water Convention:** Bangladesh became the first South Asian country to join the UNECE Water Convention in 2025, promoting cooperation on shared rivers and transboundary water management, particularly significant for the Ganga–Brahmaputra–Meghna river system.
- **President Droupadi Murmu's Historic Visit to Angola:** India's President made the first-ever state visit by an Indian President to Angola in 2025, focusing on cooperation in blue economy, energy, and capacity building while strengthening South–South partnerships and marking a milestone in India's diplomatic outre **New US Ambassador to India:** Sergio Gor officially took charge as United States Ambassador to India, succeeding Eric Garcetti, with focus on strategic cooperation in defense, technology, and clean energy.
- **Bharat-Sri Lanka Cultural Ties:** The first-ever Sanskrit Mahotsav jointly organized by India and Sri Lanka inaugurated at University of Colombo with participation from 20+ universities, supported by ICCR.
- UAE completes first **Digital Dirham transaction** under **2 minutes**, using **mBridge platform**, moving toward **fully digital economy**.
- **US President Trump** signs temporary funding, ending **42-day shutdown**, affecting **federal operations** and **national services**.
- **USA** approved supply of **100 FGM-148 Javelin ATGMs** worth **USD 45.7 mn** and **216 Excalibur M982A1 artillery rounds** worth **USD 47.1 mn** to India, boosting **precision-strike** and **anti-armor** capability.
- **GCC** approved a **Unified Travel System**, a one-stop mobility platform across **six member nations**, with phased rollout from **2026**.
- **Shah Rukh Khan Tower** announced in **Dubai**, named “**Shahrukh by Danube**”, to be completed by **2029**.
- **UNESCO** declared the **Sundarbans** a **Climate Heritage Site**, recognizing its role as a **natural climate buffer** jointly conserved by **India & Bangladesh**.
- **UIDAI** launched the new **Aadhaar App** with features like **masked Aadhaar**, **biometric lock**, and **5-profile storage**.
- India signed its first structured **India–US LPG Agreement** to import **2.2 million tonnes/year from 2026**, covering **10% of India’s LPG demand**.
- India re-elected to the **Codex Executive Committee (Asia)** for **2024–2027** during the **48th CAC session**.
- Government released the **Offshore Wind Energy Policy 2025** targeting **37 GW** capacity by **2030**.
- **RBI** enabled **Digital Rupee (₹₹)–UPI interoperability** for seamless QR-based payments.
- PM launched **TB-Mukt Bharat Mission 2026** using **AI X-rays**, free treatment & **Nikshay Poshan Yojana** support.

- India opened its first **Regional AI Innovation Hub** in **Bengaluru** under the **IndiaAI Mission** to train **1 lakh AI developers**.
- **World Bank** approved **USD 1.2 bn** for **Climate-Resilient Agriculture Program** across **10 states**, benefiting **8 million farmers**.
- India released the **EV Battery Recycling Policy 2025** targeting **85% recovery** of lithium, cobalt & nickel by **2030**.
- India became world's **3rd largest solar power producer** with **88 GW** installed capacity and **22% share** in electricity mix (2025).
- Government launched the **National Cybersecurity Helpline 1930** for UPI fraud, phishing, and identity theft.
- India and Japan signed the **Indo-Japan Digital Trade & Innovation Agreement 2025** to boost digital trade by **40%** in 3 years.
- **US** designated **Saudi Arabia** a **Major Non-NATO Ally**, approving **F-35 sales**, **300 tanks**, and cooperation in **civil nuclear, AI & critical minerals**.
- **India & Israel** signed **ToR** to begin negotiations for a **Free Trade Agreement (FTA)** focusing on **investment & tech transfer**.
- **China** developed a **Deep-Sea All-Weather Floating Facility** for **238 personnel**, nuclear-resistant, operational by **2028**.
- **Larry Page** overtook **Jeff Bezos** with a net worth of **USD 246 bn**, driven by **Alphabet Q3 earnings** and **Gemini 3 AI** success.
- **UAE** contributed **USD 1.46 bn** (7.2%) to **global UN aid**, praised for its **speed & long-term impact**.
- India resumed **tourist visas for Chinese citizens** from **July 2025**, boosting tourism & hospitality sectors.
- **US President Donald Trump** designated **Saudi Arabia** as a **Major Non-NATO Ally**, making it the **20th country** to receive MNNA status.
- **WHO** declared **Indonesia free from Type-2 cVDPV poliovirus**, with no cases reported since June 2024.
- **India** championed **climate justice at COP30 in Brazil**, demanding stronger finance commitments and opposing unilateral carbon border taxes.
- **India, Australia, and Canada** launched the **ACITI Partnership**, focusing on AI, clean energy, and critical minerals, with roadmap talks planned for early 2026.
- **G20 Johannesburg Summit** adopted a **39-page consensus declaration** on climate action, multilateralism, debt relief, and digital inclusion, with AU participating as a full member.
- **PM Modi unveiled six global initiatives at G20**, including the Traditional Knowledge Repository, Africa Skills Program, Global Health Response Team, and satellite data sharing for development.
- **Dormant Hayli Gubbi volcano in Ethiopia** erupted after **12,000 years**, sending ash 14 km high, leading DGCA to advise Indian airlines to modify routes.
- **Gavi and UNICEF** secured **malaria vaccine R21/Matrix-M** price at **USD 2.99 per dose**, saving USD 90 million and enabling 30 million extra doses.
- **USA** celebrated **Thanksgiving on November 27, 2025**, continuing the tradition based on the 1621 Pilgrims–Wampanoag harvest feast.
- **Antarctic ozone hole** recorded its **fifth-smallest size**, averaging 7.23 million sq miles, with peak 8.83 million sq miles on September 9, 2025.
- **Jakarta surpassed Tokyo with 42 million people**, becoming the world's most populous city amid rapid Asian urbanisation.

## BANKING & FINANCE

Below is your **complete, merged, category-wise compilation** presented in **clean and exam-ready TABLE FORMAT**.

All items you provided are arranged into **Banking, Fintech, Economy, RBI, Regulatory Bodies, Business/Corporate**, and **International** categories.

### A) BANKING NEWS – TABLE (DETAILED)

S. No.	Bank Organisation	Event Announcement	Detailed Explanation
1	Axis Bank	10th EVOLVE MSME Series	Held in Kozhikode with theme <b>“MSMEs Powering the USD 10 Trillion Economy”</b> ; 100+ entrepreneurs participated.
2	SBI	Discontinued mCASH	mCASH feature removed from <b>OnlineSBI and YONO Lite</b> effective 1 Dec 2025.
3	SBI	Gold Trading on IIBX	Executed its first <b>Gold Trade as Special Category Client</b> on the India International Bullion Exchange.
4	SBI	STAR Awards 2025	Award program to recognise employees in <b>arts, culture, community service &amp; CSR</b> .

S. No.	Bank Organisation /	Event Announcement /	Detailed Explanation
5	SBI	Record Performance	Crossed <b>USD 100 bn market cap</b> and achieved <b>₹100 trillion business</b> milestone.
6	Public Sector Banks	Profit Growth	PSBs reported <b>₹49,456 crore profit</b> in Q2 FY26 (+9% YoY); SBI contributed ₹20,160 crore.
7	NaBFID	Renamed as IDB	National Bank for Infrastructure renamed <b>Infrastructure Development Bank</b> for global alignment.
8	South Indian Bank	Launched SIB HER Account	Premium savings account for <b>women and NRIs</b> with lifestyle & financial benefits.
9	RBL Bank	New Credit Cards	Introduced <b>LUMIERE &amp; NOVA</b> premium cards for high-net-worth clients.
10	BoB & SIDBI	MSME MoU	Signed MoU to scale credit access for <b>MSMEs &amp; startups</b> .
11	IPPB–EPFO	MoU for Pensioners	Enables <b>doorstep Digital Life Certificate</b> submission for EPS-95 pensioners.
12	UCBs (NABARD & RBI)	Digital Platforms Launched	Amit Shah launched <b>3 digital platforms</b> to modernise Urban Cooperative Banks.
13	AU Small Finance Bank	M-Circle	Exclusive banking program for <b>women customers</b> with advisory & health benefits.
14	Rani Channamma Bank	Award	Won <b>Best Profit-Making Bank Award</b> in Belagavi for women-led financial inclusion.

**B) FINTECH & PAYMENT SYSTEMS – TABLE**

S. No.	Company / Entity	Announcement	Detailed Purpose / Explanation
1	PayU	RBI PA Approval	Received <b>integrated Payment Aggregator</b> approval for online, offline & cross-border payments.
2	PayGlocal	Final RBI PA Authorisation	Approved for <b>cross-border inward/outward</b> transactions.
3	Infibeam Avenues	RBI Approval	Received <b>PA-P</b> authorisation to expand digital payment services.
4	Easebuzz	RBI PA Approval	Approved as full Payment Aggregator under PSS Act, strengthening Indian fintech ecosystem.
5	Paytm Payment Services	RBI COA Granted	Allowed to operate officially as Payment Aggregator.
6	BHIM UPI	Full Delegation Feature	Enables trusted individuals to <b>make payments on behalf of users</b> with monthly limits.
7	UPI–TIPS	Cross-Border Integration	India–EU real-time, low-cost payment connectivity established.
8	UPI–TIPS (EU Repeat)	RBI Announcement	Reinforces G20 goal of reducing remittance costs.
9	UPI–Fawri+	India–Bahrain Link	Enables <b>real-time cross-border</b> UPI payments with Bahrain.
10	NPCI International	Bahrain Partnership	Signed MoU with Benefit to enable UPI & RuPay in Bahrain.
11	Digital Rupee (e₹)	UPI Interoperability	Users can now transfer between <b>Digital Rupee</b> and <b>UPI</b> seamlessly.
12	UIDAI	New Aadhaar App	New UI with masked Aadhaar, biometric lock & multi-profile support.

**C) RBI NEWS – TABLE (DETAILED)**

S. No.	RBI Measure / Decision	Explanation
1	AI-powered Fraud Detection System	Detects <b>millions of transactions per second</b> , aims to cut fraud by <b>30%</b> .
2	Moratorium for Exporters	Extended export credit tenors & realisation time due to global slowdown.
3	Penalty on UCBs	Fined three cooperative banks for <b>KYC &amp; risk management violations</b> .
4	Gold Repatriation	RBI brought back <b>64 tonnes of gold</b> to domestic vaults (total: 575.8 tonnes in India).

S. No.	RBI Measure / Decision	Explanation
5	Forex Decline	Reserves dipped by <b>\$5.6 bn to \$689.73 bn</b> due to global price corrections.
6	Bank Credit vs Deposits	Credit growth slowed to <b>11.3%</b> ; deposits grew <b>9.7%</b> , hinting at future bank mergers.
7	Approval to 1729 Capital	FPI allowed to raise stake in <b>Suryoday SFB</b> from 3.81% to 7.14%.

**D) ECONOMY – TABLE (DETAILED)**

Area	Indicator / Projection	Details
GDP Forecast	India Ratings	Q2 FY26 GDP at <b>7.2%</b> , driven by consumption & services.
GDP Forecast	SBI Ecowrap	Q2 FY26 GDP at <b>7.5–8.0%</b> , higher than RBI estimate (7%).
GDP Forecast	ICRA	Reduced Q2 FY26 projection to <b>7%</b> due to lower government spending.
GDP Forecast	S&P	India GDP: <b>6.5% (FY26) &amp; 6.7% (FY27)</b> .
GDP Forecast	Moody's	<b>7% growth</b> in 2025 – fastest in G20.
GDP Forecast	IMF	<b>6.6% growth FY26</b> , backed by consumption & GST efficiency.
GDP Growth (General)	Govt Projection	7% in 2025, moderating to <b>6.4% in 2026</b> .
Inflation	WPI	Fell to <b>-1.21%</b> (27-month low).
Inflation	CPI	Stayed at <b>0.25%</b> .
Trade	Gold Imports	Surged to <b>USD 14.72 bn</b> due to festive demand.
Forex	Reserves	Hit <b>USD 692.57 bn</b> , strengthening rupee.
Labour	Unemployment	Overall unemployment at <b>5.2%</b> (Oct 2025).
National Accounts	New GDP Series	Base year <b>2022–23</b> launched to reflect digital economy changes.
Agriculture	World Bank Loan	<b>USD 1.2 bn</b> approved for climate-resilient agriculture in 10 states.
Agriculture (State-specific)	POCRA-II	Maharashtra received <b>World Bank funding</b> for climate agriculture.
Taxation	Direct Tax Collection	Rose to <b>₹12.92 lakh crore</b> (+7% YoY).

**E) CORPORATE / BUSINESS NEWS – TABLE**

S. No.	Company / Entity	Announcement / Achievement	Details
1	HDFC Bank	Most Valuable Brand	Valued at <b>USD 44.99 bn</b> , topped <b>Kantar BrandZ 2025</b> .
2	Zomato	Fastest Rising Brand	Big jump in brand value due to profitability & expansion.
3	UltraTech Cement	Top 10 Entry	Entered India's top 10 most valuable brands.
4	Elevation Capital	Paytm Stake Sale	Sold <b>1.86% stake</b> for ₹1,556 crore.
5	Tesla	First India Centre	Opening in <b>Gurugram on 26 Nov 2025</b> (Tesla's 50th global market).
6	Dell	New India Head	<b>Anurag Arora</b> appointed Senior Director & GM – Consumer Sales India.
7	MapmyIndia – Zoho CRM	India's 1st Geospatial CRM	Integrated geospatial tech with CRM for Indian enterprises.
8	PUMA	New MD	<b>Ramprasad Sridharan</b> appointed MD starting Dec 2025.
9	Asian Paints	BCCI Partnership	3-year partnership as <b>Team India's Official Colour Partner</b> for 110 matches.
10	Camikara	Global Rum Award	Won <b>Global Rum Brand of the Year 2025</b> .
11	India Bioeconomy	\$150 bn Size	Driven by 3,000+ biotech startups; target <b>\$300 bn by 2030</b> .
12	Tata Motors	Global Auto Leadership	MD Shailesh Chandra elected <b>President of OICA</b> .
13	Tata Power Solar	Solar Manufacturing	Announced India's largest <b>4 GW wafer &amp; ingot plant</b> .
14	Paradeep Phosphates	Brand Ambassador	Appointed <b>Rahul Dravid</b> as ambassador.

F) REGULATORY BODIES – TABLE

Body	Announcement	Detailed Explanation
CBSE	International Sahodaya Conference	Held in Dubai on theme “ <i>Rooted in Wisdom, Rising with Vision</i> ”.
NEP 2020	Global Recognition	Lauded globally for multidisciplinary & tech-enabled design.
CIBIL	New Credit Rules	Introduced alternative data scoring & 15-day score refresh window.
CCI	Cleared 3 Major Acquisitions	Approved deals across <b>finance, power &amp; manufacturing sectors</b> .
SEBI	RPT Rule Change	Replaced ₹1,000 crore threshold with <b>turnover-based limits</b> .
SEBI	BSDA Valuation	Proposed excluding ZCZP bonds for fair valuation.

G) INTERNATIONAL NEWS – TABLE

Country / Organisation	Announcement	Details
Oman	New Currency Symbol	Introduced unified symbol for <b>Omani Rial</b> for global digital alignment.
Air India – Air Canada	Codeshare Restored	Reinstated seamless India–Canada connectivity from <b>2 Dec 2025</b> .
World Bank	Funding to India	USD <b>776 million</b> for education (Punjab) & agriculture (Maharashtra).
India Global Forum	Global Expansion Fund	USD <b>250 million</b> to help Indian brands scale globally.

H) MEGA EVENTS & STARTUP ECOSYSTEM – TABLE

Event	Details
Global Startup Summit 2026	India to host with <b>12,000+ entrepreneurs</b> from 80 countries.
India Demat Accounts	Crossed <b>21 crore</b> , with 30 lakh new accounts in Oct 2025 due to strong IPOs.

**MoU's & AGREEMENTS**

A) MoUs WITH COUNTRIES – TABLE

Country	MoU Partner (India / Organisation)	Field / Purpose
<b>Nepal</b>	Government of India	Signed <b>Letter of Exchange (LoE)</b> for <b>Jogbani–Biratnagar Rail Corridor</b> to boost cargo movement, cross-border trade & port connectivity.
<b>Singapore</b>	— (No MoU)	Only update: Singapore ranked <b>1st</b> in Global Passport Mobility Index; India ranked <b>85th</b> . ( <i>Not an MoU</i> )
<b>United States</b>	OpenAI & Amazon Web Services (AWS) ( <i>Indirect international partnership</i> )	<b>USD 38 billion</b> AI + cloud infrastructure collaboration (not a Govt MoU; global technology partnership).
<b>France</b>	DRDO & DGA (Direction Générale de l'Armement)	<b>Technical Agreement</b> for long-term defence R&D, joint innovation & advanced technology collaboration.

B) MoUs WITH STATES – TABLE

State	MoU Partner(s)	Field / Purpose
<b>Jharkhand</b>	ISRO, BCCL, CMPDI	Tripartite MoU for studying <b>surface coal fires</b> , land subsidence & geospatial mapping in <b>Jharia Coalfield (FY 2025–27)</b> .
<b>Gujarat</b>	Banas Dairy & BBSSL	MoU to strengthen the <b>potato seed-to-market value chain</b> , improving farmer income & agri self-reliance.
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	C-DOT	Collaboration under <b>Amaravati Quantum Valley (AQV)</b> for quantum security, telecom R&D & indigenous innovation.
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	Samsung & UN Global Compact Network India	<b>DigiArivu</b> programme to promote <b>digital literacy &amp; STEM education</b> for school students.

C) MoUs BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS – TABLE

Organization	MoU With	Field / Purpose
ISRO	BCCL & CMPDI	Scientific assessment of <b>coal fires</b> , geospatial mapping & land stability study in Jharia.
Banas Dairy	BBSSL	Improve <b>potato seed quality</b> , supply-chain efficiency & farmer profitability.
OpenAI	Amazon Web Services (AWS)	<b>USD 38 billion collaboration</b> for cloud compute, AI model training & global infrastructure.
Indian Railways (GoI)	Government of Nepal	LoE for <b>Jogbani–Biratnagar Rail Corridor</b> development.
Intellipaath	IndiaAI Mission (MeitY)	Partnership for <b>YUVAi for ALL</b> , boosting AI literacy nationwide.
IOCL, BPCL & HPCL	USA Suppliers	India's <b>first structured LPG import contract</b> : 2.2 MTPA LPG supply from 2026.
IPC (Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission)	Jharkhand State Pharmacy Council (JSPC)	Strengthening <b>medicine safety</b> , drug regulation & <b>pharmacovigilance</b> .
C-DOT	Andhra Pradesh Government	Collaboration under <b>Amaravati Quantum Valley</b> for quantum technologies & telecom innovation.
Samsung	UN Global Compact Network India	Launch of <b>DigiArivu</b> for digital & STEM education in Tamil Nadu.
DRDO	DGA (France)	Technical Agreement for <b>advanced defence research</b> , innovation & technology sharing.
GeM (Government e-Marketplace)	UN Women	Promote <b>women entrepreneurs</b> in public procurement; gender-inclusive sourcing.
DWBDNC (MSJE)	DAY-NRLM (MoRD)	Empowerment of <b>DNT/NT/SNT communities</b> via livelihood support & inclusion programs.
Asian Paints	BCCI	3-year partnership as <b>Official Colour Partner</b> for <b>110 Team India matches</b> .

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

A) APPOINTMENTS – NATIONAL (TABLE)

Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Ministry	Key Notes / Details
Rohit Shetty	Fit India Icon	Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Recognised for promoting fitness & wellness culture.
Harbhajan Singh	Fit India Icon	Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Honoured for sports excellence & fitness advocacy.
Saina Nehwal	Fit India Icon	Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Olympic medallist; inspires youth fitness.
Sanjay Garg (IAS)	Director General (DG)	Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)	1994-batch IAS officer; appointed w.e.f. 1 Nov 2025.
S. Sankarasubramaniam	Chairman	Fertilizer Association of India (FAI)	MD & CEO of Coromandel International; elected Oct 2025.
Mallika Srinivasan	Chairperson (Extended Term)	Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)	Second consecutive term approved by MoPP&P.
Keerthy Suresh	Celebrity Advocate	UNICEF India	Promotes children's rights, education, mental health & gender equality.
Sandhip Pradhan (IRS)	Whole-Time Member (WTM)	SEBI	Appointed for a 3-year term.
S. Krishnan	Part-time Chairman	J&K Bank	Tenure: 13 Nov 2025 – March 2028.
Amit Agrawal	Telecom Secretary	Government of India	Neeraj Mittal transferred to Petroleum Ministry.

Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Ministry	Key Notes / Details
Sunil Paliwal	Chairman	Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)	To strengthen cargo movement & multimodal logistics.
Chitra Talwar	Part-time Chairperson	Jana Small Finance Bank	Term effective from 8 Feb 2026.
Rohit Sharma	Tournament Ambassador	ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026	Announced by Jay Shah; global cricket icon.
Justice Vikram Nath	Executive Chairman	NALSA	Appointed by President Murmu; effective 24 Nov 2025.

**B) APPOINTMENTS – INTERNATIONAL**

Person Name	Appointed As	Country / Organisation	Key Notes
Samia Suluhu Hassan	President (2nd Term)	Tanzania	Sworn in at Dodoma after winning national elections.
John Furner	Global CEO (Designate)	Walmart	Takes charge Jan 2026; succeeds Doug McMillon.

**C) BRAND & CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS**

Person Name	Brand / Campaign	Key Notes
Shafali Verma	Brand Ambassador	Promotes women empowerment; T20 World Cup champion.
Rohit Shetty	Fit India Icon	Recognised for fitness advocacy.
Harbhajan Singh	Fit India Icon	Promotes active & healthy lifestyle.
Saina Nehwal	Fit India Icon	Motivates youth towards sports & fitness.
Rahul Dravid	Brand Ambassador – Paradeep Phosphates Ltd	Supports fertiliser sector brand outreach.

**D) OTHER APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

Designation / Post	Who is Appointed	Replacing Whom	Key Notes / Details
Global CEO, Walmart	John Furner	Doug McMillon	To take charge Jan 2026.
Chairman, FAI	S. Sankarasubramaniam	—	MD & CEO of Coromandel International.
Director General, BIS	Sanjay Garg	—	Appointed from 1 Nov 2025.
Chairperson, PESB (Extended)	Mallika Srinivasan	—	Second consecutive term.
Celebrity Advocate, UNICEF India	Keerthy Suresh	—	Focus on children's rights & mental health.
Part-time Chairman, J&K Bank	S. Krishnan	—	Tenure up to March 2028.
Telecom Secretary	Amit Agrawal	Neeraj Mittal	Mittal moved to Petroleum Ministry.
Chairman, IWAI	Sunil Paliwal	—	Strengthens inland waterways logistics.
Part-time Chairperson, Jana SFB	Chitra Talwar	—	Term begins Feb 2026.
Tournament Ambassador, ICC T20 WC 2026	Rohit Sharma	—	Announced by BCCI Secretary Jay Shah.
Executive Chairman, NALSA	Justice Vikram Nath	—	Appointed by President Murmu, effective 24 Nov 2025.

**AWARDS**

**A) AWARDS IN ARTS & CULTURE / FILMS**

Award Name	Award Winner	Field	Key Notes
Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award 2025	Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi	Literature / Arts & Culture	Honoured for contributions to Assamese literature; award presented in Guwahati by Jyotiraditya Scindia.
Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award 2025	Rajni Basumatary	Films / Social Cinema	Recognised for meaningful regional films & cultural storytelling.

Award Name	Award Winner	Field	Key Notes
<b>World Peace Award 2025</b>	Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar	Peace & Spiritual Leadership	Awarded by Boston Global Forum & AIWS for global humanitarian work.
<b>Chevalier Award (France)</b>	Thota Tharani	Arts & Literature	Recognised for exceptional contributions to Indian art direction.
<b>Academy Honorary Award (Oscars)</b>	Tom Cruise	Global Cinema	Presented at 16th Governors Awards by Alejandro G. Iñárritu.
<b>Desert Palm Achievement Award (Actor)</b>	Leonardo DiCaprio	Films	Honoured for performance in <i>“One Battle After Another.”</i>
<b>Son of the Soil Awards 2025</b>	Sarbananda Sonowal	Culture / Public Service	Presented in Tezpur, Assam.

**B) OTHER IMPORTANT AWARDS**

Award Name	Award Winner	Field	Key Notes
<b>Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025</b>	Dr. Sai Gautam Gopalakrishnan (IISc)	Science & Technology	Awarded for innovation in computational materials science.
<b>Padma Awards 2025 (Sports Category)</b>	Abhinav Bindra, Leander Paes, Neeraj Chopra, Gagan Narang	Sports Excellence	Recognised for exceptional contributions to Indian sports.
<b>Guinness World Record</b>	Palak Muchhal	Social Work / Child Health	Record for sponsoring <b>3,800+ paediatric heart surgeries.</b>
<b>Don Award 2025 (Australia)</b>	Oscar Piastrri	Sports (Formula 1)	Honoured for inspiring the nation through F1 victories.
<b>Lok Nayak Foundation Literary Award 2025</b>	Velamala Simmanna	Literature	₹2 lakh award to be presented on 18 Jan 2026 in Visakhapatnam.
<b>CIMUSET Award 2025</b>	“On the Edge? Climate Change Gallery”, Science City Kolkata	Science Communication	Awarded at 27th ICOM General Conference, Dubai.

**C) IMPORTANT RECOGNITIONS**

Recognition Name	Recipient / Entity	Details
<b>Guinness World Record – Humanitarian Category</b>	Palak Muchhal	Supports highest number of paediatric heart surgeries funded by an individual.
<b>Padma Awards – Sports Excellence 2025</b>	Bindra, Paes, Chopra, Narang	Celebrates India’s legendary sports achievers.
<b>World Peace Recognition 2025</b>	Sri Sri Ravi Shankar	Recognised globally for meditation outreach & conflict resolution.
<b>AMBA Accreditation (Global)</b>	IIM Ranchi	Places institute among <b>top 2% global B-schools</b> ; secured <b>4 Palmes of Excellence.</b>
<b>GI Tags (November 2025)</b>	Mathura Zari Poshak & Meerut Bugle (UP)	Recognised for cultural craftsmanship & heritage.
<b>International IDEA Chairship</b>	CEC Gyanesh Kumar	To assume Chair from 3 Dec 2025; India trained 3,169 officials from 142 countries.
<b>IITF 2025 Excellence Awards</b>	Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Odisha	Awarded for innovation, sustainability & exhibition quality.
<b>International Tennis Hall of Fame 2026 (Elect)</b>	Roger Federer	Secured over <b>75% votes</b> ; inducted into ITHF Class of 2026.

**SUMMITS, EVENTS & CONFERENCE**

Category	Name of Summit / Event / Conference	Venue	Key Points / Highlights
Summit	WAVES – World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (Animation Bazaar)	HICC, Hitex, Hyderabad	Inaugurated by Sanjay Jaju (I&B Secretary); part of IndiaJoy; boosts AVGC (Animation, VFX, Gaming, Comics) ecosystem.
Summit	IndiaJoy 2025 – 8th Edition	HICC, Hitex, Hyderabad	India’s largest digital entertainment & gaming summit; attracts global participants; major AVGC platform.
Summit	Summit on Technology, Trust & Trade	—	Inaugurated by Vice President of India; attended by <b>2,500 delegates from 77 countries</b> ; AP targets <b>USD 0.5 trillion investments</b> .
Summit	India AI Governance Guidelines Launch (IndiaAI Mission)	New Delhi (MeitY)	Introduced India’s national AI governance framework for safe, responsible, inclusive AI.
Summit	30th CII Partnership Summit 2025	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	Theme: “Technology, Trust & Trade”; inaugurated by VP C.P. Radhakrishnan; <b>613 MoUs</b> , ₹13.25 lakh crore investments, <b>16.31 lakh jobs</b> .
Summit	Earth Summit 2025–26	Hyderabad	Focus on <b>rural innovation</b> , sustainability & low-carbon solutions.
Event	IndiaJoy (Entertainment & Animation Festival)	Hyderabad	Supported by I&B Ministry; Asia’s major festival for animation, gaming & digital entertainment.
Event	MeitY – India AI Governance Guidelines Public Release	New Delhi	Ensures AI safety, ethics, accountability, auditing & responsible deployment.
Event	Technology, Trust & Trade Summit Activities	—	Showcased India’s leadership in digital economy & global cooperation.
Event	3rd International Ayurveda Conference	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Inaugurated by Ambassador Dinesh Bhatia; marks <b>40 years of Ayurveda practice in Brazil</b> , first South American nation to recognise Ayurveda.
Conference	22nd All India TDS Conference 2025	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Reviewed Income Tax Act 2025; focused on digital TDS compliance, reforms, transparency.
Conference	6th International Agronomy Congress (IAC-2025)	— (24–26 Nov 2025)	Discussed climate-smart farming, AI in agriculture, precision farming, natural farming innovations.

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Topic / Report / Index	Details / Highlights	Additional Notes
<b>Visa Mobility Ranking 2025</b>	India ranked <b>85th</b> with <b>57 visa-free destinations</b> ; Singapore ranked <b>1st globally</b> .	Indicates global mobility gap and passport strength comparison.
<b>Climate Risk Index 2025 (Germanwatch)</b>	India improved to <b>38th position</b> , showing enhanced climate resilience & disaster preparedness.	Reflects better climate adaptation measures.
<b>Asia Happiness Index 2025</b>	<b>Mumbai ranked 1st in Asia</b> , with <b>94% residents</b> reporting high happiness.	Recognised for culture, community bonding & urban quality of life.
<b>Industrial Transition Accelerator (ITA) – India Insights Briefing</b>	India ranked <b>3rd globally</b> with <b>65 clean energy industrial projects</b> (after China & USA).	Shows India’s rising momentum in clean manufacturing.
<b>16th Finance Commission Report Submission</b>	Submitted tax devolution recommendations (2026–27 to 2030–31) to President Murmu.	Report becomes public after Parliament tables it under Article 281.
<b>75th NSS Anniversary – MoSPI Ceremony</b>	Held in <b>Udaipur</b> ; released <b>NIC 2025</b> , coffee table book, ‘Stories’ journal, Data Innovation Lab Portal & NSO Anthem.	Celebrates 75 years of National Sample Survey operations.

Topic / Report / Index	Details / Highlights	Additional Notes
<b>Report: Water Budgeting in Aspirational Blocks</b>	Released by <b>Dr. V.K. Paul (NITI Aayog)</b> in New Delhi.	Supports improved water management practices in key districts.
<b>AIM – CFA Institute India Partnership (Sol)</b>	Signed to promote <b>financial literacy, ethical governance &amp; decision-making</b> in India’s innovation ecosystem.	Strengthens startup & innovation ecosystem ethics.
<b>Global Passport Mobility 2025</b>	Singapore ranked <b>1st</b> ; India at <b>85th with 57 visa-free destinations</b> .	Indicates relative ease of global travel.
<b>Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List (Nov 2025)</b>	<b>Larry Page</b> became world’s <b>2nd-richest</b> with <b>USD 255 bn</b> , surpassing <b>Larry Ellison</b> (USD 247.4 bn).	Global wealth ranking update.
<b>Kharif Crop Production – 1st Advance Estimates (2025–26)</b>	Released by Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan; projected rise of <b>3.87 MT</b> , total <b>173.33 MT</b> .	Indicates improved agricultural performance for the season.

## DEFENCE

### MILITARY EXERCISES • TESTING • DEFENCE DEALS • ARMED FORCES NEWS

Category	Name / Event	Venue / Countries Involved	Key Notes / Highlights
Exercise	VAYU SAMANVAY-II	Pune, India	Drone & counter-drone tri-services exercise (Oct 28–29, 2025); improves coordinated air–ground operations.
Exercise	Malabar 2025	Guam – India, USA, Japan, Australia (Quad)	Focus: maritime security, ASW; India deployed <b>INS Sahyadri</b> .
Exercise	Mitra Shakti 2025	India & Sri Lanka	Counter-terrorism, jungle warfare, interoperability.
Exercise	VINBAX 2025	Hanoi, Vietnam	6th India–Vietnam Army exercise; 60 troops each; focuses on UN peacekeeping & Indo-Pacific security.
Exercise	Garuda–2025	France – India & France	IAF deployed Su-30MKI; deepened air combat cooperation (Nov 16–27, 2025).
Exercise	Ajeya Warrior 2025 (8th Edition)	Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan	India–UK bilateral exercise; counter-terror ops under UN Chapter VII.
Exercise	Surya Kiran 2025 (19th Edition)	Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand – India & Nepal	Runs Nov 25 – Dec 8, 2025; 334 troops each; counter-terror, mountain warfare, drone ISR, disaster relief.
Operation	Operation Akhand Prahar	India – RUDRA Brigade	Showcased AI-enabled warfare, drone swarms & indigenous battlefield tech.
Operation	Op Drishti	Command Hospital, Udampur	Army outreach: 2,000 screened, 400 surgeries; led by Brig. S.K. Mishra.
Exercise	INS Savitri Maritime Activity	Maputo, Mozambique	Anti-piracy, HADR drills under SAGAR doctrine.
Commissioning	INS Ikshak	Kochi, India	3rd Survey Vessel (Large); 80% indigenous; commissioned Nov 6, 2025.
Commissioning	INS Mahe	Mumbai, India	First Mahe-class ASW vessel; advanced sonar, 80% indigenous; commissioned Nov 24, 2025.
Testing	Man-Portable AUVs	DRDO Test Facilities	AI-based sonar, underwater cameras, mine countermeasure capabilities.
Testing	Anti-Drone Laser System (Mark-II)	DRDO → Army & IAF	10-kW laser neutralises drones at 2 km; AI-enabled targeting + radar fusion.
Deal / MoU	India–Israel Defence MoU	India & Israel	Signed at 17th JWG meeting (Tel Aviv); enhances defence R&D & tech cooperation.
Deal / MoU	India–Vietnam Submarine Rescue Pact	India & Vietnam	Strengthens submarine SAR capability in Indo-Pacific.
Deal / MoU	BEL–Safran JV	India & France	50:50 JV to manufacture <b>HAMMER precision-guided weapons</b> ; 60% indigenisation target.

Category	Name / Event	Venue / Countries Involved	Key Notes / Highlights
Deal / MoU	DRDO–GSV MoU	DRDO & Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya	Collaborate on smart defence technologies.
Deal / MoU	BDL–INVAR Missile Deal	Bharat Dynamics Ltd → Indian Army	Indigenous <b>INVAR ATGM</b> supply for T-90 tanks.
Deal / MoU	INS Savitri Joint Training	India & Mozambique	Maritime cooperation, anti-piracy security, and HADR operations.
Navy News	INS Mahe Crest Unveiled	India Navy	Crest features Kerala’s Urumi sword; motto: “Silent Hunters”.
Navy News	Withdrawal from Ayni Airbase	India–Tajikistan	India ended operational presence—strategic realignment in Central Asia.
Navy News	vice Admiral B. Sivakumar	Indian Navy	Appointed <b>Chief of Materiel</b> ; responsible for logistics & warship upkeep.
Air Force	Nyoma Airbase Operational	Eastern Ladakh (23 km from LAC)	High-altitude airbase; ₹218 crore; boosts surveillance & logistics near LAC.
Air Force	Garuda–25 Participation	France – Mont-de-Marsan Air Base	Joint air drills with Rafale squadrons; Su-30MKI deployed.
Army News	Digital Combat Coat (IPR)	Indian Army	3-layer coat by NIFT & Army Design Bureau; improved warmth, mobility & camouflage.
Army News	CDD 2025 (Chiefs of Defence Doctrine)	India	Army unveils <b>military transformation roadmap</b> for “Future Force 2047”.

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

Satellite / Space Mission	Agency	Launch Vehicle / Platform	Date / Status	Key Features / Notes
CMS-03 Communication Satellite (4410 kg)	ISRO	LVM3-M5	Launched: 2 Nov 2025	Boosts India’s secure communication, broadband, broadcasting and digital connectivity.
NISAR (NASA–ISRO SAR Mission)	NASA + ISRO	—	Operational from 7 Nov 2025	World’s <b>first dual-band (L &amp; S)</b> radar satellite for climate, forestry, agriculture, disaster mapping.
Oceansat (Next Gen)	ISRO	PSLV-N1 (India’s 1st fully private PSLV by HAL & L&T)	Launch: 2026 (Scheduled)	Supports ocean-colour, sea-surface temperature & marine ecosystem monitoring.
RLV-LEX 4 (Reusable Launch Vehicle Test)	ISRO	Landing Experiment	Success in Nov 2025	Fully autonomous landing at Chitradurga; milestone for reusable spaceplane program.
Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (HGV)	ISRO	Scramjet test platform	Tested: 2025	Achieved <b>Mach 7+</b> ; boosts strategic defence and spaceplane capability.
CE-20 Cryogenic Engine (Bootstrap Restart Test)	ISRO	Engine Test Stand	Success: 2025	Improves restart capability for deep-space and long-duration missions.
Human-Rated Vikas Engine (L110)	ISRO–LPSC + Godrej Aerospace	Gaganyaan Launch Vehicle (HLVM3)	Delivered 2025	Key propulsion module ensuring astronaut safety for India’s crewed mission (2027).
Quantum Diamond Microscope – Associated Research Instrument	IIT Bombay	—	2025	Supports quantum imaging for future satellite quantum sensing missions (scientific milestone).
Compact Diode Laser (QKD)	ESTIC + DRDO	—	2025	Enables <b>Quantum Key Distribution</b> for secure satellite communication networks.

SATELLITE LAUNCHES – INTERNATIONAL

Satellite / Mission	Agency Countries /	Launch Vehicle	Launch Site / Date	Key Features / Notes
Copernicus Sentinel-6B	NASA + ESA + EUMETSAT + EU	SpaceX Falcon-9	Vandenberg Space Force Base, USA	Global <b>sea-level rise monitoring</b> , climate tracking & ocean science.
Google Project Suncatcher (AI Solar Satellite System)	Google	—	Announced 2025	Concept for <b>solar-powered space-based AI data centers</b> .
LRO + ShadowCam Lunar Ice Mapping	NASA	LRO Mission	Findings announced 2025	Confirmed <b>1–3 m deep water-ice deposits</b> in unexplored lunar craters.
Gemini 3 (AI Satellite Supercomputing Ecosystem)	Google–DeepMind	—	Nov 18, 2025 (Announcement)	AI system with <b>1 million-token context window</b> , supports Earth-observation data fusion.

CATEGORY-WISE SUMMARY

1. Communication & Earth Observation Satellites

- CMS-03 (India)
- Oceansat (India, 2026)
- Sentinel-6B (International)

2. Climate & Radar Satellites

- NISAR (NASA–ISRO)
- Sentinel-6B (NASA–ESA)

3. Reusable & Advanced Vehicle Tests

- RLV-LEX 4 (ISRO)
- Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (ISRO)

4. Propulsion & Engine Upgrades

- CE-20 Cryogenic Engine (ISRO)
- Human-rated L110 Vikas (Gaganyaan)

5. Quantum, AI & Space Technology Innovations

- Quantum Diamond Microscope (IIT Bombay)
- Project Suncatcher (Google)
- Gemini 3 AI system
- QKD Diode Laser (DRDO)

6. Lunar & Deep-Space Discoveries

- Water-ice discovery by LRO + ShadowCam
- ISRO’s 2035 roadmap (Space Station, new lunar missions)

SPORTS

Category	Event / Achievement	Winner / Key Persons	Key Details
Cricket	ICC Women’s ODI World Cup 2025	India	Beat South Africa by 52 runs; Shafali Verma – PoM, Deepti Sharma – PoS
Cricket	ICC Player of the Month (Nov 2025)	Senuran Muthusamy & Laura Wolvaardt	Outstanding November performances
Cricket	Retirement	Kane Williamson	Retired from T20Is; continues ODIs & Tests
Cricket	WPL 2026 Auction	Deepti Sharma	Became costliest player
Cricket	India’s biggest Test defeat	India	Lost by 408 runs to South Africa (Guwahati), 2–0 whitewash
Cricket	ICC Men’s T20 WC 2026 Ambassador	Rohit Sharma	Appointed by BCCI

Category	Event / Achievement	Winner / Key Persons	Key Details
Tennis	Paris Masters 2025	Jannik Sinner	Won championship; regained ATP World No.1
Tennis	Davis Cup 2025	Italy	Beat Spain 2–0; 4th title & 3rd consecutive win
Tennis	International Tennis Hall of Fame 2026	Roger Federer	Inducted for 20 Grand Slams & 310 weeks at No.1
Badminton	Australian Open Super 500	Lakshya Sen	Won his 3rd BWF Super 500 title
Archery	24th Asian Archery Championship 2025	India	Topped with 10 medals (6 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze)
Archery	Individual Recurve Gold	B. Dhiraj & Ankita Bhakat	First-ever Indian male & female to win recurve golds
Boxing	International Boxing Events	India	Won 9 gold medals (7 by Indian women)
Kabaddi	Women’s Kabaddi World Cup 2025	India	Beat Chinese Taipei 35–28; 2nd consecutive title
Blind Cricket	Blind Women’s T20 World Cup	India	Beat Nepal; chased 115 in 12 overs
Chess	New Woman Grandmaster	Sarayu Velpula	Became India's 26th Woman Grandmaster
Chess	UK Women’s Blitz Champion	Bodhana Sivanandan (10 yrs)	Youngest Woman IM; won 8 straight games
Chess	FIDE World Cup 2025	Javokhir Sindarov	Beat Wei Yi in tiebreaks
Football	FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifiers	Curaçao, Haiti, Cape Verde, Panama	Curaçao became smallest nation ever to qualify
Multi-Sport	Asian Youth Games 2025	India	Best-ever finish: 48 medals (13G, 18S, 17B)
Hockey	India Hockey Centenary	Hockey India	Announced 1,400 matches in 550 districts
Hockey	Hockey World Cup 2026	Belgium & Netherlands	Will include <b>1st ever ParaHockey World Cup</b>
Cultural Sports	Kartik Naach Festival	Nepal	Concluded at Patan Durbar Square
Deaflympics	25th Summer Deaflympics 2025	India – 20 Medals (9G,7S,4B)	Best-ever finish; 16 medals from shooters
Deaflympics	Top Performer	Mahit Sandhu	Won 4 medals (2 Gold, 2 Silver)
Deaflympics	Women’s Golf	Diksha Dagar	Won gold — her 2nd Deaflympics gold
Martial Arts	World Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2025	Giovanna de Sequeira (10 yrs)	Won bronze after major injury recovery
Formula 1	Las Vegas Grand Prix 2025	Max Verstappen	125th career podium; reduced Lando Norris' lead

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

Event / Book	Details	Additional Information
<b>Release of Hindi Translation of “The Last Day”</b>	Sahitya Akademi released the Hindi translation “Antim Din” at Rabindra Bhawan, New Delhi, in collaboration with the Embassy of Lithuania.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original Author: Jaroslavas Melnikas (Lithuanian–Ukrainian).</li> <li>• Translator: Dr. Poonam Tiwari.</li> <li>• Pages: 250.</li> <li>• Ministry: Ministry of Culture.</li> <li>• Purpose: Wider Indian readership.</li> </ul>
<b>Booker Prize 2025 Shortlisted Novel – “The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny”</b>	Novel by Kiran Desai shortlisted for Booker Prize 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme: Emotional complexity of modern life, love, longing, displacement.</li> <li>• Setting: Bridges India &amp; America; explores tradition vs modernity and generational connections.</li> </ul>

**OBITUARY**

S.No.	Person Name	Field	Born Place	Age	Key Notes
1	<b>Sulakhana Pandit</b>	Singer & Actress	Mumbai, Maharashtra	71	Veteran playback singer-actress of 1970s–80s; known for classical voice and Hindi film hits.
2	<b>Saalumarada Thimmakka</b>	Environmentalist	Gubbi Taluk, Karnataka	114	Known as <b>“Vriksha Mathe”</b> ; planted 385 banyan trees; Padma Shri awardee.
3	<b>Kamini Kaushal</b>	Actress	Lahore (Undivided India)	98	Star of <i>Neecha Nagar</i> ; 70+ year film career; Padma Shri recipient.
4	<b>Arunachalam Vellayan</b>	Industrialist	Tamil Nadu (Chennai)	72	Chairman Emeritus, <b>Coromandel International</b> & former Murugappa Group head.
5	<b>Dharmendra (D. K. K. Deol)</b>	Bollywood Actor	Nasrali, Punjab	89	<b>“He-Man of Bollywood”</b> ; 300+ films; last film <i>Ikkis</i> (2025).
6	<b>Kumari Kamala (Kamala Laxmi Narayanan)</b>	Bharatanatyam Exponent	Mayuram (Mayiladuthurai), Tamil Nadu	91	Global ambassador of Bharatanatyam; child prodigy; Padma Shri.
7	<b>Charles Coste</b>	Olympic Cyclist	Ollioules, France	101	Won <b>1948 Olympic Gold</b> in cycling for France.
8	<b>Kim Yong Nam</b>	Politician	Heijo (Pyongyang), North Korea	97	Former President of the Presidium (1998–2019); top DPRK statesman.
9	<b>Gopichand Hinduja</b>	Business Leader	Karachi (Undivided India)	85	Chairman, <b>Hinduja Group</b> ; UK’s richest Indian-origin businessman.
10	<b>Lee Soon Jae</b>	Actor	South Korea	91	Veteran actor with 70-year career; known for <i>Unstoppable High Kick</i> , <i>Dear My Friends</i> .
11	<b>Udo Kier</b>	Actor	Cologne, Germany	81	Cult cinema icon; 250+ films; known for <i>Blade</i> , <i>Suspiria</i> , <i>Mark of the Devil</i> .
12	<b>Viola Ford Fletcher (“Mother Fletcher”)</b>	Historical Figure	Oklahoma, USA	111	Last survivor of <b>1921 Tulsa Race Massacre</b> ; testified before US Congress; author of <i>Don’t Let Them Bury My Story</i> .

**IMPORTANT DAYS**

Date	Day / Observance	Theme / Description (2025)
<b>3 Nov</b>	World Jellyfish Day	Celebrates jellyfish; highlights 500-million-year-old marine species vital to ocean ecosystems.
<b>5 Nov</b>	World Tsunami Awareness Day	<b>Theme: “Be Tsunami Ready: Invest in Tsunami Preparedness”</b> ; focuses on early warning & coastal resilience.
<b>6 Nov</b>	Intl. Day for Preventing Exploitation of the Environment in War & Armed Conflict	UN observance promoting environmental protection during war.
<b>7 Nov</b>	National Cancer Awareness Day (India)	Focus: early detection, prevention; aligns with <i>“United by Unique”</i> .
<b>8 Nov</b>	World Radiography Day	Marks discovery of X-rays; honours radiographers & AI-based imaging advancements.
<b>10 Nov</b>	World Science Day for Peace & Development	<b>Theme: “Trust, Transformation, and Tomorrow – The Science We Need for 2050.”</b>
<b>11 Nov</b>	National Education Day (India)	Honours Maulana Azad; focus on inclusive, tech-driven, skill-based education.
<b>12 Nov</b>	World Pneumonia Day	<b>Theme: “Protect Every Breath.”</b>

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13 Nov	World Kindness Day	Promotes kindness, compassion, peace & unity.
14 Nov	World Diabetes Day	<i>Theme: "Diabetes Across Life Stages."</i>
14 Nov	Children's Day (India)	Birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru; <i>Theme: "For Every Child, Every Right."</i>
15 Nov	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (India)	150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda; celebrates tribal culture & freedom fighters.
15 Nov	UN Day to Fight Transnational Organized Crime	<i>Theme: "Follow the Money. Stop Organized Crime."</i>
16 Nov	National Press Day (India)	Marks establishment of Press Council of India; promotes press freedom.
16 Nov	International Day for Tolerance	Promotes respect & cultural understanding.
17 Nov	National Epilepsy Day (India)	Raises awareness on diagnosis, treatment & stigma removal.
17 Nov	World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day (1st Edition)	<i>Theme: "Act Now: Eliminate Cervical Cancer."</i>
17 Nov	International Students' Day	Honors 1939 Czech student uprising; celebrates student rights (85th observance).
3rd Sunday of Nov	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	<i>Theme: "Remember. Support. Act."</i>
18–24 Nov	World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW)	<i>Theme: "Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future."</i>
18 Nov	World Day for Prevention & Healing from Child Sexual Abuse	International day for child protection & rehabilitation.
18 Nov	National Naturopathy Day (India)	8th edition; promotes natural wellness & therapies.
19 Nov	Women's Entrepreneurship Day	Celebrates global women-led enterprises (12th edition).
19 Nov	World Toilet Day	<i>Theme: "Sanitation in a Changing World."</i> Focus on climate-resilient toilets.
19 Nov	International Men's Day	<i>Theme: "Celebrating Men and Boys."</i>
19–25 Nov	National Integration Week	Promotes unity; begins on Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary.
19–25 Nov	World Heritage Week (India)	Promotes conservation of heritage & monuments.
20 Nov	Africa Industrialization Day	<i>Theme: "Transforming Africa's Economy through Sustainable Industrialization."</i>
20 Nov	World Philosophy Day (3rd Thursday of Nov)	Highlights value of philosophy in global dialogue.
23 Nov	NCC Raising Day (India)	77th anniversary of world's largest uniformed youth organisation.
24 Nov	World Conjoined Twins Day	2nd edition; promotes awareness, dignity & inclusion.
24 Nov	Guru Tegh Bahadur Shaheedi Diwas	Honors martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (1675).
25 Nov	Intl. Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women	<i>Theme: "UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against Women and Girls."</i>
25 Nov – 10 Dec	16 Days of Activism Campaign	Global movement against gender-based violence.
26 Nov	National Constitution Day (India)	76th anniversary of adoption of Constitution; <i>Theme: "Humara Samvidhan, Humara Swabhimaan."</i>
26 Nov	National Milk Day (India)	Birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien.
26 Nov	World Sustainable Transport Day (UN)	3rd edition; promotes safe, green & accessible transport systems.
27 Nov	Thanksgiving Day (USA)	Fourth Thursday of November; commemorates 1621 harvest feast; family celebrations & parades.
Nov (Full Month)	Guru Nanak Jayanti / Gurpurab	Celebrates birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji; promotes equality, humility & compassion.
2nd Thursday of Nov	World Usability Day	<i>Theme: "Emerging Technologies and Human Experience."</i> Focus on AI, AR & human-centered design.

Miscellaneous

- **Mahi River – Unique Geographic Feature:** The Mahi River is the only river in India that crosses the Tropic of Cancer twice, originating in Madhya Pradesh and flowing through Rajasthan and Gujarat before meeting the Arabian Sea, known for its irregular path due to geological factors.
- **Jigme Singye Wangchuck – Visionary King of Bhutan:** The Fourth King of Bhutan is credited with introducing the Gross National Happiness (GNH) concept, modernising Bhutan while preserving its culture and environment, and strengthening India–Bhutan relations through economic and hydropower cooperation.
- **Suez Canal Facts:** The 193 km long Suez Canal in Egypt connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea, providing the shortest maritime route between Europe and Asia and handling 12% of global trade annually since its completion in 1869.
- **Cambridge Dictionary** has announced ‘parasocial’ as its **Word of the Year 2025**, highlighting the growing global trend of one-sided emotional connections people form with celebrities, influencers, fictional characters, and Artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots.

Static Takeaways

ALL ORGANISATIONS / MINISTRIES / STATES / COUNTRIES

Organisation / Ministry / State / Country	Key Officials / Details (with Full Forms)	Headquarters / Capital	Established / Founded
Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)	Chairman – Andrea Gaudenzi	London, UK	1972
UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)	Director-General – Audrey Azoulay	Paris, France	1945
Maharashtra (State Govt.)	CM – Devendra Fadnavis; Governor – Acharya Devvrat	Mumbai	—
Gujarat (State Govt.)	CM – Bhupendrabhai Patel; Governor – Acharya Devvrat	Gandhinagar	—
UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India)	CEO – Bhuvnesh Kumar	New Delhi	2009
MoFAH&D (Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying)	Minister – Rajiv Ranjan Singh; MoS – S.P. Singh Baghel, George Kurian	New Delhi	—
MoHFW (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)	Minister – J.P. Nadda; MoS – Anupriya Patel, Prataprao Jadhav	New Delhi	—
Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Governor – Sanjay Malhotra (26th)	Mumbai	1935
Indian Rice Exporters’ Federation (IREF)	President – Prem Garg	New Delhi	2023
MoPR (Ministry of Panchayati Raj)	Minister – Rajiv Ranjan Singh	New Delhi	—
Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)	CEO – Ramesh Krishnamurthi	New Delhi	1952
PM-DevINE (PM’s Development Initiative for North East Region)	Centrally Sponsored Scheme under MDoNER	8 NE States	2022
Ramsar Convention on Wetlands	Secretary-General – Dr. Musonda Mumba	Gland, Switzerland	1971 / 1975
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)	Chairman – Dr. V. Narayanan	Bengaluru	1969
MDoNER (Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region)	Minister – Jyotiraditya Scindia	New Delhi	—
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)	Chairman – Tuhin Kanta Pandey	Mumbai	1992
Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)	DG – Sanjay Garg	New Delhi	1986
Tanzania	PM – Kassim Majaliwa; Currency – TZS	Dodoma	—
China	President – Xi Jinping; Currency – RMB	Beijing	—
Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)	President – Randhir Singh	Kuwait City	1982
Chhattisgarh (State Govt.)	CM – Vishnu Deo Sai; Governor – Ramen Deka	Raipur	—

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United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Executive Director – Inger Andersen	Nairobi, Kenya	1972
Denmark	PM – Mette Frederiksen; Currency – DKK	Copenhagen	—
Federal Bank Ltd	MD & CEO – K.V.S. Manian	Aluva, Kerala	1931
International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)	President – Ariel Guarco	Brussels, Belgium	1895
MoS (Ministry of Steel)	Minister – H.D. Kumaraswamy	New Delhi	—
Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)	CEO – Jessica Turner	London	1990
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Minister – Rajnath Singh; MoS – Sanjay Seth	New Delhi	—
Ministry of Science & Technology (MoS&T)	MoS – Dr. Jitendra Singh	New Delhi	—
MeitY (Ministry of Electronics & IT)	Minister – Ashwini Vaishnaw; MoS – Jitin Prasada	New Delhi	—
MoHUA (Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs)	Minister – Manohar Lal Khattar	New Delhi	—
European Space Agency (ESA)	DG – Josef Aschbacher	Paris	1975
UNDRR (UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction)	Head – Kamal Kishore	Geneva	1999
IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)	DG – Grethel Aguilar	Gland, Switzerland	1948
Hurun India	Founder – Anas Rahman Junaid	Mumbai	2012
Heritage Foods Ltd	CEO – Srideep Kesavan	Hyderabad	1992
Indian Navy	CNS – Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi	New Delhi	1950
HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd)	CMD – Dr. D.K. Sunil	Bengaluru	1940
Qatar	PM – Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani	Doha	—
Ministry of Communication	Minister – Jyotiraditya Scindia	New Delhi	—
Digit Insurance	MD & CEO – Jasleen Kohli	Bengaluru	2016
USA (United States of America)	President – Donald Trump	Washington DC	—
Arunachal Pradesh	CM – Pema Khandu; Governor – K.T. Parnaik	Itanagar	—
ISOCARP (Intl. Society of City & Regional Planners)	President – Elisabeth Belparie	The Hague	1965
Hockey India	President – Dr. Dilip Tirkey	New Delhi	2009
FAO (Food & Agriculture Organization)	DG – Qu Dongyu	Rome	1945
Uttar Pradesh	CM – Yogi Adityanath	Lucknow	—
Uttarakhand	CM – Pushkar Dhama	Dehradun	—
NAFCUB	President – Laxmi Dass	New Delhi	1977
Indian Air Force (IAF)	Chief – Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh	New Delhi	1932
Vietnam	President – Luong Cuong	Hanoi	—
NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India)	MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe	Mumbai	2008
Ireland	PM – Micheál Martin	Dublin	—
WHO (World Health Organization)	DG – Tedros Ghebreyesus	Geneva	1948
IN-SPACE	Chairman – Dr. Pawan Kumar Goenka	Ahmedabad	2020
Time Out Group	CEO – Chris Ohlund	London	1968
Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)	CEO – Daniel Schaffer	Copenhagen	1981
Ministry of Education (MoE)	Minister – Dharmendra Pradhan	New Delhi	—
Chartered Quality Institute (CQI)	President – Lord Jamie Lindsay	London	1919
Ministry of Finance (MoF)	Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman	New Delhi	—

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Moody's Ratings	President – Michael West	New York	1909
UNICEF	Executive Director – Catherine Russell	New York	1946
Ministry of Labour & Employment	Minister – Mansukh Mandaviya	New Delhi	—
Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoCI)	Minister – Piyush Goyal	New Delhi	—
MNRE (Ministry of New & Renewable Energy)	Minister – Pralhad Joshi	New Delhi	—
Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)	CMD – A. Madhavrao	Hyderabad	1970
MoC&F (Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers)	Minister – J.P. Nadda	New Delhi	—
Union Bank of India (UBI)	MD & CEO – Asheesh Pandey	Mumbai	1919
Titans Space Industries	CEO – Neal S. Lachman	Florida	2021
International Diabetes Federation (IDF)	President – Peter Schwarz	Brussels	1950
Geographical Indications Registry (GIR)	—	Chennai	2003
Bhutan	PM – Tshering Tobgay	Thimphu	—
NSTL (Naval Science & Technological Laboratory)	Director – Dr. Abraham Varughese	Visakhapatnam	1969
UXPA (User Experience Professionals Association)	President – Christina Manikus	Houston, USA	1991
World Archery Asia	—	Seoul, South Korea	1978
CII (Confederation of Indian Industry)	President – Rajiv Memani	New Delhi	1895
Botswana	President – Duma Boko	Gaborone	—
France	President – Emmanuel Macron	Paris	—
Care Luit Foundation	Founder – Kishor Madhab	Guwahati	2007
Ministry of Culture	Minister – Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	New Delhi	—
Press Council of India (PCI)	Chairperson – Justice R.P. Desai	New Delhi	1966
UN General Assembly (UNGA)	President – Annalena Baerbock	New York	1945
ETS (Educational Testing Service)	CEO – Amit Sevak	New Jersey, USA	1947
UK (United Kingdom)	PM – Keir Starmer	London	—
RBL Bank	MD – R. Subramaniakumar	Mumbai	1943
Epilepsy Foundation of India	Founder – Dr. Nirmal Surya	Mumbai	2009
Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)	Secretary – Ajit Kumar Mohanty	Mumbai	1954
Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)	Chair – Allan Azegele	Rome	1963
MoJS (Ministry of Jal Shakti)	Minister – C.R. Patil	New Delhi	—
Andhra Pradesh	CM – N. Chandrababu Naidu	Amaravati	—
Chile	President – Gabriel Boric	Santiago	—
Bihar	CM – Nitish Kumar	Patna	—
WOAH (World Organisation for Animal Health)	DG – Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran	Paris	1924
Women's Entrepreneurship Day Org (WEDO)	CEO – Wendy Diamond	New York	2013
NITI Aayog	CEO – B.V.R. Subrahmanyam	New Delhi	2015
Kantar Group	CEO – Chris Jansen	London	1992
NASA	Acting Administrator – Sean Duffy	Washington DC	1958
Tamil Nadu	CM – M.K. Stalin	Chennai	—
Miss Universe Organisation (MUO)	President – Raul Rocha Cantu	—	1952
Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)	DG – Yadubir Singh Rawat	New Delhi	1861
National Security Council (NSC)	NSA – Ajit Doval	New Delhi	1998
S&P Global Ratings	President – Yann Le Pallec	New York	1860
Cochin Shipyard Ltd	CMD – Madhu S Nair	Kochi	1972
Oman	PM – Sultan Haitham bin Tariq	Muscat	—
World Boxing	President – Gennady Golovkin	Lausanne	2023

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GOLD (Global Initiative for COPD)	Director – Alvar Agusti	Wisconsin, USA	1997
MoCAF&PD	Minister – Pralhad Joshi	New Delhi	—
UNFCCC	Executive Secretary – Simon Stiell	Bonn, Germany	1994
Indonesia	President – Prabowo Subianto	Jakarta	—
FSIB	Chairman – Bhanu Pratap Sharma	New Delhi	2022
ISSF	President – Luciano Rossi	Munich, Germany	1907
FIA	President – Mohammed Ben Sulayem	Paris	1904
UNIDO	DG – Gerd Müller	Vienna	1966
South Africa	President – Cyril Ramaphosa	Pretoria / Cape Town	—
Nepal	President – Ram Chandra Poudel	Kathmandu	—
BEL (Bharat Electronics Ltd)	CMD – Manoj Jain	Bengaluru	1954
BWF	President – Patama Leeswadtrakul	Kuala Lumpur	1934
Saudi Arabia	PM – Mohammed bin Salman	Riyadh	—
Haryana	CM – Nayab Singh Saini	Chandigarh	—
MoAFW (Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare)	Minister – Shivraj Singh Chouhan	New Delhi	—
Punjab	CM – Bhagwant Mann	Chandigarh	—
International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD)	President – Adam Kosa	Lausanne	1924
UNDESA	Head – Li Junhua	New York	1948
MHI (Ministry of Heavy Industries)	Minister – H.D. Kumaraswamy	New Delhi	—
MoWCD (Ministry of Women & Child Development)	Minister – Annapurna Devi	New Delhi	—
Competition Commission of India (CCI)	Chairperson – Ravneet Kaur	New Delhi	2003
MoSJE (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment)	Minister – Dr. Virendra Kumar	New Delhi	—
IMD (India Meteorological Department)	DGM – Dr. M. Mohapatra	New Delhi	1875
FIDE (World Chess Federation)	President – Arkady Dvorkovich	Lausanne	1924
UNRWA	Commissioner-General – Philippe Lazzarini	Amman / Gaza	1949
WHO (World Health Organization)	DG – Tedros Ghebreyesus	Geneva	1948

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