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01 TELANGANA

Telangana Rising 2047 Vision Document released	→ Released by CM A. Revanth Reddy at the close of the Telangana Rising Global Summit (8–9 December 2025, Bharat Future City) – 3,000+ delegates → Targets: US\$ 1 trillion economy by 2034 and US\$ 3 trillion by 2047; Telangana to contribute 10% of India's GDP → Spatial model: CURE (urban), PURE (peri-urban), RARE (rural); former RBI Governor Duvvuri Subbarao named to the advisory council ★ Memory hook: 1 trillion by 2034 → 3 trillion by 2047 (CURE–PURE–RARE)
Global Summit – investments	→ MoUs worth about ₹5.75 lakh crore over two days; Day 1 alone – 35+ MoUs worth ₹2.43 lakh crore → Big-ticket: Trump Media & Technology Group ₹41,000 crore (media-tech hub); Infrakey DC Park ₹70,000 crore for a 1 GW data park on 150 acres → Tourism sector ₹7,045 crore; firsts – TWI Group's world-first plug-in hybrid motorbike plant; Zurich Insurance and CIBC chose Hyderabad for their first Indian GCCs
Four police commissionerates & GHMC restructuring	→ Police around Hyderabad reorganised into 4 commissionerates – Hyderabad, Cyberabad, Malkajgiri (reorganised from Rachakonda) and the new Future City commissionerate → Bhuvanagiri taken out of the commissionerate – separate police unit with an SP for Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district → 27 municipalities inside the ORR merged into GHMC; GHMC reorganised into 12 zones, 60 circles and 300 wards
Medaram Maha Jatara 2026	→ Sammakka–Saralamma Jatara, Medaram (Tadvai mandal, Mulugu; ~110 km from Warangal) – 28–31 January 2026; held every two years on Magha Suddha Pournami; India's largest tribal fair → 28 Jan: Saralamma from Kannepalli, Pagididda Raju from Punugondla, Govindarajulu from Kondai; 29 Jan: Sammakka from Chilakalagutta; 31 Jan: Vana Pravesham → Government sanctioned ₹251 crore (gaddelu redevelopment ₹101 crore) – stone precinct of 46 pillars (271 sq m); 7,000 figures on 4,000 tonnes of granite tell Koya history ★ Memory hook: Kannepalli → Saralamma; Chilakalagutta → Sammakka
Women-led development – Minister Seethakka at the Summit	→ 64 MW of solar plants to be set up by women's groups in 32 districts – called the country's first such model → SERP and MEPMA merged to bring rural and urban women's development under one umbrella → Goal: raise women's labour participation from 52% to 90% by 2047; make 1 crore women empowered; pensions ₹28,000 crore paid
Education asks to the Centre	→ CM asked Nirmala Sitharaman to exempt SPV loans for education from FRBM limits – ₹21,000 crore for 105 Young India Integrated Residential Schools (Class 5–12, 2,560 students each) + ₹9,000 crore for higher-education labs → CM asked Dharmendra Pradhan for an IIM in Hyderabad (200 acres identified in University of Hyderabad campus; India has 21 IIMs) plus 9 Kendriya and 16 Navodaya Vidyalayas
Higher education push	→ ₹1,000 crore for Osmania University's development – CM handed over the cheque; OU and JNTU to be model universities → 3 new government engineering colleges – +6,688 B.Tech seats; Kothagudem engineering college upgraded as an Earth Sciences University → Kodangal to become an education hub – medical, nursing and veterinary colleges; Telangana Education Policy 2025–47 being drafted

Messi in Hyderabad & sports policy	→ Lionel Messi's 'GOAT India Tour 2025' – friendly match at Uppal (Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium): CM Revanth Reddy played for Singareni RR-9 against Messi's Aparna team; ~40,000 fans → State sports policy released at the Sports Conclave (HICC) with 9 MoUs; 'Sports Hub of Telangana' board; GHMC to build 3 football stadiums (Kapra, Mallepally, Red Hills) → Upcoming: Women's Hockey World Cup Qualifier 2026 at Gachibowli, Asia Rowing Championship 2026, Hyderabad International Chess Festival 2026; FIFA–AIFF academy in Hyderabad
HYDRAA – progress	→ HYDRAA (Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency) formed 19 July 2024; Commissioner A. V. Ranganath → 181 drives – 954 encroachments removed, 1,045 acres protected; 75% of 5,000+ Prajavani complaints resolved → 6 lakes restored in phase 1 (₹58.40 crore) incl. Bathukamma Kunta – area rose from 105 to 180 acres; 14 more lakes in phase 2
Transport reforms	→ Mahalakshmi free bus travel (from 9 December 2023) – 237 crore trips by women till November 2025 → EVs: 100% road-tax and registration-fee exemption till 31 December 2026; vehicle scrapping policy – government vehicles over 15 years to be scrapped → Registration code changed from TS to TG on 15 March 2024; new auto permits within ORR – 20,000 electric, 10,000 CNG, 10,000 LPG, 25,000 retrofit; first children's traffic-awareness park at DPS Nacharam
Irrigation, land & governance	→ Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy: Telangana seeks 70% share of Krishna waters before the tribunal; Kaleshwaram barrages to be restored in 2026 after CWPRS tests (with L&T, Navayuga) → Bhu Bharati portal to integrate Revenue, Stamps & Registration and Survey – map for every survey number → Prajavani 2nd anniversary – 74% of grievances resolved (Housing dept first); new High Court complex at Rajendranagar – ₹2,583 crore, 36.52 lakh sq ft
Culture & events – Telangana	→ Bronze statue of S. P. Balasubrahmanyam unveiled at Ravindra Bharathi with former VP M. Venkaiah Naidu → 107th Annual Conference of the Numismatic Society of India held in Hyderabad (Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka) – a Satavahana lead coin from Kotilingala cited as early evidence of Satavahanas in Telangana → Hyderabad National Book Fair (19–29 December 2025) – venue named after poet Andesri, main stage after Anisetty Rajitha; Turmeric Value Chain Summit (CII + National Turmeric Board; chairman Palle Ganga Reddy) – Armoor turmeric has a GI tag
Bharat Future City – UAE partnership at WEF 2026	→ Telangana and the UAE agreed at the World Economic Forum 2026 to explore cooperation for Bharat Future City – talks between CM A. Revanth Reddy and UAE Minister Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri → Bharat Future City is planned as India's first net-zero greenfield smart city – a pillar of Telangana Rising 2047 (US\$ 3 trillion economy by 2047)
India's largest inland Rainbow Trout farm – Rangareddy	→ Inaugurated by Union Fisheries Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh with G. Kishan Reddy at Kandukur mandal, Rangareddy district – SmartGreen Aquaculture (~₹50 crore) → Rainbow Trout is a cold-water fish usually farmed only in the Himalayas – here grown in the warm Deccan climate with engineered systems → India's first commercial-scale tropical RAS (Recirculatory Aquaculture System) based Rainbow Trout farm and research institute

ADB loan for Musi Riverfront – Phase I	→ Asian Development Bank gave in-principle approval for a ₹4,100 crore (\$500 million) loan for Phase-I of the Musi River Development Project → Phase-I: 21 km of Zone-I – Osman Sagar (Gandipet) and Himayatsagar to Bapu Ghat, out of a 55 km project in 5 zones; executed by the SPV Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Ltd (MRDCL) → State also sought ₹3,188 crore under the National River Conservation Plan (Ministry of Jal Shakti)
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★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

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Q1. Telangana Rising 2047 targets – economy size by 2034 and 2047?	US\$ 1 trillion by 2034; US\$ 3 trillion by 2047
Q2. Total MoUs signed at the Telangana Rising Global Summit?	About ₹5.75 lakh crore (Day 1: ₹2.43 lakh crore)
Q3. Name the 4 police commissionerates around Hyderabad	Hyderabad, Cyberabad, Malkajgiri, Future City
Q4. GHMC after reorganisation – zones, circles, wards?	12 zones, 60 circles, 300 wards
Q5. Medaram Jatara 2026 dates; from where does Sammakka arrive?	28–31 January 2026; Chilakalagutta
Q6. Funds sanctioned for Medaram 2026?	₹251 crore
Q7. When was HYDRAA formed and how many acres has it protected?	19 July 2024; 1,045 acres
Q8. India's largest inland Rainbow Trout farm – where?	Kandukur mandal, Rangareddy district
Q9. ADB in-principle loan for Musi Riverfront Phase-I?	₹4,100 crore (\$500 million)
Q10. Vehicle registration code changed from TS to TG on?	15 March 2024

02 NATIONAL

India's first Sleeper Vande Bharat train	→ PM Modi flagged off India's first sleeper Vande Bharat from Malda (West Bengal) – runs Howrah (Kolkata) to Guwahati (Kamakhya) → Built for overnight long-distance travel with Rajdhani-class berths; fully Made in India
Kaziranga Elevated Corridor	→ Foundation stone laid by PM Modi – ₹6,957 crore, 34.5 km elevated road on NH-715 along the southern edge of Kaziranga National Park (Assam) → Lets animals cross underneath during floods when they move towards the Karbi Anglong hills; 2 Amrit Bharat Express trains also flagged off
India AI Impact Summit 2026 announced	→ To be held 16–20 February 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi – first global AI summit in the Global South → Three Sutras: People, Planet, Progress; organised around seven Chakras (human capital, inclusion, safe & trusted AI, etc.) ★ Memory hook: 3 Sutras (People–Planet–Progress) → 7 Chakras
Space: new spaceport and private satellite plant	→ Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu announced a new spaceport at Hope Island (Space City initiative) for small and medium-lift launchers – joins Sriharikota and Kulasekharapatnam → Azista Space: foundation for India's first integrated private satellite manufacturing unit 'Palmnaro' at Khoraj, Sanand (Gujarat)
Digital governance: ECINET, new Aadhaar App, SAMPANN	→ Election Commission launched ECINET – one platform integrating 40+ apps – at the India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (CEC Gyanesh Kumar) → UIDAI's new privacy-first Aadhaar App dedicated to the nation by MoS Jitin Prasada; UIDAI Chairman Neelkanth Mishra, CEO Bhuvnesh Kumar → SAMPANN pension portal (DoT, 2018) integrated with UMANG – ~4 lakh telecom pensioners

86th All India Presiding Officers' Conference – Lucknow	→ Held 19–21 January 2026 at the UP Vidhan Sabha, Lucknow; inaugurated by Governor Anandiben Patel → Theme: "Strong Legislature–Prosperous Nation"; UP hosted for the 4th time (1961, 1985, 2015); first AIPOC – Shimla, 1921
28th CSPOC in New Delhi	→ India hosted the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth, beginning 15 January 2026 → Speakers from over 60 Commonwealth countries and semi-autonomous legislatures
Uttarakhand UCC (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026	→ Promulgated by the Governor under Article 213 – procedural, administrative and penal reforms to the UCC Act, 2024 → Uttarakhand was the first State to enforce a UCC – from 27 January 2025
Courts: PM CARES privacy & merit seats	→ Delhi HC (CJ Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya): PM CARES Fund has a right to privacy under the RTI Act even if it is a public authority – Section 8(1)(j); the right is statutory, not from Article 21 → Supreme Court: unreserved (general) seats in public recruitment are open to all candidates purely on merit
Welfare schemes – girl child & health	→ Sukanya Samridhi Yojana completed 11 years (launched 22 January 2015 under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao); girl below 10 years; interest 8.2% → Gujarat: ₹1,250 crore under Namo Laxmi Scheme for 12 lakh+ girl students of Classes 9–12 → Punjab: Mukhya Mantri Sehat Yojana – cashless treatment up to ₹10 lakh per family per year, no income limit
State firsts – January	→ Kerala: first State to declare a State Microbe – Bacillus subtilis → Lucknow: first 'Zero Fresh Waste Dump' city of UP (3rd plant at Shivari) → Punjab: first Dog Sanctuary at Ludhiana; Rajasthan: first fully organic village body – Bamanwas Kankar Panchayat → Alwar Biological Park (Kati Ghati–Jaisamand, ~100 ha) – first of its kind in the NCR
State decisions – roundup	→ Odisha: complete ban on gutkha, pan masala and all tobacco/nicotine products → Tamil Nadu: 'Semmozhi Illakiya Virudhu' – ₹5 lakh per language for literature in Indian languages other than Hindi → Karnataka: 'Akka Pade' (against child marriage and abuse of girls) extended statewide; Jamma Bane land reform in Kodagu → Andhra Pradesh: Dagadathi Greenfield Airport (Nellore) – State's 8th airport; Assam: ₹25,000/month for research scholars (₹40,000 for Divyang)
Culture & heritage	→ Meghalaya's living root bridges nominated to UNESCO as "Jingkieng Jri / Lyu Chrai Cultural Landscape" (Khasi and Jaintia Hills) for the 2026–27 cycle → First-ever NAMO Book Fest held in New Delhi – books 'Gen V Bano' and 'Mahatma' released
Governance drives	→ NITI Aayog's Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 (28 January–14 April 2026) – 100% saturation in Aspirational Districts and Blocks → Speed Post 24 and Speed Post 48 launched by Jyotiraditya Scindia (at Pichhor, Shivpuri, MP) → 242 illegal betting/gambling links blocked – total crosses 7,800 → CCSU Meerut – India's first AI-enabled State University pilot (MSDE + Google Cloud)
SC: 'merit-induced shift' in unreserved seats	→ Bench of Justices M. M. Sundresh and Satish Chandra Sharma: SC/ST/OBC candidates who qualify without any relaxation count against unreserved seats – principle of 'merit-induced shift' → Arose from a 2013 Airports Authority of India recruitment (Junior Assistant – Fire Service)
Jharkhand notifies PESA rules after 25 years	→ Rules under the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 notified – Fifth Schedule areas → Apply fully in 13 districts (Ranchi, Khunti, Gumla etc.) and partly in Palamu, Godda, Garhwa

Security platforms: NIDMS and ICJS 2.0 ranking	→ Amit Shah inaugurated NIDMS (National IED Data Management System) – India's first database of all bomb blasts/IED incidents since 1999; managed by NSG, Manesar → NCRB's ICJS 2.0 ranking: 1st Uttarakhand Police (93.46), 2nd Haryana (93.41), 3rd Assam (93.16)
Judiciary & elections: firsts	→ CJI Surya Kant inaugurated India's first fully paperless district court at Kalpetta, Wayanad (Kerala) – AI-assisted system built by Kerala HC → ECI hosted the first India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM), 21–23 January 2026, Bharat Mandapam; India chairs International IDEA's Council of Member States for 2026
Transport firsts – hydrogen train, NHAI records, FASTag	→ India's first hydrogen-powered train (Northern Railway pilot) – Jind–Sonipat, Haryana; hydrogen plant at Jind → NHAI set 4 Guinness World Records on the Bengaluru–Kadapa–Vijayawada corridor (NH-544G) near Puttaparthi (AP) – e.g. 9.63 km of bituminous concrete laid in 24 hours → KYV (Know Your Vehicle) requirement dropped for new car/jeep/van FASTags from 1 February 2026
Culture, languages & heritage	→ PM Modi opened the exposition of the sacred Piprahwa relics (found 1898; linked to Kapilavastu) – "The Light and the Lotus: Relics of the Awakened One", Rai Pithora Cultural Complex, New Delhi → 55 literary works of the Centres of Excellence for Classical Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia (CIIL), 13 Tirukkural books and a 45-episode sign-language series released → Spituk Gustor – first monastic festival of the year, Spituk Monastery (Ladakh)
State firsts & decisions – II	→ Assam: first State to constitute an 8th State Pay Commission – Chairman Subhas Das → Tamil Nadu: Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS) – 50% of last pay as pension, employees contribute 10%; India's first Deep-Tech Startup Policy 2025–26 (₹100 crore for 100 startups) → Gujarat: Indian AI Research Organization (IAIRO) at GIFT City – first State-led AI research body (PPP); 'Asha Van' mobile cancer screening unit → Surat set to be India's first slum-free city; Goa gets a 3rd district – HQ Quepem
Other State news	→ Maharashtra: ₹4,775 crore Bembla River irrigation project (Yavatmal, 52,423 ha) and 'MAHIMA' overseas-jobs agency → Himachal Pradesh: 'Green to Gold' – regulated industrial hemp cultivation (CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu) → Chhattisgarh leads large States in APAAR ID generation (~88.63%); national deadline 31 January 2026 → Arunachal Pradesh: Keyi Panyor to be India's first 'Bio-Happy District' (MSSRF); Assam: 'Sanksaar Shaala' value education for ages 4–14
Health: Ayushman Bharat in 2025	→ Odisha and Delhi joined AB-PMJAY in 2025 – West Bengal is the only State outside → Till 1 December 2025: 42.48 crore Ayushman cards, 10.98 crore admissions, claims ₹1.60 lakh crore; eSanjeevani – 43.2 crore tele-consultations (57% women)
AI Impact Summit build-up & diplomacy initiatives	→ Regional AI Impact Conferences (8 in all) held as precursors – Rajasthan (Jaipur) and Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow) → Raisina Science Diplomacy Initiative launched by the Office of the PSA (Ajay Kumar Sood) and ORF; Raisina Dialogue 2026 on 5–7 March
India overtakes China as the largest rice producer	→ India's rice production 150.18 million tonnes vs China's 145.28 million tonnes – announced by Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan → Credited to irrigation, high-yielding varieties and ICAR research
Schemes & digital governance – II	→ PMMVY completed 9 years (launched 1 January 2017, MoWCD) – maternity benefit under Section 4 of the NFSA, 2013 → E-Bill System for fertiliser subsidy (~₹2 lakh crore) launched by J. P. Nadda → MoSPI unveiled a new logo and mascot 'Sankhyiki' – theme "Data for Development"

Wildlife: tiger deaths & rare leopard	→ NTCA: 166 tiger deaths in 2025 (40 more than 2024) – Madhya Pradesh highest (55), Maharashtra 38; NTCA set up in 2006 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 → Karnataka's first 'Sandalwood Leopard' (strawberry-coloured) sighted in Vijayanagara district – India's 2nd after Ranakpur (Rajasthan, 2021)
Other national news – January	→ Amit Shah opened projects at Sri Vijaya Puram (A&N) – recalled Netaji hoisting the Tricolour there; islands renamed Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep → 9th Siddha Day celebrated in Chennai – inaugurated by Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan → 72nd National Volleyball Tournament inaugurated at Varanasi → Andhra Pradesh drew 25.3% of India's proposed investments in April–December FY26 (Bank of Baroda) – ahead of Odisha (13.1%) and Maharashtra (12.8%)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's first Sleeper Vande Bharat – route and flag-off point?	Howrah–Guwahati (Kamakhya); flagged off from Malda
Q2. Length and cost of the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor?	34.5 km; ₹6,957 crore (NH-715)
Q3. 86th AIPOC was held at?	Lucknow (19–21 January 2026)
Q4. Which Article did Uttarakhand's Governor use for the UCC Amendment Ordinance?	Article 213
Q5. First State to declare a State Microbe?	Kerala – Bacillus subtilis
Q6. India's first hydrogen train route?	Jind–Sonipat (Haryana)
Q7. Who topped NCRB's ICJS 2.0 ranking?	Uttarakhand Police (93.46)
Q8. India's first fully paperless district court?	Kalpetta, Wayanad (Kerala)
Q9. India's rice output vs China's?	150.18 MT vs 145.28 MT – India now largest
Q10. Only State outside AB-PMJAY?	West Bengal

03 INTERNATIONAL

EU leaders – Republic Day chief guests; 16th India–EU Summit	→ Ursula von der Leyen (EU Commission) and António Luís Santos da Costa (EU Council) visited 25–27 January 2026 as chief guests of the 77th Republic Day → 16th India–EU Summit co-chaired in New Delhi – previous summit was virtual (July 2020); Kaja Kallas made her first visit to India
Humanitarian aid to Afghanistan	→ India delivered 7.5 tonnes of cancer medicines to Kabul
India–EU Free Trade Agreement concluded	→ Negotiations concluded at the 16th India–EU Summit (27 January 2026) – talks had begun in 2007 → India and the EU: ~25% of world GDP and nearly one-third of global trade; strategic partners since 2004
India's BRICS Chairship 2026	→ Logo, theme and website launched by EAM S. Jaishankar on 13 January 2026 – India's 4th chairship, in the 20th year of BRICS → Theme: "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"; lotus logo with 'Namaste' by Sudeep Subhash Gandhi → BRICS: BRIC formalised 2006, first summit 2009 (Yekaterinburg); South Africa joined 2010; Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE (2024), Indonesia (2025)
High-level visits to India	→ German Chancellor Friedrich Merz (12–13 January) – first visit to India/Asia; Ahmedabad and Bengaluru; 19 MoUs/JDols → Japan FM Toshiimitsu Motegi (15–17 January) – 18th India–Japan Strategic Dialogue → Spain's FM José Manuel Albares – 70 years of India–Spain ties (since 1956)

USA exits WHO and 66 global bodies	→ US formally left the WHO after 78 years – the only country ever to withdraw; owes ~USD 278 million in 2024–25 dues → US quit 66 organisations (35 non-UN, 31 UN-linked) incl. the India-led International Solar Alliance, IRENA, IPCC, IUCN → ISA: conceived by India and France at COP21 (2015); HQ Gurugram; DG Ashish Khanna
WEF Davos 2026 & Board of Peace	→ 56th WEF Annual Meeting, Davos-Klosters, 19–23 January 2026 – theme "A Spirit of Dialogue" → US President Donald Trump launched the 'Board of Peace' at Davos – linked to Gaza reconstruction
Neighbourhood & world news	→ India–Bangladesh began joint flow measurement at Farakka and Hardinge Bridge – the 30-year Ganges Water Treaty (1996) expires in December 2026 → Bangladesh–Pakistan direct flights resumed after 14 years (Dhaka–Karachi, Biman) → Bulgaria adopted the Euro on 1 January 2026 – 21st Eurozone member → EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) in force from 1 January 2026 on steel, aluminium, cement, fertilisers etc. → MEA: the 'BRICS naval exercise' was South Africa-led, not official; India's BRICS-linked drill is IBSAMAR (India–Brazil–South Africa)
Trade & energy diplomacy	→ 100% of Australian tariff lines zero-duty for Indian exports from 1 January 2026 – 3rd anniversary of India–Australia ECTA (in force 29 December 2022) → IOC bought its first crude cargo from Colombia (Ecopetrol, Castilla crude) to diversify from Russia → India was Partner Country at Gulfood 2026, Dubai – first time in its 31-year history → India–Israel Joint Declaration on fisheries & aquaculture at Eilat (Blue Food Security summit); ONGC–Mitsui OSK Lines JVs for ethane carriers at GIFT City
UN and regional forums	→ 2026 – International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (UNGA resolution 2022, initiated by Mongolia; FAO lead agency) → 6th ASEAN–India Digital Ministers' Meeting hosted virtually by Vietnam – ASEAN–India Digital Work Plan 2026 approved → Akasa Air – India's 5th IATA member airline (IATA HQ Montreal) → Malaysia temporarily blocked xAI's chatbot Grok – after Indonesia, the first to restrict it
Bilateral agreements – January	→ India–UAE: aim to double bilateral trade to USD 200 billion by 2032 (PM Modi–President Mohamed bin Zayed talks) → India–Germany (Gandhinagar): Global Skills Partnership declaration; Germany announced visa-free transit for Indians; telecom Joint Declaration of Intent → Supreme Court of India–Bhutan MoU: two Bhutanese law clerks to work in the SC for 3 months → 5th India–Namibia Foreign Office Consultations – defence, critical minerals, DPI

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Chief guests of the 77th Republic Day?	Ursula von der Leyen and António Costa (EU)
Q2. India–EU FTA negotiations began in?	2007 (concluded at the 16th Summit, 2026)
Q3. Which tenure of BRICS chairship is 2026 for India?	4th (20th year of BRICS)
Q4. 21st Eurozone member?	Bulgaria (1 January 2026)
Q5. India–UAE trade target?	USD 200 billion by 2032
Q6. Where is the International Solar Alliance headquartered?	Gurugram (Haryana)

04 ECONOMY, BANKING & BUSINESS

World's largest green ammonia project – Kakinada	→ AM Green – USD 10 billion; converts an existing ammonia-urea complex at Kakinada (AP) → Capacity 1.5 MTPA by 2030 (0.5 MTPA by 2027) – India's first green ammonia exports; ~7.5 GW solar-wind, ~1,950 MW electrolyzers
PLFS December 2025	→ Unemployment rate steady at 4.8%; LFPR (15+) rose to 56.1% – yearly peak; female LFPR and WPR at yearly highs → Survey by NSO (MoSPI); monthly estimates on Current Weekly Status since January 2025
Commerce firsts	→ India Post delivered its first order on ONDC as a Logistics Service Provider (order by UdyamWell); ONDC is a DPIIT initiative launched April 2022 → Montra Electric (Murugappa Group) – first heavy-duty e-truck maker certified under PM E-DRIVE; Rhino 5538 delivered to UltraTech Cement → Hindustan Zinc – India's first zinc tailings recycling facility at Rampura Agucha (Rajasthan)
GeM: Womaniya at 7; WTC Mumbai MoU	→ Womaniya (launched 14 January 2019) for women-led enterprises in public procurement – 2 lakh+ women-led MSEs on GeM → GeM signed an MoU with World Trade Centre Mumbai to raise MSME participation
IBC at 10 – IBBI conclave; Bharat Electricity Summit	→ IBBI with INSOL India held the 3rd International Conclave marking a decade of the IBC; IBBI Chairperson Ravi Mital → Bharat Electricity Summit 2026: 19–22 March, Yashobhoomi (New Delhi) – theme "Electrifying Growth. Empowering Sustainability. Connecting Globally."
Electronics exports cross \$47 billion (2025)	→ \$47 billion (₹4.15 trillion) in 2025 – up 37% from \$34.93 billion in 2024; first time above \$47 billion → Smartphones under PLI – nearly two-thirds of the value
Infrastructure & industry policy	→ DEA's 3-year PPP pipeline: 852 projects worth over ₹17 lakh crore → India's first Tailings Policy – recover critical minerals from mine waste → Scheme for sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPM) – first integrated domestic ecosystem → DSIR: deep-tech startups can get up to ₹1 crore under IRDPP (3-year existence rule relaxed)
Milestones: fisheries, broadband, trademarks	→ Fish production 197.75 lakh tonnes (2024–25) vs 95.79 lakh tonnes (2013–14) – up 106%; India 2nd largest producer (~8% of world) → Broadband subscribers crossed 100 crore – 100.37 crore by November 2025 → Record 5.5 lakh+ domestic trademark registrations in 2024–25
Trade & farm policy	→ e-B-4 visa (e-Production Investment Business Visa) for Chinese nationals – online, stay up to 6 months → Import curbs on low-ash met coke (ash below 18%) extended to 30 June 2026 (DGFT) → NBS rates for Rabi 2025–26 (1 October 2025–31 March 2026); NBS began 1 April 2010; grades raised from 25 to 28 → MCA: Director KYC now once in 3 years (from 31 March 2026); APEDA regional office opened at Raipur
Growth forecasts for FY26	→ IMF World Economic Outlook ("Global Economy: Steady amid Divergent Forces") raised India's FY26 growth to 7.3% from 6.6%; 6.4% for FY27 and FY28 → Moody's also projects 7.3% for FY26 (6.5% in FY25); India's GDP per capita USD 11,176 in FY25 (+8.2%)
Cabinet: APY extended, SIDBI capital	→ Atal Pension Yojana continued up to FY 2030-31 with promotion and gap funding; launched 9 May 2015, pension ₹1,000–₹5,000 from age 60; 8.66 crore subscribers → ₹5,000 crore equity for SIDBI in 3 tranches (₹3,000 crore in FY26); SIDBI – HQ Lucknow, est. 2 April 1990

Export credit: NIRYAT PROTSAHAN interest subvention	→ RBI guidelines: 2.75% p.a. interest subvention on pre/post-shipment rupee export credit for MSMEs – up to ₹50 lakh per exporter in FY26 → Export Promotion Mission (₹25,060 crore, FY26–FY31) has two parts – NIRYAT PROTSAHAN (finance) and NIRYAT DISHA (non-financial support) ★ Memory hook: PROTSAHAN = money (credit); DISHA = direction (market access, branding)
FDI & State finances	→ UNCTAD: FDI into India up 73% to USD 47 billion in 2025; China fell 8% to USD 107.5 billion; global FDI ~USD 1.6 trillion → RBI 'State Finances 2025–26' – theme demographic transition; States' GFD 3.3% of GDP in 2024–25
Fintech & markets	→ Razorpay POS got RBI's offline payment aggregator licence – Razorpay now holds all 3 PA licences; Payoneer India got in-principle PA-Cross Border nod → ZET approved by NPCI as a TPAP – UPI via RuPay credit cards → Juspay – India's first homegrown unicorn of 2026 (~USD 1.2 billion); SEBI cleared PhonePe IPO (pure OFS) → RXIL – first TReDS platform to pay a dividend (21.6%); PFRDA set up SAARG (chair Narayan Ramachandran) to review NPS investments
GDP: First Advance Estimates FY26 & other forecasts	→ NSO First Advance Estimates: real GDP growth 7.4% in FY26 (6.5% in FY25); nominal growth 8%; nominal GDP ₹357.14 lakh crore → World Bank GEP (January 2026): 7.2% in FY26, 6.5% in FY27; Ind-Ra: 6.9% in FY27 → Proposed new base years – GDP 2022–23, CPI 2024
Inflation – December 2025	→ CPI inflation 1.33% (3-month high) – below RBI's 2% lower band for the 4th month; food inflation negative for the 7th month (–2.71%); core 4.45% (27-month high); Kerala highest (9.49%) → WPI inflation 0.83% – first positive print after 2 months of deflation; WPI base 2011–12; manufactured goods weight 64.23%
RBI regulation – January	→ RB-IOS 2026 notified (replaces RB-IOS 2021, from 1 July 2026) – "One Nation, One Ombudsman"; covers UCBs with deposits ≥ ₹50 crore and NBFCs with assets ≥ ₹100 crore → PSL: Small Finance Banks' target cut from 75% to 60% of ANBC; 4 kinds of PSLCs → New FEMA (Export and Import of Goods and Services) Regulations, 2026 from 1 October 2026 – export proceeds within 15 months (18 months if invoiced in INR) → Proposed dividend cap for banks raised to 75% of net profit (from 40%); FEDAI (est. 1958) recognised as an SRO for forex dealers
Urban Co-operative Banks – licensing to reopen	→ RBI proposed reopening new UCB licences after 22 years (closed in 2004) – preference to large, well-run credit societies → Eligibility: 10 years of operations, CRAR ≥ 12%, net NPA ≤ 3%; India has 1,457 UCBs; NUCFDC set up February 2024 → Also proposed: 3-year cooling-off for co-operative bank directors after 10 years
Farm credit & pensions	→ Modified Interest Subvention Scheme continued for 2025–26 – KCC loans up to ₹3 lakh at 7%; prompt repayment incentive 3% makes it 4% → PFRDA: 15-member panel under M. S. Sahoo on assured NPS payouts; 'NPS Swasthya Pension Scheme' sandbox pilot; PFRDA Chairperson Sivasubramanian Ramann
Financial sector data points	→ SEBI survey: only 9.5% of households (3.21 crore of 33.72 crore) invest in securities markets → Insurance penetration stagnant at 3.7% in FY25 (global 7.3%); density \$97; Swiss Re: India fastest-growing major insurance market (6.9% a year, 2026–30) → Economic Survey 2025–26: 1,034+ entities at GIFT IFSC; IFSCA set up April 2020; EU banks may open 15 branches in 4 years under the India–EU FTA

Banking & corporate firsts	→ Tripura Gramin Bank – first RRB with a fully solar-powered mobile ATM van 'TGB on Wheels' → Canara Bank – first to use NBSL's plug-in UPI model (Canara ai1Pe); HDFC Bank added Digital Rupee on SmartGateway → IREDA's GIFT City arm IGGEFIL – first overseas loan: USD 22.5 million for a 100 MW solar plant in Zambia → World Bank: USD 815 million for Tata Power's 1,125 MW Dorjilung hydro project, Bhutan (DGPC 60%, Tata 40%); ₹5,700 crore for Jal Sanrakshit Haryana; USD 286 million for West Bengal health reform
India – 4th largest economy	→ India overtook Japan – GDP USD 4.18 trillion; expected to pass Germany by 2030 (USD 7.3 trillion) → Real GDP growth 8.2% in Q2 FY26 (7.8% in Q1)
RBI reports: banking trends & financial stability	→ Trend and Progress of Banking 2024-25 (Section 36(2), BR Act): 12 PSBs, 21 private, 44 foreign, 11 SFBs, 6 payments banks, 43 RRBs; SCB CRAR 17.4% → GNPA of SCBs 2.1% (September 2025) – projected 1.9% by March 2027; stress test on 46 banks – none below 9% CRAR → Household debt 41.3% of GDP (March 2025); RBI imposed ~₹27 crore penalties in 40 cases in 2025 (J&K Bank largest, ₹3.31 crore)
UPI record & payments governance	→ UPI: all-time high 21.63 billion transactions (₹27.97 lakh crore) in December 2025; ~228 billion transactions in 2025 → First meeting of RBI's Payments Regulatory Board chaired by Governor Sanjay Malhotra – PRB created by amending the PSS Act, 2007 (in force 9 May 2025) → RBI to manage Delhi Government's banking and debt from 9 January 2026 (Section 21A(1), RBI Act); Delhi's WMA limit ₹890 crore
Policy changes – insurance FDI, sin goods, small savings	→ 100% FDI in insurance notified – after the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act (earlier cap 74%); one of CEO/MD/Chair must be a resident Indian → From 1 February 2026: GST Compensation Cess on tobacco/pan masala replaced by additional excise duty and a Health and National Security Cess; GST 40% (biris 18%) → Small savings rates unchanged for Q4 FY26 (8th quarter in a row): PPF 7.1%, SSY 8.2%, NSC 7.7%, KVP 7.5% (115 months); FRSB 2020 rate 8.05% (NSC + 0.35%)
Markets & finance – other	→ Gold ETF holdings up 65% to 95 tonnes – India 6th largest holder; 3rd in inflows → Sagarmala Finance Corporation – India's first maritime NBFC – sanctioned its first loans (~₹4,300 crore) → Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (100% guarantee, up to ₹20,000 crore) live on the Jan Samarth portal → Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (NHAI InvIT) rated AAA (Stable) by CARE; Syria redenominated its pound (drops two zeros)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. NSO First Advance Estimate of FY26 real GDP growth?	7.4%
Q2. CPI inflation in December 2025?	1.33%
Q3. Atal Pension Yojana extended till?	FY 2030-31
Q4. Interest subvention rate under NIRYAT PROTSAHAN?	2.75% p.a. (max ₹50 lakh per MSME exporter)
Q5. World's largest green ammonia project – where and by whom?	Kakinada (AP) – AM Green
Q6. UPI transactions in December 2025?	21.63 billion (record)
Q7. India's GDP after overtaking Japan?	USD 4.18 trillion – 4th largest
Q8. Insurance FDI limit now?	100% (earlier 74%)

05 REPORTS, RANKINGS & INDICES

Henley Passport Index 2026 – India 80th	→ India 80th (85th last year) – visa-free/on-arrival/e-visa access to 55 destinations → 1st Singapore (192), 2nd Japan & South Korea (188); last Afghanistan (101st); USA 10th
NITI Aayog Export Preparedness Index 2024	→ Large States: 1st Maharashtra, 2nd Tamil Nadu, 3rd Gujarat → 4 pillars (Export Infrastructure 20%, Business Ecosystem 40%, Policy & Governance 20%, Export Performance 20%), 13 sub-pillars, 70 indicators
PESA implementation ranking	→ Among the 10 Fifth Schedule States: 1st Maharashtra, 2nd Madhya Pradesh, 3rd Himachal Pradesh (Front Runners) → Telangana – 'Performer' category (with Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh); Odisha and Jharkhand – 'Beginners'
Numbeo Safety Index 2026	→ Safest city: Qingdao (China, 89.2); Abu Dhabi 2nd (safest for the 10th year in Numbeo's city ranking) → Safest in India: Mangaluru (46th globally, 74.4), then Ahmedabad, Jaipur; India 70th among countries (55.8)
Other rankings – January	→ Asia Manufacturing Index 2026 (Dezan Shira & Associates): India 6th of 11; 8 pillars, 43 sub-parameters → Brand Finance IT services 2026: Accenture 1st (8th year), TCS 2nd, Infosys 3rd → Avatar City Inclusion Index 2025 – best city for women: Bengaluru, then Chennai, Pune, Hyderabad (4th) → Responsible Nations Index (154 countries) launched by former President Ram Nath Kovind – World Intellectual Foundation
Global reports – ILO, WEF, UNEP	→ ILO 'Employment and Social Trends 2026': global unemployment 4.9% (186 million); jobs gap 408 million; ILO – est. 1919, Geneva, 187 members → WEF Global Risks Report 2026 (21st edition): top risk – gloeconomic confrontation; 'Age of Competition'; for India, cyber insecurity is a major risk → UNEP 'State of Finance for Nature' (4th): USD 30 spent harming nature for every USD 1 protecting it (30:1; ~USD 7.3 trillion in 2023)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2026?	80th (55 destinations)
Q2. Top State in NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2024 (large States)?	Maharashtra
Q3. Telangana's category in PESA ranking?	Performer
Q4. Safest Indian city in Numbeo 2026?	Mangaluru (46th globally)
Q5. India's rank in Asia Manufacturing Index 2026?	6th of 11

06 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SPACE

PARAM SHAKTI supercomputing facility – IIT Madras	→ Launched by MeitY; hosts PARAM RUDRA built by C-DAC under the National Supercomputing Mission → Peak performance 3.1 petaflops
India's technology firsts – January	→ First country to commercially produce bio-bitumen (from biomass/crop residue) for roads – announced by Nitin Gadkari (CSIR technology) → First open-sea marine fish farming pilot – North Bay, Andaman Sea; open-sea cages by NIOT (launched by Jitendra Singh)

PSLV-C62 fails – 2nd PSLV failure in a row	→ ISRO's first launch of 2026 (12 January) from the First Launch Pad, Sriharikota, via NSIL – main payload DRDO's hyperspectral EOS-N1 'Anvesha' plus 15 co-passengers → Mission failed – 16 satellites lost; PSLV's second consecutive failure; target was a 512 km Sun-synchronous orbit
Private space: Pixxel constellation, GalaxEye Drishti	→ Pixxel-led consortium (with PierSight, SatSure, Dhruva Space) signed with IN-SPACe for India's first private national Earth-observation constellation – 12 satellites, over ₹1,200 crore → GalaxEye's 'Mission Drishti' – India's largest privately built satellite; SyncFused OptoSAR (optical + radar) technology → India's space economy USD 8.4 billion with 399 space start-ups
Railways & labs: Kavach 4.0, ASC ARJUN, NSEL	→ Kavach 4.0 commissioned on Bajwa (Vadodara)–Ahmedabad section (96 km) → Humanoid robot 'ASC ARJUN' deployed at Visakhapatnam station with the RPF – first on Indian Railways → CSIR-NPL (80th Foundation Day): National Environmental Standard Laboratory – Asia's first, world's 2nd (after UK) to certify air-pollution monitors; solar-cell calibration facility (world's 5th)
Industry & tech firsts – II	→ Adani–Embraer: India's first Final Assembly Line for commercial aircraft (70–146 seat regional jets) → HPCL commissioned the world's first and largest LC-Max residue upgradation unit at Visakhapatnam refinery → India's first indigenous quantum computer for commercial use to be deployed at IIIT Dharwad (QpiAI) → Ola Electric's 'Ola Shakti' – BIS-certified home battery storage with 4680 Bharat Cells
Global science – January	→ NASA rolled out the SLS rocket for the first crewed lunar fly-around in 50+ years – Christina Koch to be the first woman on a lunar mission → Hubble found 'Cloud-9' – a starless, dark-matter-dominated gas cloud near galaxy M94; Rubin Observatory found asteroid 2025 MN45 spinning once in 113 seconds → ESA cancelled the Mars Sample Return mission with NASA; Japan restarted Kashiwazaki-Kariwa (world's largest nuclear plant) reactor 6 → JNCASR explained the Mpemba effect (hot water freezing faster) through supercomputer simulation

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Main payload of the failed PSLV-C62?	DRDO's EOS-N1 'Anvesha'
Q2. PARAM RUDRA at IIT Madras – peak performance?	3.1 petaflops
Q3. First country to commercially produce bio-bitumen?	India
Q4. Asia's first facility to certify air-pollution monitors?	NSEL at CSIR-NPL, New Delhi
Q5. First woman on a lunar mission (NASA's crewed fly-around)?	Christina Koch

07 ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Carbon market: new GEI targets	→ Greenhouse Gas Emission Intensity (GEI) targets notified for more sectors under the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme → 208 new obligated entities added – total 490 under the Indian Carbon Market; GEI = emissions per unit of output
Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026	→ Notified by MoEFCC under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 – in force from 1 April 2026, replacing the 2016 rules → Based on circular economy, Extended Producer Responsibility and Polluter Pays; SPCBs levy environmental compensation

Access & Benefit Sharing; glacial-lake risk	→ National Biodiversity Authority (statutory, Biological Diversity Act 2002; HQ Chennai) paid ₹17 lakh to BMC's Biodiversity Management Committee for commercial use of Bacillus soil microbes → IIT Guwahati identified 492 possible future glacial-lake sites in the Eastern Himalayas (GLOF risk)
All-India Tiger Estimation 2026 begins	→ First phase of AITE-26 started at Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary (Erode, Tamil Nadu) – 4 ranges incl. Anthiyur, Bargur → First 3 days by the Line Transect Method – pugmarks, droppings, sightings
Protected areas in news	→ Kerala renamed Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary (Kannur) as Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary – Kerala's first; Butterfly Village planned → Parvati–Arga Bird Sanctuary (UP, Gangetic plains wetland) declared an Eco-Sensitive Zone
Hydropower clearances	→ Dulhasti Stage-II (Chenab, Kishtwar, J&K) cleared by the EAC – 260 MW (2 × 130 MW), >₹3,200 crore; Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance since 23 April 2025 → Kamala HEP (earlier Subansiri Middle) on the Kamala river, Arunachal Pradesh approved by the Public Investment Board – storage project with flood moderation
New species discovered – January	→ Indiaphonte bijoyi – new genus & species of copepod from Kavaratti lagoon, Lakshadweep (CUSAT) → Ant flies Metadon ghorpadei (Delhi Ridge) and Metadon reemeri (Siruvani Hills) – first new ant flies in India in 100+ years → Caecilian Gegeneophis valmiki – Valmiki Plateau, Satara (ZSI Pune); reed snake Calamaria mizoramensis – Mizoram → Frogs Leptobrachium somani and Leptobrachium mechuka – Arunachal Pradesh (University of Delhi)
Climate & ice records	→ World's first global Ice Vault opened at Concordia Station, Antarctica (Ice Memory Foundation) – first cores from Mont Blanc and Grand Combin, kept at about –52°C → Doomsday Clock 2026 set at 85 seconds to midnight – closest ever (Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists) → Iceberg A23a (calved 1986), once the world's largest, is in its final stage of breaking up
Places in news – India (January)	→ Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary (Rajsamand, Udaipur, Pali – Aravallis, Rajasthan) notified an Eco-Sensitive Zone → Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary – East Sikkim, Important Bird Area; corridor via Nathu La and Jelep La; adjoins Neora Valley NP → Similipal (Mayurbhanj, Odisha) – NP, tiger and biosphere reserve (UNESCO network since 2009); Bargi Dam on the Narmada (Jabalpur, MP) → Hooghly river forms at Nabadwip where the Bhagirathi and Jalangi meet; Shaksgam Valley (Trans-Karakoram Tract) – claimed by India, ceded by Pakistan to China
Places in news – World (January)	→ Baltic Sea – world's largest brackish-water expanse; 9 bordering countries, 8 of them in NATO → Weimar Triangle (1991) – France, Germany, Poland → Mount Elbrus (5,642 m) – Europe's highest peak, an extinct twin-cone volcano in Russia's Caucasus → Greenland – world's largest island, self-governing within Denmark (Self-Rule Act 2009); Muna Island (Sulawesi, Indonesia) – dated cave art in limestone caves

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. How many obligated entities now under India's carbon market?	490 (208 new)
Q2. SWM Rules 2026 in force from?	1 April 2026
Q3. Kerala's first butterfly sanctuary?	Aralam (Kannur)
Q4. Where did AITE-26 (tiger estimation) begin?	Thanthai Periyar WLS, Erode (TN)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q5. Dulhasti Stage-II capacity and river?	260 MW; Chenab

o8 DEFENCE & SECURITY

Missile tests & unveilings	→ DRDO unveiled the Long Range Anti-Ship Hypersonic Missile (LR-AShM) at the 77th Republic Day Parade – range up to 1,500 km (3,500 km variants planned) → Salvo launch of two Pralay missiles from one launcher at ITR Chandipur (Odisha) → 3rd-generation MPATGM (top-attack) flight-tested at KK Ranges, Ahilya Nagar (Maharashtra) by DRDL Hyderabad
Defence industry & policy	→ Rajnath Singh opened a 30 mm medium-calibre ammunition unit at Solar Defence, Nagpur; first Guided Pinaka rockets exported to Armenia; defence production ₹1.51 lakh crore (2025–26) → CDS Gen Anil Chauhan released the Military Quantum Mission Policy Framework – 4 pillars; linked to the National Quantum Mission (2023, ₹6,003.65 crore) → MoD contracts worth ₹4,666 crore – 4.25 lakh CQB carbines (₹2,770 crore; Bharat Forge & PLR Systems) and heavyweight torpedoes → HAL helicopter MRO hub at Missamari (Assam); Dhruv-NG civil helicopter flagged off at HAL Bengaluru
Navy: INSV Kaundinya & Sagar Maitri	→ INSV Kaundinya – stitched-plank ship based on a 5th-century Ajanta cave painting – sailed Porbandar to Muscat (~1,400 km, 17 days); skipper Cdr Vikas Sheoran → INS Sagardhwani (DRDO's NPOL) flagged off from Kochi for Sagar Maitri-5 – retraces INS Kistna's route in the International Indian Ocean Expedition (1962–65) → 1st Training Squadron visited Belawan (Indonesia) under IONS; India and Malaysia co-chaired the 16th ADMM-Plus counter-terrorism experts meeting in New Delhi
Security & neighbourhood	→ India and Pakistan exchanged lists of nuclear installations (annual, under the agreement prohibiting attacks on nuclear facilities) → IAF showcased an 'Operation Sindoor' formation at the Republic Day parade for the first time → China unveiled the Type 096 'Tang-class' SSBN; Pakistan tested the 'Taimoor' air-launched cruise missile; Taiwan's indigenous submarine 'Narwhal' (Hai Kun) did its first underwater trial
Coast Guard: Samudra Pratap & DOSTI 17	→ ICGS Samudra Pratap commissioned by Rajnath Singh in Goa (5 January 2026) – first indigenous Pollution Control Vessel and largest ICG ship; built by Goa Shipyard (60%+ indigenous) → DOSTI 17 – trilateral Coast Guard exercise (India, Sri Lanka, Maldives) at Male, 17–19 January; DOSTI began 1991 (India–Maldives), trilateral since 2012 → ICG–Japan Coast Guard hazardous-substances response drill on ICGS Samudra Prahari, Mumbai; ICG DG Paramesh Sivamani
Army: new forces, systems & firsts	→ 'Bhairav' battalions – drone-integrated force bridging Para SF and infantry; pool of 1 lakh+ drone operators → ₹293 crore emergency deal with NIBE for 'Suryastra' – India's first indigenous multi-calibre long-range guided rocket launcher (with Elbit's PULS tech) → Army declared 2026 the 'Year of Networking & Data Centricity'; first Military–Civil Fusion exercise 'Sanjha Shakti' at Khadki, Pune → 'Radio Sangam' (88.8 FM) at Keri, Rajouri – first community radio station along the LoC; RVC animal contingent incl. Bactrian camels debuted at the parade

DRDO & Navy – other	→ DRDO's 68th Foundation Day (est. 1 January 1958); long-duration test of a full-scale actively cooled scramjet at DRDL Hyderabad → DRDO Jodhpur's 'SWaDeS' portable seawater desalination system for troops → Navy opened a new detachment at Haldia (West Bengal) on the Hooghly → 25 years of Tejas LCA's first flight (4 January 2001 , Wg Cdr Rajiv Kothiyal, TD-1); Tata Advanced Systems to overhaul first-generation Pinaka MLRS
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Question	Answer
Q1. Range of LR-AShM shown at the Republic Day parade?	Up to 1,500 km
Q2. First export of Guided Pinaka rockets went to?	Armenia
Q3. ICG's first indigenous Pollution Control Vessel?	ICGS Samudra Pratap (Goa Shipyard)
Q4. INSV Kaundinya sailed from where to where?	Porbandar to Muscat
Q5. First community radio along the LoC?	'Radio Sangam' – Keri, Rajouri

09 APPOINTMENTS

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Nitin Nabin	National President, BJP	Youngest ever and first from Bihar; announced 20 January 2026 (MLA, Bankipur)
Rakesh Aggarwal	Director General, NIA	1994-batch IPS (Himachal Pradesh); till 31 August 2028; after Sadanand Date's repatriation
Praveen Kumar	Director General, BSF	1993-batch IPS (West Bengal); till 30 September 2030
Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor	Director General, ITBP	1990-batch IPS (Haryana)
Praveen Vashista	Vigilance Commissioner, CVC	1991-batch IPS (Bihar); oath 16 January 2026; CVC set up 1964 (Santhanam Committee), Act 2003
Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor	Vice Chief of the Air Staff	From 1 January 2026; succeeded Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari
A. K. Balasubrahmanian	Chairman, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board	3 years; succeeded D. K. Shukla; AERB set up 15 November 1983, HQ Mumbai
D. B. Venkatesh Varma	Chair, UN SG's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (2026–27)	First Indian to lead it; board set up 1978
Justice Revati Mohite-Dere	Chief Justice, Meghalaya High Court	First woman CJ of Meghalaya HC
Justice Soumen Sen	Chief Justice, Kerala High Court (40th)	Succeeded Justice Nitin Jamdar
Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta / Justice M. S. Sonak / Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque	Chief Justices of Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Sikkim (24th) High Courts	HC judges appointed by the President under Article 217
Lav Aggarwal	Director General of Foreign Trade	1996-batch IAS (AP cadre); Rabindra Kumar Agarwal – CMD, FCI
Abhishek Dev	Chairman, APEDA (1-year extension)	2007-batch IAS (AGMUT); APEDA est. 1985
Gagan Narang	Director, National Olympic Academy (IOA)	IOA also launched the National Olympic Education and Development Programme
Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani	President, Olympic Council of Asia	After Randhir Singh (first Indian OCA President, 2024) resigned for health reasons

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Amelia Valverde	Head Coach, India women's football team	Former Costa Rica coach; for AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 (Australia)
Arijit Basu	Part-time Chairman, IndusInd Bank	Former SBI MD; from 31 January 2026, succeeded Sunil Mehta
Albinder Dhindsa	Group CEO, Eternal Ltd (Zomato–Blinkit)	From 1 February 2026; Deepinder Goyal becomes Vice Chairman
Yoweri Museveni	President of Uganda (7th term, 2026–31)	Won 71.65%; opposition Bobi Wine 24.72%
Zohran Mamdani	Mayor of New York City	First Muslim, first South Asian-origin and first Africa-born mayor; sworn in at the old City Hall subway station
Shaea Al-Zindani	Prime Minister of Yemen	Earlier Foreign Minister; succeeded Salem bin Braik (15 January 2026)
Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia	MD & CEO (additional charge), Canara Bank	From 1 January 2026; FSIB recommended Brajesh Kumar Singh as regular MD & CEO

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. New NIA Director General?	Rakesh Aggarwal
Q2. BJP's new National President?	Nitin Nabin (youngest; first from Bihar)
Q3. First woman CJ of Meghalaya High Court?	Justice Revati Mohite-Dere

10 AWARDS & HONOURS

Award	Recipient	Key facts
Ashok Chakra	Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla	India's highest peacetime gallantry award; first Indian to visit the ISS; 70 gallantry/service awards approved
Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2025	Graça Machel (Mozambique)	Peace, Disarmament and Development; ₹1 crore; Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust
President's Police Colour (Nishaan)	Sikkim Police	15th State overall and 3rd from the North-East to receive it
Padmapani Award	Ilaiyaraaja	11th Ajanta–Ellora International Film Festival, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar; ₹2 lakh
Republic Day Parade 2026 – best contingents	Indian Navy (Services); Delhi Police (CAPF/auxiliary)	Best tableaux: Maharashtra (Ganeshotsav) 1st, J&K 2nd, Kerala 3rd; Ministry of Culture among ministries
UN Secretary-General's Award 2025 (Gender)	Major Swathi Shantha Kumar (Indian Army)	Project "Equal Partners, Lasting Peace" – UN Mission in South Sudan
SKOCH Award 2025	C-DOT	For its Cell Broadcast disaster-alert system (21 Indian languages)
2026 IEEE Medal of Honor	Jensen Huang (NVIDIA)	\$2 million prize; for accelerated computing
Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement	Toby Kiers (USA)	Research on underground mycorrhizal fungal networks
Franz Edelman Award 2026 (finalist)	'Anna Chakra' – Dept of Food & Public Distribution	PDS grain-logistics optimisation with WFP and IIT Delhi
Wiley Research Heroes Prize 2025	Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya	First Indian in the 'Impact Beyond Academia' category

Award	Recipient	Key facts
Bhartendu Harishchandra Lifetime Achievement Award	Namita Gokhale	2nd Banaras Lit Fest Book Awards; co-founder of Jaipur Literature Festival
Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia	Shrinivas Dempo (Goa)	Italy's civilian honour for India–Italy ties
Israel Prize for Peace 2026	Donald Trump	Announced by PM Benjamin Netanyahu

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Recipient of the Ashok Chakra 2026?	Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla
Q2. Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2025?	Graça Machel (Mozambique)
Q3. President's Police Colour – which State Police, and its count?	Sikkim – 15th State

11 SPORTS

Cricket milestones – January	→ Virat Kohli became the 2nd-highest run-scorer in international cricket (28,068), passing Kumar Sangakkara (28,016); Sachin Tendulkar leads (34,357) → Deepti Sharma – highest wicket-taker in women's T20Is (152, passing Megan Schutt's 151) → Vidarbha won its maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy – beat Saurashtra by 38 runs (Atharva Taide 128) → Nat Sciver-Brunt – first centurion in WPL history (100* off 57, Mumbai Indians); BCCI–Gemini IPL sponsorship ₹270 crore (3 years)
Chess, badminton & retirements	→ World Blitz (Doha): Magnus Carlsen's record 9th title; Arjun Erigaisi bronze (Rapid & Blitz); Koneru Humpy bronze in women's Rapid → Aaryan Varshney (Delhi) – India's 92nd Grandmaster (Andranik Margaryan Memorial, Armenia) → Saina Nehwal retired – first Indian woman to win an Olympic badminton medal (bronze, London 2012); Alyssa Healy to retire from international cricket
Sports governance & events	→ National Sports Governance Act, 2025 – select provisions in force from 1 January 2026; National Sports Bodies Rules, 2026 notified (National Sports Election Panel of 20+ members) → Khelo India Winter Games (6th) opened in Leh – ice sports: Haryana topped (5 gold), Ladakh 2nd → Sjoerd Marijne back as India women's hockey chief coach; Vijender Singh joined the Asian Boxing Council; ICC Players of the Month (December 2025): Mitchell Starc and Laura Wolvaardt

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Who became the 2nd-highest run-scorer in international cricket?	Virat Kohli (passed Sangakkara)
Q2. Maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy winner?	Vidarbha (beat Saurashtra)
Q3. India's 92nd Grandmaster?	Aaryan Varshney
Q4. Khelo India Winter Games 2026 (ice) – top State?	Haryana

12 IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Key facts
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Date	Day	Key facts
1 Jan	Global Family Day	Also called World Peace Day; UN made it a yearly observance in 2001
4 Jan	World Braille Day	Birth anniversary of Louis Braille; first observed internationally in 2019
6 Jan	World Day of War Orphans	UNICEF (2015): nearly 140 million orphans worldwide
8 Jan	African National Congress Foundation Day	ANC founded 8 January 1912 at Bloemfontein as SANNC
9 Jan	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	Gandhi returned from South Africa on 9 January 1915; decided 2000, first held 2003
10 Jan	World Hindi Day	First World Hindi Conference – Nagpur, 1975
11 Jan	Lal Bahadur Shastri death anniversary	Died at Tashkent, 11 January 1966; 2nd PM; born Mughalsarai, 2 October 1904
12 Jan	National Youth Day	Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary; declared in 1984
15 Jan	Indian Army Day	Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa became first Indian Commander-in-Chief
16 Jan	National Startup Day	Startup India (launched 16 January 2016) completed 10 years
23 Jan	Parakram Diwas	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti
24 Jan	International Day of Education	Declared by UNGA in December 2018
24 Jan	National Girl Child Day	Started in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development
25 Jan	National Voters' Day	Theme 2026: "My India, My Vote"
25 Jan	National Tourism Day	Highlights tourism's role in national development
26 Jan	International Day of Clean Energy (1st)	First-ever observance, declared by UNGA; also IRENA's founding day
26 Jan	77th Republic Day	Chief guests: EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and EU Council President António Costa
26 Jan	International Customs Day	Started in 1983 by the World Customs Organization
27 Jan	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	First official observance at UN HQ, 27 January 2006
28 Jan	Data Privacy Day	Started 2006 by the Council of Europe – marks Convention 108
30 Jan	Martyrs' Day	Mahatma Gandhi killed on 30 January 1948
30 Jan	World Leprosy Day	Theme: "Leprosy is curable, the real challenge is stigma"
30 Jan	World NTD Day	Theme: "Unite. Act. Eliminate"

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Parakram Diwas is observed on?	23 January
Q2. Theme of National Voters' Day 2026?	"My India, My Vote"
Q3. First-ever International Day of Clean Energy?	26 January 2026

13 OBITUARIES, BOOKS & MISCELLANEOUS

Obituaries – January	→ Ajit Pawar – Maharashtra Deputy CM and NCP chief – died at 66 in a Learjet crash at Baramati (28 January 2026) → Madhav Gadgil (83) – ecologist, 'father of modern Indian ecology' → Suresh Kalmadi (81) – former Railways MoS, ex-IAF pilot; Kabindra Purkayastha (94) – BJP veteran, ex-Communications MoS → Mark Tully (90) – BBC's 'voice of India'; Manoj Kothari (67) – former world billiards champion; I. S. Bindra (84) – former BCCI President
Persons in news & books	→ Sunita Williams retired from NASA (27 December 2025) after 27 years; Padma Bhushan 2008 → Siddaramaiah became Karnataka's longest-serving CM (7 January 2026), passing D. Devaraj Urs → Kaamya Karthikeyan (18, Mumbai) – youngest woman in the world to complete the Seven Summits (last: Mount Vinson) → Books: 'The Life and Legacy of Arun Jaitley' – Sumant Batra; Telugu book on President Droupadi Murmu by Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad released by a sanitation worker at Andhra University

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Maharashtra Deputy CM who died in a plane crash at Baramati?	Ajit Pawar
Q2. Karnataka's longest-serving CM (January 2026)?	Siddaramaiah



14 LAST-MINUTE REVISION

The whole month in four tables – read this the night before the exam.

1. FIRSTS OF THE MONTH

First ...	What / Where
Sleeper Vande Bharat	Howrah–Guwahati (Kamakhya), flagged off from Malda
Hydrogen train	Jind–Sonipat, Haryana
Net-zero greenfield smart city (planned)	Bharat Future City, Telangana
State Microbe	Kerala – Bacillus subtilis
Paperless district court	Kalpetta, Wayanad (Kerala)
8th State Pay Commission	Assam (Chairman Subhas Das)
Commercial bio-bitumen	India – first country
Open-sea marine fish farming	North Bay, Andaman Sea
Indigenous Pollution Control Vessel	ICGS Samudra Pratap (Goa Shipyard)
Community radio along the LoC	'Radio Sangam', Keri (Rajouri)
Indian to chair UN disarmament advisory board	D. B. Venkatesh Varma

2. NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Number	What it is
₹5.75 lakh crore	MoUs at Telangana Rising Global Summit
₹251 crore	Medaram Jatara 2026 works
1,045 acres	Land protected by HYDRAA
₹6,957 crore / 34.5 km	Kaziranga Elevated Corridor (NH-715)
7.4%	FY26 real GDP growth (NSO First Advance Estimates)
1.33%	CPI inflation, December 2025
21.63 billion	UPI transactions, December 2025
USD 4.18 trillion	India's GDP – 4th largest (passed Japan)
490	Obligated entities under India's carbon market
1,500 km	Range of LR-AShM hypersonic missile

3. RANKINGS & REPORTS

Index / Report	Result
Henley Passport Index 2026	India 80th; Singapore 1st
Export Preparedness Index 2024 (NITI)	Maharashtra 1st, Tamil Nadu 2nd, Gujarat 3rd
PESA ranking	Maharashtra 1st; Telangana – Performer
ICJS 2.0 (NCRB)	Uttarakhand Police 1st (93.46)
Numbeo Safety Index 2026	Qingdao 1st; Mangaluru safest Indian city
Asia Manufacturing Index 2026	India 6th of 11
IMF WEO (January 2026)	India FY26 growth 7.3%
ILO Employment & Social Trends 2026	Global unemployment 4.9%

4. PLACES IN NEWS (MAP)

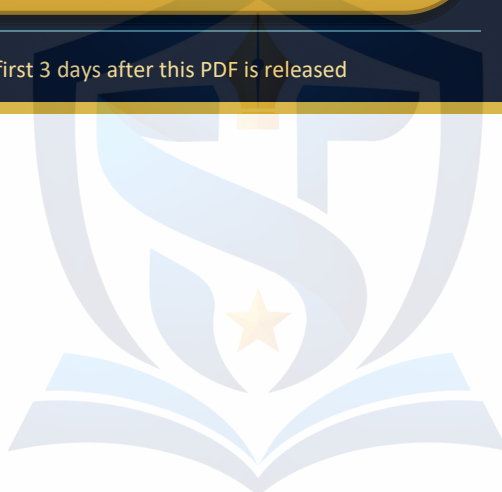
Place	Why in news
Medaram (Mulugu)	Sammakka–Saralamma Jatara, 28–31 January
Kandukur (Rangareddy)	India's largest inland Rainbow Trout farm
Kakinada (AP)	World's largest green ammonia project (AM Green)
Hope Island (AP)	New spaceport announced
Lucknow	86th AIPOC
Thanthai Periyar WLS (Erode)	AITE-26 tiger estimation began
Kumbhalgarh (Rajasthan)	Wildlife sanctuary notified as ESZ
Porbandar → Muscat	INSV Kaundinya's voyage
Davos-Klosters	56th WEF Annual Meeting – "A Spirit of Dialogue"
Bulgaria	Adopted the Euro – 21st Eurozone member

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01 TELANGANA

Davos 2026 – 'Telangana Rising' at WEF	→ CM A. Revanth Reddy led the 3-day 'Telangana Rising' delegation at the World Economic Forum, Davos (ended 23 January) – 12 one-to-one meetings → Proposed a WEF follow-up forum in Hyderabad every July; unveiled the Telangana AI Innovation Hub (TAIH) and the Next-Gen Life Sciences Policy 2026–2030 (target: US\$ 250 billion life-sciences economy by 2030) → Bharat Future City – ~80,000 acres, over 50% green cover, pitched as India's first net-zero greenfield smart city; Hyderabad to become India's first 24-hour city
Davos 2026 – investment commitments	→ Rashmi Group – ₹12,500 crore MoU for a steel/ductile-iron unit (about 12,000 jobs) → UPC Volt (Netherlands) – 100 MW AI data centre in Bharat Future City, ₹5,000 crore over 5 years, with its own 100 MW renewable plant → Nuclear Products (Slovakia) – Expression of Interest for a Small Modular Reactor project up to 300 MW (~₹6,000 crore, €600 million) → Sargad (USA) – ₹1,000 crore aircraft MRO; L'Oréal – world's first beauty-tech Global Capability Centre in Hyderabad (opening November); Unilever to examine setting up a GCC in Hyderabad
Municipal elections 2026	→ State Election Commissioner Rani Kumudini announced polls to 7 municipal corporations and 116 municipalities – 414 divisions and 2,582 wards → Nominations 28–30 January; single-phase ballot-paper polling on 11 February; counting 13 February; Mayor/Chairperson elections 16 February → 52,43,023 voters (women 26,80,014 – more than men); webcasting at all polling stations for the first time ★ Memory hook: 7–116–11: 7 corporations, 116 municipalities, poll on the 11th.
Cabinet meets at Medaram – a first	→ First-ever State Cabinet meeting outside the capital – at Medaram (Mulugu) → Godavari Pushkaralu: 27 July–3 August 2027 – Basara-to-Bhadrachalam temple and eco-tourism circuit; cabinet sub-committee to be formed → Hyderabad Metro Phase-I takeover from L&T to be expedited; ₹2,787 crore land acquisition approved; Pottlapur lift irrigation (Mulugu) from Ramappa lake – 7,500 acres → 494 acres to TGIC for an eco-town at Abdullapurmet; 9 km new road from ICCB (Banjara Hills) to Shilpa Layout
Assembly – Vision 2047 debate & HILT policy	→ Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka: GSDP has doubled every decade since 1991; state economy ~US\$ 200 billion today – business as usual gives ~US\$ 1.2 trillion by 2047 vs the US\$ 3 trillion target → Young India Skills University adopts the German dual-system apprenticeship (3–4 days on the shop floor, 1–2 days in class) → HILT (Hyderabad Industrial Land Transformation) Policy – shifts polluting industries beyond the ORR; 9,292 acres of old industrial land inside the ORR to mixed use; expected revenue ₹10,776 crore vs ₹574 crore under the earlier free-hold policy
Assembly resolution on MGNREGA	→ Assembly resolved that MGNREGA be continued as it is, opposing the new VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 (Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission – Gramin) → Objections: Centre–State funding changed to 60:40, a mandatory 60-day pause in the farm season, fewer permissible works (266 now), dropping Mahatma Gandhi's name → In Telangana ~90% of beneficiaries are SC/ST/BC and 62% are women
Record paddy procurement	→ Kharif 2025–26: 71.64 lakh tonnes of paddy procured – an all-time record, beating 70.2 lakh tonnes of 2020–21 (Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy) → 14.20 lakh farmers benefited; Nizamabad and Nalgonda top in procurement; ₹500 per quintal bonus on fine varieties → Fine rice through ration cards to about 85% of the population (6 kg per person per month); rice-export policy being drafted by the state agricultural university – exports to the Philippines began from Kakinada port

Governor's Republic Day address – key numbers	→ Governor Jishnu Dev Varma at Parade Ground, Hyderabad (77th Republic Day): Telangana Police ranked 1st in the India Justice Report 2025 → 'Jaya Jaya He Telangana' by the late Andesri declared the State Song; Bathukamma celebrations set a Guinness record → Loan waiver up to ₹2 lakh (₹20,617 crore to ~26 lakh farmers); Rythu Bharosa raised from ₹10,000 to ₹12,000; 62,749 government jobs filled → 4 February observed as Social Justice Day (SC sub-categorisation); new Osmania Hospital – ₹2,700 crore on 27 acres
Greater Hyderabad – bigger city, new set-up	→ GHMC area expanded from 650 sq km to about 2,053 sq km (population ~1.84 crore); 12 zones and 60 circles; GHMC to be split into 3 corporations → Jayesh Ranjan – Special Chief Secretary, Metropolitan Area & Development; Commissioners: Future City – Sudheer Babu, Malkajgiri – Avinash Mohanty, Cyberabad – Ramesh Reddy, Hyderabad – Sajjanar → History: Nizam formed Hyderabad and Chadarghat municipalities in 1869; Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad under the 1955 Act; GHMC formed in 2007 → Vision 2047 for the core city: 1,000 km walking/cycling corridors, common mobility card, BRTS, UNESCO World Heritage status sought for the Old City
Irrigation – Munneru–Paleru link & Nirmal projects	→ Munneru–Paleru gravity link canal – 9.6 km, 4,500 cusecs, ₹162.54 crore; foundation by the CM at Edulapuram (Khammam); taps 50–60 TMC of Munneru floodwater that now flows to the sea → Stabilises 1.38 lakh acres of Nagarjuna Sagar ayacut below Paleru and 40,000 acres above it (Khammam, Suryapet) → CM opened the Sadarmat barrage (Mamada mandal, Nirmal) and the Chanaka–Korata pump house; the two to be named after Narsa Reddy and C. Ramachandra Reddy; Tummidihatti project report sought
Energy & employees – solar villages, insurance	→ Model Solar Village programme launched at Ravinuthala (Bonakal mandal, Khammam) – 81 villages, ₹1,880 crore; free 2 kW rooftop panel per house, surplus bought at ₹2.57 per unit → Clean & Green Energy Policy 2025 – 20,000 MW renewable capacity by 2030; solar panels on 10,000 government schools → ₹1.02 crore accident insurance for all state government employees – 5.14 lakh families (already given to Singareni and power-utility staff)
Health, welfare & education	→ 490 more ventilators for government hospitals (125 more at NIMS); MRI machines in 9 more hospitals; 218 new ambulances last year, 79 more this year; 160 new dialysis centres → Council passed the bill giving statutory status to Dr Manmohan Singh Earth Sciences University – ₹500 crore, 310 acres → Marriage incentive for couples with disabilities doubled from ₹1 lakh to ₹2 lakh; ₹50 crore for assistive devices to 7,000 persons; 'Pranamam' day-care centres for the elderly; 'Bala Bharosa' early screening of under-5 disabilities → CM Revanth Reddy – first sitting CM to earn a Harvard Kennedy School certificate ('Leadership for the 21st Century'; 60 participants from 20 countries)
Roads, logistics, power & tax	→ Proposed 12-lane greenfield expressway Future City–Amaravati–Machilipatnam port (~297 km, ~₹20,000 crore); Mannanur–Srisailam elevated corridor (~₹8,000 crore) → Dry port near the RRR (Manoharabad, near Toopran); ~1,900 acres at 11 locations for logistics hubs around Hyderabad (HMDA) → Power 'ambulance' vehicles on the 108 model – complaints on toll-free 1912; Telangana GST (Amendment) Bill 2026 replaced the November 2025 ordinance – extra neutral alcohol for liquor kept out of GST
Culture & events – Telangana (February issue)	→ Sankranti: International Kite & Sweet Festival at Parade Ground, Secunderabad – kite flyers from about 18 countries; nylon manja banned; ~1,200 stalls run by women → Hot Air Balloon Festival near Golconda (16 January) and a drone show at Gachibowli stadium → Ghazal & Sufi evening at Chowmahalla Palace by Telangana Sangeeta Nataka Akademi (singer Anita Singhvi); Governor paid tribute to Gandhi at Babu Ghat (Langar Houz)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Where was the first State Cabinet meeting outside the capital held?	Medaram (Mulugu)
Q2. Municipal polls 2026 – how many corporations and municipalities; polling date?	7 corporations, 116 municipalities; 11 February (ballot paper)
Q3. Kharif 2025–26 paddy procurement record?	71.64 lakh tonnes (earlier record 70.2 LT in 2020–21)
Q4. Which company plans the world's first beauty-tech GCC in Hyderabad?	L'Oréal
Q5. HILT policy – full form and expected revenue?	Hyderabad Industrial Land Transformation; ₹10,776 crore
Q6. Godavari Pushkaralu 2027 dates?	27 July – 3 August 2027
Q7. Telangana Police rank in the India Justice Report 2025?	1st
Q8. New area of GHMC after the merger?	About 2,053 sq km (from 650 sq km)
Q9. Munneru–Paleru link canal – length and cost?	9.6 km gravity canal; ₹162.54 crore
Q10. Accident insurance announced for state government employees?	₹1.02 crore

02 NATIONAL

Seva Teerth & 'Yuge Yugeen Bharat' museum	→ PM Modi inaugurated Seva Teerth, New Delhi – PMO, National Security Council Secretariat and Cabinet Secretariat under one roof; motto "Nagriko Devo Bhava" → Cabinet approved converting North and South Blocks into the 'Yuge Yugeen Bharat' National Museum – ending ~95 years of governance from South Block
Vande Mataram – first formal protocol	→ MHA guidelines: when both are played, Vande Mataram is sung first, then Jana Gana Mana → All six stanzas to be sung at official functions – about 3 minutes 10 seconds
Supreme Court: menstrual health under Article 21	→ Bench of Justices J. B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan declared menstrual health and hygiene part of the right to life (Article 21) → All government and private schools must provide free sanitary pads, gender-segregated toilets, water and disposal – 3-month deadline
SC orders Pennaiyar River Water Disputes Tribunal	→ Centre told to set up a tribunal within one month for the Pennaiyar (Thenpennai) dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka (Justices Vikram Nath and N. V. Anjaria) → Framework: Article 262 and the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956; dispute over Karnataka's check dams
Railways: Kavach record, bullet-train bridge, Brahmaputra tunnel	→ Kavach 4.0 commissioned on a record 472.3 route km in a single day (earlier record 324 km, Kota–Mathura) – incl. Vadodara–Virar 344 km → Mumbai–Ahmedabad bullet train: 100 m steel bridge in Ahmedabad built over an underground metro tunnel without loading it; Budget 2026–27 announced 7 new high-speed rail corridors → CCEA approved India's first underwater road-cum-rail tunnel under the Brahmaputra (Assam) – 15.79 km twin-tube TBM tunnel; corridor 33.7 km
Ramsar list grows to 98	→ Two new Ramsar sites: Patna Bird Sanctuary (Uttar Pradesh) and Chhari Dhand Wetland Reserve (Gujarat) → India now has 98 Ramsar sites – a 276% rise since 2014
IT Rules amended – AI-content labelling	→ MeitY's Amendment Rules, 2026 to the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 mandate labelling of AI-generated/synthetic content and shorten takedown timelines → In force from 20 February 2026

Governance: FNTA pact, Bharat Taxi, Adampur airport	→ Centre–Nagaland–ENPO tripartite pact to create the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) – autonomy for eastern Nagaland without a separate State → Amit Shah launched Bharat Taxi – India's first cooperative ride-hailing platform (Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002; est. 6 June 2025) – "Sahkar se Samridhhi" → Adampur Airport (Jalandhar) renamed 'Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji Airport' on Guru Ravidas's 649th birth anniversary
Surveys & statistics – firsts	→ NSO to run India's first National Household Income Survey (NHIS) and the Annual Survey of Incorporated Service Sector Enterprises – one year from April 2026 → Nationwide Survey on Migration: July 2026–June 2027; PLFS: unemployment 4.8% in Q3 FY26 (three-quarter low) → UP tabled its first-ever Economic Survey (GSDP ₹30.25 lakh crore in 2024–25); India has 740 million+ active smartphones – 2nd after China
Education & youth	→ Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026 (9th edition) at Bharat Mandapam – record 4.5 crore participants; launched in 2018 → NYPs 2.0 portal (National Youth Parliament Scheme) launched by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs → Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave 2026 at Bharat Mandapam – Bodhan AI Centre of Excellence launched; Himachal's 'Padhai with AI' (Bilaspur)
State schemes & firsts – February	→ Kerala: first State with a dedicated Elderly Budget (FY27); Sthree Suraksha – ₹1,000 monthly pension for women and transwomen aged 35–60 → Assam: Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Duti Paat – ₹5,000 one-time aid to 6 lakh+ tea garden workers; ₹50 crore to preserve Koch dynasty (Darrang) heritage → Delhi: Lakshpati Bitiya Yojana – ₹56,000 in instalments from birth to graduation; Gujarat – India's largest RE contributor (42.583 GW, 16.50%) → V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Thoothukudi): first port to install an anti-drone system and first major port with IGBC Platinum rating
Other national news – February	→ Amaravati Quantum Valley – foundation ceremony (AP); Qualcomm's 2 nm chip launched in Bengaluru → Self-Reliance in Pulses Mission launched from Amlaha (MP); India's first National Cow Culture Museum to come up in Mathura → Budget sanctioned the National Large Solar Telescope (NLST) and National Large Optical-Near Infrared Telescope (NLOT) → Delhi Police 'Operation Shastra' against flaunting weapons on social media; Sangtam Naga tribal body banned pangolin hunting
India AI Impact Summit 2026 – outcomes	→ First global AI summit in the Global South, at Bharat Mandapam – 100+ countries invited; concluded with the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact endorsed by 89 countries and organisations ("AI for All") → New Delhi Frontier AI Impact Commitments announced; Guinness record – 2,50,946 responsible-AI pledges in 24 hours → Next editions: Geneva, Switzerland (2027) and UAE (2028); 8-year-old Ranvir Sachdeva – youngest speaker
Cabinet decisions – February	→ PM RAHAT – cashless treatment for road-accident victims up to ₹1.5 lakh per person, covering 7 days from the accident → Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 – ₹10,000 crore corpus (through AIFs) → Urban Challenge Fund – ₹1 lakh crore, to mobilise ₹4 lakh crore over 5 years → MSP for raw jute (TD-3) 2026–27 – ₹5,925 per quintal (61.8% over cost)
Security & policing – 'Prahaar' and more	→ MHA launched 'Prahaar' – India's new national counter-terrorism policy (zero tolerance, intelligence-led) → Delhi: 20% quota for ex-Agniveers in Delhi Police constable (executive) posts; 'Rah-Veer' scheme – ₹25,000 for helping accident victims reach hospital in the golden hour → 7th All India Conference of GRP Chiefs, chaired by RPF DG Sonali Mishra; Amit Shah laid the foundation of the 10th Assam Police Battalion HQ (Kamrup)

Infrastructure – Namo Bharat, Assam bridge, tolls	→ PM dedicated the Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat RRTS corridor – first time RRTS and Metro run from the same station and track (Meerut) → Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu over the Brahmaputra, Guwahati – 2.86 km six-lane extradosed bridge; Northeast's first Emergency Landing Facility on a highway in Dibrugarh → Cash payments at National Highway toll plazas discontinued from 1 April 2026 – FASTag/UPI only
President Murmu – Prachand sortie & Ol Chiki centenary	→ President Droupadi Murmu flew a 25-minute sortie in the LCH 'Prachand' from Jaisalmer – first Indian President to fly in an attack helicopter → She inaugurated the centenary of the Ol Chiki script – invented in 1925 by Pandit Raghunath Murmu for Santhali
Health & welfare drives	→ Nationwide HPV vaccination campaign for 14-year-old girls launched from Ajmer – India sees ~80,000 cervical cancer cases a year → CBDC-based food-subsidy pilot under PMGKAY in Puducherry – purpose-bound Digital Rupee tokens usable only at fair price shops → Punjab 'Meri Rasoi' – free food kits for ~40 lakh blue-card families; Haryana 'CM Shri' schools on PM Shri lines
State budgets & decisions – February	→ UP Budget 2026–27 ₹9.13 lakh crore (fiscal deficit 3% of GSDP); Gujarat ₹4.08 lakh crore – largest ever, 2026 'Gujarat Tourism Year'; MP ₹4.38 lakh crore; Jharkhand ₹1.58 lakh crore 'Abua Dishom Budget' → Gujarat Shops & Establishments Amendment 2026 – night shifts for women (9 pm–6 am), 10-hour workday → Assam: 3% reservation for Tea Tribes/Adivasis in Class I and II jobs within the OBC quota → Sikkim's Pakyong Airport to be renamed after freedom fighter Trilochan Pokhrel ('Gandhi Pokhrel')
Other national news – II	→ Great Nicobar Project (₹81,000 crore) cleared by the NGT (bench of Justice Prakash Shrivastava) – upheld the November 2022 environmental clearance → Demwe Lower HEP (1,750 MW, Arunachal) – environmental clearance extended to 2037 → Tamil and Gujarati editions of the Constitution released by the Vice President on Mother Language Day; ESIC (est. 1952) began its 75th year → Waaree Energies' ₹8,175 crore, 16 GWh lithium-ion gigafactory at Rambilli (Anakapalli, AP) – India's largest
Domestic MoUs – February	→ NIELIT–Andhra Pradesh: India's first dedicated Quantum and AI University campus at Amaravati (Quantum Valley) → L&T Vyoma–Gujarat: 250 MW green AI-ready data centre at Dholera SIR (₹25,000 crore, by 2028); Gujarat–Starlink Letter of Intent for satellite internet → All India Institute of Ayurveda empanelled with all 32 general insurers – cashless Ayurveda treatment → AAI–Bharat Taxi (India's first driver-owned cooperative taxi, no surge pricing) for airport cabs; IHMCL–NFSU for highway cyber security; NDMA–AcSIR–CSIR–NIScPR for disaster research
Apps & portals – February	→ NE-RACE – North Eastern Region Agri-Commodity E-Connect portal linking NE farmers/FPOs with buyers → National Biodiversity Authority – e-Certificates of Origin for cultivated medicinal plants; NSO's Model Context Protocol (MCP) server for the eSankhyiki portal (beta) → TRAI revamped DND and MySpeed apps; Teacher App 2.0 (AI) – Bharti Airtel Foundation with CK-12 Foundation

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. What does Seva Teerth house?	PMO, NSC Secretariat and Cabinet Secretariat – motto 'Nagriko Devo Bhava'
Q2. India's Ramsar count after February's additions?	98 (Patna Bird Sanctuary, Chhari Dhand)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q3. Kavach record single-day commissioning?	472.3 route km
Q4. PM RAHAT – cashless cover for road-accident victims?	Up to ₹1.5 lakh per person, for 7 days
Q5. Name of India's new national counter-terrorism policy?	'Prahaar'
Q6. Next hosts of the AI Impact Summit?	Geneva (2027), UAE (2028)
Q7. First Indian President to fly in an attack helicopter?	Droupadi Murmu – LCH 'Prachand', Jaisalmer
Q8. Where is India's first Quantum and AI University campus planned?	Amaravati (NIELIT–Andhra Pradesh)

03 INTERNATIONAL

India–US Interim Trade Agreement framework	→ Framework agreed for an Interim Trade Agreement ahead of a full Bilateral Trade Agreement → India to cut/remove tariffs on US industrial goods and many farm items (DDGs, red sorghum, tree nuts, soybean oil, wine) → US to apply an 18% reciprocal tariff on Indian exports like textiles, leather, chemicals (Executive Order 14257)
Macron's visit – India–France Year of Innovation	→ President Emmanuel Macron's visit (17–19 February 2026) – India–France Year of Innovation 2026 launched → National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Aeronautics and Defence at Kanpur; Indo-French Centre for AI in Health at AIIMS New Delhi → India–France tax treaty revised – Most Favoured Nation clause removed
India joins Pax Silica; observer at Gaza Board of Peace	→ India joined the US-led 'Pax Silica' coalition for secure AI, semiconductor and critical-mineral supply chains → India attended the first meeting of Trump's Gaza 'Board of Peace' in Washington only as an observer (27 member countries; Russia, China, France, UK absent) → EAM Jaishankar at the first Critical Minerals Ministerial (Washington) – backed the FORGE initiative
Neighbourhood & partners	→ India–Seychelles SESEL vision during President Patrick Herminie's state visit – USD 175 million package (USD 125 million LoC + USD 50 million grant); 50 years of Seychelles' independence → PM Modi's 3rd visit to Malaysia (7–8 February) – UPI linked with Malaysia's PayNet → India–UK Social Security Agreement – no double contributions for assignments up to 36 months; India–Nepal Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement in criminal matters → Brazil's President Lula on a state visit (18–22 February); India–Kenya DigiLocker pilot; EU opened its first Legal Gateway Office in New Delhi
World news – February	→ Spain – first European country (2nd after Australia) to ban social media for children under 16 (announced by PM Pedro Sánchez at the World Government Summit, Dubai) → Former South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol sentenced to life for the 2024 martial law → Poland's withdrawal from the 1997 Ottawa anti-personnel mine ban treaty took effect → US 'Project Vault' – \$12 billion critical-minerals reserve; Australia – US\$2.8 billion AUKUS submarine facility at Osborne (Adelaide)
Trade talks – GCC, Israel, China, EU	→ India–Gulf Cooperation Council signed the Terms of Reference for an FTA at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi – formally starting negotiations → India–Israel held the 1st round of FTA negotiations in New Delhi (23–26 February 2026); ToR signed November 2025; trade USD 3.62 billion (2024–25) → India–China trade hit a record USD 155.6 billion in 2025 → India–EU administrative arrangement for cross-border advanced electronic signatures and seals (MeitY – DG CONNECT)

International MoUs – February	→ Food Corporation of India–World Food Programme: 5-year MoU to supply 2 lakh tonnes of rice every year (SDG 2 – Zero Hunger) → India–France Joint Declaration of Intent on critical minerals (during Macron's visit, Mumbai) → India–Nepal MoU on forests, wildlife, biodiversity and climate change (MoEFCC – Nepal's Ministry of Forests and Environment)
Global notes – February	→ UNEP 'State of Finance for Nature 2026': for every USD 1 protecting nature, about USD 30 is spent damaging it (USD 7.3 trillion nature-negative in 2023) → Elon Musk – first person worth over USD 800 billion (after the SpaceX–xAI merger) → USA carried out the first airlift of a micro nuclear reactor (Ward microreactor, Valar Atomics) on a C-17 – flown without fuel

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. US reciprocal tariff on Indian exports under the interim framework?	18%
Q2. First European country to ban social media for under-16s?	Spain (2nd after Australia)
Q3. India–Israel FTA talks – which round, and when?	1st round, New Delhi, 23–26 February 2026
Q4. FCI–WFP MoU – how much rice a year?	2 lakh tonnes, for 5 years
Q5. India's status at Trump's Gaza 'Board of Peace' meeting?	Observer only

04 ECONOMY, BANKING & BUSINESS

Union Budget 2026–27 – key numbers	→ Presented on 1 February 2026 – Nirmala Sitharaman's record 9th consecutive Budget; she is the longest-serving continuous Finance Minister (since 31 May 2019) → Total expenditure ₹53.5 lakh crore; fiscal deficit 4.3% of GDP (RE 2025–26: 4.4%); debt-to-GDP 55.6%; public capex ₹12.2 lakh crore → Biggest allocations: Transport ₹5,98,520 crore, Defence ₹5,94,585 crore, Rural Development ₹2,73,108 crore
Budget 2026–27 – tax & other measures	→ New Income Tax Act, 2025 from April 2026; MACT interest fully tax-exempt; TCS on overseas tour packages and LRS education/medical cut to 2% → MAT made a final tax at 14%; STT on futures 0.05%, options 0.15%; tax holiday till 2047 for cloud services using Indian data centres → 17 medicines fully customs-free; ₹10 lakh cap on duty-free courier exports removed; 'SHE Marts' for SHG women; excise exemption on the biogas part of blended CNG
16th Finance Commission report	→ Tabled with the Budget – chaired by Arvind Panagariya; award period 2026–31 → States' share in central taxes retained at 41%; new weight for contribution to GDP; State deficits capped at 3% of GSDP; end off-budget borrowing
RBI Monetary Policy – February 2026	→ 59th MPC (4–6 February 2026, Governor Sanjay Malhotra) cut the repo rate by 25 bps to 5.25%; SDF 5.00%, MSF & Bank Rate 5.50%; stance neutral → Compensation for small-value digital frauds – up to ₹25,000 once in a lifetime; RBI bears 70%, customer and bank 15% each – paid from the DEAF (~₹85,000 crore) → Collateral-free MSME loan limit doubled to ₹20 lakh from 1 April 2026; Mudra adds 'Tarun Plus' (₹10–20 lakh) ★ Memory hook: Digital-fraud relief split 70–15–15 (RBI–customer–bank)
New CPI series (base 2024)	→ CPI base year revised to 2024 using HCES 2023–24 – Food & Beverages weight cut from 45.86% to 36.75%; Housing up from 10.07% to 17.66%; basket of 358 items (from 299) → First reading under the new series: retail inflation 2.75% in January 2026

Insurance, deposit insurance & banks	→ Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 in force from 5 February 2026 – 100% FDI in insurance (26% → 49% in 2015 → 74% in 2021 → 100%) → DICGC's risk-based deposit-insurance premium from 1 April 2026 (now a flat 12 paise per ₹100); DICGC est. 15 July 1978 → Gross NPA of SCBs at a historic low of 2.15% (September 2025); Alwar – India's first district with 100% insurance coverage
World Bank Country Partnership & other financing	→ New World Bank Country Partnership Framework (FY2026–31): USD 8–10 billion a year for 5 years – incl. USD 830 million for PM-SETU (ITI upgrade) → SBI raised India's first social loan by a bank – USD 1 billion from Japan's MUFG via GIFT City; SBI's 'CHAKRA' centre for sunrise sectors → ADB: USD 182 million more for Assam's Brahmaputra flood and erosion resilience
Payments & digital money	→ Amit Shah launched India's first CBDC-based Digital Food Currency pilot under PDS in Gandhinagar – e₹ coupons redeemable at fair price shops; a similar PMGKAY pilot runs in Puducherry → RBI-DPI index rose to 516.76 (September 2025); UPI–PayNet link for QR payments in Malaysia → Bharat-VISTAAR – multilingual AI platform linking AgriStack and ICAR advisories; Tripura Gramin Bank – first RRB co-branded RuPay credit card (with PNB)
Other economy news – February	→ RBI bought only 4 tonnes of gold in 2025 (73 tonnes in 2024); Poland was the top central-bank buyer (102 tonnes) → Baggage Rules 2026: duty-free allowance ₹75,000 for residents, ₹25,000 for foreign tourists; nil for land-border arrivals → India paid USD 35.18 million to the UN regular budget – joined the 'honour roll'; PLFS: unemployment 5% in January 2026 (urban 7%) → Moody's: India's FY27 growth 6.4% – fastest in the G20; Goldman Sachs raised CY26 forecast to 6.9%
Budget – gender, climate & asset monetisation	→ Gender Budget ₹5.01 lakh crore – 9.37% of the Union Budget (8.86% last year) → Climate-action spending ~5.6% of GDP (3.7% six years ago) → National Monetisation Pipeline 2.0 launched by the Finance Minister (prepared by NITI Aayog; Asset Monetisation Plan 2025–30) → 16th FC: grants to urban local governments up 230% to ₹3.56 trillion (45% share)
RBI – rules for lending & markets	→ ECB limit raised – companies can borrow up to \$1 billion or 300% of net worth (earlier \$750 million); minimum average maturity 3 years → Banks' acquisition-finance limit raised from 10% to 20% of Tier-1 capital – up to 75% of deal value → 'Unregistered Type I NBFC' category for NBFCs below ₹1,000 crore without public funds (from 1 April 2026); banks may now lend to REITs → RBI's second high-security data centre opened at Bhubaneswar (Odisha); New India Co-operative Bank removed from the RBI Act's Second Schedule
Markets & firsts – February	→ SEBI allowed NSE to launch Indian Natural Gas futures (monthly contracts) → WPI inflation 1.81% in January 2026 – 10-month high → ASK – 52nd fund house; MF industry AUM ₹81 lakh crore; SBI became India's 4th most valuable company (₹10.9 lakh crore), passing TCS → NABARD–NCDEX price protection scheme – subsidised put options for FPOs in turmeric, jeera and coriander; Mastercard did India's first authenticated agentic-commerce transaction
Mergers & acquisitions – February	→ Power Finance Corporation approved an in-principle merger with REC (PFC holds 52.63%) after the Budget proposal → RBI cleared Blackstone to acquire up to 9.99% in Federal Bank → MCA approved merging 17 POWERGRID subsidiaries into two units

Stake sales & bank holdings	→ Government to sell up to 5% of BHEL through an Offer for Sale – 3% base + 2% green-shoe; floor price ₹254; government holds 63.17% → RBI allowed ICICI Prudential AMC (with ICICI group entities) to acquire up to 9.95% in 8 banks – incl. HDFC Bank, Federal Bank, IDFC FIRST, Bandhan, RBL → CCI approved the merger of Hinduja Leyland Finance with NDL Ventures; Ministry of Power set up panels to oversee the PFC–REC merger
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Question	Answer
Q1. Repo rate after the February 2026 MPC?	5.25% (cut by 25 bps)
Q2. Fiscal deficit target in Budget 2026–27?	4.3% of GDP
Q3. 16th Finance Commission – chair and States' share?	Arvind Panagariya; 41% retained
Q4. New CPI base year and first reading?	2024; 2.75% (January 2026)
Q5. FDI limit in insurance from 5 February 2026?	100%
Q6. BHEL OFS – stake and floor price?	Up to 5% (3% + 2% green-shoe); ₹254

05 REPORTS, RANKINGS & INDICES

Corruption Perceptions Index 2025 – India 91st	→ Transparency International: India 91st of 182 with a score of 39 (global average 42 – lowest in over a decade) → 122 countries scored below 50
Global Soft Power Index 2026 – India 32nd	→ 1st USA (74.9), 2nd China (73.5), 3rd Japan → India 32nd (48.0) – down 2 places
Women, Peace and Security Index 2025–26	→ Georgetown Institute (with PRIO): 181 countries – Denmark 1st (0.939) → India 131st (0.607); ~676 million women exposed to conflict – up 74% since 2010
Responsible Nations Index 2026 – India 16th	→ World Intellectual Foundation – 154 countries; 1st Singapore, 2nd Switzerland, 3rd Denmark → India 16th (0.5515)
Other rankings – February	→ Network Readiness Index 2025 (Portulans Institute): India 45th of 127 – up 4 places; USA 1st → USGBC LEED 2025 (outside USA): India 2nd after mainland China → QS/Knight Frank: Delhi – world's most affordable city for international students → WIPO: China 1st in R&D spending (\$785.9 billion, 27.4% global share); Numbeo Cost of Living – Zurich costliest; Indore among cheapest
Economy-linked reports	→ UBS: global billionaire wealth a record \$15.8 trillion in 2025; India ranks 3rd → Wool: India 2nd in sheep population and 9th in wool production; Rajasthan 47.53% of output (FY24) → UN: India has 5 megacities; Delhi (30 million+) among the world's 4 largest cities; Amazon overtook Walmart as the largest company by revenue

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India in the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025?	91st; score 39
Q2. India in the Global Soft Power Index 2026?	32nd
Q3. Top nation in the WPS Index 2025–26 and India's rank?	Denmark; India 131st
Q4. India in the Network Readiness Index 2025?	45th of 127
Q5. State with the largest share of wool output?	Rajasthan – 47.53%

06 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SPACE

Chandrayaan-4 landing site	→ ISRO chose Mons Mouton-4 (MM-4) near the Moon's south pole for Chandrayaan-4 – India's first lunar sample-return mission → Coordinates about 84.289° S, 32.808° E; ISRO also plans a liquid-methane plant at Mahendragiri for NGLV's methalox engines
Indigenous AI – Sarvam LLMs & AI stack	→ Sarvam AI (Bengaluru) launched Sarvam-30B and Sarvam-105B – India's first indigenous LLMs (IndiaAI Mission) → Tata Group–OpenAI: India's first large AI-ready data centre (TCS HyperVault, 100 MW → 1 GW) under Stargate → MeitY's VoicERA open-source voice-AI stack on BHASHINI; UIDAI's AI 'Invisible Shield' deduplication; Bodhan AI (IIT Madras) to build the Bharat EduAI stack (₹500 crore)
Health tech & vaccines	→ Indigenous Td (tetanus–adult diphtheria) vaccine launched at CRI Kasauli by J. P. Nadda → Fractal's 'Vaidya 2.0' healthcare reasoning AI; DBT's 'SUJVIKA' AI biotech-product data portal (40th Foundation Day) → BITS Pilani Hyderabad–RMIT biosensor detects myoglobin for early heart-attack diagnosis
Research funds & space start-ups	→ First calls under the ₹1 lakh crore RDI Fund (ANRF) – TDB open call and ₹2,000 crore BIRAC–RDI Fund; biotech start-ups grew from ~50 (2014) to 11,000+ → IN-SPACE picked Astrome, Azista and Dhruva Space for Satellite Bus as a Service; GalaxEye – first private satellite operator to resell EO data through NSIL → IIT Madras–Unicorn India 'ITM–Unicorn Frontier Fund I' (₹600 crore + ₹400 crore greenshoe); CSIR-NIO centre at Visakhapatnam (₹32 crore)
Global science & security	→ New START – the last Russia–US nuclear arms treaty (2010; 1,550 deployed warheads cap) expired on 5 February 2026 → Japan achieved a world-first recovery of rare earths from deep-sea sediments (~6,000 m, near Minamitorishima) using the vessel Chikyu → NATO launched 'Arctic Sentry'; Pakistan launched its 2nd indigenous Earth-observation satellite EO-2 from China → Mud volcano erupted near Jol Tekri, Diglipur (North Andaman)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Chandrayaan-4 landing site?	Mons Mouton-4 (near the lunar south pole)
Q2. India's first indigenous LLMs?	Sarvam-30B and Sarvam-105B (Sarvam AI)
Q3. Where was the indigenous Td vaccine launched?	CRI Kasauli
Q4. Which treaty expired on 5 February 2026?	New START (Russia–US)
Q5. Firms picked by IN-SPACE for Satellite Bus as a Service?	Astrome, Azista, Dhruva Space

07 ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Project Cheetah – Gamini's cubs	→ South African cheetah Gamini gave birth to 3 cubs at Kuno National Park (Madhya Pradesh) – the 9th successful litter there → India's cheetah count rose to 38 – 27 India-born and 11 translocated adults (Namibia and South Africa) ★ Memory hook: 38 cheetahs = 27 born here + 11 brought in.
Zero Prize – pay for proven pollution cuts	→ India's first results-based environmental award – corpus ₹5 crore → ₹1 crore each for verified reduction in air, water and land pollution; convened by the School of Policy and Governance, New Delhi

New species & discoveries	→ Zoological Survey of India described a new Diplura species 'Lepidocampa sikkimensis' from the Eastern Himalayas (journal Zootaxa) – first by an Indian team → A 1,400-year-old Zapotec ('Cloud People') tomb found at San Pablo Huitzo, Oaxaca (Mexico)
Places in news – India (February)	→ Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary (Nainital, Uttarakhand; between the Gola and Sharda rivers; Terai Arc) – notified as Uttarakhand's 3rd Tiger Reserve → Sawalkot – 1,856 MW run-of-the-river project on the Chenab (Ramban–Udhampur, J&K) by NHPC; largest hydro project in J&K → Pennaiyar (Dakshina Pinakini) – rises in Nandi Hills (Karnataka), meets the Bay of Bengal near Cuddalore; ~497 km, 2nd longest in Tamil Nadu after Cauvery; dispute over the Markandeya tributary → Karimpuzha Wildlife Sanctuary (Nilambur, Kerala) – seven forest types; corridor between Silent Valley and Mukurthi National Parks
Places in news – India projects & rivers	→ Brahmaputra tunnel: 33.7 km Gohpur (NH-15)–Numaligarh (NH-715) link with a 15.79 km twin-tube underwater section – cuts 240 km to 34 km → Great Nicobar Project (cleared by NGT) – transshipment port, dual-use airport, township, 450 MVA gas-solar plant; ~130 sq km forest diversion → Ravi – rises near Rohtang Pass (HP), an eastern river allotted to India under the Indus Waters Treaty; Shahpur Kandi Dam near the Punjab–J&K border; joins the Chenab in Pakistan
Places in news – World (February)	→ Strait of Hormuz – links the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman; Iran to the north, Oman's Musandam exclave to the south → Chagos Archipelago (British Indian Ocean Territory) – 7 atolls ~500 km south of the Maldives; Diego Garcia is the largest island; Great Chagos Bank is the world's largest atoll structure → Druzhba ('Friendship') oil pipeline – from Almet'yevsk (Russia), splits at Mazyr (Belarus); Takeshima/Dokdo – Japan–South Korea dispute in the Sea of Japan → Tamil Brahmi inscriptions found in 6 tombs of Egypt's Valley of the Kings (Luxor); Mount Aconcagua (6,959 m, Argentina) – highest peak outside Asia

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's cheetah count after Gamini's litter?	38 (27 India-born + 11 adults)
Q2. Zero Prize – what is rewarded?	Verified cuts in air, water and land pollution – ₹1 crore each
Q3. Uttarakhand's 3rd tiger reserve?	Nandhaur (Nainital)
Q4. Largest island of the Chagos archipelago?	Diego Garcia
Q5. New Diplura species described by ZSI?	Lepidocampa sikkimensis

o8 DEFENCE & SECURITY

Missile & propulsion tests	→ DRDO demonstrated Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology from ITR Chandipur (3 February 2026) – for long-range air-to-air missiles → Agni-III IRBM test-fired from ITR Chandipur on 6 February 2026 under the Strategic Forces Command → DRDO shortlisted Tata Advanced Systems and an L&T–Bharat Forge consortium for AMCA (5th-gen stealth fighter) prototypes
Exercises & voyages – February	→ KHANJAR-XIII – India–Kyrgyzstan special forces exercise at Missamari (Assam), 4–17 February (since 2011) → 'Agni Pariksha' – Army–ITBP joint exercise at Sigar, East Siang (Arunachal) → INS Sudarshini's 'Lokayan 26' voyage – first port call at Salalah (Oman); 1st Training Squadron at Phuket (Thailand) – 2026 is the ASEAN–India Year of Maritime Cooperation

Defence industry & forces – February	→ Indian Coast Guard marked its 50th Raising Day (raised 1 February 1977) – 155 ships and 80 aircraft; target 200 ships and 100 aircraft by 2030 → Yantra India Ltd got Miniratna Category-I status; Sagar Defence delivered the Navy's first 2 unmanned surface vessels → Army signed with Shield AI for Made-in-India V-BAT VTOL drones; Adani Defence–Leonardo MoU for a helicopter ecosystem; India–Greece defence-industry declaration
MILAN 2026, IFR 2026 & IONS Conclave – Visakhapatnam	→ Indian Navy hosted three events at Visakhapatnam (15–25 February 2026): Exercise MILAN 2026, International Fleet Review 2026 and the 9th Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave → MILAN 2026 (19–25 February, Bay of Bengal) – biennial; theme “Camaraderie, Cooperation, Collaboration”; grew from 4 foreign navies (1995) to 74 nations – largest ever → Rajnath Singh met Navy Chiefs of 9 ASEAN states – Act East and MAHASAGAR vision; sail ship INS Tarangini (1997; first Indian naval ship to circumnavigate the globe, 2003–04) took part ★ Memory hook: MILAN = 1995 with 4 navies → 2026 with 74 nations.
Defence Acquisition Council approvals	→ DAC (chaired by Rajnath Singh) gave AoN worth about ₹3.60 lakh crore on 12 February 2026 – Multi Role Fighter Aircraft (Rafale), combat missiles and Air-Ship Based High Altitude Pseudo Satellite (AS-HAPS) → Rafale part: 114 additional jets worth ₹3.25 lakh crore (≈ USD 40 billion); also 6 more Boeing P-8I maritime patrol aircraft for the Navy → MoD–HAL (Kanpur) contract: 8 Dornier 228 aircraft for the Coast Guard – ₹2,312 crore, Buy (Indian) category
Joint exercises – late February	→ Vajra Prahar (16th) – India–US Special Forces (US Green Berets), SF Training School, Bakloh (Himachal), 23 February–15 March → Dharma Guardian (7th) – India–Japan, Chaubattia (Uttarakhand), 24 February–9 March; Ladakh Scouts vs Japan's 32nd Infantry Regiment, 120 each → Vayushakti-26 – IAF firepower demo at Pokhran (27 February); 'Agni Varsha' – Southern Command fire-and-manoeuve at Pokhran; 'Kalari Leap' – Southern Air Command maritime drill in Lakshadweep & Minicoy → IAF–Royal Thai Air Force in-situ exercise; inaugural International Military Adventure Challenge Cup (18–23 February, Eastern Himalayas)
Navy firsts & indigenous platforms	→ Indian Navy took command of Combined Task Force (CTF) 154 of the Combined Maritime Forces for the first time (11 February, Manama, Bahrain) – Cmde Milind M. Mokashi → INS Anjadip – 3rd of 8 Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, commissioned at Chennai (27 February); first indigenous Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna' launched at L&T Kattupalli → MJP waterjet production facility in Goa – India 3rd country after the USA and South Korea; Tata–Airbus H-125 helicopter Final Assembly Line at Vemagal (Karnataka) inaugurated by Modi and Macron
Other defence news	→ Gaganyaan drogue parachute qualification load test at DRDO's Rail Track Rocket Sled, TBRL Chandigarh (18 February) → First-ever UN Fellowship on Small Arms and Light Weapons control in Asia – MCMM Jabalpur (16 February–6 March) → Indian Army Silver Jubilee Everest Expedition – Guinness record: 49 climbers summited in a single day (27 May 2025) → 6th India–France Annual Defence Dialogue in Bengaluru (17 February) – Hammer missile JV MoU; 4th India–Tanzania JDCC in Zanzibar

★ **QUICK RECALL – test yourself**

Question	Answer
Q1. MILAN 2026 venue and number of nations?	Visakhapatnam; 74 nations (largest ever)
Q2. DAC approval for additional Rafale jets?	114 jets, ₹3.25 lakh crore
Q3. India–Japan exercise Dharma Guardian 2026 venue?	Chaubattia, Uttarakhand (7th edition)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q4. Which multinational task force did the Indian Navy command for the first time?	CTF 154 (Combined Maritime Forces)
Q5. SFDR tested from where, and for what?	ITR Chandipur – long-range air-to-air missiles

09 APPOINTMENTS

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Sunetra Pawar	Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra	First woman Dy CM of Maharashtra; after Ajit Pawar's death
Yumnam Khemchand Singh	Chief Minister, Manipur	Ends ~1 year of President's Rule (from 13 February 2025)
Tarique Rahman	Prime Minister of Bangladesh (11th)	BNP won 212 seats; ended Muhammad Yunus's interim rule; Om Birla represented India
Rob Jetten	Prime Minister of the Netherlands	Youngest ever (38); succeeded Dick Schoof
Mia Amor Mottley	Prime Minister of Barbados (3rd term)	BLP won all 30 seats
Sarah Mullally	Archbishop of Canterbury (106th)	First woman to lead the Church of England
Nidhi Chhibber	Additional CEO, NITI Aayog	From 24 February 2026, after B. V. R. Subrahmanyam's tenure
Kota Ravi	CMD, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd	Succeeds Dr D. K. Sunil (retiring April 2026)
Uday Kotak	Chairman, GIFT City	Replaced Hasmukh Adhia
Deepak Gupta	CMD, GAIL (India) Ltd	From 1 March 2026 till 28 February 2029
Vinay Muralidhar Tonse	MD & CEO, Yes Bank	Ex-SBI MD; succeeded Prashant Kumar
Prasanna Kumar D	President, ICAI (74th)	2026–27; succeeded Charanjot Singh Nanda
Soraya Aghaei Hajiagha	IOC member (107th)	First Iranian woman in the IOC; elected at the 145th IOC Session, Milan
Thanya Nathan C.	Civil Judge (Kerala)	Kerala's first visually challenged woman judge
Prof. B. Ravindran (IIT Madras)	Member, UN Independent International Scientific Panel on AI	One of 40 experts; announced by António Guterres at the AI Impact Summit
Sachin Tendulkar	UN Global Champion for Road Safety	UN–JCDecaux #MakeASafetyStatement campaign
Shikhar Dhawan	Brand Ambassador, Delhi Khel Mahakumbh	First edition on 13 February 2026 across 12 districts

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. First woman Deputy CM of Maharashtra?	Sunetra Pawar
Q2. New PM of Bangladesh (11th)?	Tarique Rahman (BNP)
Q3. First woman Archbishop of Canterbury?	Sarah Mullally (106th)
Q4. New Chairman of GIFT City?	Uday Kotak
Q5. Youngest PM of the Netherlands?	Rob Jetten (38)

10 AWARDS & HONOURS

Award	Recipient	Key facts
Global Teacher Prize 2026	Rouble Nagi (India)	USD 1 million; by GEMS Education at the World Government Summit, Dubai
Crafoord Prize 2026	Veerabhadran Ramanathan	'Nobel of Geosciences' – climate and atmospheric science
BAFTA 2026 – Best Children's & Family Film	Boong (Manipuri)	First Indian film to win in this category; 79th BAFTA – One Battle After Another won Best Film
68th Grammy – Song of the Year	Billie Eilish – 'Wildflower'	Best New Artist: Olivia Dean; Best Rap Album: Kendrick Lamar (GNX)
22nd Upendra Nath Brahma 'Soldier of Humanity' Award	Queen Mother of Bhutan, Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck	At Bodoland University, Kokrajhar; award instituted 2004
UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award of Merit 2025	Our Lady of Grace Cathedral, Vasai	475 years old; only religious site from India in 2025
Chang-Crandall Humanitarian Award 2026	Dr Haripriya Aravind & Dr R. Venkatesh (Aravind Eye Care)	USD 100,000 grant; ASCRS Foundation
Best State for Aviation Ecosystem – Wings India 2026	Uttarakhand	India's largest civil aviation event
Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025 – 1st prize	Paradip Port Authority	Cleanest major port (MoPSW)
Tamil Nadu State Film Awards 2016–22	Best Films incl. Jai Bhim (2021), Gargi (2022)	Dhanush best actor (Vada Chennai, 2018); A. R. Rahman best music (Ponniyin Selvan I)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Global Teacher Prize 2026 winner?	Rouble Nagi (India)
Q2. First Indian film to win BAFTA Best Children's & Family Film?	Boong (Manipuri)
Q3. Crafoord Prize 2026 winner?	Veerabhadran Ramanathan
Q4. Best State for Aviation Ecosystem at Wings India 2026?	Uttarakhand

11 SPORTS

Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics	→ Norway won a record 17 golds – most by any nation at one Winter Games (previous best 16, Beijing) → Johannes Klæbo – record 9th Winter Olympic medal; most decorated Winter Olympian → Lucas Pinheiro Braathen (giant slalom gold) – Brazil's first-ever Winter Olympic medal, first for South America → Abhinav Bindra completed his 8-year term (2018–2026) as Vice-Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission
Tennis & badminton	→ Australian Open 2026: Carlos Alcaraz beat Novak Djokovic (2–6, 6–2, 6–3, 7–5) – youngest man (22) to complete a Career Grand Slam → Djokovic (38) – oldest Australian Open men's finalist in the Open Era → Devika Sihag (Haryana, 20) – maiden BWF Super 300 title, Thailand Masters (Goh Jin Wei retired) → Delhi Open 2026 (ATP Challenger): Stefanos Sakellariadis (Greece) – first Challenger singles title

Cricket – records & titles	→ WPL 2026: Royal Challengers Bengaluru – back-to-back champions; beat Delhi Capitals by 6 wickets at Vadodara chasing 204 (record chase) → Rashid Khan – first bowler to 700 T20 wickets (T20 World Cup 2026 vs UAE, Delhi) → Harmanpreet Kaur – most-capped in women's international cricket (356th match, Canberra; passed Suzie Bates) → Paras Dogra (J&K) – fastest to 10,000 Ranji Trophy runs (147 innings); Smriti Mandhana – BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2025
Shooting, athletics & others	→ Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2026 (Dr Karni Singh Ranges, New Delhi) – India 1st with 94 medals ; Manu Bhaker silver in 25m pistol → Tejaswin Shankar – heptathlon gold at the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships, Tianjin (India's only gold) → Magnus Carlsen won the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Championship (beat Fabiano Caruana, Weissenhaus, Germany) → Haryana Thunders won Pro Wrestling League 2026 (5–4 over Delhi Dangal Warriors, Noida)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Record golds by Norway at Milano Cortina 2026?	17
Q2. Australian Open 2026 men's champion?	Carlos Alcaraz – youngest to a Career Grand Slam
Q3. First bowler to 700 T20 wickets?	Rashid Khan
Q4. India's medal tally at the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2026?	94 – 1st

12 IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Key facts
1 Feb	Indian Coast Guard Day	ICG set up on 1 February 1977 (Coast Guard Act 1978)
1–7 Feb	World Interfaith Harmony Week	Observed since 2010; rooted in the 'A Common Word' initiative (2007)
2 Feb	World Wetlands Day	Ramsar Convention adopted on 2 February 1971 at Ramsar (Iran)
4 Feb	World Cancer Day	Led by UICC; theme 2026: "United by Unique"
4 Feb	International Day of Human Fraternity	6th observance in 2026
6 Feb	International Day Against FGM	UNFPA–UNICEF Joint Programme since 2007
12 Feb	National Productivity Day	NPC registered 12 February 1958 – 68th Foundation Day; theme "Clusters as Growth Engine: Maximizing Productivity in MSMEs"
13 Feb	World Radio Day	Proclaimed by UNESCO
20 Feb	Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day	Statehood on 20 February 1987 – 24th State (UT from 1972)
20 Feb	World Day of Social Justice	Poverty eradication, full employment, social integration
21 Feb	International Mother Language Day	Declared by UNESCO in 1999; tribute to Bangladesh's language movement
22 Feb	World Scout Day	Tribute to scouts' service
24 Feb	Central Excise Day	Honours the service of CBEC (now CBIC)
27 Feb	World NGO Day	Recognises non-governmental organisations
28 Feb	National Science Day	Marks C. V. Raman's discovery of the Raman effect
28 Feb	Rare Disease Day	First held in 2008 by EURORDIS

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Question	Answer
Q1. Indian Coast Guard Day?	1 February
Q2. World Wetlands Day marks which convention?	Ramsar Convention (2 February 1971)
Q3. Arunachal Pradesh became a State on?	20 February 1987
Q4. National Science Day marks?	C. V. Raman's discovery of the Raman effect (28 February)

13 OBITUARIES, BOOKS & MISCELLANEOUS

Obituaries – February	→ Andre Beteille (91) – sociologist, known for studies of caste and class; Professor Emeritus, University of Delhi → Hugh Gantzer (95) – travel writer, ex-Navy Commander, Padma Shri 2025; died at Mussoorie → Father Thomas V. Kunnunkal (99) – Jesuit educationist, Padma Shri 1974 → Mani Shankar Mukhopadhyay 'Shankar' (93) – Bengali novelist, Sahitya Akademi Award 2021 ('Eka Eka Ekashi'); Mukul Roy (71) – ex-Union Minister, TMC founder member → Ricky Andrew J. Syngkon (54) – Shillong MP; David J. Farber (91) – 'grandfather of the internet'; Robert Duvall (95) – Oscar-winning actor (Tender Mercies); Frederick Wiseman (96) – documentary filmmaker
Persons in news & books	→ Aditya Pandya (17, Gujarat) – India's youngest male analog astronaut; AAKA Space Studio lunar-habitat mission at Dholavira, Kutch (1–8 February 2026) → Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the coffee-table book 'Atal Bihari Vajpayee: The Eternal Statesman'

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Sociologist Andre Beteille was known for?	Studies of caste and class
Q2. India's youngest male analog astronaut?	Aditya Pandya (17) – Dholavira mission

14 LAST-MINUTE REVISION

The whole month in four tables – read this the night before the exam.

1. FIRSTS OF THE MONTH

First ...	What / Where
Cabinet meeting outside the capital (Telangana)	Medaram, Mulugu
Beauty-tech GCC in the world	L'Oréal, Hyderabad
Indigenous LLMs	Sarvam-30B, Sarvam-105B
Underwater road-cum-rail tunnel	Under the Brahmaputra, Assam
Quantum and AI University campus	Amaravati (NIELIT)
Indian Navy command of CTF 154	Manama, Bahrain
Indian President in an attack helicopter	Droupadi Murmu – LCH Prachand
Results-based environmental award	Zero Prize (₹5 crore)
Global South AI summit	India AI Impact Summit, Bharat Mandapam

2. RANKINGS & INDICES

Index	India / Top
Corruption Perceptions Index 2025	91st (score 39)
Global Soft Power Index 2026	32nd; top USA
Women, Peace & Security Index	131st; top Denmark
Responsible Nations Index 2026	16th; top Singapore
Network Readiness Index 2025	45th of 127
India Justice Report 2025 (police)	Telangana 1st

3. EXERCISES – WHO & WHERE

Exercise	Partners – Venue
KHANJAR-XIII	India–Kyrgyzstan – Missamari (Assam)
Vajra Prahar (16th)	India–US – Bakloh (Himachal)
Dharma Guardian (7th)	India–Japan – Chaubattia (Uttarakhand)
Agni Pariksha	Army–ITBP – Sigar, East Siang
Kalari Leap	IAF Southern Air Command – Lakshadweep & Minicoy
MILAN 2026	74 nations – Visakhapatnam

4. NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Number	Meaning
5.25%	Repo rate (February 2026 MPC)
4.3%	Fiscal deficit target 2026–27
41%	States' share – 16th Finance Commission
98	India's Ramsar sites
38	Cheetahs in India
472.3 km	Kavach in a single day

4. NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Number	Meaning
71.64 lakh tonnes	Telangana kharif paddy procurement
114	Additional Rafale jets (AoN)

5. TELANGANA QUICK FACTS

Item	Fact
Municipal polls	7 corporations + 116 municipalities; 11 February
HILT policy	Industries beyond ORR; ₹10,776 crore revenue
GHMC	~2,053 sq km; 12 zones, 60 circles
Model Solar Villages	81 villages; launched at Ravinuthala
Godavari Pushkaralu	27 July–3 August 2027; Basara–Bhadrachalam circuit
Munneru–Paleru link	9.6 km, 4,500 cusecs

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01 TELANGANA

Municipal election results 2026	→ Congress won big – 5 of the 7 corporations on its own (Kothagudem with ally CPI), BJP took Karimnagar, BRS none; Congress also won most municipalities → Congress won 1,537 wards (51.31%) and 39.80% of votes; BRS 28.76%, BJP 15.68%; about 37.81 lakh people voted → Women won 1,638 of 2,995 wards (54.69%) and 66.25% of chairperson posts (76 of 113); BCs won 1,373 seats (~46%)
Employees' ₹1.2 crore accident cover & cashless health scheme	→ Cabinet: ₹1.2 crore accident insurance for all government employees and pensioners with no premium from them (implemented through banks) – ~7.57 lakh people; ₹10 lakh term cover for natural death up to age 60 → Cashless Employees Health Scheme – ₹1,056 crore corpus: employees give 1.5% of basic pay (₹528 crore), government matches (₹528 crore); 1,998 treatments in 652 hospitals via the Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Care Trust; digital health card for each employee → Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad (TVVP) to become the Directorate of Secondary Health Care (DSH)
Cabinet – Metro takeover & city projects	→ Cabinet decided to take over Hyderabad Metro Phase-I (69 km) fully from L&T – about ₹15,000 crore including debt (assets valued ₹19,000–22,000 crore) → Phase-II A: 5 corridors, 76.4 km; Phase-II B: 3 corridors, 86.1 km – proposals sent to the Centre → GHMC Comprehensive Road Maintenance Programme phase 2 – ₹3,145 crore; Manjira water-supply modernisation ₹722 crore; Osman Sagar pipeline ₹282 crore → 223.09 acres at Koheda (Rangareddy) to TGIIC for a multimodal logistics park; Census 2027 house-listing in Telangana from 11 May to 9 June
BioAsia 2026 & life sciences push	→ BioAsia 2026 in Hyderabad (event began 23 years ago) – 4,000+ delegates from 500 organisations; ₹73,000 crore+ life-sciences investment came in the past 2 years → Genome Valley Phase 4 on 100 acres; 'One-Bio' platform; target US\$ 25 billion life-sciences investment and 5 lakh new jobs; aim to make Telangana a global top-3 life-sciences cluster → CBRE Global Life Sciences Atlas 2025 – Hyderabad the only Indian city alongside Boston, San Francisco, Beijing and Tokyo; Minister Sridhar Babu – Hyderabad as a 'Laboratory of the Future'
Telangana in the Economic Survey & RBI data	→ Union Economic Survey 2025–26 called Telangana a growth model – praised Bhu Bharati, SHE Teams and WE Hub → Oxford Economics (2019–35): Hyderabad the world's 4th fastest-growing city (8.47%) after Surat, Agra and Bengaluru → RBI: Telangana's per-capita GSDP (2024–25) ₹3.87 lakh – top among large States (Karnataka ₹3.80 lakh, TN ₹3.61 lakh); total GSDP ₹16.40 lakh crore – 7th → Per-capita power availability 2,306 units – 2nd after Punjab; paddy area 48.08 lakh ha – 3rd after UP and West Bengal
Governor, Budget & insurance for families	→ Shiv Pratap Shukla appointed Governor of Telangana; Jishnu Dev Varma moved to Maharashtra → Telangana Budget 2026 (Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka): 'Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme' from 2 June 2026 – ₹5 lakh cover per family, ~1.15 crore families; a cashless health scheme announced → CM Revanth Reddy – the only Indian CM invited to Harvard Kennedy School's AI policy symposium (27 March)
Green energy & climate – CM at Mumbai Climate Week	→ Goal: Hyderabad a net-zero city by 2034; about 25% (24.8%) of state power already from green sources → Average demand 16,610 MW; last year's peak 17,162 MW, expected to cross 19,000 MW; 34,000 MW peak projected by 2034 → Metro to grow from 71 km to 200+ km; 3,500+ RTC buses to go electric; 2 lakh+ autos to be retrofitted; RRR 360 km, ORR 160 km

Education – 100 Telangana Public Schools	→ CM ordered 100 Telangana Public Schools – one per constituency outside Hyderabad – on the model of the Arutla school (Manchal, Rangareddy) → Breakfast for all government-school students from 2026–27; school kits with bag, books and geometry box; AI courses in polytechnics and ATCs → Education Commission (chair Akunuri Murali) submitted its policy report; ₹1,000 crore already given to Osmania University; fee-regulation committee for private schools
Hyderabad development & housing	→ Dy CM: ₹20,000 crore spent on Hyderabad in 2 years; 27 municipalities merged into GHMC; H-CITI – ₹7,032 crore for 45 flyovers/underpasses and 10 road-widening projects; KBR Park projects ₹1,090 crore → Indiramma houses in the CURE area – 28,000 beneficiaries with plots to get sanction papers; G+5 houses planned in slums → TIMS Sanathnagar (1,000 beds, 16 operation theatres) set to open on Ugadi – centre of excellence for cardiac care and organ transplants; 'Health City' in Bharat Future City
Centre–State issues – paddy, funds, projects	→ CM asked Union Minister Pralhad Joshi for FCI to take an extra 18 lakh tonnes of kharif paddy and release ₹1,468.94 crore of 2014–15 dues → Minister Tummala: Telangana paid ₹1,33,208 crore in taxes in 2024–25 but got back only ₹51,725 crore (tax share ₹27,050 crore + grants ₹7,913 crore + CSS ₹16,762 crore) → CM sought 100 acres of defence land for the Gandhi Sarovar at Bapu Ghat (Esi–Musi confluence), international-standard Mamnoor (Warangal) airport, Adilabad airport (249.82 acres ready), Krishna–Vikarabad rail line and 500 acres near Shamshabad for high-speed rail to Chennai, Bengaluru and Pune
Irrigation, revenue offices & regions	→ Gouravelli project (Akkannapet, Siddipet) – 1.06 lakh acres ayacut; reservoir raised from 1.41 to 8.23 TMC; land-acquisition funds before 2 June (Uttam Kumar Reddy) → Permanent buildings for tahsildar/RDO offices – 60 tahsildar + 5 RDO offices in phase 1, 170 in phase 2; 39 sub-registrar offices around the ORR to be grouped into 12 integrated clusters → Karimnagar: ring road and a permanent fix for the dump yard; Karimnagar–Warangal as twin cities; ₹150 crore for Vemulawada temple; 1,000 RTC buses owned by women SHGs
Society, culture & events – March	→ Former Maoist top leaders met the CM; DGP B. Shivadhar Reddy: 591 Maoists joined the mainstream in two years → Ravi Narayana Reddy National Award presented to Justice B. Sudershan Reddy; Sant Sevalal statue planned in the Nallamala forest (20 acres) – BT roads promised to all thandas → Gaddar Film Awards (2nd year) on Ugadi – FDC chairman Dil Raju, jury chair Mani Sharma; CM Cup 2025 (2nd edition) opened at Gachibowli Stadium (20 February) → Medaram jatara: 565 SHG units under Indira Mahila Shakti earned ₹9.12 crore on ₹6 crore investment (₹3 crore+ profit); GHMC launched the 'MyCURE' grievance app

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Question	Answer
Q1. Which party won Karimnagar corporation in the 2026 civic polls?	BJP (Congress won 5 of 7 corporations on its own)
Q2. Share of wards won by women in the 2026 municipal polls?	54.69% (1,638 of 2,995)
Q3. Accident insurance announced for govt employees & pensioners (March cabinet)?	₹1.2 crore, no premium
Q4. Employees' contribution to the cashless Employees Health Scheme?	1.5% of basic pay (govt matches; corpus ₹1,056 crore)
Q5. Cost of taking over Hyderabad Metro Phase-I from L&T?	About ₹15,000 crore incl. debt
Q6. Hyderabad's rank among fastest-growing cities 2019–35 (Oxford Economics)?	4th (8.47%)
Q7. New Governor of Telangana (March 2026)?	Shiv Pratap Shukla
Q8. Target year for Hyderabad as a net-zero city?	2034
Q9. Model school for the 100 Telangana Public Schools?	Arutla school, Manchal (Rangareddy)
Q10. Gouravelli reservoir capacity after revision?	8.23 TMC (from 1.41 TMC); 1.06 lakh acres

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Question	Answer
Q11. Who received the Ravi Narayana Reddy National Award?	Justice B. Sudershan Reddy

02 NATIONAL

India's first semiconductor ATMP plant – Sanand	→ Micron Technology's ATMP (Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging) facility at Sanand, Gujarat – India's first, ₹22,516 crore → Assembles and tests DRAM and NAND memory chips and makes Solid State Drives
Renamings & social firsts – March	→ Rajasthan renamed Mount Abu as 'Aburaj', Kaman as 'Kamvan' and Jahazpur as 'Yagyapur' → Soundala village (Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra) declared itself 'caste-free' by a gram sabha resolution – motto "My caste is humanity" → Varanasi set a Guinness record – 2,51,446 saplings planted in one hour (beat China's 2018 record of 1,53,981)
Infrastructure & connectivity – March	→ Sarbananda Sonowal opened Bogibeel and Dhubri Customs & Immigration Complexes and the renovated IWAI heritage building on National Waterway-2 (Brahmaputra), Dibrugarh → BRO restored the 28 km Chungthang–Lachen axis and the 400-ft Taram Chu Bailey bridge in North Sikkim (Project Swastik) – damaged by the 2023 GLOF → Railways launched Rail Tech Policy 2026, Rail Tech Portal and e-Railway Claims Tribunal ('52 Reforms in 52 Weeks'); MoRTH's Rajmarg Pravesh 2.0 portal for NOCs along National Highways
State budgets & schemes – March (I)	→ Chhattisgarh Budget 2026–27 – ₹1.72 lakh crore, theme 'SANKALP' → Haryana Budget 2026–27 – ₹2,23,658 crore (fiscal deficit 2.65% of GSDP); ₹474 crore for the Haryana AI Mission 2026 to train 1 lakh youth → Delhi 'Sashakt Nari, Samridh Delhi' – President launched Pink National Common Mobility Card, 2 free LPG cylinders a year, Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana and 'Meri Punji Mera Adhikaar' → Maharashtra: Divyang Sahayak Portal (first fully integrated disability-welfare platform); Saksham Skill Census – India's first AI-powered skill census (ages 18–40)
Energy efficiency, wildlife & events – March (I)	→ Bureau of Energy Efficiency's 25th Foundation Day – India cut GDP emissions intensity by 36% from 2005 and reached 52% non-fossil installed power capacity (2030 target met early) → Tamil Nadu's first Dark Sky Park at Ariyur Shola, Kolli Hills (Namakkal); Odisha's 2nd Indian Bison Fest at Debrigarh (848 gaurs in the January 2026 census) → Andhra Pradesh Dy CM Pawan Kalyan launched 'Project HANUMAN' against human–wildlife conflict; Central Warehousing Corporation marked its 70th Foundation Day
Cabinet decisions – Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 & Jewar corridor	→ Jal Jeevan Mission extended till December 2028 as 'JJM 2.0' – focus shifts from building infrastructure to service delivery; total outlay ₹8.69 lakh crore → Central share raised by ₹1.51 lakh crore to ₹3.59 lakh crore (₹2.08 lakh crore at launch in 2019) → CCEA approved ₹3,630.77 crore for a 31.42 km greenfield corridor (Hybrid Annuity Mode) linking the Delhi–Mumbai Expressway spur to Noida International Airport, Jewar
India's first Ring Metro & transport firsts	→ PM opened India's first Ring Metro – the Majlis Park–Maujpur–Babarpur section (about 12.3 km, 10 stations) completes Delhi Metro's Pink Line as a full circle → India's first Riverine Lighthouses on the Brahmaputra (NW-2) – Pandu, Bogibeel, Silghat and Biswanath Ghat; ₹84 crore → V. O. Chidambaranar Port (Thoothukudi) – India's first port Digital Twin platform; International Rail Coach Expo 2026 at ICF Chennai

Laws, courts & governance – March	→ New Seed Act 2026 and Revised Pesticide Act 2026 announced by Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Mussoorie) – the pesticide law replaces the Insecticides Act → Supreme Court: parental income alone cannot decide OBC 'creamy layer' – nature of job, social status and post held must also count → I&B Ministry had BARC suspend TRP ratings of TV news channels for 4 weeks (7 March) amid the Israel–Iran conflict coverage → Mizoram Assembly resolved to seek the Mizo language's inclusion in the Eighth Schedule; Chhattisgarh Cabinet cleared the Freedom of Religion Bill 2026
State budgets & schemes – March (II)	→ Karnataka Budget 2026–27 – ₹4.48 trillion (+13.3%); proposes a social-media ban for children under 16 – would be the first Indian State to do so; ₹2,000 crore e-bus programme → Punjab Budget 2026–27 – ₹2,60,437 crore; 'Mukh Mantri Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana' – ₹1,000 a month for women (₹1,500 for Dalit women), ₹9,300 crore → Andhra Pradesh: ₹25,000 at delivery for a second or third child to lift the fertility rate → UP 'Project GANGA' – high-speed internet to 20 lakh+ rural homes; Gujarat 'herSTART 5.0' for women-led start-ups and 'Lake and Air Watch'; Kerala 'MeHEALTH' app and school Cyber Safety Protocol 2026 (KITE)
Women, census & welfare drives – March	→ Census 2027 mascots 'Pragati' (female) and 'Vikas' (male) unveiled by Amit Shah with digital tools → Panchayati Raj Ministry's 'Say No To Proxy Sarpanch' campaign (from Women's Day to 18 March) against the 'Sarpanch Pati' practice → Railways' 'SHINE' app (Sexual Harassment Incident Notification for Empowerment) for women staff; Maharashtra's Guinness record Lezim dance – 9,111 women at Dombivli → PM-KISAN 22nd instalment released from Guwahati – over ₹18,600 crore to 9 crore+ farmers (₹2,000 each)
Other national news – March (I)	→ GI-tagged Karbi Anglong ginger (Assam) exported to London for the first time – 1.2 tonne trial consignment → Green ammonia and green methanol standards notified under the National Green Hydrogen Mission; inter-regional transmission capacity to rise from ~120 GW to 143 GW by 2027 → Delhi installed India's first microalgae-based 'PureAir Tower' on the Aerocity corridor; NCB busted the darknet drug network 'Team Kalki' → PM's projects – ₹7,100 crore in Tamil Nadu & Puducherry (NH-332A Marakkanam–Puducherry, NH-87 Paramakudi–Ramanathapuram) and ₹5,600 crore in Tiruchirappalli; GeM's SWAYATT initiative turned 7
Supreme Court – end-of-life and maternity rulings	→ Harish Rana case: SC allowed withdrawal of artificial life support (passive euthanasia) – Bench of Justices J. B. Pardiwala and K. V. Viswanathan; AIIMS New Delhi to carry it out → Hamsaanandini Nanduri v. Union of India: Section 60(4) of the Code on Social Security, 2020 struck down – all adoptive mothers get 12 weeks' maternity leave whatever the child's age (earlier only for children below 3 months); violated Articles 14 and 21 → UPSC/SC on DGP appointments: States cannot delay sending names for empanelment; there is no legal concept of an 'acting DGP'
Cabinet – BHAVYA industrial parks & small hydro	→ BHAVYA (Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana) – 100 plug-and-play industrial parks, ₹33,600 crore; parks of 100–1,000 acres with aid up to ₹1 crore per acre → Small Hydro Power Development Scheme FY 2026–27 to 2030–31 – ₹2,584.60 crore for ~1,500 MW (projects of 1–25 MW), focus on hilly and North-Eastern regions
Assam – tea-garden land rights & waterways	→ PM's Assam visit – projects over ₹24,000 crore; land ownership certificates to ~3.5 lakh tea-garden families in 825 tea gardens → IWAI projects worth ₹526 crore on NW-2: Pandu Port–NH-27 elevated road (₹180 crore), Regional Centre of Excellence at Bogibeel (₹188 crore), cruise terminals at Biswanath Ghat and Neamati → PMFME Common Incubation Centre at Tezpur University (Chirag Paswan); GI Joha rice's first export – 25 tonnes to the UK and Italy (APEDA)

Bills, rules & records – March	→ Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill 2026 introduced – proposes removing self-identification set by NALSA (2014); 32,000+ transgender ID cards issued so far → Lok Sabha extended the JPC on 'One Nation One Election' till the Monsoon Session 2026; Maharashtra passed its Freedom of Religion Bill 2026 → PM Modi became India's longest-serving elected head of government – 8,931 days (passed Pawan Kumar Chamling's 8,930) → Kalinjar Fort Hill (Banda, UP) declared a National Geo-Heritage Site by GSI; National Productivity Council made the Environment Audit Designated Agency (Environment Audit Rules, 2025)
Services, apps & firsts – March	→ India Post's '24 Speed Post' – guaranteed next-day delivery, first in 6 metros incl. Hyderabad; FASTag Annual Pass raised from ₹3,000 to ₹3,075 from 1 April 2026 → BPCL's India-first LPG ATM in Gurugram (BharatGas Insta); FSSAI licences and registrations made perpetual → 'SATHEE' (Self Assessment Test and Help for Entrance Examinations) – MoE with IIT Kanpur; Kusunpur (Kendrapada) to be Odisha's first CSIR smart village → Andhra Pradesh 'Araku Kouni' – first tribal millet menu; Srinagar's Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden (Asia's largest) opened; ₹100 crore Integrated Aqua Park in Anantnag for cold-water fisheries
Other national news – March (II)	→ India submitted its first National Report on the Nagoya Protocol (Access and Benefit Sharing) to the CBD on 27 February 2026 – under Article 29 → Purple Fest at Rashtrapati Bhavan for Divyangjan – 8,000+ visited Amrit Udyan; AMRUT Mitra Mahotsav honoured women SHGs in urban water services → SAIL Bokaro got BIS certification for 4 new high-strength low-alloy steel grades; ITDC–Tribal Affairs Tribal Homestay Capacity Building Programme 2026; Gujarat statewide foot-and-mouth disease vaccination (1 March–15 April)
Gujarat passes Uniform Civil Code	→ Gujarat passed the Uniform Civil Code Bill, 2026 – the 2nd State after Uttarakhand (2024) → One civil law for marriage, divorce, succession, inheritance and live-in relationships across religions; tabled by CM Bhupendra Patel ★ Memory hook: UCC: Uttarakhand first (2024), Gujarat second (2026).
Parliament & courts – late March	→ Lok Sabha passed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026 – definition excludes sexual orientation and self-perceived identity; covers Hijras, Kinnars, Aravanis, Jogtas and persons with intersex variations → An SC-appointed panel chaired by former judge Asha Menon urged the Centre to withdraw the Bill → Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026 – amends 784 provisions in 79 Central Acts (23 Ministries); CAPF (General Administration) Bill, 2026 to keep IPS officers in top CAPF posts → Supreme Court (Justices P. K. Mishra and Manmohan): SC status is lost on conversion to Christianity – only Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists under the Constitution (SC) Order, 1950
West Asia crisis – India's response	→ Government set up 7 empowered committees on the economic, energy, trade, logistics, inflation and security impact of the West Asia crisis → About 50% of India's crude imports and ~60% of its LNG imports pass through the Strait of Hormuz → I&B notified the TV Ratings Policy 2026 for rating agencies; Adani Ports operationalised India's first Port of Refuge for ships in distress
Transport & power – late March	→ Noida International Airport (Jewar) Phase I inaugurated on 28 March – ₹11,200 crore greenfield airport → India's first hydrogen-powered trainset cleared RDSO oscillation trials – India joins Germany, Japan and China → Railways: no refund if a ticket is cancelled within 8 hours of departure (was 4 hours); Amrit Bharat Station Scheme covers 1,338 stations → CEA's National Generation Adequacy Plan (2026–27 to 2035–36): installed capacity to grow from ~520 GW to 1,121 GW; DoT 5G Innovation Hackathon 2026

States – budgets, laws & schemes (III)	→ Delhi Budget 2026–27 – ₹1,03,700 crore 'Green Budget' (about 21% for green initiatives) → Meghalaya: Garo Hills Autonomous District Council made an ST certificate mandatory to contest its elections → Rajasthan Industrial Park Promotion Policy 2026; Gujarat digitised 20 citizen services under 'Sugam Digital Gujarat' → IIM Ahmedabad launched the Krishnamurthy Tandon School of AI (₹100 crore endowment); PM Internship Scheme revamped to include semiconductors, renewables and GCCs
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★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's first semiconductor ATMP plant – company and place?	Micron, Sanand (Gujarat)
Q2. Second State to pass a Uniform Civil Code?	Gujarat (after Uttarakhand)
Q3. Jal Jeevan Mission extended till when?	December 2028 (JJM 2.0, outlay ₹8.69 lakh crore)
Q4. India's first Ring Metro is in which city?	Delhi – Pink Line completed
Q5. Which section did SC strike down for adoptive mothers?	Section 60(4), Code on Social Security, 2020
Q6. BHAVYA scheme – how many industrial parks?	100 plug-and-play parks, ₹33,600 crore
Q7. Mount Abu renamed as?	Aburaj
Q8. Census 2027 mascots?	'Pragati' and 'Vikas'
Q9. Days PM Modi completed as longest-serving elected head of government?	8,931 days (passed Pawan Chamling)

03 INTERNATIONAL

PM Modi in Israel – addresses the Knesset	→ Visit on Benjamin Netanyahu's invitation (26–27 February 2026) → Modi became the first Indian PM to address Israel's Parliament (Knesset); laid a wreath at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem
Visitors to India – Finland, Canada	→ Finland President Alexander Stubb's state visit (4–7 March) – ties raised to a Strategic Partnership for Digitalisation and Sustainability; Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement; target to double trade to USD 2.6 billion by 2030 → Stubb was chief guest at the 11th Raisina Dialogue – theme "Saṃskāra – Assertion, Accommodation, Advancement"; India and Finland to co-host the World Circular Economy Forum 2026 → Canadian PM Mark Carney visited India (27 February–2 March) – trade, energy security and AI cooperation
India–EU pacts & trade network	→ India and the EU to give each other Most Favoured Nation status for 5 years from the date the India–EU FTA enters into force (review in the 4th year; excludes DTAA benefits and sensitive farm goods like soya, beef, sugar, rice, dairy) → DGCA–EASA working arrangement on industrial aviation production (EU–South Asia Aviation Partnership) → India's FTA network now 9 FTAs covering 38 countries – began with the India–Mauritius CECPA (2021)
India's global outreach – March	→ India sent 1,000 tonnes of rice to Malawi (El Niño drought) from Nhava Sheva port → UN declared 2026 the International Year of the Woman Farmer; India hosted the Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food Systems (GCWAS-2026) at ICAR, New Delhi → India–Uzbekistan pharma-nutraceutical corridor to the USD 7–10 billion CIS/Eurasian market; Asia Africa Agri Alliance launched in New Delhi; 9th India–Italy Foreign Office Consultations (20 March) → NITI Aayog–JICA Record of Discussions for phase 2 of SDG cooperation in Aspirational Districts and Blocks; Romania ratified the International Solar Alliance framework (118th member)

World news – March	→ Iran–US–Israel conflict disrupted shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, which carries about one-fifth of global oil and LNG trade → Chile – first country in the Americas (2nd globally after Jordan) to eliminate leprosy as a public-health problem; Denmark – first EU country certified for eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis → Scotland – first UK nation to legalise water cremation (alkaline hydrolysis); Argentina formally left the WHO; Brazil began enforcing a social-media law for under-16s → Reliance to back the first major new US refinery since 1977 at the Port of Brownsville, Texas; MWC 2026 in Barcelona – theme "The IQ Era"; G7 Summit 2026 at Evian-les-Bains, France (15–17 June) – Modi invited
India–Canada reset & new trade talks	→ Modi–Carney Joint Leaders Statement – 79 years of ties; guiding vision 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – One Earth, One Family, One Future' → India–Canada Strategic Energy Partnership (clean, conventional and civil nuclear energy, critical minerals); Ministerial Energy Dialogue relaunched → India began ToR steps for a Preferential Trade Agreement with the Philippines and an FTA with the Maldives
Global summits & trade outlook	→ WTO 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14) at Yaoundé, Cameroon (26–29 March) – India's proposals on food security and traditional fishers → WTO: world goods-trade growth to slow to 1.9% in 2026 (4.6% in 2025), 2.6% in 2027 → UN's first High Seas Summit (BBNJ treaty COP) at New York, 11–22 January 2027; 6th BRICS CCI Women Empowerment Summit in New Delhi (21–23 March) → FATF (13 February) kept North Korea, Iran and Myanmar on its 'call for action' list
Neighbourhood & cultural diplomacy	→ Nepal: rapper-turned-politician Balendra Shah's Rastriya Swatantra Party won the first election after the 2025 Gen-Z protests → India–Bhutan MoU on postal cooperation; ASI to help Indonesia restore the 9th-century Prambanan temple complex (UNESCO site) → India–Vietnam cooperation on tribal and ethnic development; ASSOCHAM–Indo Canada Chamber of Commerce MoU

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. First Indian PM to address Israel's Knesset?	Narendra Modi (26–27 Feb 2026)
Q2. Chief guest of the 11th Raisina Dialogue?	Finland President Alexander Stubb
Q3. India–EU MFN status – for how long?	5 years from the FTA's entry into force
Q4. Venue of WTO MC14?	Yaoundé, Cameroon (26–29 March)
Q5. First country in the Americas to eliminate leprosy?	Chile (2nd globally after Jordan)

04 ECONOMY, BANKING & BUSINESS

New GDP series (base 2022–23)	→ MoSPI moved national accounts to base year 2022–23 (from 2011–12) using GST, e-Vahan, ASUSE and PLFS data; ACNAS chaired by Biswanath Goldar → Second Advance Estimate: FY26 real GDP growth 7.6% (₹322.58 lakh crore) → Agriculture GVA growth 2.4% in FY26 (4.9% in FY25); farm share of GVA ~18% under the new series
Inflation target & monetary framework	→ Government retained the 4% CPI inflation target for 1 April 2026–31 March 2031 (Section 45ZA, RBI Act) – unchanged for the 2nd time → Retail inflation 3.21% in February 2026 (Jan 2.74%) – second print of the 2024-base CPI → MPC calendar FY27 – first meeting 6–8 April 2026, last 3–5 February 2027; RBI Board (622nd meeting, Patna) approved 'Utkarsh 3.0' (2026–29)

RELIEF scheme & West Asia impact	→ RELIEF (Resilience and Logistic Intervention for Export Promotion) Scheme 2026 launched on 19 March under the Export Promotion Mission – ECGC is the nodal agency → 100% risk cover for ECGC-insured shipments of 14 February–15 March; up to 95% for 16 March–15 June; MSMEs without ECGC cover get up to 50% reimbursement, max ₹50 lakh → Growth forecasts cut: Nomura FY27 7% (inflation 4.5%), Goldman Sachs CY26 5.9%, OECD FY27 6.1%; S&P raised FY27 to 7.1%, Fitch FY26 7.5%
External sector – March	→ Current account deficit Q3 FY26 – \$13.2 billion (1.3% of GDP); merchandise trade deficit \$93.6 billion → FDI equity inflows Q3 FY26 up 16.6% to \$12.69 billion; total FDI \$21.52 billion → Exports April–February FY26 US\$ 790.86 billion (+5.79%); India overtook China as the top exporter of cotton products to the US in 2025 (USDA) → India–Japan bilateral swap renewed at up to USD 75 billion (from 28 February 2026); UPI now accepted at Sri Lankan merchants via Lanka QR
Government finance – March	→ H1 FY27 borrowing – ₹8.20 lakh crore (51%) of the ₹16.09 lakh crore plan, incl. ₹15,000 crore Sovereign Green Bonds; WMA limit ₹2.5 lakh crore → Fertiliser subsidy ₹1,77,129.50 crore in 2024–25 (down from ₹1,95,420.51 crore in 2023–24) → PM E-DRIVE extended to 31 March 2028 (₹10,900 crore) – e-2W incentives only till July 2026; New Income-tax Rules 2026 from 1 April (Income-tax Act, 2025) with the 'PRARAMBH 2026' awareness drive → EPFO kept 8.25% interest for 2025–26; ₹1 trillion (~\$11 billion) semiconductor fund planned
RBI – customer protection & payments vision	→ From 1 July 2026: mandatory SMS alerts for all e-transactions above ₹500; zero liability and reversal if fraud is due to bank negligence → RBI 'Payments Vision 2028' – 15 initiatives, theme "Shaping India's Payment Frontier"; Master Direction on Unique Identifiers (20-character LEI, UTI) → Dividend payout cap for banks – 75% of profit after tax (new prudential norms); 6th Digital Payments Awareness Week (9–13 March) → UPI – 81% of retail digital payments in FY25; PMJDY – 57.78 crore accounts (55.8% women); 99.92% of villages have a banking outlet within 5 km (Jan Dhan Darshak)
SEBI & markets – March	→ SEBI introduced Life Cycle Funds (target-date, glide path) and 'true-to-label' MF norms; minimum investment in Social Impact Funds cut from ₹2 lakh to ₹1,000 → SEBI's AI tool 'Sudarshan' removed 1.2 lakh+ misleading finfluencer posts; SEBI–Google 'verified' badge for investment apps → NSE launched Gold 10 gram futures ('GOLD10G') from 16 March; Ellinas Finance (Cyprus) – first overseas company to list equity on NSE IX, GIFT City; Sri Lanka's first Blue Bond dual-listed on NSE IX → NHAI's Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust listed on BSE (~14x subscribed; EPFO took 16.6% of units); derivatives in 7 farm commodities suspended till 31 March 2027
Banking & insurance – March	→ PSBs under EASE 8.0 ('EASERise'): record net profit ₹1.78 lakh crore in FY25; GNPA 2.10% (December 2025) vs 14.58% peak (March 2018) → IRDAI licensed Allianz Jio Reinsurance (50:50 JV) and Kiwi General Insurance at its 134th board meeting in Hyderabad; Ind AS for insurers from 1 April 2026; FM targets insurance for all by 2033 → Bank of Baroda – India-first UPI overdraft (up to ₹5,000) for women SHG members with Jan Dhan accounts; CGSMFI-2.0 gives 70–80% guarantee cover on loans to MFIs → SBI USD 500 million social loan for women; BoB ₹10,000 crore green bonds at 7.10%; Axis Bank – first 10-year EV loans (Tesla partner)

Deals, investments & firsts – March	→ CCI cleared MUFG's ₹39,618 crore investment for 20% of Shriram Finance – the largest FDI in India's NBFC sector → RBI let SBI Mutual Fund buy up to 9.99% in RBL Bank and Bandhan Bank; Bain Capital cleared for up to 41.66% of Manappuram Finance → Reliance–Samsung C&T: USD 3 billion+, 15-year green-ammonia supply deal; Tata Steel's first scrap-based Electric Arc Furnace (Ludhiana, ₹3,200 crore, 0.75 mtpa) → NMDC – first Indian miner to produce 50 million tonnes of iron ore in a year (FY26); Lila Jamnagar – first Indian-flagged VLCC through GIFT IFSC; Nashik – Maharashtra's first municipal green bond on NSE
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Question	Answer
Q1. Base year of the new GDP series?	2022–23 (from 2011–12)
Q2. Inflation target retained for 2026–31?	4% (Section 45ZA, RBI Act)
Q3. Nodal agency of the RELIEF Scheme 2026?	ECGC
Q4. India–Japan bilateral swap size?	Up to USD 75 billion
Q5. Largest FDI in India's NBFC sector?	MUFG – ₹39,618 crore for 20% of Shriram Finance
Q6. SEBI's AI tool against finfluencers?	'Sudarshan'

05 REPORTS, RANKINGS & INDICES

World Happiness Report 2026	→ Finland happiest for the 9th year in a row; then Iceland, Denmark, Costa Rica, Sweden → Released by the Wellbeing Research Centre – flags social media's negative effect on youth well-being
Global Terrorism Index 2026	→ Pakistan ranked 1st (most affected, score 8.574); Burkina Faso 2nd, Niger 3rd → India 13th (6.428); Afghanistan 11th, Myanmar 14th; Bhutan and Sri Lanka at 100 (score 0) → Terrorism deaths fell 28% in 2025 – 5,582 killed in 2,944 attacks
Air, health & mind – reports	→ IQAir World Air Quality Report 2025 – Loni (Ghaziabad, UP) overtook Delhi as the world's most polluted city (PM2.5 112.5 µg/m³, 22x WHO limit) → World Obesity Atlas 2026 – India now 2nd in childhood obesity after China (overtook the US); 41 million children with high BMI → Lancet (IHME) – India had 24,700 maternal deaths in 2023, MMR 116 per lakh live births → Sapien Labs 'Global Mind Health in 2025' – India's youth (18–34) ranked 60th of 84 (MHQ 33); those 55+ ranked 49th
Wealth & popularity rankings	→ Hurun Global Rich List 2026 – 4,020+ billionaires; Elon Musk richest (\$792 billion); Mukesh Ambani Asia's richest (\$109 billion); Shah Rukh Khan debut (\$1.3 billion); India 3rd with 308 billionaires → Forbes youngest billionaires 2026 – Surya Midha (22, Mercor) 6th, youngest self-made billionaire; Hurun: 150 self-made women billionaires (China 78) → Morning Consult (2–8 March) – PM Modi most popular global leader, 68% approval → Brand Finance Banking 500 – ICBC top for the 10th year; SBI strongest Indian bank (16th); HDFC Bank most valuable Indian bank brand (\$12.4 billion)
State & sector reports – March	→ NITI Aayog Fiscal Health Index 2026 – categories Achiever, Performer, Aspirational and Front Runner (NE/Himalayan); Performers incl. MP, Haryana, Bihar, TN, Rajasthan; Aspirational – West Bengal, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab → NIRYAT (FY25) – Tamil Nadu top textile exporter with 21.84% (US\$ 7,997.17 million) of India's US\$ 36,610 million; Gujarat, Maharashtra next → WPP Media – India's sports economy crossed \$2 billion in 2025 (₹18,864 crore, +13.4%) → UN report – women have only 64% of men's legal rights; China became India's 3rd-largest export destination in February 2026

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Question	Answer
Q1. Happiest country in WHR 2026?	Finland – 9th year in a row
Q2. India's rank in the Global Terrorism Index 2026?	13th (Pakistan 1st)
Q3. World's most polluted city (IQAir 2025)?	Loni, Ghaziabad (UP)
Q4. India's billionaire count and rank (Hurun 2026)?	308 – 3rd

o6 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SPACE

ISRO – CE20 test & NavIC setback	→ ISRO did a 22-tonne-thrust sea-level hot test of the CE20 cryogenic engine (165 seconds) at IPRC Mahendragiri – for the uprated C32 upper stage of LVM3 → NavIC satellite IRNSS-1F stopped PNT services after its last atomic clock failed (10-year design life done); only IRNSS-1B, 1L and 1J (NVS-01) now give PNT – at least 4 are needed → Since 2013 ISRO launched 11 NavIC satellites (~₹2,250 crore); 6 had failures, mostly imported atomic clocks
Private space & firsts	→ Agnikul Cosmos tested 'Agnite' – a fully 3D-printed booster engine, the largest single-piece Inconel rocket engine (build time 7 months → 7 days) → Gujarat's first sounding rocket launched near Dholera (Bavaliyari) by Omspace Rocket and Exploration (OSRE) – reached about 3 km → IN-SPACE has authorised 17 student satellites/payloads, 11 already launched; BEL–Bellatrix Aerospace MoU for Very Low Earth Orbit satellite platforms → ISRO–ESA arrangement on joint calibration/validation for Earth-observation missions (cooperation since 1978)
Ocean, energy & materials tech	→ India's first integrated Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC)-powered desalination plant at Kavaratti, Lakshadweep – reviewed by Dr Jitendra Singh → NIOT tested an indigenous Floating LiDAR Buoy off Muttom (Tamil Nadu) to measure offshore wind → Pilot plant for Nd-Fe-B rare-earth permanent magnets at ARCI, Hyderabad (DST); IIT Guwahati's MXene material (with ruthenium) for solar hydrogen and desalination → SCI–Mazagon Dock: India's first methanol dual-fuel Platform Supply Vessel (3,000 DWT); AquaAirX's 'AVATAAR' – India's first amphibious (air + underwater) surveillance drone
Research, AI & innovation missions	→ India's first State Innovation Mission launched in Tripura (Agartala) under Atal Innovation Mission 2.0 → National Quantum Mission approved quantum teaching labs in 23 institutions (100 more planned); IISc's Brain Co-Processor 'moonshot' funded by the Pratiksha Trust → UIDAI's first structured Bug Bounty for Aadhaar security; MeitY's indigenous 30 kW Wide Band Gap EV drive at IIT Madras; Airtel–Google secure RCS messaging (world-first telco–platform tie-up) → I&B's National AI Skilling programme with Google/YouTube (15,000 creators, via IICT) and 'MyWAVES'; IIT Kharagpur–PRL study: lunar basalts hold up to 18% TiO₂ (vs <2% on Earth)
Global science – March	→ NASA dropped the Lunar Gateway station for a \$20 billion Moon surface base (Artemis landing targeted by 2028); nuclear-electric Mars craft 'Space Reactor 1 Freedom' planned before 2028 → NASA's DART impact (2022) altered the Didymos binary's orbit around the Sun – a first; Dimorphos' orbit had shortened by 33 minutes → NASA's Van Allen Probe A re-entered after ~14 years (launched 2012); MIT study – sponges among Earth's earliest animals in 541-million-year-old rocks → Elon Musk's 'Terafab' chip plant in Austin, Texas (Tesla, SpaceX, xAI); Devon Island (Canada) – largest uninhabited island, a Mars analogue with the Haughton crater

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Which NavIC satellite stopped PNT after clock failure?	IRNSS-1F
Q2. Agnikul's fully 3D-printed booster engine?	'Agnite'
Q3. India's first integrated OTEC desalination plant – where?	Kavaratti, Lakshadweep
Q4. India's first State Innovation Mission – which State?	Tripura

07 ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

India's updated NDC for 2031–2035	→ Union Cabinet approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution for 2031–2035 (to be sent to the UNFCCC) – supports net zero by 2070 → Targets: 47% cut in emissions intensity of GDP; 60% of installed power capacity from non-fossil sources; additional carbon sink of 3.5–4 billion tonnes through forests and tree cover ★ Memory hook: NDC 2035 = 47–60–4: 47% intensity cut, 60% non-fossil, up to 4 bn t sink.
Wildlife news – cheetahs, bustard, snow leopards	→ Namibian cheetah Jwala gave birth to 5 cubs at Kuno – India's cheetah population reported at 53, with 33 India-born cubs → A Great Indian Bustard chick hatched in the wild in Kutch (Gujarat) after nearly a decade – the bird is Critically Endangered (IUCN) → Indian Army–Ladakh Forest Department MoU on World Wildlife Day – a Joint Snow Leopard Conservation Cell → NBA set up an Expert Committee on Invasive Alien Species (Biological Diversity Act, 2002 as amended in 2023) after NGT proceedings
New species – March	→ 'Gitchak nakan' – a new genus and species of blind, aquifer-dwelling fish from a well in Assam (name from Garo: red, eyeless) → 'Osbeckia zubeengargiana' – plant from Manas National Park, named after singer Zubeen Garg; 'Actinidia indica' – a wild kiwi from Ziro Valley, Arunachal (BSI) → Earthworms 'Moniligaster girishi' and 'Drawida reynoldsi' (Silent Valley NP) and 'Drawida vazhania' (Peechi-Vazhani WLS); 'Butis bargabhimae' fish (Rupnarayan river, WB) → ZSI lichen moths 'Asura buxa' (WB) and 'Caulocera hollowayi' (Sikkim); cockroach 'Neoloboptera peninsularis' (Pune); amphipod 'Stenothoe lowryi' recorded in India for the first time (Ganjam, Odisha)
Biodiversity reports & places	→ India's 7th National Report to the CBD (Kunming-Montreal framework) – only 2 of 23 national biodiversity targets on track → FSI stopped fortnightly deforestation alerts from its AI-based 'Anavaran' portal (active since January 2024) → Roopkund – 'Skeleton Lake' (~5,020 m, Chamoli, Uttarakhand) between Trishul and Nanda Ghunti, in the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve; bones first widely reported in 1942 → India–Germany €20 million climate-resilience initiative (International Climate Initiative) for India's National Adaptation Plan; West Bengal 'Nodi Bandhan' – basin masterplans for Ichhamati and Jalangi
Places in news – India (March)	→ Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (MP) – formed from Nauradehi and Durgavati sanctuaries (notified September 2023), 2,339 sq km across Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur; slated to be India's first reserve where cheetahs share habitat with tigers → Megamalai WLS ('High Wavy Mountains', Tamil Nadu) – part of the Srivilliputhur–Megamalai Tiger Reserve, India's 51st (2021) → Zojila Pass (~3,580 m) – links Sonmarg to Dras (Ganderbal–Kargil); Operation Bison (1 November 1948) – tanks used at record altitude → Aghanashini (Karnataka) – free-flowing west-flowing river rising near Sirsi, meets the Arabian Sea at Tadri; UNESCO raised concerns on the Aghanashini–Vedavathi link

Places in news – World (March)	→ Kharg Island – coral island in the northern Persian Gulf, Iran's main crude-export terminal (near Bushehr) → Bab el-Mandab ('Gate of Tears') – links the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden, between Yemen and Djibouti/Eritrea; split by Perim Island → Ras Laffan (Qatar) – world's largest LNG export hub (~20% of global LNG); linked with the South Pars gas field → Upemba National Park (DR Congo, 1939) – one of Africa's oldest; Lviv's historic centre (Ukraine) – UNESCO site since 1998
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★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Updated NDC 2035 – emissions-intensity cut target?	47% (and 60% non-fossil capacity)
Q2. Cheetah count after Jwala's cubs?	53 (33 India-born)
Q3. New wild kiwi species from Arunachal?	Actinidia indica (Ziro Valley)
Q4. Tiger reserve where cheetahs may co-exist with tigers?	Veerangana Durgavati TR (MP)

o8 DEFENCE & SECURITY

Operation Urja Suraksha – Strait of Hormuz	→ Indian Navy launched 'Operation Urja Suraksha' (Energy Protection) to escort India-bound LNG, LPG and crude tankers through the Strait of Hormuz – 22 vessels identified (20 high-priority), 5+ frontline warships → A US submarine sank the Iranian warship IRIS Dena off Sri Lanka (at least 80 sailors killed) – it was returning from India's IFR/MILAN 2026 → Rajnath Singh chaired the first Informal Group of Ministers on West Asia developments at Kartavya Bhawan-2
New platforms & inductions – March	→ Stealth frigate Taragiri (F41) – 4th of Project 17A, 6,670 tonnes, built by MDL, 75%+ indigenous, CODOG propulsion; commissioning set for 3 April at Visakhapatnam → IAF's 'Vayu Baan' – India's first helicopter-launched unmanned aerial system (RFP in March 2026); Army got the first 2,000 'Prahar' 7.62 mm LMGs (Negev NG7) from Adani Defence, Gwalior – 11 months early, out of 40,000+ → Defence Procurement Board recommended 60 'Ghatak' stealth UCAVs (DRDO); DRDO's three VSHORADS flight trials at ITR Chandipur; IG Defence's 'Project KAL' 1,000-km one-way strike drone → Keels laid for the 2nd and 3rd Next Generation OPVs (117 m) at YMPL Ratnagiri; Sagar Defence began the world's first Autonomous Maritime Shipbuilding Centre at Juvvaladinne (Nellore, AP)
Contracts & doctrine – March	→ Rajnath Singh released 'Defence Forces Vision 2047: A Roadmap for a Future-Ready Indian Military' (10 March), prepared by HQ Integrated Defence Staff → MoD contracts worth ₹5,083 crore (3 March): 6 ALH Mk-III (Maritime Role) for the Coast Guard from HAL (₹2,901 crore) and Shtil vertical-launch SAMs for the Navy → ₹858 crore deals: Tunguska air-defence system from Rosoboronexport (₹445 crore) and P-8I depot-level inspection; DRDO–Navy tested the Air Droppable Container ADC-150 from a P-8I off Goa
Exercises & ship visits – March	→ LAMITIYE-2026 (11th) – India–Seychelles, Seychelles Defence Academy, 9–20 March ('Friendship' in Creole; biennial since 2001) → 'Amogh Jwala' – Southern Command mechanised exercise at Babina (UP) with Apache helicopters; Vayushakti-26 at Pokhran watched by the President → Navy in Sea Dragon 2026 (US-led ASW, Guam) and Kakadu 2026 (INS Nilgiri; RAN's 125th anniversary fleet review, Sydney); INS Trikanth at Mauritius' 58th National Day (12 March) → INSV Kaundinya – the ancient-style stitched ship – returned to Mumbai (2 March) after its maiden voyage to Oman; IOS SAGAR 2nd edition with 16 IONS nations; INS Sudarshini's Lokayan-26 reached Alexandria, Valletta and Sète

Defence exports & world military news	→ Indonesia agreed to buy BrahMos – 2nd country after the Philippines (initially one coastal defence battery) → SIPRI (2021–25): India 2nd-largest arms importer with 8.2% of global imports (Ukraine 9.7%, Saudi Arabia 6.8%); India's imports fell ~4% vs 2016–20 → US tested a Minuteman III ICBM (GT-255) from Vandenberg; US–South Korea 'Freedom Shield' (9–19 March); NATO's 'Cold Response 2026' in Norway and Finland → Indian Army retained the Khelo India Winter Games 2026 team title (23 medals, 9 gold)
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★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Navy operation to escort energy ships through Hormuz?	Operation Urja Suraksha
Q2. India's first helicopter-launched UAS project?	'Vayu Baan' (IAF)
Q3. Second country to buy BrahMos?	Indonesia (after the Philippines)
Q4. India–Seychelles exercise name?	LAMITIYE ('Friendship')

09 APPOINTMENTS

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Shiv Pratap Shukla	Governor of Telangana	Jishnu Dev Varma moved to Maharashtra in the reshuffle
R. N. Ravi	Governor of West Bengal	Replaced C. V. Ananda Bose; Kerala Governor Arlekar holds additional charge of Tamil Nadu
Syed Ata Hasnain	Governor of Bihar	Replaced Arif Mohammed Khan; Taranjit Singh Sandhu – LG Delhi; V. K. Saxena – LG Ladakh
Balendra (Balen) Shah	Prime Minister of Nepal (47th)	Youngest at 35; Rastriya Swatantra Party; succeeded interim PM Sushila Karki
Mojtaba Khamenei	Supreme Leader of Iran (3rd)	Chosen by the Assembly of Experts after Ali Khamenei's death in airstrikes (Alireza Arafai was interim)
José Antonio Kast	President of Chile (38th)	Succeeded Gabriel Boric; MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh represented India
Bhumika Shrestha	Member of Parliament, Nepal	Nepal's first transgender woman MP (RSP)
Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari	Chief Justice, Madras High Court (55th)	Appointed under Article 217(1); succeeded M. M. Shrivastava
Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth	Vice Chief of Army Staff	From 1 April 2026; succeeded Lt Gen P. P. Singh
RM Nachammai	Chief Superintendent, Kaiga Units 3 & 4 (NPCIL)	First woman to head a functional nuclear power plant in India (from 15 March)
Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti	Chairperson, National Commission for Backward Classes	NCBC – constitutional body (originally statutory, 1993)
Alois Zwinggi	Interim President & CEO, World Economic Forum	After Børge Brende resigned
Rahul Bhatia	Interim CEO, IndiGo	After Pieter Elbers resigned
K. V. Ramana Murthy	Whole-Time Member, SEBI	SEBI now has 4 WTMs; 1991-batch IDAS
Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi	Drugs Controller General of India (reappointed)	1 year from 1 March 2026 (ACC)
M. S. Dhoni	Brand Ambassador, BHIM Payments App	NPCI BHIM Services Ltd; also Bumrah – UNIQLO, A. R. Rahman – Yamaha Music India
Simone Biles	Laureus Ambassador	Most decorated gymnast; joins Neeraj Chopra, Yuvraj Singh in Laureus

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Nepal's 47th and youngest PM?	Balendra (Balen) Shah
Q2. Iran's third Supreme Leader?	Mojtaba Khamenei
Q3. First woman to head a functional nuclear plant in India?	RM Nachammai (Kaiga 3 & 4)

10 AWARDS & HONOURS

Award	Recipient	Key facts
Jnanpith Award 2025	Vairamuthu	Tamil poet and lyricist – India's highest literary honour
98th Academy Awards – Best Picture	One Battle After Another	6 Oscars incl. Best Director (Paul Thomas Anderson); Best Actor Michael B. Jordan (Sinners), Best Actress Jessie Buckley (Hamnet); host Conan O'Brien
Oscars 2026 – firsts	Autumn Durald Arkapaw	First woman to win Best Cinematography; new Best Casting category; International Feature – Sentimental Value (Norway)
Telangana Gaddar Film Awards – Best Actress	Rashmika Mandanna	For 'The Girlfriend'; awards instituted in 2025 by the Telangana FDC, named after poet Gaddar
Stockholm Water Prize 2026	Kaveh Madani	Youngest winner (44) in 35 years; first UN official to win; announced on World Water Day at UNESCO, Paris
Mark Lynton History Prize 2026	William Dalrymple	'The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World' – USD 10,000
TIME Women of the Year 2026	Safeena Husain	Founder, Educate Girls – with Reshma Kewalramani and Reshma Saujani
ACI Airport Service Quality 2025 – Best at Arrivals	Mangaluru International Airport	Second year in a row (2024, 2025); only 6 airports worldwide in the category
Laureus World Team of the Year 2026 (nomination)	India women's cricket team	First women's cricket team ever nominated – after the 2025 World Cup win
META Lifetime Achievement 2026	Amol Palekar	21st Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards, New Delhi
Lifetime Achievement – International Film Festival of Delhi 2026	Nandamuri Balakrishna	50 years in cinema; at Bharat Mandapam
Central Banking Awards – 'Initiative of the Year'	Reserve Bank of India	For the '.bank.in' domain – India first to mandate a banking internet domain (IDRBT registrar)
Best Director – New York Short Animation Festival 2026	Partha Sarathi Mahanta ('CHYIMI')	Assam IGP and Guwahati Police Commissioner

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Jnanpith Award 2025?	Vairamuthu
Q2. Best Picture at the 98th Oscars?	One Battle After Another (6 Oscars)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q3. Youngest Stockholm Water Prize winner?	Kaveh Madani (44)

11 SPORTS

India win the T20 World Cup 2026	→ India beat New Zealand by 96 runs in the final at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad (8 March) – back-to-back men's T20 World Cup titles → India made 255/5 – Sanju Samson 89 off 46 balls; BCCI announced a ₹131 crore reward → Jasprit Bumrah reached 500 international wickets in the semi-final vs England (Wankhede); Pakistan's Sahibzada Farhan – 383 runs, most in one T20 WC edition and the first with two centuries
Cricket – domestic & records	→ Jammu & Kashmir won the Ranji Trophy 2025–26 in their first-ever final – beat Karnataka on a 291-run first-innings lead (captain Paras Dogra) → BCCI Naman Awards 2026 – Polly Umrigar Award to Shubman Gill; Smriti Mandhana best international cricketer (women) for the 5th time → Arundhati Reddy – ICC Women's Player of the Month (February); Sunil Narine – most-capped overseas IPL player (190 games, all for KKR); Alyssa Healy retired after a 158 in her last ODI
Hockey, badminton & para sport	→ India women qualified for the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 at the Qualifiers in Hyderabad (GMC Balayogi Stadium) – 4–1 over Wales, Navneet Kaur hat-trick → Lakshya Sen – runner-up at the All England Open 2026 (lost to Lin Chun-Yi of Taiwan) → World Para Athletics Grand Prix, New Delhi – India topped with 208 medals (75 gold); Sheetal Devi – World Archery 'Para Archer of the Year 2025' → Gurjant Singh retired from international hockey (130 caps); Chandrika Pujari won gold (51 kg) at the World Boxing Futures Cup, Bangkok
Events, hosts & world sport – March	→ India to host the World Indoor Athletics Championships 2028 – Kalinga Indoor Stadium, Bhubaneswar (first time in India) → First Khelo India Tribal Games in Chhattisgarh – Raipur, Jagdalpur and Surguja; ASMITA women's league special edition; Cycling League of India – world's first franchise road-cycling league → IOC: women's category limited to biological females from LA 2028, with a once-in-a-lifetime sex test (President Kirsty Coventry) → George Russell won the 2026 Australian GP (Mercedes 1–2); LeBron James – NBA record 1,612 regular-season games; India–New Zealand Centenary Sports Cooperation Programme (ties since 1926)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. T20 World Cup 2026 final result?	India beat NZ by 96 runs (Ahmedabad, 8 March)
Q2. Ranji Trophy 2025–26 champions?	Jammu & Kashmir (first final)
Q3. Host of World Indoor Athletics Championships 2028?	Bhubaneswar

12 IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Key facts
1 Mar	Zero Discrimination Day	Launched by UNAIDS; first observed 1 March 2014
1 Mar	World Civil Defence Day	ICDO – International Civil Defence Organisation (from 1958)
3 Mar	World Hearing Day	Prevention of deafness; ear and hearing care

Date	Day	Key facts
3 Mar	World Wildlife Day	Marks the signing of CITES; proposed by Thailand at the UNGA (20 December 2013)
4 Mar	National Safety Day	55th edition – National Safety Council's Diamond Jubilee; observed since 1972
4 Mar	World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development	Proclaimed by UNESCO in 2019; theme on smart engineering, innovation and digitalisation
8 Mar	International Women's Day	Theme 2026: "Rights. Justice. Action For ALL Women and Girls."
10 Mar	CISF Raising Day	CISF set up on 10 March 1969 under the CISF Act, 1968
11 Mar	National No Smoking Day	Second Wednesday of March; began in the UK in 1984
13 Mar	World Sleep Day	Theme 2026: "Sleep Well, Live Better"; World Sleep Society, since 2008
14 Mar	Pi Day / International Day of Mathematics	First Pi Day in 1988 by Larry Shaw, San Francisco Exploratorium
14 Mar	International Day of Action for Rivers	29th edition; theme "#ProtectRiversProtectPeople"
15 Mar	World Consumer Rights Day	Fair and ethical market practices
16 Mar	National Vaccination Day	First Oral Polio Vaccine dose under Pulse Polio – 16 March 1995
18 Mar	Ordnance Factories Day	First ordnance factory – Cossipore, near Kolkata (1801)
20 Mar	World Sparrow Day	Started in 2010 by the Nature Forever Society of India
20 Mar	International Day of Happiness	Proposed to the UN in 2011 by Jayme Illien
21 Mar	International Day of Forests	Idea from the FAO conference, 1971
21 Mar	World Down Syndrome Day	21/3 = three copies of chromosome 21; theme "Together Against Loneliness"
22 Mar	World Water Day	Theme: "Water and Gender: Where Water Flows, Equality Grows"; idea from Rio 1992
23 Mar	World Meteorological Day	Theme: "Observing Today, Protecting Tomorrow" – marks the founding of WMO
24 Mar	World Tuberculosis Day	Theme 2026: "Yes! We can end Tuberculosis!"
27 Mar	World Theatre Day	Theme: "Theatre and a Culture of Peace"; set up in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. CISF Raising Day?	10 March (est. 1969)
Q2. National Vaccination Day marks?	First OPV dose, 16 March 1995
Q3. World Water Day 2026 theme?	"Water and Gender: Where Water Flows, Equality Grows"

13 OBITUARIES, BOOKS & MISCELLANEOUS

Obituaries – March	→ R. Nallakannu (101) – veteran CPI leader and freedom-struggle veteran (Chennai) → T. K. Oommen (88) – sociologist, JNU Professor Emeritus → Utsav Charan Das (80) – Ghoda Nacha (dummy-horse dance) artist of Odisha, Padma Shri 2020 → K. P. Unnikrishnan (90) – ex-Union Minister; H. K. Dua (88) – journalist-diplomat, Padma Bhushan 1998; Biren Singh Engti (81) – ex-Union MoS from Karbi Anglong → Lance Havildar K. G. George (95) – Vir Chakra, 1965 war (Corps of Signals); Lionel Jospin (88) – former French PM (1997–2002); Datta Meghe (89) – ex-MP; Kushal Das (66) – ex-AIFF General Secretary
Persons in news & books – March	→ Arpita Patra (IISc) – 2nd Indian woman to summit Nevado Ojos del Salado (6,893 m, world's highest volcano) after Arunima Sinha (2019) → Bhupathiraju Anmish Varma (Visakhapatnam) – Guinness record, fastest Seven Volcanic Summits (92 days) → Surya Midha (22) – Indian-origin co-founder of Mercor, youngest self-made billionaire (Forbes 2026, \$2.2 billion) → Books: Kailash Satyarthi's 'Karuna: The Power of Compassion'; 'Mahatma: A Great Communicator' by Dhiraj Kakadia; VP released 16 Publications Division books (14 in Tamil)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Veteran CPI leader who died at 101?	R. Nallakannu
Q2. 2nd Indian woman to climb Ojos del Salado?	Arpita Patra (IISc)

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14 LAST-MINUTE REVISION

The whole month in four tables – read this the night before the exam.

1. FIRSTS OF THE MONTH

First ...	What / Where
Semiconductor ATMP plant	Micron, Sanand (Gujarat)
Ring Metro	Delhi Metro Pink Line
Riverine lighthouses	Brahmaputra (NW-2) – 4 sites
Indian PM to address the Knesset	Narendra Modi
State Innovation Mission	Tripura
Helicopter-launched UAS project	'Vayu Baan' (IAF)
Woman head of a working nuclear plant	RM Nachammai – Kaiga 3 & 4
Port of Refuge	Adani Ports
LPG ATM	BPCL, Gurugram

2. NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Number	Meaning
47%	NDC 2035 – emissions-intensity cut
4%	Inflation target 2026–31
7.6%	FY26 GDP growth (new series, SAE)
53	Cheetahs in India
8,931	Days – PM Modi's record as elected head
96 runs	India's T20 WC 2026 final win margin
₹1.2 crore	Telangana employees' accident cover
54.69%	Wards won by women – TG civic polls

3. RANKINGS & INDICES

Index	India / Top
World Happiness Report 2026	Top: Finland (9th year)
Global Terrorism Index 2026	India 13th; Pakistan 1st
SIPRI arms imports 2021–25	India 2nd (8.2%); Ukraine 1st
Hurun Global Rich List 2026	India 3rd – 308 billionaires
IQAir 2025 – most polluted city	Loni (Ghaziabad)
RBI – per-capita GSDP 2024–25	Telangana top among large States

4. EXERCISES & OPERATIONS

Name	Who / Where
Operation Urja Suraksha	Navy – escort of energy ships, Hormuz
LAMITIYE-2026	India–Seychelles, Seychelles Defence Academy
Amogh Jwala	Southern Command – Babina (UP)
Sea Dragon 2026	US-led ASW – Guam
Kakadu 2026	Australia – INS Nilgiri

5. TELANGANA QUICK FACTS

Item	Fact
Governor	Shiv Pratap Shukla
Metro Phase-I takeover	~₹15,000 crore from L&T
Employees Health Scheme	₹1,056 crore corpus; 1.5% of basic pay
Telangana Public Schools	100 – one per constituency
Taxes paid vs received (2024–25)	₹1,33,208 crore vs ₹51,725 crore

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01 TELANGANA

Telangana Budget 2026–27 – size & big numbers	→ Dy CM & Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka presented the budget in the Assembly on 20 March (Uttam Kumar Reddy in the Council) – total ₹3,24,234 crore; revenue expenditure ₹2,34,406 crore; capital expenditure ₹47,267 crore → Theme line: 'A budget is not figures revolving around numbers but numbers revolving around people'; goal – \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and \$3 trillion by 2047 (Telangana Rising 2047) → 16th Finance Commission raised Telangana's share of central taxes from 2.102% to 2.174%; ₹25,612 crore of high-interest loans restructured – repayments for 2025–26 to 2031–32 cut from ₹34,058 crore to ₹11,915 crore ★ Memory hook: Budget = 3-24-234: ₹3,24,234 crore
Budget 2026–27 – department allocations	→ Largest heads: Panchayat Raj & Rural Development ₹33,688 crore; Education ₹26,674 crore; Agriculture ₹23,179 crore; Irrigation ₹22,615 crore; Power ₹21,285 crore; MA&UD ₹17,907 crore → Health ₹13,679 crore; Transport, Roads & Buildings ₹12,789 crore; BC welfare ₹12,511 crore; Home ₹11,907 crore; SC welfare ₹11,784 crore; ST welfare ₹7,937 crore; Housing ₹7,430 crore → Rajiv Yuva Vikasam ₹6,000 crore; Industries ₹3,490 crore; Women & Child ₹3,143 crore; Tourism ₹1,224 crore; IT ₹875 crore; Godavari Pushkaralu ₹500 crore
Telangana economy – Governor's address & budget data	→ GSDP 2025–26 (current prices) ₹17,82,198 crore – growth 10.7% (India 8%); about 5% of India's GDP → Per-capita income ₹4,18,931 (+10.2%) vs India's ₹2,19,575 (+6.9%) – about 1.9 times the national figure; state inflation held near 0.2% → Goods exports ₹1,61,843 crore – 7th in India, aerospace & defence ~30%; IT exports ₹3.13 lakh crore with 9.39 lakh jobs; ~20% of India's GCCs are in Hyderabad; Centre rated Telangana a 'Top Achiever' in Ease of Doing Business
New Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla	→ Shiv Pratap Shukla took oath as Governor at Lok Bhavan – administered by Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh; he took the oath in Telugu → From Uttar Pradesh; former Union MoS Finance and earlier Governor of Himachal Pradesh; predecessor Jishnu Dev Varma moved to Maharashtra → His first address to the joint session outlined the CURE–PURE–RARE model: Core Urban (net-zero global hub), Peri-Urban (manufacturing & logistics) and Rural Agri Region ★ Memory hook: CURE = city core, PURE = peri-urban factories, RARE = rural farms
Hyderabad restructured – corporations, commissionerates, Metro	→ GHMC area (20 municipalities and 7 corporations merged) split into 3 corporations – Greater Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Malkajgiri → Police reorganised into 4 commissionerates – Hyderabad, Cyberabad, Malkajgiri and Future City → Assembly resolution backed taking over Metro Phase-I (69 km) from L&T via HMRL; Phase-II A (76.4 km) and II B (86.1 km) proposals await the Centre; Metro carries ~5 lakh riders a day → HYDRAA has recovered 1,045 acres of encroached land worth about ₹60,000 crore – Bathukamma Kunta and Nalla Cheruvu restored ★ Memory hook: Hyderabad = 3 corporations + 4 police commissionerates
Schools & colleges – breakfast, Inter mid-day meal, new universities	→ From 2026–27, breakfast for all government students from pre-primary to Intermediate – milk 3 days and ragi java 3 days a week; mid-day meal extended to Intermediate students in government junior colleges → 'Tholi Mudda' – ready-to-cook breakfast (upma, kichdi mix) for anganwadi children, launched by the CM in the Assembly premises → Young India Integrated Residential Schools – 105 planned, 79 sanctioned; 93 KGBVs made Young India Institutes of Excellence and 120 KGBVs upgraded to Intermediate → Dr. Manmohan Singh Earth Sciences University in Bhadradri Kothagudem; ₹1,000 crore for Osmania University and ₹400 crore for Chakali Iamma Women's University; 118 Advanced Technology Centres with ₹2,000 a month for trainees

Health, employees & parents' welfare law	→ Rajiv Aarogyasri cover doubled from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh; government tertiary-care beds reach 44,029 (above the IPHS norm of one bed per 1,000 people) → Cashless Employees Health Scheme via the Aarogyasri Trust – about 23.51 lakh employees, pensioners and dependants; 1,998 treatments in 421 empanelled private hospitals → Employees' accident cover ₹1.2 crore + ₹10 lakh term cover till 60 + ₹2 crore extra for death in an air crash – 7.57 lakh employees and pensioners → Telangana Employees' Parents Maintenance Accountability & Monitoring Act, 2026 passed unanimously (Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar) – employees now legally bound to care for aged parents
Women – free bus, SHG loans, wellness screening	→ Mahalakshmi free bus – 34.37 lakh women travel daily; 269.68 crore trips so far saving ₹9,222 crore; ₹500 gas cylinder to 42.90 lakh families; Gruha Jyothi (200 units free) to 53.09 lakh families → Mahila Shakti mission – target 1 crore women crorepatris and ₹1 lakh crore bank loans in 5 years (₹57,938 crore given); 600 buses bought through SHGs for rent to TGSRTC – 494 in phase 1 → Indira Saura Giri Jala Vikasam – ₹12,600 crore, 100% subsidy solar pumps on 6 lakh acres of podu land for 2.10 lakh tribal farmers (pilot at Achampet) → 'Women Wellness Profiling Programme' from 8 March – 30 health tests for about 46 lakh SHG women in 542 mandals of 32 districts
Farmers – Rythu Bharosa, oil palm, record paddy	→ Rythu Bharosa ₹6,000 per acre per season (₹12,000 a year) + ₹500 per quintal bonus on fine paddy; rabi instalment of ₹9,000 crore to be credited within 45 days (₹3,600 crore in the first tranche) → CM opened a ₹300 crore oil-palm factory at Narmetta (Siddipet) and laid the foundation for a ₹50 crore refinery – oil palm on 3 lakh acres, target 10 lakh acres → Paddy 2024–25 – a record 284.16 lakh tonnes on 1.27 crore acres; 22,750 tonnes of rice exported to the Philippines; loan waiver ₹20,616 crore for 25.35 lakh farm families → At Ugadi (Sri Parabhava year) the CM called it the 'Rythu nama samvatsaram'
Power & electric vehicles	→ Installed capacity 23,187 MW (44.55% renewable); record peak demand of 18,228 MW met on 13 March 2026 with 341.08 million units supplied → At the Global Summit TGGENCO drew ₹95,150 crore for 11,460 MW of pumped-storage and other projects; REDCO signed 12 agreements worth ₹1,23,350 crore → EV policy – 100% road-tax and registration exemption for 1,15,551 EVs (₹925.94 crore forgone); EV share of vehicles up from 0.60% to 1.50% → Government employees get 10–20% discount on EVs from makers such as Mahindra Electric, Ather and Ola; 15-year-old government vehicles to be scrapped
Census 2027 in Telangana & 99-day Praja Palana plan	→ Census 2027 in Telangana – self-enumeration 26 April–10 May; house-listing 11 May–9 June 2026; second phase 9–28 February 2027 (reference date 1 March 2027); first census since state formation, with caste enumeration → 'Praja Palana – Pragathi Pranalika' – a 99-day drive from 6 March to 12 June (Formation Day) on 10 themes; CM launched it in GHMC with a Trumpet interchange at Budvel and the Eco-Hill Park at Kothwalguda → Bhu Bharati Act, 2025 – 'Bhudhar' land ID, AI chatbot 'Bhu Mitra', 5,010 Gram Palana Officers and 5,520 licensed surveyors; 3.76 lakh new passbooks → 15.12 lakh new ration cards issued – 1,05,07,879 cards now; 6 kg fine rice to 3.38 crore people
Maoist surrenders & police reforms	→ 130 Maoists surrendered with 124 weapons (incl. an INSAS LMG and 31 AK-47s) before the CM at the ICCC – among them 3 state committee and 10 divisional committee members → 721 Maoists have surrendered in Telangana since January 2024; CM appealed to Ganapathy and other central committee members to give up arms → 'Retreat-2026 – Future Ready Policing' at the RBVRR Telangana Police Academy – officers graded A, B, C on performance; Police Academy–UNICEF child-protection unit set up

Temples, festivals & culture	→ Bhadrachalam Sri Sitarama Kalyanam at Mithila Stadium – CM offered silk robes and pearl talambralu; Governor attended the Pattabishekam; ₹351 crore phase-1 temple development (₹75 crore Godavari ghats, ₹180 crore temple expansion) → CM laid the foundation (28 March) for the ₹700 crore reconstruction of Sri Omkareshwara Swamy temple on 8 acres at Manchirevula, at the Esa–Musi confluence → Godavari Pushkaralu – Adi Pushkaralu 26 June–7 July 2027 and Antya Pushkaralu 13–24 July 2028; ~8 crore devotees expected at 96 sites (9 'Tier-1'); cabinet sub-committee headed by Sridhar Babu → Sri Vasavi Mahashakti Mahotsavam (LB Stadium) – 5,066 people in the Vasavi parayanam set a Guinness record
Gaddar Telangana Film Awards 2025	→ Presented on Ugadi at HITEX, Madhapur – Best Film 'Raju Weds Rambai' (director Sailu Kampati – Best Director); 2nd 'Dandora'; 3rd 'The Great Pre-Wedding Show'; national integration film 'Thandel' → Best Actor Naga Chaitanya (Thandel); Best Actress Rashmika Mandanna (The Girlfriend) → NTR National Award – Chiranjeevi; Paidi Jairaj Award – Kamal Haasan; ANR Award – Jayasudha; Kantha Rao Award – R. Narayana Murthy; C. Narayana Reddy Award – Suddala Ashok Teja
Telangana people & events – April	→ Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Vem Narender Reddy (Congress) elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Telangana → Poet Nandini Sidha Reddy won the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 for the poetry collection 'Animesha' → Minister Jupally Krishna Rao received the 'Grand Prize for Contribution to World Peace' (International Interchange Development Association) at the International Buddhist Peace Conference 2026, Hyderabad → India qualified for the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup 2026 (Netherlands & Belgium, 14–30 August) at the Qualifiers in Gachibowli (8–14 March) – Navneet Kaur best player
Telangana in national news – April	→ Telangana declared cancer a notifiable disease – MNJ Institute of Oncology is the Centre of Excellence for the cancer registry; AstraZeneca MoU for AI-enabled lung-cancer screening → Civil Aviation Ministry approved new airports at Warangal (Mamnoor) and Adilabad – the Adilabad airport (370 acres) to be developed by the Ministry of Defence → Deakin University and Aikyam (Telangana's AI innovation hub) signed an MoU – Aikyam–Deakin Hub for Research in Intelligent Technology and Innovation → NITI Aayog's AIM launched 'ATL Sarthi' and the Mentor India Academy at Vardhaman College of Engineering, Hyderabad; Telangana among 9 States in RBI's Benchmark Issuance Strategy pilot for SDLs (FY27)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Total size of Telangana Budget 2026–27?	₹3,24,234 crore (presented 20 March)
Q2. Telangana's share in central taxes under the 16th Finance Commission?	2.174% (up from 2.102%)
Q3. Largest department allocation in Budget 2026–27?	Panchayat Raj & Rural Development – ₹33,688 crore
Q4. Telangana's per-capita income 2025–26?	₹4,18,931 – about 1.9 times India's ₹2,19,575
Q5. In which language did Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla take oath?	Telugu
Q6. Into how many corporations was the GHMC area split?	3 – Greater Hyderabad, Cyberabad, Malkajgiri
Q7. Where is the Dr. Manmohan Singh Earth Sciences University?	Bhadradi Kothagudem
Q8. Name of the anganwadi ready-to-cook breakfast scheme?	Tholi Mudda
Q9. Extra cover for an employee's death in an air crash?	₹2 crore (over ₹1.2 crore accident cover)
Q10. Where did the CM open a ₹300 crore oil-palm factory?	Narmetta, Siddipet
Q11. Record peak power demand met on 13 March 2026?	18,228 MW

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q12. Dates of the Adi Godavari Pushkaralu?	26 June–7 July 2027
Q13. Best Film at the Gaddar Film Awards 2025?	Raju Weds Rambai

02 NATIONAL

Census 2027 – Phase 1 begins	→ Phase 1 (house-listing) of Census 2027 began on 1 April 2026 – India's first fully digital census, with enumerator apps and a multilingual self-enumeration portal → It is the 16th census since census operations began and the 8th after Independence (announced by Mritunjay Kumar Narayan) → Toll-free helpline 1855 launched; sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik named brand ambassador by the Home Ministry ★ Memory hook: Census 2027 = 16th overall, 8th free-India, first digital
Special session – Lok Sabha expansion & women's reservation bill	→ In a special session the Government introduced the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, the Delimitation Bill, 2026 and the Union Territory Laws (Amendment) Bill → Proposals: raise Lok Sabha strength from 543 to 850 seats and do fresh delimitation on the 2011 Census so that women's reservation applies before the 2029 elections → The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026 with 33% reservation for women in Parliament and State Assemblies was defeated in the Lok Sabha – more votes for than against, but short of the two-thirds special majority
Parliament – CEC motion, Rajya Sabha firsts	→ The opposition's removal motion against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar (130 Lok Sabha and 63 Rajya Sabha MPs) was not admitted by Speaker Om Birla or Chairman C. P. Radhakrishnan – CEC can be removed only like a Supreme Court judge (Article 324(5)) → Harivansh Narayan Singh re-elected unopposed as Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha for a third term – the first nominated MP to hold the post (Article 89) → Senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy (TMC, West Bengal) became India's first openly queer MP on taking oath in the Rajya Sabha
Courts – vote, highways, dowry, menstrual leave, AI	→ Supreme Court (Justices B. V. Nagarathna and R. Mahadevan): the right to vote and to contest elections are statutory rights, not Fundamental Rights – governed by the RP Acts of 1950 and 1951 → SC: safe travel on National Highways is part of the right to life (Article 21) – NHs are ~2% of the road network but ~30% of road deaths → SC: dowry givers who are victims (bride and her family) cannot be prosecuted under the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 → Karnataka HC (Justice M. Nagaprasanna) directed a menstrual-leave policy for organised and unorganised sectors under Article 21; Gujarat HC banned the use of AI in judicial decision-making and drafting judgments
Andhra Pradesh – sole capital, quantum, mushrooms	→ Lok Sabha passed an amendment to Section 5 of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014 declaring Amaravati the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh – with retrospective effect from 2 June 2024, ending the three-capital plan → AP announced India's first quantum computer at Amaravati (14 April) under the Amaravati Quantum Valley project, backed by the National Quantum Mission → AP's first Mushroom Mission – ₹13,000 crore, 1.62 lakh units, target 67,500 tonnes a year to overtake Bihar; free power for weavers from 1 April (handloom 200, powerloom 500 units a month) → APCRDA to raise ₹15,000 crore from the World Bank and ADB for Amaravati (₹40,887 crore secured so far)

States – language, sacrilege, UCC, girl child, water	→ Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, 2026 – Khasi and Garo made official languages along with English (repeals the State Language Act, 2005) → Punjab Assembly unanimously passed the Jaagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar (Amendment) Bill, 2026 – life imprisonment and fine up to ₹25 lakh for serious sacrilege → Chhattisgarh set up a high-level committee to draft a Uniform Civil Code framework; Delhi's Lakshpati Bitiya Yojana replaced the Ladli scheme (₹61,000 in stages, ~₹1.20 lakh at maturity) → Uttar Pradesh – first State to mandate a 10-year warranty for rural water schemes under JJM ('Jal Arpan' – assets to gram panchayats, agencies maintain for 10 years)
Semiconductors & electronics push	→ PM inaugurated Kaynes Technology's semiconductor plant at Sanand (Gujarat) – it makes Intelligent Power Modules for EVs and industry → SEZ approved (notified 9 April) for Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing at Dholera – ₹91,000 crore, India's first chip fabrication unit → Foundation laid for India's first 3D semiconductor packaging unit at Info Valley, Odisha – 3D Glass Solutions (HIPSPL), about ₹1,943 crore → MeitY cleared 29 proposals (₹7,104 crore) in the 4th tranche of the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme – 75 approvals, ₹61,671 crore investment overall ★ Memory hook: Sanand = modules; Dholera = first fab; Odisha = first 3D packaging
Energy – E20, PFBR, wind, hydro	→ From 1 April 2026 20% ethanol-blended petrol (E20) became the standard fuel across all States and UTs → The 500 MW Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam (Tamil Nadu), run by BHAVINI, achieved criticality – a milestone in stage 2 of India's three-stage nuclear programme → Record 6.05 GW of wind capacity added in FY26 (+46%) – total above 56 GW; earlier peak 5.5 GW in FY17; Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra lead → CCEA cleared ₹40,175.33 crore for two Arunachal hydro projects – Kalai-II (1,200 MW, Lohit river, Anjaw – first in the Lohit basin) and Kamala (1,720 MW)
Transport & logistics milestones	→ Western Dedicated Freight Corridor completed – 1,506 km from JNPT (Maharashtra) to Dadri; final JNPT–New Saphale trial runs on 31 March 2026 (DFCCIL) → Major ports handled a record 915.17 million tonnes in FY26 (target 904 MT, +7.06%) – Deendayal 160.11 MT, Paradip 156.45 MT, JNPA 102.01 MT → PM inaugurated the Delhi–Dehradun Economic Corridor; toll plazas on National Highways went fully digital (FASTag + UPI) from 11 April 2026 → Mundra Port became India's largest automobile export hub – a record 6,008 cars shipped in one vessel
Union Cabinet decisions – April	→ Nutrient Based Subsidy for Kharif 2026 (1 April–30 September) on P&K fertilisers – ₹41,533.81 crore → Jaipur Metro Phase-2 – 41 km, Prahladpura to Todi Mod, ₹13,037.66 crore; HPCL Rajasthan Refinery cost revised from ₹43,129 crore to ₹79,459 crore → PMGSY-III extended to March 2028 – outlay raised from ₹80,250 crore to ₹83,977 crore → DA/DR raised by 2% to 60% from 1 January 2026 (₹6,791.24 crore a year; 50.46 lakh employees, 68.27 lakh pensioners); 'Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool' with a ₹12,980 crore sovereign guarantee
Startups, patents & research outreach	→ Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 – ₹10,000 crore corpus for deep-tech, innovative manufacturing and early-stage startups; invests via SEBI-registered AIFs; implemented by SIDBI, monitored by DPIIT → Over 55,200 startups recognised in FY26 – highest since Startup India began (16 January 2016); total above 2.23 lakh → Patent filings rose 30.2% to 1,43,729 in FY26 – India the 6th largest filer, 69%+ by domestic applicants (TN, Karnataka, Maharashtra lead) → ANRF's AI platform 'SARAL AI' to turn research papers and patents into simple content in 18 Indian languages

Education, digital rules & new portals	→ CBSE curriculum on Computational Thinking and AI for Classes III–VIII launched by Dharmendra Pradhan; NCERT granted 'Deemed to be University' status on UGC's recommendation; AICTE launched VAANI 3.0 for technical education in Indian languages → Online gaming rules to be notified on 1 May 2026 under the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 – new regulator 'Online Gaming Authority of India' → DoT extended the SIM-binding deadline for OTT messaging platforms to 31 December 2026; the 6-hour auto-logout rule replaced by a risk-based mechanism → CBI's AI chatbot 'Abhay' – to verify genuine CBI notices and fight 'digital arrest' frauds, launched by CJI Surya Kant
India's firsts – April	→ Regional Passport Office Bhopal – first RPO with Braille script and sign-language services; Gujarat Police's 'NARIT AI' – first AI investigation tool for NDPS cases → BWSSB (Bengaluru) – first water utility with ISO 50001:2018 energy certification; Kankaria Coaching Depot (Ahmedabad) became a water-neutral railway depot → Bharat Taxi – India's first cooperative-led ride-hailing app (zero commission, ₹5 lakh insurance), launched by Piyush Goyal in Mumbai; Army's 'Radio Sikkim Sundari' 88.4 FM – Sikkim's first border-village community radio → 'Nila' humanoid robot (Robo Mirror, Coimbatore) greeted voters at a Puducherry polling booth; ITC – first Indian company with FSA 3.0 certification for wheat and paddy
Heritage & culture – April	→ PM opened the Samrat Samprati Museum at Koba, Gandhinagar on Mahavir Jayanti – ~2,000 Jain artefacts; named after Samprati, a ruler who spread Jainism → ASI began conservation at the Konark Sun Temple – removing sand from the Jagamohan, filled by British engineers in 1901–1903 (temple built by Narasimhadeva I, Eastern Ganga dynasty) → India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park at Sindhu Ghat, Ladakh – foundation laid by Vinai Kumar Saxena on World Heritage Day → Ministry of Culture's 'VM Frames' film contest marks 150 years of Vande Mataram (Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay); first life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda in the US unveiled in Seattle
Other national news – April	→ Captive and commercial coal blocks crossed 200 MT for the first time – 210.46 MT in FY26 (+10.22%) → NHAI's 'Arogya Van' – ~67,462 medicinal trees on 62.8 ha along highways; Vantara University announced in Jamnagar for wildlife conservation and veterinary science → First high-level conference of the Central Armed Police Forces to be chaired by the PM; MeitY set up the AI Governance and Economic Group (AIGEG) → ECI's 'Know Your Candidates' on ECINet for Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry polls; draft Sugarcane Control Order 2026 – minimum distance between sugar mills raised from 15 km to 25 km

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Census 2027 is which census overall and after Independence?	16th overall, 8th after Independence
Q2. Proposed Lok Sabha strength in the 131st Amendment Bill?	850 seats (from 543)
Q3. Why was the women's reservation bill defeated in the Lok Sabha?	It lacked the two-thirds special majority
Q4. Which Article governs removal of the CEC?	Article 324(5)
Q5. SC: right to vote is what kind of right?	Statutory (not Fundamental)
Q6. From which date is Amaravati's sole-capital status effective?	2 June 2024 (retrospective)
Q7. Which languages got official status in Meghalaya?	Khasi and Garo (with English)
Q8. Where will India's first chip fab come up?	Dholera, Gujarat (Tata, ₹91,000 crore)
Q9. Which company runs the PFBR at Kalpakkam?	BHAVINI
Q10. Corpus of Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0?	₹10,000 crore (SIDBI implements)

03 INTERNATIONAL

India–South Korea 'Futuristic Partnership'	→ President Lee Jae Myung's state visit (19–21 April) – the first South Korean presidential visit in eight years → Ties elevated to a 'Futuristic Partnership' with 25 outcomes; Joint Strategic Vision for the Special Strategic Partnership (shipbuilding, maritime logistics, energy security); India–Korea Digital Bridge Initiative (AI, semiconductors, IT) → Target: bilateral trade from USD 27 billion to USD 50 billion by 2030; 16 agreements at the India–Korea Business Forum incl. NAVER–TCS on map services
India–New Zealand FTA & other trade links	→ India and New Zealand signed a Free Trade Agreement at Bharat Mandapam (Piyush Goyal and Todd McClay) – 100% duty-free access for Indian exports to New Zealand (textiles, leather, footwear, engineering goods) → India–Australia ECTA (signed 2 April 2022) completed four years – India's exports to Australia rose from ₹37,268 crore (FY21) to ₹79,193 crore (FY25) → India–Kenya Customs Cooperation MoU at the 10th Joint Trade Committee in Nairobi, after 7 years; 13th India–Czech JCEC in Prague
Neighbourhood & visits – April	→ Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan's visit to Sri Lanka (19–20 April) – the first bilateral visit by an Indian Vice President; OCI eligibility for Sri Lankan PIOs extended to the 6th generation (from the 4th) → India and Mauritius operationalised projects under a \$680 million package – 11 community projects and a 'Karmayogi Portal', India's first such initiative abroad, to train Mauritian civil servants → Austrian Chancellor Christian Stocker's visit – first by an Austrian Chancellor in over 40 years (last 1984); LoI on military cooperation → India released the first ₹30 billion drawdown to the Maldives under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework (2024–27); India–Germany unveiled a logo for 75 years of ties
Summits & global bodies – April	→ 9th Indian Ocean Conference (10–12 April) at Port Louis, Mauritius – first in Africa; theme 'Collective Stewardship for Indian Ocean Governance'; organised by India Foundation → 4th India–Africa Forum Summit set for 31 May 2026 in New Delhi (last summit 2015) – logo, theme and website launched by S. Jaishankar → India's BRICS Chairship 2026 theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability' – inaugural BRICS Academic Forum (ORF & RIS) ahead of the 18th BRICS Summit; first BRICS Health Working Group meeting in New Delhi → India elected to ECOSOC bodies – CSTD (2027–30), NGO Committee (2027–30), CPC (2027–29); Preeti Saran re-elected to the Human Rights Committee
World news – April	→ UN Secretary-General António Guterres set up a task force on Strait of Hormuz disruptions led by Jorge Moreira da Silva (UNOPS), with UNCTAD, IMO and ICC → CMS COP15 (Campo Grande, Brazil, 23–29 March) – 40 species added to Appendices I and II; theme 'Connecting Nature to Sustain Life' → UK Parliament passed the Tobacco and Vapes Bill – no tobacco sales ever to anyone born on or after 1 January 2009 ('smoke-free generation'); Nigeria's green tax on high-emission vehicles from 1 July → UNESCO's GEM Report 2026 'Access and Equity: Countdown to 2030' – 1 in 6 school-age children out of education (273 million in 2024); Russia declared Stanford University 'undesirable'
Global economy & space-tech business	→ WEF report 'Growth in the New Economy: Towards a Blueprint' – global GDP to grow by USD 56 trillion in 5 years, driven by AI and quantum computing → World Bank's 'Water Forward' (President Ajay Banga) – water security for 1 billion people by 2030 → Amazon to buy Globalstar for USD 11.57 billion to rival Starlink; Blue Origin's New Glenn failed to put AST SpaceMobile's BlueBird 7 into orbit → Apple named John Ternus CEO from 1 September 2026 – Tim Cook to be Executive Chairman

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India–South Korea ties were elevated to?	A 'Futuristic Partnership' (25 outcomes)
Q2. Where was the 9th Indian Ocean Conference held?	Port Louis, Mauritius – first in Africa
Q3. OCI eligibility for Sri Lankan PIOs now extends to?	6th generation (from 4th)
Q4. Date of the 4th India–Africa Forum Summit?	31 May 2026, New Delhi
Q5. UK's Tobacco and Vapes Bill bans sales to people born on or after?	1 January 2009

04 ECONOMY, BANKING & BUSINESS

RBI's first policy of FY27 & 'Utkarsh 2029'	→ 60th MPC meeting (1st of FY27, 6–8 April) chaired by Governor Sanjay Malhotra – repo rate unchanged at 5.25%, 'Neutral' stance, amid the West Asia conflict → RBI launched 'Utkarsh 2029', its medium-term strategy for April 2026–March 2029 with six pillars (robust regulation, customer centricity, competitive markets, effective technology, future-ready organisation, global integration) → RBI cancelled Paytm Payments Bank's licence with effect from 24 April 2026 (Section 22(4), BR Act); approved Emirates NBD to acquire up to 74% of RBL Bank (voting capped at 26%)
Growth forecasts for FY27	→ Raised: World Bank 6.6% (from 6.3%); ADB 6.9% (from 6.5%, ADO April 2026); IMF 6.5% (from 6.4%, WEO 'Global Economy in the Shadow of War') → Cut: Moody's 6% (from 6.8%); Morgan Stanley 6.2% (from 6.5%); SBI Research 6.8–7.1%; UNESCAP 6.4% for calendar 2026 → FY26 growth estimated at 7.6%; IMF – India slipped to 6th largest economy (\$4.15 trillion, behind the UK's \$4.26 trillion) but projected 3rd by 2031 ★ Memory hook: Upgrades: WB 6.6, ADB 6.9, IMF 6.5 Cuts: Moody's 6, MS 6.2
Trade & inflation data – FY26	→ FY26 total exports USD 860.09 billion (+4.22%), imports ~USD 970 billion; overall trade deficit USD 119.30 billion; merchandise exports USD 441.78 billion → China became India's largest trading partner in FY26 – USD 151.1 billion trade, deficit USD 112.16 billion – replacing the US (top for 4 years) → WPI inflation 3.88% in March 2026 – a 38-month high (February 2.1%), driven by 51.6% crude inflation; unemployment 5.1% in March (urban 6.8%) → FDI April–December FY26 USD 47.87 billion – Singapore top (USD 17.6 billion, 37%), then US and Mauritius
Record exports by sector – FY26	→ Seafood exports an all-time high ₹72,325.82 crore (19.32 lakh tonnes) – frozen shrimp ₹47,973.13 crore (MPEDA) → Coffee exports a record USD 2.136 billion (+17%) – Coffee Board; agriculture exports USD 52.55 billion (+2.8%) → Textile exports incl. handicrafts ₹3.16 lakh crore (+2.1%) – ready-made garments ₹1.39 lakh crore → Defence exports a record ₹38,424 crore (+62.66%) – DPSUs 54.84%, private sector 45.16%; exports to 80+ countries
Payments & UPI milestones	→ UPI recorded 22.64 billion transactions worth ₹29.53 lakh crore in March 2026; PhonePe became the first UPI app to cross 10 billion monthly transactions (10.50 billion, 46.4% share) → UPI completed 10 years (launched by NPCI in 2016) – banks on UPI grew from 216 (2021) to 691 (January 2026) → GST collection ₹2.1 lakh crore in March 2026 – first time above ₹2 lakh crore since the September rate rationalisation; FY26 gross GST ₹22.27 lakh crore (+8.3%) → RBI Master Direction on Prepaid Payment Instruments, 2026 replaced the 2021 framework (full-KYC PPI max ₹2 lakh); Pay Point India – first private fintech with RBI Centralised Payment System (RTGS/NEFT) membership

Banking, insurance & markets – April	→ Small savings rates unchanged for the 9th straight quarter – PPF 7.1%, SSY 8.2%, SCSS 8.2%, NSC 7.7%, KVP 7.5% (115 months) → IRDAI: Ind AS for insurers from 1 April 2026 (135th meeting); LIC, GIC Re and New India Assurance remain Domestic Systemically Important Insurers for FY26; Jio Financial–Allianz 50:50 general & health insurance JV → Amul (GCMMF) brand turnover crossed ₹1 lakh crore in FY26 – first cooperative in FMCG to do so; Saraswat Co-op Bank – India's largest urban co-operative bank (₹1 lakh crore business); Bank of Baroda crossed ₹30 lakh crore global business → SBI overtook ICICI Bank to become India's 2nd most valuable bank by market cap (₹9.60 trillion); NSE got name approval for 'National Coal Exchange of India Ltd'
Schemes, reports & AI risk – April	→ Atal Pension Yojana crossed 9 crore enrolments – record 1.35 crore new in FY26 (launched 9 May 2015); PM MUDRA Yojana completed 11 years (8 April 2015; loans up to ₹20 lakh) → NITI Aayog's 'From Borrowers to Builders' – women hold ₹76 lakh crore of credit, 26% of the total (4.8-fold since 2017); NITI's 'DPI @2047' roadmap targets a \$30 trillion economy and \$18,000 per-capita income → NSSO: health insurance cover in rural India (47.4%) has overtaken urban (44.3%) in 2025 – rural was 14.1% in 2017–18 → Government panel headed by SBI Chairman C. S. Setty to assess risks to the financial sector from the AI platform 'Mythos'

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Repo rate after the first MPC of FY27?	5.25% – unchanged, Neutral
Q2. Paytm Payments Bank's licence cancelled with effect from?	24 April 2026
Q3. India's largest trading partner in FY26?	China – USD 151.1 billion
Q4. IMF's April 2026 rank for India's economy?	6th (behind the UK); 3rd by 2031
Q5. First UPI app to cross 10 billion monthly transactions?	PhonePe (10.50 billion, March 2026)
Q6. Record defence exports in FY26?	₹38,424 crore (+62.66%)

05 REPORTS, RANKINGS & INDICES

Skytrax World Airport Awards 2026	→ Singapore Changi named World's Best Airport for the 14th time since 2000 (also best in Asia, best dining, best immigration) → Seoul Incheon 2nd (most family-friendly); Tokyo Haneda 3rd (cleanest major airport, best domestic airport); five Indian airports in the global top 100
Energy & pollution reports	→ IRENA: India became the 3rd largest renewable energy market in 2025 – added ~45 GW; total ~250.5 GW (175.9 GW in 2023) → CREA (March): Gurgaon the most polluted Indian city (PM2.5 116 µg/m³) – Haryana had 4 of the top 10 (Bahadurgarh, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Manesar); Ghaziabad most polluted over FY26
People & money rankings	→ TIME100 2026 (23rd edition) – Indians: Sundar Pichai, chef Vikas Khanna, actor Ranbir Kapoor → Gautam Adani became Asia's richest (\$92.6 billion) overtaking Mukesh Ambani (\$90.8 billion) – 19th globally (Bloomberg) → Tracxn: Indian tech startups raised USD 11.7 billion in FY26 (–18%) – 4th globally after the US, UK and China → WEF Young Global Leaders 2026 – 118 leaders from 55 countries, 10 Indians incl. Jay Shah and Isha Ambani

Development & social surveys	→ NABARD rural survey (March 2026): 69.5% of rural households expect income to rise – lowest optimism since the survey began (Sept 2024); peak 75.9% in Nov 2025 → India ranked 1st in the Athletics Integrity Unit list of athletes suspended for doping (148) – ahead of Kenya and Russia; AIU placed India in Category A (high risk) → India became the global leader in issuing Internationally Recognized Certificates of Compliance under the Nagoya Protocol (France 2nd with 964) → Brazil overtook India as the top corn (maize) exporter to Bangladesh
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Question	Answer
Q1. How many times has Changi won World's Best Airport?	14 times (since 2000)
Q2. India's rank as a renewable energy market (IRENA, 2025)?	3rd
Q3. Most polluted Indian city in March (CREA)?	Gurgaon (PM2.5 116)
Q4. Asia's richest person (Bloomberg, April 2026)?	Gautam Adani (\$92.6 billion)

o6 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SPACE

Gaganyaan preparations – MITRA & IADT-02	→ ISRO's Mission MITRA (Mapping of Interoperable Traits and Response Assessment) at Leh, 2–9 April – a first-of-its-kind behavioural study with the Institute of Aerospace Medicine at ~3,500 m (hypoxia, cold, isolation) → Second Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-02) at Sriharikota validated parachute-based deceleration of the Gaganyaan crew module → ISRO is building a G20 satellite for climate, air pollution and weather studies, planned for 2027
Artemis II – crewed Moon flyby	→ NASA's Artemis II – first crewed Moon mission in over 50 years; a 10-day flight around the Moon on the SLS rocket and Orion capsule 'Integrity' (no landing) → Crew: Reid Wiseman (commander), Victor Glover (pilot), Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen (Canada); splashed down in the Pacific off California → Jordan became the 63rd signatory of the Artemis Accords (2020; India is a signatory); ESA's Rosalind Franklin rover (ExoMars) to launch on SpaceX Falcon Heavy in 2028
Indian tech firsts – April	→ GalaxEye's 'Mission Drishti' – world's first OptoSAR satellite (optical + SAR, all-weather imaging, 180–190 kg) → Himadri Speciality Chemical commissioned India's first anode-material plant (Mahistikry, Hooghly, WB); Rocklink opened India's first Li-ion battery and rare-earth magnet recycling facility at Sikandrabad (UP) → CSIR-CRRI & CSIR-IIP bio-bitumen from crop residue could save ₹40,000 crore of imports a year; DRDO CAIR's AI satellite-imaging system 'Prajna' handed to the Home Ministry → SkyHop Aviation set to be India's first dedicated seaplane operator (Twin Otter; Lakshadweep); Airtel became the world's 2nd largest mobile operator (650 million users, GSMA)
Global science & AI – April	→ ESA launched the first two Celeste in-orbit demonstrators (IOD-1, IOD-2) from Rocket Lab, New Zealand – testing a LEO navigation layer to complement Galileo and EGNOS → Anthropic's 'Claude Mythos' – an AI model to find hidden bugs in legacy software, restricted to a consortium of 40+ companies; OpenAI's 'GPT 5.4 Cyber' for security teams; Meta's 'Muse Spark' → China selected two Pakistani astronauts – first foreign astronauts in its human spaceflight programme; China completed an 11.18 km underwater high-speed rail tunnel beneath the Yangtze → US NSTM-3 directs space nuclear reactors on the Moon and Mars in the 2030s; NASA unveiled the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope (dark matter, exoplanets)

Research & governance initiatives	→ Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences: India is the origin and early diversification centre of the Jamun genus (<i>Syzygium</i>) – lineage ~80 million years, from East Gondwana → Sādhana Saptah (2–8 April) marked 5 years of Mission Karmayogi – tagline 'Ham Bane Karmayogi'; first administrative capacity-building programme for scientists launched → IIT Ropar's AI agriculture ecosystem (ANNAM.AI); IIT Kharagpur's Vikram Sodhi Centre for AI mining (₹15 crore); Skills Outcomes Fund (NSDC); ICAR Special Task Force on agricultural resilience
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★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Where was ISRO's Mission MITRA held?	Leh, Ladakh (~3,500 m)
Q2. Name of Artemis II's Orion capsule?	Integrity
Q3. World's first OptoSAR satellite mission?	GalaxEye's 'Mission Drishti'
Q4. Jamun genus originated where (BSIP study)?	India (East Gondwana, ~80 million years)

07 ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Shekha Jheel – India's 99th Ramsar site	→ Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary (Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh) declared India's 99th Ramsar Site – UP's 12th (announced by Bhupender Yadav) → MoEFCC notified a 408.7 sq km Eco-Sensitive Zone around the Barasingha Wildlife Sanctuary (UP) covering 307 villages in 5 districts → Bhavasagara Referral Centre (CMLRE, Kochi) designated the National Repository for Deep Sea Fauna under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 ★ Memory hook: Shekha (Aligarh) = 99 – one short of 100
New species – April	→ 'Cyrtodactylus raimonaensis' – a bent-toed gecko from near Raimona National Park (Kokrajhar, Assam); published in Zootaxa → 'Calamaria garoensis' – Garo Hills reed snake from West Garo Hills, Meghalaya (India–Indonesia team) → 'Fimbristylis wayanadensis' – a sedge from the Western Ghats in Wayanad (Kerala); jumping spiders 'Mogrus shushka' and 'Mogrus pune'
Climate & conservation policy	→ India withdrew its bid to host COP33 (2028) despite earlier backing from BRICS countries; upcoming hosts – COP31 Turkey & Australia, COP32 Ethiopia → Solid Waste Management Rules 2026 in force from 1 April (notified 27 January), replacing the 2016 rules – segregation, digital monitoring, circular economy → MoEFCC–NBA five-year biodiversity project (2025–30), GEF–UNDP funded (USD 4.88 million), to add biodiversity to Gram Panchayat Development Plans → Bengaluru's Bannerghatta Biological Park received four cheetahs from South Africa in exchange for four Asiatic elephants
Places in news – April	→ Raimona National Park – Assam's 6th national park (2021), in Kokrajhar (Bodoland), between the Sankosh and Saralbhanga rivers; forms a 2,400+ km² landscape with Bhutan's Phibsoo WLS and Buxa Tiger Reserve → Sijimali bauxite mine (Rayagada & Kalahandi, Odisha) – Vedanta, 311 million tonnes of high-grade bauxite; got conditional Stage-1 forest clearance amid gram sabha disputes → Mount Semeru (Mahameru, 3,676 m) – highest peak of Java, Indonesia; active stratovolcano on the Ring of Fire in the Tengger Massif → Tehri Lake (Uttarakhand) – reservoir of the Tehri Dam on the Bhagirathi, fed by the Bhagirathi and Bhilangna; ~42 sq km

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's 99th Ramsar site?	Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary, Aligarh (UP)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q2. <i>Cyrtodactylus raimonaensis</i> is what, and where?	Bent-toed gecko – near Raimona NP, Assam
Q3. Which COP did India withdraw its hosting bid for?	COP33 (2028)
Q4. Sijimali bauxite mine is in which districts?	Rayagada & Kalahandi, Odisha (Vedanta)

o8 DEFENCE & SECURITY

INS Aridaman – India's third SSBN	→ India commissioned INS Aridaman, its third indigenous nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine – after INS Arihant (2016) and INS Arighat (2024) → About 7,000 tonnes displacement, advanced reactors; can carry K-4 nuclear missiles (~3,500 km range) – strengthens the naval leg of the nuclear triad ★ Memory hook: SSBNs: Arihant 2016 → Arighat 2024 → Aridaman 2026
Warship deliveries – April	→ Stealth frigate Dunagiri (Yard 3023) – 5th Nilgiri-class (Project 17A) ship, 2nd from GRSE Kolkata; reincarnation of the Leander-class INS Dunagiri (1977–2010) → Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft: 'Agray' – 4th of 8 from GRSE (largest Indian warships with waterjet propulsion, ~77 m); 'Malwan' – 2nd of 8 from Cochin Shipyard → INS Sanshodhak – last of four Survey Vessels (Large) from GRSE, designed by the Navy's Warship Design Bureau; GSL launched NGOPV INS Shachi and delivered ICGS Achal
Procurement & budget – April	→ DAC (Rajnath Singh) gave AoN for ₹2.38 lakh crore of proposals – incl. Air Defence Tracked System, Dhanush guns, armour-piercing tank ammunition and High Capacity Radio Relay → MoD signed ₹1,950 crore with BEL for two Mountain Radars for the IAF (designed by DRDO's LRDE, to join IACCCS); ₹975 crore TRAWL assemblies for T-72/T-90 tanks (BEML) → MoD fully used its ₹1.86 lakh crore capital budget in FY26 (RE); IAF–GE Aerospace deal for an in-country F404-IN20 engine depot (LCA); HAL–GE agreement to co-produce F414 engines → PLR Systems (IWI–Adani JV) delivered the first 2,000 NEGEV 7.62 mm LMGs made at Malanpur (MP) – part of a 41,000-gun contract
Exercises & naval outreach – April	→ DUSTLIK (7th) – India–Uzbekistan, Gurumsaray, Namangan, 12–25 April (MAHAR Regiment + IAF); Cyclone-IV – India–Egypt Special Forces, Anshas, 9–17 April; IN-SLN DIVEX (4th) – Colombo, INS Nireekshak → INS Sunayna sailed as 'Indian Ocean Ship SAGAR' from Mumbai with crew from 16 friendly countries – port calls at Malé, Phuket and Changi (MAHASAGAR vision) → India took the IONS Chairmanship for 2026–28 after 16 years – IMEX Tabletop Exercise at Kochi; Army's Exercise Brahmastra at Pokhran showcased AH-64E Apaches → Army's 'Operation Him Setu' rescued stranded tourists in North Sikkim (Lachen); Regiment of Artillery's first blue-water sailing expedition 'Samudra Sahas' marks its bicentenary
West Asia & world military news	→ Second Informal Group of Ministers on West Asia (Rajnath Singh, 2 April, Kartavya Bhawan-2) reviewed trade and energy disruptions; LPG tanker Jag Vikram became the first India-flagged ship through Hormuz after the ceasefire → Australia–Japan USD 7 billion deal for Mogami-class stealth frigates (3 from Japan from 2029, 8 built in Australia); Japan deployed its first long-range Type-12 missile (~1,000 km) at Camp Kengun → Lt Gen Susan Coyle named the first woman Chief of the Australian Army in 125 years; Pakistan tested the 'Taimoor' air-launched anti-ship cruise missile

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's third SSBN?	INS Aridaman (after Arihant, Arighat)
Q2. Dunagiri is which ship of Project 17A?	5th (2nd from GRSE)
Q3. India–Uzbekistan exercise held at Namangan?	DUSTLIK (7th edition)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q4. Value of AoN given by the DAC in April?	₹2.38 lakh crore

09 APPOINTMENTS

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Samrat Choudhary	Chief Minister of Bihar (24th)	First BJP CM of Bihar; after Nitish Kumar resigned; oath by Governor Syed Ata Hasnain
Ashok Kumar Lahiri	Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog	Replaced Suman K. Bery (1 May 2026); ex-CEA; new members incl. Rajiv Gauba
Harivansh Narayan Singh	Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha (3rd term)	First nominated MP in the post; elected unopposed
Justice Lisa Gill	Chief Justice, Andhra Pradesh High Court	Earlier transferred from Punjab & Haryana HC
Dinesh Trivedi	High Commissioner to Bangladesh	Ex-Union Minister – rare political appointee; succeeded Pranay Verma
Ashwini Bhide	Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai (BMC)	First woman in BMC's 160-year history; ex-MD, Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation
Vir Vikram Yadav	Director General, DGCA	Succeeded Faiz Ahmed Kidwai; DGCA statutory under Aircraft (Amendment) Act, 2020
Abhishek Singh	Director General, National Testing Agency	Earlier CEO of the ₹10,000 crore IndiaAI Mission
Willie Walsh	CEO, IndiGo (from 3 August 2026)	Now Director General of IATA; succeeds Pieter Elbers
Min Aung Hlaing	President of Myanmar (11th)	Ex-Commander-in-Chief of the Tatmadaw; won 429 of 584 votes
To Lam	President of Vietnam (re-elected, 2026–31)	General Secretary of the CPV; Le Minh Hung elected PM
Nizar Amedi	President of Iraq (9th)	PUK member; succeeded Abdul Latif Rashid
Uchral Nyam-Osor	Prime Minister of Mongolia	Third PM in nine months (Mongolian People's Party)
Srikanth Velamakanni	Chairman, NASSCOM (2026–27)	Co-founder of Fractal Analytics; succeeded Sindhu Gangadharan
Sanjay Jamuar	First CEO, Delhi Metro International Ltd	DMIL to take up metro projects outside Delhi and abroad
Sudarsan Pattnaik	Brand Ambassador, Census 2027	Sand artist; appointed by the Home Ministry

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Bihar's first BJP Chief Minister?	Samrat Choudhary (24th CM)
Q2. New Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog?	Ashok Kumar Lahiri
Q3. First woman Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai?	Ashwini Bhide

10 AWARDS & HONOURS

Award	Recipient	Key facts
Most expensive Indian artwork	'Yashoda and Krishna' by Raja Ravi Varma	Sold for ₹167.20 crore in Mumbai – bought by Cyrus S. Poonawalla

Award	Recipient	Key facts
Goldman Environmental Prize 2026	First all-women cohort (6 winners)	'Green Nobel', est. 1989 – e.g., Sarah Finch (UK), Borim Kim (Korea)
Chetak Screen Awards 2026 – Best Film	Homebound	Dhurandhar won 14 awards; Best Actor Ranveer Singh; Best Director Aditya Dhar
Femina Miss India World 2026	Sadhvi Satish Sail (Goa)	61st edition at Bhubaneswar; will represent India at Miss World 2027
Prof. M. S. Swaminathan Award (9th)	Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao (Director, IARI)	Presented in Hyderabad – for climate-resilient agriculture
UNIDO Gender Equality Mobilization Award 2026	Guntur Municipal Corporation	Vienna – for 200+ women e-auto drivers in waste collection
WWF Machchli National Award	Anita Chaudhary (Shergarh WLS)	Rescued ~500 animals since 2021; award named after Ranthambore tigress Machli
Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar 2025 – Best District Panchayat	Sepahijala (Tripura)	Kanchanbari GP (Unakoti) 1st in Healthy Panchayat (Deen Dayal Upadhyay award)
Laureus World Sportsman of the Year 2026	Carlos Alcaraz	Madrid; Sportswoman – Aryna Sabalenka; Team – Paris Saint-Germain; Breakthrough – Lando Norris
Wisden Leading Cricketers in the World 2025	Mitchell Starc & Deepti Sharma	163rd Almanack; Five Cricketers incl. Shubman Gill, Jadeja, Pant, Siraj
ICC Players of the Month – March 2026	Sanju Samson & Amelia Kerr	Sanju – Player of the Tournament at T20 WC 2026 (321 runs); Kerr's 3rd award
ASF Players of the Year 2025	Anahat Singh (girls U-19) & Abhay Singh (men)	Asian Squash Federation

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's most expensive artwork sold?	Raja Ravi Varma's 'Yashoda and Krishna' – ₹167.20 crore
Q2. What was special about the Goldman Prize 2026?	First all-women cohort
Q3. Femina Miss India World 2026?	Sadhvi Satish Sail (Goa)

11 SPORTS

Chess, archery & athletics records	→ R. Vaishali won the FIDE Women's Candidates 2026 (Cyprus) – 2nd Indian woman after Koneru Humpy to reach the Women's World Championship; will face Ju Wenjun → Payal Nag (Balangir, Odisha) – world's first quadruple amputee to win international para-archery gold – beat Sheetal Devi 139–136 at the World Para Archery Series Final, Bangkok → Sebastian Sawe (Kenya) ran the London Marathon in 1:59:30 – first official sub-2-hour marathon (old WR 2:00:35 by Kelvin Kiptum); Sawan Barwal broke India's 48-year-old marathon record (Shivnath Singh, 1978) at Rotterdam
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IPL 2026 milestones	→ Virat Kohli – first to 800 IPL boundaries and first to 9,000 IPL runs (275th match) → Bhuvneshwar Kumar – first fast bowler to 200 IPL wickets (2nd overall after Yuzvendra Chahal) → Punjab Kings chased 265 vs Delhi Capitals – highest successful chase in IPL history; KL Rahul 152 off 67
Games, wrestling & shooting	→ Inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games (Chhattisgarh) – Karnataka topped (23 gold), Odisha 2nd, Jharkhand 3rd → Asian Wrestling Championships (Bishkek) – golds for Sujeet Kalkal (65 kg) and Abhimanyou Mandwal (70 kg); India 14 medals → ISSF Junior World Cup (Cairo) – India topped with 16 medals (5 gold); Commonwealth Youth & Junior Weightlifting (Apia, Samoa) – 4 golds → Tashkent to host the 2027 World Para Athletics Championships – first in Central Asia; P. V. Sindhu elected Chair of the BWF Athletes' Commission
World sport – April	→ Andrea Kimi Antonelli (19, Mercedes) won the Japanese GP at Suzuka – youngest-ever F1 championship leader (after wins in China and Japan) → Jannik Sinner beat Carlos Alcaraz to win the Monte-Carlo Masters and regained World No. 1 – third straight Masters 1000 title in 2026 → ISSF to take over Shooting Para Sport governance from the IPC; FIFA picked India among 12 countries for its Women's Development Programme

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Who won the FIDE Women's Candidates 2026?	R. Vaishali
Q2. First official sub-2-hour marathon?	Sebastian Sawe – 1:59:30, London
Q3. First fast bowler to 200 IPL wickets?	Bhuvneshwar Kumar

12 IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Key facts
30 Mar	International Day of Zero Waste	Theme 2026: "Food Waste"; UNGA resolution 77/161; first observed 2023
1 Apr	Utkal Diwas (Odisha Day)	Odisha became a separate province on 1 April 1936
2 Apr	World Autism Awareness Day	Theme: "Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value"; UNGA 2007
4 Apr	International Day for Mine Awareness	Theme: "Invest in Peace; Invest in Mine Action"; first observed 2006
5 Apr	National Maritime Day	SS Loyalty – first Indian-owned ship – sailed Mumbai to UK on 5 April 1919
6 Apr	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	Theme: "Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers"; marks the first modern Olympics, Athens 1896
7 Apr	World Health Day	Theme: "Together for Health. Stand with Science"; WHO founding day
9 Apr	CRPF Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas)	61st; Battle of Sardar Post, Rann of Kutch, 1965
10 Apr	World Homeopathy Day	Theme: "Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health"; Samuel Hahnemann's birth anniversary (1755)
11 Apr	National Safe Motherhood Day	Kasturba Gandhi's birth anniversary; theme "Equity in Maternal Healthcare: Leaving No Mother Behind"; India first to declare it (2003)
13 Apr	Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day	13 April 1919, Amritsar – protest over arrest of Satya Pal and Saifuddin Kitchlew
14 Apr	Ambedkar Jayanti	Founded Bahishkrit Hitakarini Sabha in 1923; first Law Minister
14 Apr	National Fire Service Day	Bombay Dock Explosion; Fire Service Week 14–20 April

Date	Day	Key facts
15 Apr	Himachal Day	Formed in 1948 as a Chief Commissioner's Province
16 Apr	World Voice Day	Theme: "Caring for Our Voices"; began as Brazilian Voice Day (1999)
17 Apr	World Hemophilia Day	Theme: "Equitable access for all: recognizing all bleeding disorders"; since 1989
18 Apr	World Heritage Day	Theme: "Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Contexts of Conflicts and Disasters" (ICOMOS)
19 Apr	World Liver Day	Theme: "Solid Habits, Strong Liver"
21 Apr	National Civil Services Day	Sardar Patel's address at Metcalfe House, 21 April 1947
22 Apr	Earth Day	Theme: "Our Power, Our Planet"; Senator Gaylord Nelson's idea
23 Apr	English Language Day / World Book and Copyright Day	Shakespeare's birth & death anniversary; UNESCO
24 Apr	National Panchayati Raj Day	73rd Amendment in force on 24 April 1993; first observed 2010
25 Apr	World Malaria Day	First observed 2008; evolved from Africa Malaria Day (2001)
26 Apr	World Intellectual Property Day	Theme: "Intellectual Property and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate"; 3-year IP fee waiver for sports announced
28 Apr	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Prevention of occupational accidents and diseases
29 Apr	International Dance Day	Since 1982; birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre
30 Apr	Ayushman Bharat Diwas	Ayushman Bharat launched in 2018

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. National Maritime Day marks?	SS Loyalty's voyage, 5 April 1919
Q2. National Safe Motherhood Day is on whose birth anniversary?	Kasturba Gandhi (11 April)
Q3. Theme of World Health Day 2026?	Together for Health. Stand with Science

13 OBITUARIES, BOOKS & MISCELLANEOUS

Obituaries – April	→ Asha Bhosle (92) – legendary playback singer; Padma Vibhushan 2008, Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2000 → Nadendla Bhaskara Rao (90) – Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh for 31 days (16 August–16 September 1984); died in Hyderabad → Col. Sonam Wangchuk (61) – Mahavir Chakra, Kargil hero known as the 'Lion of Ladakh' (Ladakh Scouts); Raghu Rai (83) – 'Father of Indian Photojournalism', Padma Shri 1972 → Vijaypat Singhania (87) – ex-Chairman, Raymond; Chan Santokhi (67) – ex-President of Suriname (Pravasi Bharatiya Samman 2021); Jim Whittaker (97) – first American on Everest (1963); C. D. Gopinath (96) – India's oldest living Test cricketer
Books & persons in news – April	→ 'Tides of Time: Bharat's History through Murals in Parliament' by Sudha Murty – released by VP C. P. Radhakrishnan; covers 124 mural panels (Lok Sabha Secretariat) → 'The Curious and the Classified: Unearthing Military Myths and Mysteries' – by Gen M. M. Naravane (Retd), 28th Army Chief → International Booker Prize 2026 shortlist – six translated novels incl. Daniel Kehlmann's 'The Director' and Yang Shuang-zi's 'Taiwan Travelogue'

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
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★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Nadendla Bhaskara Rao was AP CM for how long?	31 days (16 Aug–16 Sep 1984)
Q2. Who wrote 'Tides of Time'?	Sudha Murty

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14 LAST-MINUTE REVISION

The whole month in four tables – read this the night before the exam.

1. FIRSTS OF THE MONTH

First ...	What / Where
Fully digital census	Census 2027 (Phase 1 from 1 April)
Chip fabrication unit	Tata, Dholera (Gujarat)
3D semiconductor packaging unit	Info Valley, Odisha
Quantum computer	Amaravati (AP)
Openly queer MP	Menaka Guruswamy (Rajya Sabha)
Petroglyph Conservation Park	Sindhu Ghat, Ladakh
Cooperative ride-hailing app	Bharat Taxi
OptoSAR satellite (world)	GalaxEye 'Mission Drishti'
Official sub-2-hour marathon	Sebastian Sawe, London – 1:59:30

2. NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Number	Meaning
₹3,24,234 crore	Telangana Budget 2026–27
₹4,18,931	Telangana per-capita income 2025–26
850	Proposed Lok Sabha seats (131st Amendment Bill)
1,506 km	Western DFC – JNPT to Dadri
915.17 MT	Major ports' cargo, FY26 record
5.25%	Repo rate (unchanged)
USD 860.09 billion	India's total exports FY26
99	India's Ramsar sites (Shekha Jheel)

3. RANKINGS & INDICES

Index	India / Top
IMF World Economic Outlook (April 2026)	India 6th (\$4.15 tn); 3rd by 2031
IRENA – renewable energy market 2025	India 3rd
Skytrax World Airport Awards 2026	Top: Singapore Changi (14th time)
Patent filings FY26	India 6th largest filer – 1,43,729
Tracxn tech funding FY26	India 4th – USD 11.7 billion
AIU doping suspensions	India 1st (148); Category A

4. EXERCISES & OPERATIONS

Name	Who / Where
DUSTLIK (7th)	India–Uzbekistan – Namangan
Cyclone-IV	India–Egypt Special Forces – Anshas
IN-SLN DIVEX (4th)	India–Sri Lanka diving – Colombo
Brahmastra	Army – Pokhran (Apache)
Operation Him Setu	Army – rescue in North Sikkim

5. TELANGANA QUICK FACTS

Item	Fact
Governor (sworn in)	Shiv Pratap Shukla – oath in Telugu
GHMC split	3 corporations; 4 police commissionerates
Aarogyasri cover	₹10 lakh (from ₹5 lakh)
Maoist surrender	130 with 124 weapons; 721 since Jan 2024
Rajya Sabha (unopposed)	Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Vem Narender Reddy

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01 TELANGANA

Kaleshwaram barrages – Medigadda visit & NDSA-led repairs	→ CM Revanth Reddy visited the sunken Medigadda barrage with ministers and NDSA chairman Anil Jain; ordered immediate repair of all 3 barrages – Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla – as per NDSA recommendations → Medigadda was begun in 2016, completed in 2019 and sank in 2023; NDSA's preliminary report came on 1 November 2023; the State again asked the Centre to expedite the CBI probe → Tests before the monsoon – GPR scanning, drone survey and about 500 boreholes (CWPRS, IIT Bombay experts); permanent repairs after the monsoon; target life 50–100 years → Background: Pranahita–Chevella (2009, ₹38,063 crore) was redesigned into Kaleshwaram at about ₹1.50 lakh crore ★ Memory hook: Three barrages, one order: Medigadda–Annaram–Sundilla – 'M-A-S' repair.
State Cabinet decisions – 23 April	→ Cabinet again requested the Centre to expedite the CBI probe into Kaleshwaram; a sub-committee on retired employees' dues (about ₹8,000 crore) → Gachibowli stadium redevelopment in PPP mode – 64 of 76 acres for 21 sports; outdoor capacity from 20,000 to 50,000; a Sports University; 12 acres for commercial use → Chinna Kaleshwaram (Manthani) – ₹166.67 crore for land acquisition; Integrated Aqua Park on 85.10 acres at Hajipur (Mancherla) near Sripada Yellampalli
Rythu Bharosa 2nd instalment & farm support	→ CM released the Rythu Bharosa 2nd instalment – ₹2,206.06 crore to 45,11,947 farmers for 36,76,766 acres – at Nasthanpally (Jayashankar Bhupalpally) after the Medigadda visit → This season ₹5,700 crore already released; the remaining ₹3,300 crore to follow next month → Fine rice (sanna biyyam) to 3.17 crore people; 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses sanctioned
Temple development – Basara, Kaleshwaram, Bhadrachalam	→ Basara Gnana Saraswati temple (Nirmal) – ₹225 crore redevelopment: 9-storey rajagopuram on the north and 7-storey gopurams on the other three sides; temple area from 20,000 to 62,000 sq ft; the only Gnana Saraswati temple in South India → CM laid the foundation for ₹198 crore works at Sri Kaleshwara Mukteshwara Swamy temple, Kaleshwaram (Jayashankar Bhupalpally) → Aim – finish works before the 2027 Godavari Pushkaralu; Bhadrachalam phase-1 ₹351 crore; Medaram jatara permanent structures ₹251 crore
Employees' Parents Maintenance Act 2026	→ Telangana Employees' Parents Maintenance Accountability & Monitoring Act 2026 – if an employee neglects parents, 15% of salary or ₹10,000 (whichever is lower) is paid directly to the parents → Covers about 10.50 lakh government and private employees, public representatives and central employees in the State; District Collectors implement it → A State commission headed by a retired High Court judge monitors (can summon Collectors); HelpAge India – 82% of elderly live with family; 60+ population to double by 2050 ★ Memory hook: Neglect parents → 15% goes home to them.
Gig Workers Bill 2026	→ Telangana Platform-based Gig Workers (Registration, Social Security & Welfare) Bill 2026 passed by both Houses – about 4 lakh gig workers in the State; a unique ID for every worker → Welfare board (HQ Hyderabad) chaired by the Labour Minister, 3-year term; welfare fund from an aggregator levy of 1–2%; owner-cum-drivers also counted as gig workers → Penalties on aggregators – ₹50,000 (1st), ₹1 lakh (2nd), ₹1.5 lakh (3rd violation); Economic Survey: gig workers 77 lakh (2020–21) → 2.35 crore by 2029–30 (6.7% of non-farm workforce)
High Court Zone-2 complex – foundation by CJI	→ CJI Surya Kant laid the foundation for the Telangana High Court Zone-2 buildings at Rajendranagar (Ranga Reddy) – 57 structures on about 60 acres; 100+ acres allotted → Over ₹2,500 crore sanctioned; completion target December 2027; works also for 49 courts across the State

Delimitation – Telangana's 'hybrid model'	→ CM Revanth Reddy opposed a uniform 50% hike in Lok Sabha seats and proposed a hybrid model – of 272 new seats, 136 pro-rata and 136 by GSDP contribution; asked for women's reservation on existing seats now → History: 520 seats (1967) → 542 (1976) → 543 (Sikkim); freeze extended till 2026 in 2001; South has 130 seats vs 413 in the North → Dy CM Bhatti (Mahatma Phule bicentenary): for every ₹1 paid to the Centre, Telangana gets back 37 paise, Tamil Nadu 29 paise, Kerala 61 paise – Bihar ₹6.53, UP ₹2.17; caste survey found 56% BCs
99-day 'Praja Palana – Pragati Pranalika'	→ A 99-day action plan from 6 March to 12 June – 10 key areas in 5 phases; Collectors must tour the field at least 10 days a month → 'Arrive Alive' road-safety campaign (13–18 April) – DGP Shivadhar Reddy at Jadcherla: about 7,500 road deaths in Telangana last year; 70% were two-wheeler riders → Job melas 1–12 May in district centres; youth-sports festival 18–23 May (marathon, youth leadership summit, 'Youth for Clean Telangana'); CM Cup 2025 (2nd edition) had 5.64 lakh registrations ★ Memory hook: 99 days: 6 March → 12 June.
Anganwadi – 'Tholi Muddha' & nutrition	→ 'Tholi Muddha' – breakfast for Anganwadi children launched by the CM at the Assembly premises (ready-to-cook upma and kichdi mix); mobile phones given to Anganwadi workers → Daily Vijaya milk and egg biryani twice a week for Anganwadi children; the milk pilot in Mulugu (640 centres, 7,918 children) extended to all districts → Poshan Tracker face recognition – Telangana 1st among States (74.32% of take-home-ration beneficiaries); breakfast for 20 lakh government-school students from 2 June
Health – food safety drive & trauma care	→ Health Week under Praja Palana – Food Safety Awareness Walk (Jalavihar to HMDA grounds) led by Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha; motto 'Eat Right – Stay Healthy' → About 1.41 lakh food businesses (80% urban); 11,000+ inspections in 2 years; 24 new food inspectors, 5 mobile food-testing vans; 3 regional food-testing labs (₹15 crore) at Nizamabad, Hanumakonda and Mahabubnagar → Trauma-care policy – 109 trauma care centres along highways; 31 critical care blocks; foundation for a 100-bed critical care block at Kondapur (₹41 crore)
Bhu Bharati Act – one year	→ Bhu Bharati portal was launched on 14 April 2025 (Ambedkar Jayanti); in one year – 5.20 crore portal visits, about 67 lakh logins and 3.80 lakh pass books issued (Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy) → A 'Bhudhaar' number for every survey number; the integrated Bhu Bharati portal piloted from 2 April in 5 mandals of 5 districts → 378 villages have had no maps (naksha) since the Nizam era – re-survey with rovers; 5,520 licensed surveyors; 411 rovers bought; survey numbers rose from 40 lakh (1948) to 2.29 crore
Adilabad development & new airports	→ CM at Pipri (Bazarhathnoor, Adilabad) laid foundations for works worth ₹1,238 crore, including 3 Young India Integrated Residential Schools in a single day → Promises – Adilabad airport foundation by 2 June, a university for Adilabad, Pranahita–Chevella to restart at Tummidihatti; ₹5,400 crore paid so far to Indiramma house beneficiaries → Airports review (Ponguleti) – 953 acres handed over to AAI for Warangal airport; Adilabad airport to be developed jointly with Defence and Civil Aviation; fresh study for Bhadradi Kothagudem
Industry & investment – aerospace, GCCs, green steel	→ Aerospace, defence and space exports grew at 103% CAGR (2024–26); Hyderabad rated the world's most cost-effective aerospace city; Telangana won the Centre's 'Best State for Aerospace' award 5 times (Sridhar Babu) → Office absorption by GCCs – Hyderabad 73% vs Mumbai 52%; a double-decker corridor Hayathnagar–LB Nagar (2nd city after Nagpur) → CM asked Steel Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy for a green-steel plant at Bayyaram; Norway team proposed a 'Telangana–Norway Working Group'; Netherlands medtech delegation eyed the Medical Devices Park

Sports – police football & Gachibowli hub	→ 74th B. N. Mullik Memorial All India Police Football Championship 2025–26 concluded at Gachibowli indoor stadium – 34 teams; CM was chief guest → CM: 7 Hyderabad players were in India's 1956 Olympic football team; Nikhat Zareen got a Group-1 job + ₹2 crore, cricketer Siraj made DSP, para-athlete Deepthi Jeevanji a Group-1 job → Telangana Sports Hub board – master plan for Gachibowli stadium (helipad, integrated sports centre); Young India Sports University; action plan by 2 June
Agriculture – paraquat ban call & rice procurement	→ Assembly unanimously resolved urging the Centre to permanently ban the herbicide paraquat – a State can ban it only for 60–90 days; about 2,000 deaths a year (Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao) → CM and Uttam Kumar Reddy asked Food Minister Pralhad Joshi to procure 30 LMT boiled rice (5% broken) and 5 LMT raw rice from the Yasangi crop, release ₹1,468.94 crore dues and restart fortified rice → Farmers' Welfare Commission chairman M. Kodanda Reddy (Nalgonda review) – Yasangi paddy on 5.58 lakh acres, 439 procurement centres; sweet-orange area fell from 4 lakh to 40,000 acres
Telangana people & places – May	→ C. V. Anand appointed new DGP (Shivadhar Reddy retiring); Prof. Kodandaram and Minister Azharuddin nominated as MLCs by the Governor → G. Mukunda Reddy – new Special Commissioner, I&PR; TGGENCO earned ISO 9001:2015 (quality management) certification → Kothwalguda Eco Park near Himayat Sagar (HMDA) – 85 acres, about ₹75 crore; aviary on 4.8 acres with about 10,000 birds of ~25 species; 1.5 km boardwalk
Telangana in national headlines	→ PM Modi inaugurated the PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Park at Warangal during his Karnataka–Telangana visit (projects worth ₹9,400 crore) → CM Revanth Reddy flagged off Vikram-1 flight hardware (Skyroot Aerospace) from the Max-Q campus, Hyderabad to Sriharikota – India's first privately built orbital rocket (up to 350 kg to LEO) → Hyderabad-made defence tech – DRDL's scramjet combustor ran 1,200+ seconds; RCI's TARA glide weapon; Adani Defence's AGNIKAA kamikaze drone inducted by the Army

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Which three Kaleshwaram barrages are to be repaired as per NDSA?	Medigadda, Annaram, Sundilla
Q2. NDSA chairman who visited Medigadda with the CM?	Anil Jain
Q3. Rythu Bharosa 2nd instalment amount and farmers covered?	₹2,206.06 crore to 45,11,947 farmers
Q4. Cost of Basara Gnana Saraswati temple redevelopment?	₹225 crore (9-storey rajagopuram)
Q5. Under the Parents Maintenance Act 2026, how much of a neglecting employee's salary goes to parents?	15% or ₹10,000, whichever is lower
Q6. Who chairs the Telangana gig workers' welfare board?	Labour Minister
Q7. Where is the Telangana High Court Zone-2 complex coming up?	Rajendranagar (foundation by CJI Surya Kant)
Q8. Telangana's 'hybrid model' for 272 new Lok Sabha seats?	136 pro-rata + 136 by GSDP contribution
Q9. Duration of 'Praja Palana – Pragati Pranalika'?	99 days – 6 March to 12 June
Q10. Name of the Anganwadi breakfast scheme?	Tholi Muddha
Q11. Number assigned to every survey number under Bhu Bharati?	Bhudhaar
Q12. Where did the CM seek a green-steel plant?	Bayyaram
Q13. Herbicide the Assembly wants permanently banned?	Paraquat
Q14. New Telangana DGP?	C. V. Anand
Q15. Which park did PM inaugurate at Warangal?	PM MITRA textile park

02 NATIONAL

Transport – Ganga Expressway, new rail zone, semi-HSR	→ PM inaugurated the Ganga Expressway at Hardoi – 594 km from Meerut to Prayagraj through 12 districts of UP; cost ₹36,230 crore → South Coast Railway Zone (HQ Visakhapatnam) operational from 1 June 2026 – Guntakal, Guntur, Vijayawada and a new Visakhapatnam division; Rayagada division goes to East Coast Railway → Ahmedabad (Sarkhej)–Dholera semi high-speed rail (₹20,667 crore) – India's first indigenous semi-HSR corridor; first Multi-Lane Free Flow (barrier-less) toll at Chorayasi plaza on NH-48 (Surat–Bharuch) ★ Memory hook: Ganga Expressway: Meerut → Prayagraj, 594 km – 'M to P'.
Judiciary – more SC judges & digital courts	→ President approved an ordinance raising Supreme Court judge strength from 34 to 38 (37 judges + CJI) – via the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment; Article 124 → Sikkim became India's first fully paperless judiciary (CJI Surya Kant); SC launched 'One Case One Data' and the AI chatbot 'Su-Sahayak' → Judicial Infrastructure Advisory Committee headed by Justice Aravind Kumar; SC flagged misuse of Section 498A IPC (anti-dowry cruelty, 1983)
Assembly elections 2026 – new governments	→ West Bengal recorded a record 92.47% turnout (2 phases); Suvendu Adhikari sworn in as the 9th CM – first BJP CM of the State (oath by Governor R. N. Ravi) → Tamil Nadu – Joseph Vijay (TVK) became CM, succeeding M. K. Stalin; Assam – Himanta Biswa Sarma 2nd straight term; Puducherry – N. Rangasamy CM for a record 5th term → Kerala (UDF govt) – first State with a cabinet-level AI portfolio (P. K. Kunhalikutty); West Bengal's 'Annapurna Bhandaar' – ₹3,000 a month to women from 1 June ★ Memory hook: Bengal: 92.47% turnout → first BJP CM.
Jobs & welfare – VB-G RAM G, internships, worker health	→ VB-G RAM G Act 2025 comes into force on 1 July 2026 – MGNREGA repealed; 125 days of guaranteed work → PM Internship Scheme 2026 – 1 crore youth in 5 years (pilot had 1.25 lakh in FY25); free annual health check-up for workers aged 40+ under the Labour Codes (ESIC) → EPFO 'E-PRAAPTI' – Aadhaar-based tracing of inoperative accounts; MoE pilot to bring 2 crore out-of-school adolescents (14–18) back via NIOS
Laws & identity – Assam UCC, citizenship rules, Vande Mataram	→ Assam Assembly passed the Uniform Civil Code Bill 2026 – 3rd State after Uttarakhand and Gujarat, first in the North-East; tribals exempted → Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2026 – a minor cannot hold an Indian and a foreign passport together; e-OCI introduced → Cabinet proposed giving Vande Mataram (written 1875, in Anandamath) protection equal to the National Anthem under the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act; Sikkim to implement the Anand Marriage Act 1909 from 1 June 2026
Census, voter rolls & panchayat index	→ Census 2027 Phase 1 (houselisting) runs 1 April–30 September 2026 – QR-code IDs for about 30 lakh enumerators → SIR (Special Intensive Revision) Phase III – 16 States and 3 UTs covering 36.73 crore voters → Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0 – of 2.59 lakh gram panchayats, 3,635 are 'Front Runners' (grade A); 1,18,824 'Performers' (45.72%)
Social data – women & men, dropouts, suicides	→ MoSPI 'Women and Men in India 2025' (27th edition) – sex ratio at birth rose from 904 to 917; rural female LFPR up from 37.5% to 45.9% → NITI report – Jharkhand reached zero primary-level dropout in 2024–25 (6.41% in 2014–15); secondary dropout fell from 23.2% to 3.5% → NCRB ADSI – Bengaluru has the highest suicide rate among mega cities (about 20 per lakh)

Semiconductors & AI push	→ Cabinet cleared 2 semiconductor projects worth ₹3,936 crore in Gujarat – incl. Crystal Matrix's GaN fab at Dholera; Tata Electronics tied up with ASML for its 300 mm Dholera fab → Rajasthan's first semiconductor cluster at Bhiwadi (₹1,200 crore); Odisha–Intel–3DGS \$3.3 billion glass-core substrate facility (Bhubaneswar–Khurda) → Maharashtra AI Policy 2026 – ₹10,000 crore, 1.5 lakh jobs by 2031, 5 AI Innovation Cities, 2,000 GPUs; Bengaluru Police 'Namma 112' – AI multilingual emergency response
Energy – ethanol blends, coal gasification, storage	→ BIS notified standards for E22, E25, E27 and E30 petrol; maize became the top ethanol feedstock – 182 crore of 515 crore litres (ESY 2025–26, first half) → ₹37,500 crore scheme for coal/lignite gasification – 75 MT capacity; goal 100 MT by 2030 → Oman–Gujarat 2,000 km subsea gas pipeline (₹40,000 crore); Adani Green's 3.37 GWh battery storage at Khavda – largest outside China
Andhra Pradesh – data centres & population policy	→ Google Cloud AI Hub at Tarluwada, Visakhapatnam – \$15 billion (₹1.35 lakh crore), the largest single FDI; 1 GW capacity → Reliance 1.5 GW AI data-centre cluster at Visakhapatnam – ₹1.6 lakh crore on 935 acres near Bhogapuram; Bharat Forge's first private marine gas-turbine facility at Visakhapatnam → AP population policy – ₹30,000 for a 3rd child and ₹40,000 for a 4th child
Farm & fisheries missions – North-East and beyond	→ Crop missions – Mizoram Ginger Mission ₹189.79 crore; Coffees of Nagaland ₹175 crore; Arunachal Kiwi Mission ₹167 crore; Tripura 'Mission Queen Pineapple' ₹236 crore → CMFRI – Tamil Nadu became the top marine fish producer in 2025 (overtook Gujarat); India's catch 3.57 million tonnes (+3%) → Hazaribag (Jharkhand) – first pearl-farming cluster; 'Sehat Mission' (ICAR + ICMR) links agriculture, nutrition and health
Health – new frameworks & platforms	→ National framework for childhood diabetes (0–18 years); MoHFW JANANI platform for mothers; JEEVAN app and SHATAYU dashboard for senior citizens → ICMR released a Priority Pathogen List; MoHFW Fire Safety Week (4–10 May) in hospitals → National Health Accounts 2022–23 – 10th edition released
State & UT firsts – May	→ Ladakh – Mahey Tokpo–Raldho canal at 14,000 ft (2.10 km) in Changthang; Karnataka – first state-led Centre of Excellence for SpaceTech; Karnataka – first digital grievance system for gig workers → Tripura – first State to complete all 51 priority areas of deregulation (Phase I & II); Aizawl hosted the first Regional Cooperative Reform Conference 'Sahkar se Samriddhi' → Andaman & Nicobar – Guinness record for the largest underwater flag (60 × 40 m) at Radhanagar Beach, Swaraj Dweep; Kerala – first private medical museum (Thiruvananthapuram)
Culture, pilgrimage & heritage – May	→ Kailash Mansarovar Yatra (June–August) via Lipulekh and Nathu La; Nepal objected to the Lipulekh route → India Pavilion at the 61st Venice Biennale – 'Geographies of Distance: remembering home', curated by Amin Jaffer → 'Padma Doree' – a fusion of Eri silk and Chanderi (NEHHDC); PM gifted a Gond painting to Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden
Governance & security initiatives	→ Cell Broadcast System (C-DOT with NDMA) launched by Jyotiraditya Scindia – instant disaster alerts on phones → Amit Shah announced a High-Powered Demography Mission (Rustamji lecture); 26th Central Zonal Council met at Bastar → CBI launched the 'Abhay' helpbot; Karnataka – portal to block not-of-standard-quality drugs; ICG and Gujarat ATS seized about 115 kg cocaine (~₹1,150 crore) off Mundra

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Length and route of the Ganga Expressway?	594 km, Meerut to Prayagraj

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Question	Answer
Q2. HQ of the new South Coast Railway Zone?	Visakhapatnam (from 1 June 2026)
Q3. New sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges?	38 (37 + CJI)
Q4. First fully paperless judiciary?	Sikkim
Q5. First BJP CM of West Bengal?	Suvendu Adhikari
Q6. Guaranteed workdays under the VB-G RAM G Act?	125 days (from 1 July 2026)
Q7. Assam is which State to pass a UCC?	3rd (after Uttarakhand, Gujarat)
Q8. Sex ratio at birth in 'Women and Men in India 2025'?	917 (from 904)
Q9. Top ethanol feedstock in ESY 2025–26 (H1)?	Maize
Q10. Top marine fish producer in 2025?	Tamil Nadu
Q11. Largest single FDI – Google AI hub location and size?	Visakhapatnam, \$15 billion

03 INTERNATIONAL

UAE quits OPEC; Hormuz escort	→ UAE exited OPEC and OPEC+ from 1 May 2026 – it had joined in 1967 and was the group's 3rd-largest producer → US launched 'Project Freedom' – naval escort for ships through the Strait of Hormuz → Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool launched to cover Indian shipping risks (see Economy)
PM Modi in Europe – Sweden, Norway, Italy	→ Sweden visit (17–18 May, PM Ulf Kristersson, Gothenburg) – Modi received the Royal Order of the Polar Star (Commander Grand Cross); European Round Table for Industry with Ursula von der Leyen → Norway conferred the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit – Modi's 32nd international honour; FAO's Agricola Medal received in Rome → India–Italy ties elevated to a 'Special Strategic Partnership' (Modi–Meloni) ★ Memory hook: Sweden → Star (Polar Star); Norway → Cross (Grand Cross); Rome → FAO Agricola.
New partnerships – Vietnam, Cyprus, UAE, Canada	→ India–Vietnam 'Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership' during To Lam's visit – 13 MoUs; Vietnam joined the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) → India–Cyprus 'Strategic Partnership' (President Nikos Christodoulides) – 6 agreements → India–UAE energy pacts – ADNOC may store up to 30 million barrels in India's strategic petroleum reserves; India–Canada aim to conclude CEPA by end-2026
11th Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting – New Delhi	→ Chaired by EAM S. Jaishankar with Penny Wong (Australia), Toshimitsu Motegi (Japan) and Marco Rubio (US); India to host the 2nd Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission → India–US critical minerals framework signed on the sidelines
Neighbourhood & outreach	→ Bangladesh began fuel loading at Rooppur – will become the world's 33rd nuclear-power country; India overtook the US as Bangladesh's 2nd-largest trading partner (8.47% vs 8.46%) → Jaishankar made the first-ever bilateral visit by an Indian EAM to Jamaica (2–4 May); India deployed 'Aarogya Maitri' health cubes in Jamaica (HADR) → Afghanistan signed a \$46 million customs laboratory deal with India's TCRC
Global bodies & meetings – May	→ UNESCO added 12 Global Geoparks – total 241 in 51 countries; Tunisia got its first → 79th World Health Assembly, Geneva (18–23 May) – theme 'Reshaping Global Health: A Shared Responsibility'; India–Africa Forum Summit postponed due to Ebola (DRC, Uganda) → 10th Indian Ocean Dialogue in New Delhi (first held 2014, Kerala); India, China and Japan criticised the UK's steel safeguard (25% above quota) at the WTO

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. When did the UAE leave OPEC?	1 May 2026 (joined 1967)
Q2. Sweden's honour to PM Modi?	Royal Order of the Polar Star
Q3. India–Vietnam ties upgraded to?	Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership
Q4. Host of the 11th Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting?	New Delhi
Q5. Rooppur makes Bangladesh which nuclear-power country?	33rd
Q6. Total UNESCO Global Geoparks now?	241 in 51 countries

04 ECONOMY, BANKING & BUSINESS

RBI – record surplus, gold & forex	→ RBI board (623rd meeting) approved a record surplus transfer of ₹2.87 lakh crore to the Centre for FY26 (FY25: ₹2.69 lakh crore) → RBI gold holdings 880.52 MT – about 77% (680 MT) now kept in India; 104.23 MT brought home in 6 months → Forex reserves \$691.11 billion (end-March 2026; 46th half-yearly report); RBI did a \$5 billion USD/INR buy-sell swap for 3 years
Inflation & growth forecasts	→ CPI inflation (April) 3.48% – a 14-month high (silver jewellery +144.34%); new CPI base year 2024 → WPI inflation (April) 8.3% – a 42-month high (March 3.88%); WPI base 2011–12 → FY27 forecasts – S&P Global–CRISIL 6.6%, Morgan Stanley up to 6.7%, UN DESA 6.4% (2026), ICRA 6.2%, Moody's 6% (CY26); annual GDP estimates now released on 7 June ★ Memory hook: CPI 14-month high, WPI 42-month high – WPI 'three times' longer.
Banks & credit – record profits, ECLGS 5.0	→ PSBs posted a record net profit of ₹1.98 lakh crore in FY26 (4th straight record year); GNPA down to 1.93% → ECLGS 5.0 – 100% guarantee for MSMEs, 90% for non-MSMEs and airlines; up to 20% of peak working capital (cap ₹100 crore) via NCGTC → Gold & jewellery loans ₹4.6 lakh crore (~5 times in 2 years); non-food credit +15.9% in FY26; NARCL has acquired 33 entities (₹1,65,862 crore)
FDI & insurance opening	→ Record gross FDI inflows of \$94.53 billion in FY26 (+17%); net FDI only \$7.65 billion; LRS outward remittances fell 2% to \$28.9 billion → 100% FDI in insurance under the automatic route notified (LIC cap stays at 20%); up to 10% Chinese stake now allowed under the automatic route → Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool launched – \$1.5 billion size with a \$1.4 billion (₹12,980 crore) sovereign guarantee; first war-risk policy by New India Assurance
Tax & trade – record GST, gold duty, sugar ban	→ GST collection (April) a record ₹2.43 lakh crore (+8.7%) → Import duty on gold and silver raised from 6% to 15% (10% BCD + 5% AIDC); platinum 6.4% → 15.4% → Sugar exports banned (restricted → prohibited) till 30 September 2026; \$1 trillion export target (FY26: \$863 billion); India kept on the USTR 'Priority Watch List'
Payments & markets – UPI at 10	→ UPI completed 10 years (launched 11 April 2016) – 24,162 crore transactions worth ₹314 lakh crore in FY26; about 66 crore a day → NSE crossed 13 crore investors (last 1 crore in 7 months); NCDEX 'RAINMUMBAI' – India's first exchange-traded weather derivative → ICICI–Visa – India's first USD-denominated debit card (GIFT IBU); SEBI 'Cyber-suraksha.ai' task force on AI-driven cyber threats

RBI rule changes – ECL, recovery agents, cards	→ Expected Credit Loss (ECL) provisioning and the Standardised Approach for credit risk from 1 April 2027; credit-card dues become 'past due' only after a 3-day grace period → Recovery agents may contact borrowers only between 8 AM and 7 PM (from 1 October 2026) → Mission SAKSHAM for urban co-operative banks; small unregistered Type I NBFCs (under ₹1,000 crore, no public funds) allowed from 1 July 2026
Multilateral finance & social security	→ ADB 59th Annual Meeting, Samarkand – \$70 billion: \$50 billion Pan-Asia Power Grid + \$20 billion Asia-Pacific Digital Highway → AIIB \$10 billion Energy, Food Security & Economic Resilience Facility – India 2nd-largest shareholder (7.58%; China 26.54%); RBI–ECB MoU signed (Malhotra–Lagarde) → Jan Suraksha schemes (PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY) completed 11 years (launched 9 May 2015); India Post record revenue ₹15,296 crore in FY26
Corporate deals – May	→ Mazagon Dock (MDL) bought 51% in Colombo Dockyard (₹249.5 crore) – its first overseas acquisition → Mittal family and Adar Poonawalla to buy IPL's Rajasthan Royals at about \$1.65 billion; Prudential plc to take 75% in Bharti Life (₹3,500 crore) → Samsung became the 2nd Asian company after TSMC to hit a \$1 trillion valuation; Government sold 8% of Central Bank of India via OFS

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. RBI surplus transfer for FY26?	₹2.87 lakh crore (record)
Q2. April 2026 CPI and WPI inflation?	CPI 3.48%, WPI 8.3%
Q3. PSBs' FY26 net profit and GNPA?	₹1.98 lakh crore; 1.93%
Q4. Record gross FDI in FY26?	\$94.53 billion
Q5. New import duty on gold and silver?	15% (from 6%)
Q6. When was UPI launched?	11 April 2016
Q7. Time window for recovery agents' calls (from 1 Oct 2026)?	8 AM to 7 PM

05 REPORTS, RANKINGS & INDICES

World Press Freedom Index 2026 (RSF)	→ India ranked 157th of 180; Norway 1st, Eritrea last (180th) → RSF says global press freedom is at its lowest level in 25 years
IOM World Migration Report 2026	→ India was the top remittance recipient in 2024 – \$137.67 billion, the only country above \$100 billion; top recipient since 2010 → India 2nd in outbound students (about 6.2 lakh; China 1st)
Henley Passport Index & World Cities Report	→ Henley Passport Index 2026 – India slipped to 78th (from 75th) with visa-free access to 56 destinations; Singapore 1st (192) → UN-Habitat World Cities Report 2026 – focused on the global housing crisis; released at the World Urban Forum, Baku
Carbon pricing, forests & steel data	→ World Bank 'State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2026' (13th edition) – India among the largest new carbon markets (CCTS); carbon pricing now covers 29% of global emissions → UN Global Forest Goals Report 2026 (UNFF21) – fuelwood demand is a key driver of forest loss → Steel – India's crude steel output 168.4 MT in FY26; 2nd-largest producer since 2018 with a 7.9% global share

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Question	Answer
Q1. India's rank in World Press Freedom Index 2026?	157 of 180
Q2. India's remittances in 2024 (IOM)?	\$137.67 billion – world's highest
Q3. India's rank in Henley Passport Index 2026?	78th (56 destinations)
Q4. Share of global emissions covered by carbon pricing (World Bank 2026)?	29%

06 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SPACE

Space – private rockets, orbital data centre, Moon base	→ Skyroot Aerospace became India's first space-tech unicorn (\$1.1 billion valuation after a \$60 million raise); its Vikram-1 hardware moved to Sriharikota → Pixxel–Sarvam 'Pathfinder' – India's first orbital data-centre satellite (200 kg, planned Q4 2026) → NASA announced a \$20 billion, 3-phase permanent Moon base (first elements by March 2027, landing 2028); China's Shenzhou-23 – first year-long stay mission
AI & biotech breakthroughs	→ ICAR-CRRI (Cuttack) developed 'Plant-OpenCRISPR1' – the world's first AI-designed plant genome-editing platform → IMD's AI-based monsoon-advance forecast gives probabilistic outlooks up to 4 weeks ahead → Hyderabad's Helix Cell – CAR-T therapy for multiple myeloma; NHA–IndiaAI–IISc hackathon on AI auto-adjudication of PM-JAY claims
Earth & universe discoveries	→ India's first integrated CCUS field lab at IIT Bombay – stores CO₂ in Deccan Trap basalt; CSIR-NGRI traced a buried river (palaeo-channel) of 200 km between Prayagraj and Kanpur → Oldest directly dated air sample – 6-million-year-old ice from Allan Hills, Antarctica; Nagatitan chaiyaphumensis – largest dinosaur of South-East Asia (Thailand) → 'Loktak Protocluster' – a galaxy protocluster 12.6 billion years old, found by Dr Ronaldo Laishram (NAOJ)
Research infrastructure & tech	→ IITM's Coastal Atmospheric Research Testbed (C-ART) opened at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam (1 May); MeitY's silicon photonics PDK at IIT Madras → IIT Madras opened its first international centre at Menlo Park, USA (\$7.5 million) → SVAMITVA presented to the World Bank by IIM-A – 3.3 lakh of 3.44 lakh villages surveyed (launched April 2020); ANRF set up 10 Convergence Centres of Excellence

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's first space-tech unicorn?	Skyroot Aerospace
Q2. India's first orbital data-centre satellite?	Pathfinder (Pixxel–Sarvam)
Q3. World's first AI-designed plant genome-editing platform?	Plant-OpenCRISPR1 (ICAR-CRRI, Cuttack)
Q4. Where is India's first integrated CCUS field lab?	IIT Bombay

07 ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Project Cheetah & big-cat alliance	→ Project Cheetah – India's cheetah count reached 53 (33 born in India); Kuno NP (Sheepur & Morena, MP) – sanctuary 1981, national park 2018, 748 sq km → First International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA, launched 2023) Summit to be held on 1–2 June 2026 in New Delhi
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Protected areas in news – May	→ Kanha Tiger Reserve – Maikal range, Mandla & Balaghat (MP), 2,074.32 sq km; national park 1955, among the first 9 Project Tiger reserves; Palamu TR (Jharkhand) – also one of the original 9 (1974) → D'Ering Memorial WLS – East Siang near Pasighat (1978), named after Daying Ering (Panchayati Raj commission); mostly alluvial grassland → Binsar WLS – Almora, Kumaon (1988), oak forests, once the summer capital of the Chand kings; Dubare Elephant Camp – Kaveri banks, Kodagu
New species & wildlife tracking	→ ZSI described new spiders Psechrus ntu and Psechrus phenshunyu from Nagaland; new worm-eating snake Trachischium lalremsangai (Mizoram/Myanmar) → First satellite-tagged Ganges softshell turtle released in the Brahmaputra at Kaziranga
Planet watch – volcano, AMOC dam, climate reporting	→ Mayon volcano (Albay, Luzon, Philippines) – Alert Level 3, about 1,500 families evacuated; the Philippines' most active volcano (~50 eruptions since 1616) → A Bering Strait dam has been proposed to stabilise the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) → India submitted its first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR-1) to the UNFCCC; UNESCO recognised the Lepcha cane bridges (Ru-Soam) of Sikkim in Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's cheetah count (May 2026)?	53 (33 born in India)
Q2. Which tiger reserve lies in the Maikal range (Mandla & Balaghat)?	Kanha
Q3. D'Ering Memorial WLS is near which town?	Pasighat (East Siang)
Q4. Mayon volcano is in which country?	Philippines

08 DEFENCE & SECURITY

Missile & hypersonic tests – May	→ DRDO's LR-AshM hypersonic anti-ship missile – 2nd test; range 1,500+ km at up to Mach 10 (hypersonic glide vehicle) → Advanced Agni with MIRV tested from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island; Agni-1 SRBM user trial from ITR Chandipur (SFC); first salvo launch of NASM-SR from a helicopter → DRDL Hyderabad ran an actively cooled scramjet combustor for 1,200+ seconds (9 May; earlier 700 s in January 2026); TARA – India's first indigenous glide weapon (RCI) had its maiden trial on 7 May
Navy – new ships & long voyages	→ Mahendragiri (Yard 12654) – 6th Project-17A stealth frigate (4th built at MDL) delivered; INS Sanghmitra (Yard 3039) – first of 4 Next Generation OPVs launched by GRSE on 20 May (Shachi-class) → Steel cut for the 5th and final Fleet Support Ship at HSL Visakhapatnam (each over 40,000 t); ICGS Achal (Adamy-class) commissioned at GSL → Navy to add 45 ships in 3–4 years (about 130 now, ~300 by 2035); INS Sudarshini made its first Atlantic crossing (Antigua & Barbuda) under Lokayan-26
AMCA, S-400 & air power	→ AMCA RFP issued – 5 prototypes + 1 structural test specimen (programme about ₹15,000 crore) → Rajnath Singh and CM Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation of the AMCA Core Integration & Flight Testing Centre at Puttaparthi (ADA, about ₹2,000 crore) → India set to receive its 4th S-400 squadron (2018 deal of \$5.43 billion for 5 squadrons)

Exercises & Op Sindoor anniversary	→ PRAGATI 2026 – multilateral exercise with 12 nations at Umroi, Meghalaya; CINBAX-II India–Cambodia (4–17 May, Kampong Speu) → 2nd Joint Commanders' Conference at Jaipur (7–8 May) – 'Military Capability in New Domains', marking the 1st anniversary of Op Sindoor; IAF 88-hour commemorative run → Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Indian War Memorial at Imjingak Peace Park, South Korea (Korean War 1950–53)
Drones, rockets & procurement rules	→ Army inducted Adani Defence's ULPGM and AGNIKAA VTOL-1 FPV kamikaze drone (EP-6); IG Defence's KAL – first long-range (1,000 km) one-way attack drone → NIBE's 'Suryastra' universal rocket launcher (300 km) flagged off; Vayu Astra-1 loitering munition (100 km) tested at Pokhran and Malari → MoD debarment norms – up to 5 years for poor performance, 10 years for misconduct (replaces 2016 rules); Pakistan commissioned PNS Hangor, the first of 8 Chinese Type-039A AIP submarines

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. LR-ASHM range and speed?	1,500+ km, up to Mach 10
Q2. First of 4 Next Generation OPVs by GRSE?	INS Sanghmitra
Q3. Where is the AMCA flight-testing centre?	Puttaparthi (AP)
Q4. Venue of multilateral exercise PRAGATI 2026?	Umroi, Meghalaya

09 APPOINTMENTS

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Suvendu Adhikari	Chief Minister of West Bengal (9th)	First BJP CM of the State; oath by Governor R. N. Ravi at Brigade Parade Ground
Joseph Vijay	Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu	TVK leader; succeeded M. K. Stalin; oath by Governor R. V. Arlekar
N. Rangasamy	Chief Minister of Puducherry (5th term)	First ever to get a 5th term; LG K. Kailashnathan
Himanta Biswa Sarma	Chief Minister of Assam (2nd term)	First non-Congress CM with two successive terms; oath by Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya
Rohit Jain	Deputy Governor, RBI	Appointed under Section 8 of the RBI Act (notified 2 May)
Lt Gen N. S. Raja Subramani (Retd)	Chief of Defence Staff & Secretary DMA	Succeeds Gen Anil Chauhan (tenure ends 30 May); was Military Adviser, NSCS
Vice Adm Krishna Swaminathan	Next Chief of Naval Staff	Adm Dinesh K. Tripathi retires 31 May; was FOC-in-C Western Naval Command
Vice Adm Ajay Kochhar	48th Vice Chief of Naval Staff	Took charge on 29 May
Prasoon Joshi	Chairman, Prasara Bharati	Was CBFC chairperson since 2017
Shashi Shekhar Vempati	Chairperson, CBFC	Appointed on 6 May (after Prasoon Joshi)
Ashutosh Gowariker	Festival Director, 57th IFFI	IFFI (est. 1952) in Goa, November 2026
R. Balasubramaniam & Joram Aniya	Members, NITI Aayog	NITI now has 7 full-time members; Joram Aniya – first Nyishi woman PhD
Ravi K.	22nd CMD, HAL	Succeeds D. K. Sunil
Praveen Sood	CBI Director – extended 1 year	2nd extension (ACC, 24 May)
Saurabh Vijay	CEO, UIDAI	Took charge in May

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Peter Magyar	Prime Minister of Hungary	Tisza party won 141 of 199 seats – ended Viktor Orbán's 16 years
Laura Fernández Delgado	50th President of Costa Rica	Aged 39
Ali al-Zaidi	Prime Minister of Iraq	Iraq's youngest PM (40)
Rumen Radev	Prime Minister of Bulgaria	Won 124 of 240 seats
R. Mukundan	President, CII (2026–27)	Tata Chemicals MD; Suchitra Ella president-designate
Kuljeet Kaur Marhas	Fellow, Meteoritical Society	First Indian woman (PRL); 3rd Indian after Devendra Lal and J. N. Goswami

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. New Chief of Defence Staff?	Lt Gen N. S. Raja Subramani (Retd)
Q2. New Chairman of Prasar Bharati?	Prasoon Joshi
Q3. Who ended Viktor Orbán's 16-year rule in Hungary?	Peter Magyar (Tisza)

10 AWARDS & HONOURS

Award	Recipient	Key facts
International Booker Prize 2026	'Taiwan Travelogue' – Yang Shuang-zi (tr. Lin King)	First winner translated from Mandarin
Whitley Award 2026	Parveen Shaikh	For conserving the Indian Skimmer (~3,000 birds; 90%+ in India)
Pulitzer Prize 2026 – Illustrated Reporting	R. K. Anand & Suparna Sharma (with Natalie Obiko Pearson, Bloomberg)	For 'trAPPed'
Royal Order of the Polar Star (Sweden)	PM Narendra Modi	Order est. 1748; Norway's Grand Cross followed – his 32nd international honour
AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award 2026	Chandrayaan-3 team (ISRO)	Accepted by Ambassador Vinay Kwatra
Fellows of the Royal Society 2026	Manindra Agrawal & Soumya Swaminathan	Agrawal – co-author of the AKS primality test
UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year 2025	Major Abhilasha Barak	Army's first woman combat helicopter pilot; served with UNIFIL
Dag Hammarskjöld Medal (posthumous)	L/Hav Harbhajan Singh & Nb Sub Sujit Kumar Pradhan	Indian peacekeepers in MONUSCO (DR Congo)
President's Police Colour	Sikkim Police	Presented on 28 May at Gangtok
Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards – South Asia	Soma Mandal	Regional winner
National Florence Nightingale Awards	Nurses (12 May)	Carry ₹1 lakh each

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. International Booker Prize 2026 winner?	'Taiwan Travelogue' – Yang Shuang-zi

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q2. Whitley Award 2026 winner (Indian Skimmer)?	Parveen Shaikh
Q3. AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award 2026 went to?	Chandrayaan-3 team

11 SPORTS

Badminton – Thomas & Uber Cup 2026	→ Thomas Cup 2026 (Horsens, Denmark) – China won its 13th title, beating France 3–1; India took bronze (lost 0–3 to France in the semi-final) → Uber Cup 2026 – South Korea won its 3rd title, beating China
Athletics, archery & tennis	→ Gurindervir Singh ran 100 m in 10.09 s – fastest ever by an Indian (Federation Cup, Ranchi) → India's women's recurve team (Deepika Kumari, Ankita, Kumkum Mohod) won gold at Archery World Cup Stage 2, Shanghai – first World Cup gold since 2021 → Italian Open (Rome) – Jannik Sinner (first Italian man to win it in 50 years) and Elina Svitolina
Football, cricket & chess	→ East Bengal won their first ISL title – beat Inter Kashi 2–1 → Vaibhav Sooryavanshi hit the most sixes by an Indian in one IPL season (beat Abhishek Sharma's 42); CIC ruled BCCI is not under RTI (reversing 2018) → Faustino Oro became the 2nd-youngest GM ever (12 years 6 months 26 days), behind Abhimanyu Mishra; Messi – 2nd footballer billionaire after Ronaldo
Sports people & bodies – May	→ Kami Rita Sherpa climbed Everest for a record 32nd time; ITBP's first all-women Everest expedition (14 members) → NRAI (75 years) – first fully digitised sports body; Rahul Dravid owns the Dublin franchise in the European T20 Premier League → India won 27 medals (9 gold) at the Asian U-15 boxing; Sahdev Yadav elected President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Thomas Cup 2026 winner and India's result?	China (13th title); India bronze
Q2. Fastest 100 m by an Indian?	Gurindervir Singh – 10.09 s
Q3. East Bengal won their first ISL title against?	Inter Kashi (2–1)

12 IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Key facts
1 May	International Labour Day	ILO theme: "Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment"; first observed in India in 1923 (Chennai)
1 May	Gujarat Foundation Day (Gujarat Gaurav Diwas)	Gujarat formed in 1960 after separation from Bombay State; 2026 state event at Surat
2 May	World Tuna Day	Observed by the UN since 2017
3 May	World Press Freedom Day	Theme: "Shaping a Future of Peace"; proclaimed by UNGA in December 1993
3 May	World Laughter Day (1st Sunday)	Started by Dr Madan Kataria in 1998; theme "World Peace Through Laughter"
5 May	World Asthma Day (1st Tuesday)	Organised by GINA; theme on access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma
7 May	World Athletics Day	Started in 1996 by IAAF president Primo Nebiolo

Date	Day	Key facts
8 May	World Red Cross Day	Birth anniversary of Henry Dunant (born 8 May 1828)
8 May	World Thalassaemia Day	Started by the Thalassaemia International Federation in 1994 (George Englezos)
11 May	National Technology Day	Marks Pokhran-II tests (Operation Shakti, 1998); first observed in 1999
12 May	International Nurses Day	Florence Nightingale's birth anniversary; theme "Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives."; since 1974
15 May	International Day of Families	Theme: "Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing"; UNGA 1993
17 May	World Telecommunication & Information Society Day	Marks the founding of ITU on 17 May 1865
17 May	World Hypertension Day	By the World Hypertension League (2005); observed since 2006
18 May	International Museum Day	Started by ICOM in 1977
20 May	World Metrology Day	Metre Convention 1875 (17 nations); theme "Metrology: Building Trust in Policy Making"
21 May	Anti-Terrorism Day	Death anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi (1991)
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity	Theme: "Acting Locally for Global Impact"
24 May	Commonwealth Day (India)	Queen Victoria's birthday; began as Empire Day in 1904
29 May	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	Marks UNTSO, the first UN peacekeeping mission (1948)
29 May	International Everest Day	First ascent by Tenzing Norgay & Edmund Hillary (1953)
31 May	World No Tobacco Day	Started by WHO in 1987

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. National Technology Day (11 May) marks?	Pokhran-II tests, 1998
Q2. World Red Cross Day is whose birth anniversary?	Henry Dunant (8 May)
Q3. World Metrology Day (20 May) marks which convention?	Metre Convention, 1875

13 OBITUARIES, BOOKS & MISCELLANEOUS

Obituaries – May	→ Gurbax Singh Grewal (84) – 1968 Olympic hockey bronze medallist; Raja Randhir Singh (79) – five-time Olympian shooter (Arjuna 1979) → Shyam Lal Meena (61) – archer, Arjuna Award 1989; Mohan Singh (78) – footballer; golfer Vijay Kumar (57) → Ted Turner (87) – founder of CNN (1980); Alex Zanardi (59) – racing driver and Paralympic champion; Sudhanshu Sil (81) – CPI(M) leader
Books – May	→ Solicitor General Tushar Mehta's 'The Bench, the Bar, and the Bizarre' and 'The Lawful and the Awful' – released by Amit Shah → 'Apnapan: Narendra Modi Sang Mere Anubhav' – by Shivraj Singh Chouhan

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. CNN founder who died in May 2026?	Ted Turner
Q2. Author of 'Apnapan: Narendra Modi Sang Mere Anubhav'?	Shivraj Singh Chouhan

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14 LAST-MINUTE REVISION

The whole month in four tables – read this the night before the exam.

1. FIRSTS OF THE MONTH

First ...	What / Where
Privately built orbital rocket	Vikram-1 (Skyroot) – flagged off from Hyderabad
Space-tech unicorn	Skyroot Aerospace
Orbital data-centre satellite	Pathfinder (Pixxel–Sarvam)
Fully paperless judiciary	Sikkim
BJP CM of West Bengal	Suvendu Adhikari
Cabinet-level AI portfolio	Kerala (P. K. Kunhalikutty)
AI-designed plant genome editor	Plant-OpenCRISPR1 (ICAR-CRRI)
Indigenous glide weapon	TARA (RCI Hyderabad)
International Booker from Mandarin	'Taiwan Travelogue'

2. NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Number	Meaning
₹2,206.06 crore	Rythu Bharosa 2nd instalment (45,11,947 farmers)
15% / ₹10,000	Salary share to neglected parents (whichever lower)
594 km	Ganga Expressway (Meerut–Prayagraj)
38	Supreme Court judge strength (incl. CJI)
125 days	Work guarantee under VB-G RAM G (from 1 July)
₹2.87 lakh crore	RBI surplus to Centre, FY26 (record)
\$94.53 billion	Gross FDI, FY26 (record)
₹2.43 lakh crore	GST, April 2026 (record)
53	Cheetahs in India (33 India-born)

3. RANKINGS & INDICES

Index	India / Top
World Press Freedom Index 2026	India 157/180; Norway 1st
IOM remittances 2024	India 1st – \$137.67 billion
Henley Passport Index 2026	India 78th; Singapore 1st
Poshan Tracker face recognition	Telangana 1st among States
Marine fish production 2025	Tamil Nadu 1st (overtook Gujarat)

4. EXERCISES & DEFENCE

Name	Who / Where
PRAGATI 2026	12 nations – Umroi, Meghalaya
CINBAX-II	India–Cambodia – Kampong Speu
Mahendragiri	6th P-17A frigate (MDL)
INS Sanghmitra	First NGOPV (GRSE)
LR-AShM	Hypersonic anti-ship, 1,500+ km

5. TELANGANA QUICK FACTS

Item	Fact
New DGP	C. V. Anand
Gig workers' welfare fund	Aggregator levy 1–2%; board under Labour Minister
High Court Zone-2	Rajendranagar – target December 2027
Delimitation proposal	Hybrid – 136 pro-rata + 136 GSDP
Bhu Bharati (1 year)	3.80 lakh pass books; Bhudhaar numbers

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01 TELANGANA

Telangana turns 12 – formation timeline & record	→ Telangana was formed on 2 June 2014 as India's 29th State under the AP Reorganisation Act 2014; the Telangana region of Hyderabad State had been merged with Andhra State on 1 November 1956 → Steps: Union Cabinet approval 3 October 2013 → Lok Sabha passed the Bill 18 February 2014 → Rajya Sabha 20 February 2014 → President's assent 1 March 2014 → In about two and a half years the government says ~70,011 government jobs were filled – incl. 16,067 police posts via TSLPRB, 11,062 teachers via Mega DSC and 8,666 health posts ★ Memory hook: Cabinet (Oct 2013) → LS 18 Feb → RS 20 Feb → President 1 Mar → State 2 June 2014.
Minimum wages revised – first since State formation	→ Minimum wages for 73 scheduled employments revised for the first time since Telangana's formation (last revised 2006–2012), effective 1 June 2026; about 1.11 crore workers benefit → Four categories – unskilled ₹12,750 → ₹16,000; semi-skilled ₹13,152 → ₹17,000; skilled ₹13,772 → ₹18,500; highly skilled ₹14,607 → ₹20,000 → Zones raised from 2 to 3 – Zone 1 municipal corporations, Zone 2 municipalities, Zone 3 rural areas; the Minimum Wages Act 1948 requires revision every five years
State Cabinet – 23 May decisions	→ 2nd phase of 2.5 lakh Indiramma houses (2,000 per constituency); stalled houses get ₹3 lakh (after foundation) or ₹2 lakh (after walls); 1 lakh LIG houses in 24 Hyderabad constituencies → ₹1,000 crore for Godavari Pushkaralu (26 June–7 July 2027; first instalment ₹300 crore); breakfast, midday meal and milk extended to all government junior colleges → Next Generation Life Sciences Policy 2026–30 approved (unveiled at Davos) – aim: a top-5 global life-sciences hub by 2030, 5 lakh jobs and \$25 billion investment; DCMS to merge with Markfed
Indiramma houses – progress & free sand	→ ₹5 lakh assistance per house; phase 1 – 3,500 houses per constituency, 3.20 lakh approved; 2.66 lakh started and 2.24 lakh (84.20%) under construction → 17,800 houses completed – Khammam district highest (1,537); 40 tonnes of free sand per house supplied through 'Mana Isuka Vahanam' → 2nd phase launched on 1 June at Kothari village (Kerameri mandal, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad) – 28 houses built for Kolam tribals
Indira Mahila Shakti – 8,000 bhavans in a day	→ CM virtually laid foundations for 8,000 Indira Mahila Shakti bhavans in a single day (women's week under Praja Palana); SHGs have received ₹60,472 crore in bank-linkage loans → SHG bank-linkage loan limit raised from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh; 1,000 buses bought through SHGs and leased to RTC (553 handed over on 5 June); SHGs to set up 1,000 MW of solar plants → Goal – 1 crore women 'kotishwaris' by 2034; new parrot-green ('chiluka pachcha') Indiramma saree designs released
Education reforms – CM holds the portfolio	→ CM Revanth Reddy holds the Education portfolio himself; education budget 2026–27 is ₹26,674 crore (8.23% of the budget, up from 7.58%) – to rise gradually to 15%; Mega DSC filled 11,062 teacher posts → 100 Young India Integrated Residential Schools in 100 constituencies (₹20,000 crore; 20–25 acres each) modelled on the Arutla Telangana Public School (Manchal, Ranga Reddy) → Young India Skills University (chairman Anand Mahindra); Young India Police School at Manchirevula; 'Amma Adarsha Patashala Committees' of SHGs for school works; Vidya Varotsavulu (11–17 May) opened at LB Stadium
Hyderabad Metro – State takeover & expansion	→ State took over Metro Phase-I from L&T – 100% shares of LTMRHL for ₹1,461.47 crore equity; ₹13,538.53 crore debt refinanced with a State guarantee → IRFC sanctioned ₹13,600 crore refinancing (20 years, signed 25 May in Delhi); Phase-I – 69.2 km, 3 corridors, 57 stations – India's largest PPP metro, 5 lakh+ daily riders → CM asked the Centre to approve Phase-II as a joint venture – 7 corridors, 122.9 km, ₹38,595 crore – and the Airport–Bharat Future City corridor as Phase-III ★ Memory hook: Metro: equity ₹1,461 cr + IRFC loan ₹13,600 cr = State-owned Metro.

Saraswati Antya Pushkaralu at Kaleshwaram	→ Saraswati river Antya Pushkaralu began on 21 May at the Triveni Sangamam, Kaleshwaram (Mahadevpur mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally) – inaugurated by Kanchi Kamakoti pontiff Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswati → First official Saraswati Pushkaralu here – making Kaleshwaram the 2nd place in India after Prayagraj to hold them; a 12-day festival with the nightly 'Saraswati Navaratna Mala Harati' by Kashi priests → Same pontiff laid the foundation (bhoomi puja) for a ₹43.80 crore Veda Gurukula Patashala on 15 acres at Yadagirigutta (~300 students)
Funds sought from the Centre – SASCI, education, coal	→ Dy CM Bhatti asked FM Nirmala Sitharaman for an extra ₹5,000 crore under SASCI (50-year interest-free loans); Telangana had already got ₹4,208 crore in 2025–26 → ₹30,000 crore education plan – ₹21,000 crore for 105 YIIRS campuses + ₹9,000 crore for colleges; DEA cleared ADB (₹4,049.11 crore, YIIRS) and AIIB (₹4,903.44 crore, education infrastructure) projects – FRBM exemption sought → With Coal Minister Kishan Reddy – Koyagudem Block-III allotment and Talcher Block-II (Odisha) mining lease for Singareni; Singareni coal gasification
PM Modi's HICC event – PM MITRA park & rail projects	→ PM laid foundations/inaugurated works worth ₹9,377 crore from HICC, Hyderabad; CM Revanth Reddy sought a PMO single-window task force for the six metro cities → Kakatiya Mega Textile Park (PM MITRA), Warangal – ₹1,695.54 crore, 1,327 acres, ~₹6,000 crore investment and 24,400 direct jobs – the country's first operational PM MITRA park → Kazipet–Vijayawada multi-tracking (118 km, ₹1,243 crore) and Kazipet rail-under-rail bypass (21 km, ₹292 crore) dedicated; IOCL greenfield oil terminal at Malkapur (Nalgonda, ₹611 crore)
Pranahita–Chevella revival at Tummidihatti	→ Ministers Jupally Krishna Rao and Vivek Venkataswamy offered 'Jala Harathi' to the Pranahita and inspected the Tummidihatti barrage site; a 150 m barrage is proposed – Maharashtra's consent (Sivini village) to be sought → Dr B. R. Ambedkar Pranahita–Chevella Sujala Sravanthi was launched by YSR in 2008 (₹38,500 crore, 16 lakh acres); earlier 71.5 km of land for a 106 km canal was acquired → Dy CM Bhatti urged the PM to give it national-project status (Polavaram has it); Uttam Kumar Reddy asked IIT Hyderabad and RV Associates to study alternative alignments
Musi rejuvenation – Phase-1 plan	→ Cabinet sub-committee (chair Bhatti Vikramarka) ordered work to start on the first 5 km of Phase-1 (21 km: Himayat Sagar and Osman Sagar to Bapughat); total 55 km in 5 phases → Phase-1 cost about ₹7,055 crore with ADB funding; works to start by August 2026 and finish by December 2027; rubber dams for water storage and boating → Gandhi Sarovar at Bapughat – Defence released 83.814 acres of Golconda Artillery Centre land (₹533.42 crore) under the Equal Value Infrastructure policy
Singareni – 9 new mines	→ Singareni plans 9 new mines to sustain output for 20+ years – 3 to start this year and 2 next year; 4 old mines closing by 2027–28 would cut 12.51 MT a year → Naini block (Odisha) has started production; VK Coal Mine, Kothagudem (190 MT reserves) is ready → Largest new reserve – Ramagundam OC-1 expansion (181.60 MT); others incl. PK Coal Mine Kondapur (62 MT) and Manuguru OC extension (40.45 MT)
Industry – aerospace, exports & GCCs beyond Hyderabad	→ Bhoomi puja for Spanish firm ITP Aero's ₹453 crore plant on 10 acres at Hardware Park Phase-3 (350 high-skill jobs, rising to 600); Telangana won 'Best State for Aerospace' 5 years in a row → 48th EEPC India Southern Region Export Awards – India's engineering exports hit a record \$116.67 billion in 2024–25; Telangana's engineering exports \$7.5 billion → CM ordered a policy to take GCCs and data centres beyond Hyderabad (Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal highways) and an 'Invest Telangana' agency; Hyderabad got 70+ GCCs last year – target 100 new GCCs and 1 lakh jobs

Temples – revenue ranking & new works	→ 689 temples under the Endowments department earned over ₹556.11 crore in 2025–26; only two crossed ₹50 crore – Yadagirigutta ₹93.87 crore (1st) and Vemulawada Rajanna ₹73.43 crore (2nd) → Next – Bhadrachalam ₹31.3 crore, Kondagattu ₹21.9 crore, Komuravelli ₹20.9 crore, Basara ₹17.8 crore → CM laid the foundation for the ₹110 crore reconstruction of the Mahalakshmi Venkateswara temple at Kodangal ('poor man's Tirupati'); Tirumala-style rules – no political flags, only EVs inside temple premises
Farmers – procurement, Rythu Varam & biogas	→ Paddy procurement (Uttam Kumar Reddy review, 24 May) – 141 LMT paddy grown; target 75 LMT at MSP through 8,575 centres; 55.29 LMT bought and ₹9,702 crore paid → 'Rythu Varam' (4–9 May) under Praja Palana – launched by Tummala at Tandur (Vikarabad); 2,22,762 farmers took part; 20,734 soil health cards; TG Organics mobile app → Dy CM laid the foundation of a compressed biogas plant using paddy straw at Gambhiraopet (Rajanna Sircilla) – to stop stubble burning
Health, employees & governance	→ Osmania General Hospital did a liver transplant on an 18-month-old (10 kg) boy with Glycogen Storage Disease Type-III – 240 g of liver from his father in a 14-hour surgery, free under Rajiv Aarogyasri → Employees – 67,760 government jobs filled in two years; ₹6,000 crore retirement benefits in 100 days; 13,100 Vaidya Vidhana Parishad staff made government employees → Sanjay Jaju (1992 IAS) named Chief Secretary, succeeding K. Ramakrishna Rao (retiring 30 June); 15 sub-registrar offices open 9:30 AM–6:30 PM to handle the registration rush
Telangana in national headlines – June	→ Osmania University – first Indian university to get four ISO certifications at once from BIS (ISO 21001, 14001, 50001 and 22000) → ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad launched 'Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra' – India's first AI-based WhatsApp advisory for oilseed farmers – and patented a smart seed coating that raises yields by up to 37% → CM raised the Tungabhadra water-sharing dispute (Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme) at the inauguration of 33 new crest gates at the Tungabhadra Dam, Hosapete; Axis Bank gave ₹100 crore CSR for a research park at BITS Pilani Hyderabad

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. On which date did the Lok Sabha pass the Telangana Bill?	18 February 2014
Q2. New minimum wage for unskilled workers in Telangana (from 1 June 2026)?	₹16,000 (from ₹12,750)
Q3. Dates of the next Godavari Pushkaralu?	26 June–7 July 2027
Q4. Which district leads in completed Indiramma houses?	Khammam (1,537)
Q5. New SHG bank-linkage loan limit?	₹10 lakh (from ₹5 lakh)
Q6. Share of education in Telangana Budget 2026–27?	8.23% (₹26,674 crore)
Q7. Which institution refinanced ₹13,600 crore for Hyderabad Metro?	IRFC
Q8. Where were the Saraswati Antya Pushkaralu held?	Kaleshwaram Triveni Sangamam
Q9. Extra funds sought by Telangana under SASCI?	₹5,000 crore
Q10. Where is the Kakatiya Mega Textile (PM MITRA) Park?	Warangal
Q11. Proposed barrage site to revive Pranahita–Chevella?	Tummidihatti
Q12. Cost of Musi rejuvenation Phase-1?	About ₹7,055 crore (ADB)
Q13. Highest-earning temple under Telangana Endowments (2025–26)?	Yadagirigutta (₹93.87 crore)
Q14. First Indian university with four ISO certifications at once?	Osmania University

02 NATIONAL

Green fuels – E85, flex-fuel vehicles & nuclear hydrogen	→ Hardeep Singh Puri launched E85 fuel (≈85% ethanol) for flex-fuel vehicles on World Environment Day (5 June); BIS has made E85 the mono-fuel standard for FFVs → India's first passenger flex-fuel car – Maruti Suzuki Wagon R; Nitin Gadkari launched Hero's Splendor+ and HF Deluxe flex-fuel motorcycles; NITI Aayog treats FFVs as zero-emission vehicles → World's first hydrogen facility using nuclear process heat commissioned at IGCAR, Kalpakkam – heat from the Fast Breeder Test Reactor, BARC's Copper-Chlorine thermochemical cycle
Solar, green hydrogen & coal-to-chemicals	→ IRENA – India became the world's 2nd-largest solar growth market in 2025 for the first time (37 GW added vs 34 GW by the US; China ~315 GW); installed solar 98.5 GW → 135.5 GW → PM to lay the foundation of India's first commercial-scale coal-to-ammonium nitrate project at Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda (Odisha) – ₹25,016 crore by BCGCL, a BHEL–Coal India JV → National Green Hydrogen Mission – ₹22 crore for 9 startups and the Green Hydrogen Certification Portal of India launched; WT-MARUT – India's first wind-turbine supply-chain portal (Global Wind Day, Goa)
Health – PM-JAY now in all States, NFHS-6	→ West Bengal signed an MoU with NHA and became the 36th and final State/UT to implement AB PM-JAY (Delhi was 35th in March 2026) – all 28 States and 8 UTs now covered; ₹5 lakh per family a year → NFHS-6 (2023–24; 6.79 lakh households, 715 districts; IIPS Mumbai) – institutional deliveries 88.6% → 90.6%; antenatal care coverage 92.6% → 95.9% → PMSMA completed 10 years (launched 9 June 2016); Novartis' Pluvicto – India's first approved radioligand therapy for advanced prostate cancer; FSSAI vegan logo mandatory from 1 July 2027 ★ Memory hook: Delhi 35th, Bengal 36th – PM-JAY map complete.
Courts, rules & rights – June	→ Supreme Court (Justices P. S. Narasimha and Atul S. Chandurkar) declared the right to walk on safe footpaths a Fundamental Right – linked to Article 19(1) freedoms and Article 21 → SC set up a committee headed by the Union Home Secretary to prepare a Yamuna Action Plan in 8 weeks; Centre formed a High-Level Committee on demographic change and illegal immigration under Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navlekar (Retd) → Passport fees revised from 1 July 2026 – first revision since 2012; Immigration and Foreigners (Amendment) Rules 2026 notified; MeitY blocked Telegram till 22 June ahead of the NEET-UG re-exam
Rural economy – VB-G funds, wheat, BRICS farm meet	→ ₹95,692 crore interim allocation for Viksit Bharat – Gramin Bharat (VB-G), which replaces MGNREGA from 1 July 2026 (Shivraj Singh Chouhan) → Wheat procurement hit a 5-year high of 35 MT in RMS 2026–27 (+17%) at MSP ₹2,425 per quintal → 16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting, Indore – Joint Declaration; BRICS Network of CoEs on Agroecology (ICAR-IIFSR, Modipuram), Network on Digital Agriculture (IIT Delhi) and a Global Forum on Farmers' Rights in Seed Systems (PPV&FRA)
Transport – Zojila breakthrough, bullet trains, tolls	→ Final breakthrough of the Zojila Tunnel at Meenamarg (Kargil) – 13.15 km on NH-1 at 3,529 m (11,578 ft); India's highest and longest road tunnel and Asia's longest bi-directional single-tube tunnel; commissioning by February 2028 (NHIDCL) → NHRCL plans 7 more bullet-train corridors and an indigenous B35 train (350 km/h design, 320 km/h operating); India's first railway tunnel hoods on the Mumbai–Ahmedabad line → Rajasthan's first Multi-Lane Free Flow toll at Daulatpura (Delhi–Jaipur NH-48); Bengaluru airport overtook Mumbai as India's 2nd-busiest domestic airport (3.28 million vs 2.89 million in April)

Borders & security – villages, ports, crackdowns	→ India's first Model Border Village at Chumur, Ladakh (16,700 ft; 24 households, 91 people) under the Vibrant Village Programme; Ladakh formed the Snow Leopard and High-Altitude Nature (SHAN) Conservation Society → Amit Shah launched the Land Port Management System 'VINIMAY' – integrates ICEGATE, BSF, DGFT, UIDAI, ULIP etc. at land ports → Gujarat's 'Operation Delta Hunt' – 362 illegal Bangladeshi nationals arrested in 72 hours; India protested Pakistan's planned elections to the so-called Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly
States in news – budgets, names, laws	→ West Bengal Budget 2026–27 – ₹4.38 lakh crore (FM Swapan Dasgupta): 33% reservation for women in State jobs, DA raised by 20% to 38%; Annapurna Yojana enrolment – ₹3,000 a month for women aged 25–60 → Odisha restored original Odia names of 64 places in 26 districts ('Odia Asmita'); Rajasthan set up a five-member UCC drafting committee under ex-SC judge Ranjana Prakash Desai → Karnataka – D. K. Shivakumar sworn in as 25th CM after Siddaramaiah stepped down; Kerala CM V. D. Satheesan (also Finance) presented a revised Budget; Andhra Pradesh ran 'Yogandhra-2026' (7–20 June, target 1 crore participants)
India's BRICS Chairship 2026 – meetings in June	→ India's BRICS Chairship theme – 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'; BRICS now has 11 members → BRICS NSAs' meeting chaired by Ajit Doval – theme 'Non-Traditional Security Challenges Confronting the World Today'; 13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum, New Delhi (11–12 June) – India hosts it for the 4th time → 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting at Gurugram – energy track theme 'Energy for All'; BRICS Heads of Space Agencies met in Bengaluru (ISRO)
Yoga Day 2026 & the first World Yogasana Championship	→ 12th International Day of Yoga (21 June) – theme 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing'; main national event in Kolkata → PM opened the first World Yogasana Championship at EKA Arena, Ahmedabad (4–8 June) – India topped with 114 medals (102 gold); 522 athletes from 79 countries → Ayush launched the Yoga Park Portal at the 25-day countdown in Khajuraho; Coast Guard marked the day with 'Yoga Sangam 2026'
GI tags – Jharkhand, Assam, Madhya Pradesh	→ Jharkhand – Bhagaiya Silk, Kuchai Silk, Munda Jewellery and Jharkhand Bamboo Craft (NABARD-supported) → Assam – Karbi Anglong handloom, Assam Bihu Pepa, Assam Bamboo Crafts and Deuri handloom; NABARD-supported GI products in Assam now 12 → Madhya Pradesh – Khurasani Imli of Mandu (Dhar) – actually the fruit of the African baobab tree, not tamarind; GI registry at Chennai under the GI Act 1999
Ports, shipping & seafood	→ India became the world's leading ship-recycling nation in 2025 – 35.4% global share, 2.99 million GT (UNCTAD 'Review of Maritime Transport 2025'); beat the Maritime India Vision 2030 target 5 years early → Record seafood exports in FY26 – 19,72,018 MT worth ₹73,890.46 crore (\$8.46 billion); frozen shrimp the top item (MPEDA) → Logistics Port Performance Index FY25 launched under 'Sagar Aankalan' at JNPA's 37th Foundation Day; V.O. Chidambaranar Port cut net carbon emissions by 45%
Education, heritage & culture	→ Foreign campuses – Letters of Approval to University of Bristol and University of York (both Mumbai; York's first overseas campus) and UNSW; University of Liverpool to open in Bengaluru → Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (Kolkata) turned 150 – birthplace of the Raman Effect (28 February 1928); an indigenous PECVD system there will make India's first amorphous silicon solar cell → 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas' marked the 50th anniversary of the 1975 Emergency; Navi Mumbai T1 and Guwahati T2 made the Prix Versailles 'World's Most Beautiful Airports 2026' list

NITI & statistics – roadmaps and new indices	→ 11th NITI Aayog Governing Council (theme 'Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047') – first time all 28 CMs attended → NITI roadmap 'Future of India's Semiconductor Industry' – India imports 90–95% of its chips (\$150 billion in FY17–FY25); demand to cross \$200 billion by 2035; target a \$120–150 billion value chain → WPI base year revised from 2011–12 to 2022–23 with three new Producer Price Indices (output, input and services), all released on 15 June 2026
Digital governance – apps & portals	→ 'Samadhan Didi' – CPGRAMS AI voice chatbot (DARPG + Bhashini) to file grievances in one's own language → NCRB's four apps at the 26th All India Fingerprint Conference – Abhigyan, CrPI, e-Prosecution 2.0 and e-Forensics 2.0; I4C launched Grievance Redressal and Money Restoration modules for helpline 1930 → Aadhaar App crossed 31 million downloads in under 5 months; DoT notified authorisation rules under the Telecommunications Act 2023 (23 June); BHAVYA portal for 100 industrial parks (₹33,660 crore)
Places in news – India	→ Banda (Bundelkhand, UP, on the Ken river) hit 48.2°C – the world's hottest city during the heatwave → Gulmarg Gondola (Baramulla) – Asia's highest and longest gondola, up to 4,200 m near Apharwat; 300+ tourists rescued after a snag → Salaya port (Gulf of Kutch, Devbhoomi Dwarka) – hub of dhow trade; Porbandar designated the Immigration Check Post for Salaya and Okha; India–Nepal border (1,850 km) – Kalapani–Limpiyadhura–Lipulekh and Susta disputes back in news

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Share of ethanol in E85 fuel?	About 85%
Q2. Where is the world's first nuclear process-heat hydrogen facility?	IGCAR, Kalpakkam
Q3. 36th and final State/UT to implement AB PM-JAY?	West Bengal
Q4. SC declared which right a Fundamental Right in June 2026?	Right to walk on safe footpaths
Q5. Length of the Zojila Tunnel?	13.15 km (NH-1)
Q6. Where is India's first Model Border Village?	Chumur, Ladakh
Q7. Theme of India's BRICS Chairship 2026?	Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
Q8. Theme of International Day of Yoga 2026?	Yoga for Healthy Ageing
Q9. Khurasani Imli (GI, Mandu) is actually the fruit of?	African baobab tree
Q10. India's share in global ship recycling in 2025?	35.4% (world's leader)
Q11. New WPI base year?	2022–23

03 INTERNATIONAL

52nd G7 Summit & PM Modi in France	→ 52nd G7 Summit at Évian-les-Bains, France (15–17 June) – theme 'Working Together to Address Major International Challenges'; Japan launched POWER Asia (~\$10 billion); a 14-point US–Iran MoU; 53rd G7 will be hosted by the USA → PM Modi and President Macron opened 'Bharat Innovates 2026' at Nice under the India–France Year of Innovation 2026; India–France Atal Tinkering Lab Bridge (AIM + La Fondation Dassault Systèmes) → On the G7 sidelines, Modi and Canadian PM Mark Carney agreed to start GSOIA talks and to conclude a CEPA in 2026
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PM Modi in Slovakia – a first	→ First-ever visit by an Indian PM to Slovakia (independent since 1 January 1993) at the invitation of PM Robert Fico; ties elevated to a 'Comprehensive Partnership' → 11 agreements – incl. labour migration, a defence Lol, digital technologies, quantum communication and the first ICCR Chair in AI at the Technical University of Košice → President Peter Pellegrini conferred on Modi the Order of the White Double Cross (1st Class), Slovakia's highest honour, in Bratislava
Trade pacts in force – Oman, UK, EU, Japan	→ India–Oman CEPA entered into force on 1 June 2026 (signed 18 December 2025, Muscat) → India–UK CETA and Double Contribution Convention in force from 15 June 2026 – concluded 6 May 2025 after 14 rounds; signed in London on 24 July 2025 (Piyush Goyal–Jonathan Reynolds) → EU extended market access for Indian aquaculture, honey, eggs and animal casings (Regulation (EU) 2026/1189); India and Japan adopted rules for the Joint Crediting Mechanism under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement ★ Memory hook: Oman on the 1st, UK on the 15th – June's two trade doors.
Neighbourhood & visitors	→ Myanmar President Min Aung Hlaing visited India (30 May–3 June) – focus on the Kaladan project and the India–Myanmar–Thailand Trilateral Highway → India–Nepal launched a P2P cross-border remittance link between UPI and Nepal's NPI (6 June) during FM Shisir Khanal's visit; UPI now accepted in Cambodia via KHQR (NIPL + ACLEDA Bank) → Venezuela's Acting President Delcy Rodríguez (her 6th India visit) focused on energy ties; Bangladesh approved the Tk 50,443 crore Padma Barrage, ~180 km downstream of Farakka
Global bodies & declarations	→ UNGA elected Austria, Kyrgyzstan (first-ever term), Portugal, Trinidad & Tobago and Zimbabwe as UNSC non-permanent members for 2027–28 → 2nd Pax Silica Summit, Washington (25–26 June) – India and 34 others signed the US-led Statement on AI for trusted AI supply chains (Indian team led by MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan) → Mombasa Declaration against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing – 15 countries at the 11th Our Ocean Conference, Kenya; Uzbekistan became the NDB's 10th member (first from Central Asia)
World news – security & tech	→ AUKUS (Australia–UK–US) launched a joint underwater-drone programme under Pillar Two, announced at the IISS Shangri-La Dialogue, Singapore → Canada proposed a law to bar children under 16 from social media unless platforms prove they are safe → Bangladesh joined the International Big Cat Alliance as its 27th member (24 June); IBCA is headquartered in New Delhi
Places in news – world	→ Sea of Azov – world's shallowest sea (max depth 14 m), linked to the Black Sea by the Kerch Strait; Ukrainian drone strikes hit ships in Taganrog Bay → Euphrates – longest river of South-West Asia (~2,800 km; rises in Turkey's Taurus Mountains; joins the Tigris as the Shatt al-Arab) → Cyprus – 3rd-largest Mediterranean island, divided since 1974 – wants BrahMos missiles; a magnitude 8.1 earthquake struck off Mindanao, Philippines

★ **QUICK RECALL – test yourself**

Question	Answer
Q1. Venue of the 52nd G7 Summit?	Évian-les-Bains, France
Q2. Slovakia's highest honour conferred on PM Modi?	Order of the White Double Cross (1st Class)
Q3. When did the India–UK CETA come into force?	15 June 2026
Q4. UPI was linked to which Nepal system?	National Payments Interface (NPI)
Q5. Which country won its first-ever UNSC term for 2027–28?	Kyrgyzstan
Q6. World's shallowest sea?	Sea of Azov

04 ECONOMY, BANKING & BUSINESS

RBI June policy – rates on hold	→ 61st MPC meeting (3–5 June, Governor Sanjay Malhotra) kept the repo rate at 5.25% (SDF 5.00%) unanimously; FY27 projections – GDP 6.6%, CPI inflation 5.1% → RBI Survey of Professional Forecasters – FY27 GDP 6.5%, CPI 4.9%; FY28 GDP 6.9% → Two special USD-INR swap windows – for fresh FCNR(B) deposits (3–5 years) and for ECBs/overseas borrowings – to attract forex inflows
RBI Annual Report & currency facts	→ RBI's balance sheet grew 20.6% to ₹91.97 lakh crore (31 March 2026); ₹1.09 lakh crore moved to the Contingency Fund; value of gold holdings up 63.8% → Currency printing cost fell 23.5% to ₹4,875 crore; banknotes in circulation ₹41.23 lakh crore (+11.8%); ₹500 notes are over 85% of value and 41.2% of volume → Governor: polymer banknotes are at a preliminary evaluation stage – Indian notes are now printed on 100% cotton paper
Growth forecasts – June 2026	→ World Bank GDP – FY27 6.6% (up 10 bps), FY26 7.7%, FY28 7.2%; OECD 'Under Pressure' – FY27 6.3% (up 20 bps) → Fitch cut FY27 to 6.4% (from 6.7%); S&P Global 6.6%; Goldman Sachs raised CY26 to 6.8% after the US–Iran deal → SBI Ecowrap – FY26 GDP 7.7%; Q4 FY26 growth 7.8% and GVA 7.9%
External sector – surplus, remittances, FDI	→ Current account surplus of \$7.1 billion (0.7% of GDP) in Q4 FY26, against a \$13.2 billion deficit in Q3; net services receipts \$60.4 billion → Record workers' remittances of \$110.47 billion in FY26 (+26% from \$87.55 billion) – India is the first country to receive over \$100 billion in a year → US overtook Mauritius as India's 2nd-largest FDI source (equity inflows over \$11 billion); Singapore remains 1st (~one-third); Taiwan overtook India as the world's 5th-largest stock market (\$4.95 tn vs \$4.92 tn) ★ Memory hook: Remittances crossed the \$100 bn mark – \$110.47 bn.
Bank frauds, credit guarantees & PSUs	→ Bank frauds FY26 – ₹48,021 crore (+46%) though cases fell to 10,114 (from 23,722); PSBs account for ~74%; loan frauds 84.9% → ECLGS 5.0 crossed 1 lakh guarantees – 1,06,549 worth ₹48,484.26 crore by 9 June; RBI gave 0% risk weight to 75% of the guaranteed portion; CGSMFI-2.0 extended to 31 August 2026 → CPCL became the 28th and GRSE the 29th Navratna CPSE; President approved the merger of REC into PFC
RBI – customer protection & farm credit	→ From 1 January 2027 – a victim of digital payment fraud (loss up to ₹50,000) reported within 5 days to 1930 and the bank gets 85% of the net loss or ₹25,000, whichever is lower → RBI discussion paper proposes a one-hour cooling-off period for digital payments above ₹10,000 → Collateral-free farm loans raised to ₹2 lakh per borrower under KCC; new KCC Directions 2026 apply from 1 January 2027; NBFCs with assets of ₹1 lakh crore+ automatically become 'Upper Layer'
Markets – ETFs, ethical index, target-date funds	→ SEBI – dynamic price bands for ETFs from 1 September 2026; 'Quick Transmission Processing' for heirs up to ₹10,000 (physical) and ₹30,000 (demat) → BSE Saatvik 100 – India's first ethical-investing index (from BSE 500); NSE Indices launched 11 new sectoral indices (total 34); Zerodha launched India's first target-date (lifecycle) funds – 2036 and 2041 → Companies may now put up to 10% of annual CSR spending into Zero Coupon Zero Principal instruments on the Social Stock Exchange (from 27 May 2026)

Big investments & loans	→ Amazon to invest \$48 billion in India in 2026–2030 (incl. \$13 billion for AI and cloud) after Andy Jassy met PM Modi → Reliance raised JPY 91.9 billion (~\$625 million) – the largest Samurai loan by an Indian company; Reliance–Meta 168 MW AI-ready hyperscale data centre at Jamnagar – Meta's first built-to-suit data centre in India → World Bank – \$1.5 billion policy loan for private-sector jobs and ₹4,000 crore for 'Jal Sanrakshit Haryana'; ADB – \$42.2 million for bamboo in six North-Eastern States
Government finances & trade measures	→ Provisional accounts FY26 – total receipts ₹33,85,982 crore, incl. net tax revenue ₹26,23,264 crore → All customs duties on cotton imports waived from 1 June to 31 October 2026; export levies on petrol, diesel and ATF (from 27 March 2026) revised every fortnight amid the West Asia crisis → Silver imports hit a record \$12 billion in FY26 (from \$4.8 billion) – specified silver imports now need DGFT authorisation

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Repo rate after the June 2026 MPC?	5.25% (unchanged)
Q2. Size of RBI's balance sheet on 31 March 2026?	₹91.97 lakh crore (+20.6%)
Q3. World Bank's FY27 growth forecast for India (June)?	6.6%
Q4. India's remittances in FY26?	\$110.47 billion (record)
Q5. 28th and 29th Navratna CPSEs?	CPCL and GRSE
Q6. Compensation for a ≤₹50,000 digital fraud reported within 5 days (from 2027)?	85% of net loss or ₹25,000, whichever is lower
Q7. India's first ethical-investing index?	BSE Saatvik 100

05 REPORTS, RANKINGS & INDICES

Global Peace Index 2026	→ Institute for Economics and Peace – India ranked 127th of 163 (score 2.409) → Iceland most peaceful for the 19th straight year (then New Zealand, Switzerland); Russia least peaceful
QS rankings – universities & future skills	→ QS World University Rankings 2027 – India is the 5th most-represented system with 52 institutions (14 in 2017); US 184, UK 93, China 85, Germany 60; MIT ranked 1st → QS World Future Skills Index 2027 – India 13th of 89 countries (score 89.4)
SIPRI, energy transition & digital economy	→ SIPRI Yearbook 2026 – India's nuclear arsenal ~190 warheads vs Pakistan ~170 → WEF Energy Transition Index 2026 (16th edition, 120 countries) – Sweden, Finland, Denmark top; first global decline in over a decade → SIDE 2026 (ICRIER–Prosus) – India the world's 5th most digitalised economy and 4th in the CHIPS index for AI
Ports, companies & the super-rich	→ Container Port Performance Index 2025 (World Bank–S&P) – JNPA best Indian port at 22nd; Pipavav 28th (top private), Mundra 30th; Fuzhou (China) 1st → Hurun India 500 (2026) – Reliance Industries 1st (₹19,36,239 crore), HDFC Bank 2nd, Bharti Airtel 3rd → Forbes (June) – Elon Musk richest at \$822.3 billion; he later became the world's first trillionaire after SpaceX's IPO

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's rank in Global Peace Index 2026?	127 of 163

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q2. Number of Indian institutions in QS WUR 2027?	52 (5th most represented)
Q3. India's nuclear warheads per SIPRI 2026?	About 190 (Pakistan ~170)
Q4. Best Indian port in CPPI 2025?	JNPA (22nd)

o6 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SPACE

Space – balloons, lunar nights, startups	→ Red Balloon Aerospace launched 'VISTA' (Mission SANA) from Vijayawada – India's first indigenous stratospheric super-pressure balloon (~25 km); India became the 5th country with this capability after the US, France, Japan and China → ISRO and DAE are developing a heating system to stretch lunar-lander life from ~14 days (one lunar day) to up to 200 days → IN-SPACE's Technology Adoption Fund – first 3 firms: Astrobase, SataSure (Bengaluru) and TM2SPACE (Hyderabad); 'Indian Space Industry E-Catalogue' launched at the 5th Indian Space Congress
AI & quantum – June	→ India joined Anthropic's Project Glasswing – a global cybersecurity initiative – gaining access to the Claude Mythos AI model to find software vulnerabilities → IndiaAI-backed 'Varya' by Avataar.ai – India's first indigenous distilled video-story generation model (12 June); BHASHINI launched the VYOMA challenge around 'Sunno Sutra', a voice-first handheld AI device → Microsoft unveiled Majorana 2, its second-generation topological quantum chip (Build 2026)
Health & water tech from Indian labs	→ IIT Madras released ANCHOR – the world's most detailed 3D atlas of the human brainstem (Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre) → IIT Bhubaneswar's 'ArsenSafe' – a portable arsenic detector (rGO-FET sensor); Central University of Rajasthan built a low-cost, reagent-free lead sensor for drinking water → ₹200 crore ANRF–Jal Shakti MAHA Water Mission for water-sector startups; INST Mohali's BDIM additive for safer aqueous zinc-ion batteries
New research facilities – June	→ IIT Kanpur hosts India's first DORIS (French satellite-tracking) ground beacon; IIT Madras opened a circulating water tunnel at Thaiyur (₹4.5 crore MDL CSR) → HUL opened its 3rd global Unilever Fragrance Hub at IIT Bombay (after the UK and US); IITM Pune and ARIES Nainital will set up a climate station at Devasthal under the Bharat Climate Observation Network → Abroad – NASA ended the MAVEN Mars mission (contact lost 6 December 2025); NASA named the Artemis III crew for a late-2027 low-Earth-orbit mission – ESA's Luca Parmitano as pilot

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's first indigenous stratospheric super-pressure balloon?	VISTA (Red Balloon Aerospace)
Q2. Which Anthropic initiative did India join?	Project Glasswing (Claude Mythos access)
Q3. ANCHOR, released by IIT Madras, is an atlas of?	Human brainstem (3D)
Q4. Where is India's first DORIS ground beacon?	IIT Kanpur

o7 ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

India's 100th Ramsar site & World Environment Day	→ Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal, Ballia, UP) became India's 100th Ramsar Site – announced on World Environment Day 2026 (99th was Shekha Jheel) → On 5 June, Bhupender Yadav and Delhi CM Rekha Gupta opened 18 Namoo Oxygen Parks across Delhi under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (flagship at Maidangarhi) → Kuno National Park (748 sq km) – President Droupadi Murmu visited; cheetahs brought from Namibia (2022), South Africa (2023) and Botswana (2026) ★ Memory hook: Shekha Jheel 99, Surha Tal 100 – India hits a Ramsar century.
New species – lizard, spider, snails, moths	→ ZSI found Mesalina bishnoi near Gajner (Bikaner, Rajasthan) – the first record of the lizard genus Mesalina in India → Lynx spider Hamataliwa mawlyngot (East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya); ATREE found two microscopic snail species in Krem Puri and Arwah caves (Meghalaya) → ZSI Pune with NHM London – moths Antaram idukki (Idukki, Kerala) and Mimeusemia kali (Kali Tiger Reserve, Karnataka)
Conservation milestones	→ Great Indian Bustard captive-breeding flock reached 94 with three new chicks → Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences reconstructed 4,000 years of climate history of Majuli – the world's largest inhabited river island (Assam) → Ladakh set up the SHAN (Snow Leopard and High-Altitude Nature) Conservation Society chaired by the LG

★ **QUICK RECALL – test yourself**

Question	Answer
Q1. India's 100th Ramsar site?	Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal, Ballia)
Q2. Mesalina bishnoi was found in which district?	Bikaner (Gajner), Rajasthan
Q3. Great Indian Bustard captive population now?	94

08 DEFENCE & SECURITY

Missile defence – BMD Phase-II & Sudarshan Chakra	→ DRDO ran three back-to-back flight tests of the Integrated Multi-Layered Ballistic Missile Defence (Phase-II) on 10–11 June from ITR Chandipur – against 5,000 km and 2,000 km class targets; maiden test of NASM-MR → Mission Sudarshan Chakra (announced 15 August 2025) – a three-layer national missile shield targeted for full integration by 2035 → DRDO handed the Final Operational Clearance of the Netra AEW&C to the IAF; ~40 Su-30MKIs now carry BrahMos-A; RudraM-II air-to-surface missile tested
Navy & Coast Guard – new ships, a farewell	→ Three GRSE-built warships set for commissioning by the PM at Kolkata on 21 June – INS Dunagiri (5th Project-17A frigate), INS Sanshodhak (4th Survey Vessel Large) and INS Agray (4th Arnala-class ASW shallow-water craft) → Navy retired its Sea King Mk42B 'Flying Frigates' after 36 years (INAS 330 'Harpoons', INS Shikra) → ICGS Akshay (fast patrol vessel) commissioned at GSL; first of six indigenous Air Cushion Vehicles (Chowgule) inducted by the Coast Guard in Goa
First NDA women officers & gallantry awards	→ The first 17 women cadets trained at the NDA (148th course, joined August 2022) were commissioned – Army 9 (IMA, 13 June), IAF 5 (AFA) and Navy 3 (INA) → Combined Graduation Parade of the 217 course at Air Force Academy, Dundigal (13 June) – reviewed by Rajnath Singh → Defence Investiture Phase-I (8 June) – 7 Kirti, 15 Vir and 29 Shaurya Chakras; Gaganyaan astronaut-designate Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair received the Kirti Chakra

Defence exports, deals & record output	→ India–Vietnam BrahMos deal ~\$629 million – Vietnam is the 2nd overseas buyer after the Philippines (\$375 million, 2022); announced at the Shangri-La Dialogue → Defence production hit a record ₹1.78 lakh crore in FY26 (+15.6% over ₹1.54 lakh crore); US notified a \$482.2 million FMS sustainment package for India's Apache helicopters and M777A2 howitzers → TASL–Airbus flew the first India-made C295 transport from Vadodara (₹21,935 crore deal for 56 aircraft); ₹449 crore deal for 20 indigenous GNSS jammers (Accord Software) for the Navy
Exercises & defence dialogues – June	→ KHAAN QUEST (23rd edition) in Mongolia, 20 June–3 July – Indian contingent of 40 from the JAT Regiment; IAF to join Pitch Black 2026 in Australia (20 July–7 August) → 2nd India–Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue (Rajnath–Richard Marles, 1 June); first India–Zimbabwe Joint Defence Committee (4 June); 10th India–Thailand Defence Dialogue in Bangkok (16 June) → An IAF IL-76 'Gajraj' flew the relics of Arahant Sariputta and Mahamoggallana to Mongolia; revised Delegation of Financial Powers raised field commanders' powers by up to 100%
Drones & defence infrastructure	→ ₹500 crore National Military Drone Technology Hub at IIT Kanpur approved in principle (Army Design Bureau as point of contact) → First-of-its-kind 250 MW solar plant with battery storage on ~850 acres of defence land at Sitapur (UP); 10,000-tonne aluminium extrusion press at Ordnance Factory Ambajhari, Nagpur → Army trialled Hoverit's AI loitering munition Divyastra Mk-1 (95% indigenous) at Jodhpur; Nibe's 120 mm vehicle-mounted mortar 'Garudastra' tested at Mhow; NCC State Directorates raised from 17 to 19 (AP, Jharkhand)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Which frigate is the 5th Project-17A ship commissioned in June?	INS Dunagiri
Q2. How many NDA-trained women were in the first commissioned batch?	17 (Army 9, IAF 5, Navy 3)
Q3. Second overseas buyer of BrahMos?	Vietnam (~\$629 million)
Q4. Target year for full integration of Mission Sudarshan Chakra?	2035

09 APPOINTMENTS

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth	Next Chief of the Army Staff (from 30 June 2026)	Was Vice Chief; succeeds Gen Upendra Dwivedi
Mahesh Dixit	Director, Intelligence Bureau	1993-batch IPS; IB formed 23 December 1887
D. K. Shivakumar	25th Chief Minister of Karnataka	After Siddaramaiah stepped down; Kanakapura MLA; Dy CM G. Parameshwara
Vivek Aggarwal	Vice-President, FATF (July 2026–June 2027)	India's first-ever FATF Vice-Presidency; Secretary, Culture
Khalilur Rahman	President, 81st UN General Assembly	Bangladesh FM; beat Andreas Kakouris (Cyprus); succeeds Annalena Baerbock
Bimal N. Patel	Judge, ITLOS (2026–2035)	Takes office 1 October 2026; succeeds Neeru Chadha
Saibal Chattopadhyay	Chairperson, National Statistical Commission	Ex-Director, IIM Calcutta; NSC set up on 1 June 2005 (Rangarajan Commission)
Neelkanth Mishra	Executive Director, World Bank	3-year term; succeeds Parameswaran Iyer
Swaminathan Janakiraman	RBI Deputy Governor – re-appointed	2 more years from 26 June 2026; RBI's 4 DGs incl. Poonam Gupta, S. C. Murmu, Rohit Jain

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Tushar Mehta	Solicitor General – re-appointed	3 more years from 1 July 2026
Prashant Sitaram Lokhande	Chairperson, CBSE	Was Additional Secretary, MHA; succeeds Rahul Singh
Vice Adm Vineet McCarty	20th C-in-C, Andaman & Nicobar Command	Took charge at Sri Vijaya Puram on 1 June
Vice Adm Sanjay Vatsayan	FOC-in-C, Western Naval Command	Was Vice Chief of Naval Staff; took charge 30 May
Rajesh Kumar Singh	Additional charge – DRDO Chairman & Secretary (Defence R&D)	Defence Secretary; after Samir V. Kamat's tenure
Dr U. P. Rajeev	Director, VSSC	Succeeds Dr A. Rajarajan; VSSC began as TERLS in 1963
Five new SC judges	Sworn in by CJI Surya Kant (2 June)	Sheel Nagu, Shree Chandrashekhar, Sanjeev Sachdeva, Arun Palli and Sr Adv V. Mohana
Janez Janša	Prime Minister of Slovenia (4th term)	51 of 90 votes; succeeds Robert Golob
Abiy Ahmed	Prime Minister of Ethiopia (2nd term)	Prosperity Party won 438 of 501 seats
Jaime de la Espriella	President-elect of Colombia (2026–2030)	Beat left-wing Iván Cepeda in the run-off
Kunal Shah	Head of WhatsApp (global), Meta	CRED founder; stepped away as CRED CEO

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Next Chief of the Army Staff (from 30 June 2026)?	Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth
Q2. First Indian to be FATF Vice-President?	Vivek Aggarwal
Q3. President of the 81st UNGA?	Khalilur Rahman (Bangladesh)

10 AWARDS & HONOURS

Award	Recipient	Key facts
Padma Awards 2026 – investitures	131 awards: 5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan, 113 Padma Shri	Phase 1 – 66 (PV incl. Dharmendra (posthumous), Dr N. Rajam); Phase 2 – 65
Wolf Prize in Physics	Jainendra K. Jain	First person of Indian origin to win it – for composite fermions; presented by Isaac Herzog
Order of the White Double Cross (1st Class)	PM Narendra Modi	Slovakia's highest honour – by President Peter Pellegrini
Whitley Awards 2026 ('Green Oscars')	Parveen Shaikh & Dr Barkha Subba	Presented by Princess Anne in London; £50,000 each
The Earth Prize 2026	Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal, Avyana Mehta	First Indian team – 'Plas-Stick' from tamarind seed powder removes microplastics
EMBO Gold Medal 2026	Gautam Dey (EMBL Heidelberg)	Shared with Omayya Dudin; for the evolution of nuclear organisation
Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellows (Akademi Ratna)	7 incl. Rita Ganguly, Pasumarthi Rattaiah Sarma, Sudharani Raghupathy	Highest SNA honour – limited to 40 Fellows at a time

Award	Recipient	Key facts
Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026	Sudarsan Pattnaik	First Indian to win it – sculpture on global warming
National e-Governance Awards 2026 – Gold	Panchayat Advancement Index (MoPR)	₹10 lakh; e-Jagriti (consumer affairs) won Silver
FAO Soil Farmer Hero	Valluvan (Pollachi, Tamil Nadu)	Turned a loss-making coconut farm into agroforestry (Cauvery Calling)
Guinness World Record	MY Bharat – 3,90,812 completed an online quiz in a week	Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue Quiz
National Panchayat Awards 2025	42 panchayats	34 DDUPSVP (17 States/UTs) + 8 Nanaji Deshmukh awards

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. First person of Indian origin to win the Wolf Prize in Physics?	Jainendra K. Jain
Q2. Total Padma Awards 2026?	131 (5 PV, 13 PB, 113 PS)
Q3. What did the Earth Prize 2026-winning Indian team develop?	Plas-Stick (tamarind seed powder removes microplastics)

11 SPORTS

Cricket records – Sooryavanshi, Harmanpreet, Deepti	→ Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (born 27 March 2011) became the youngest ever picked for India – 15 years 71 days, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's 16 years 205 days (1989); he hit 65 sixes in IPL 2026 (Gayle's 59 was the old record) and an 11-ball List A fifty → Harmanpreet Kaur became the first cricketer (men or women) to play 200 T20 Internationals – vs South Africa at Old Trafford (Women's T20 World Cup 2026) → Deepti Sharma equalled Jhulan Goswami's 355 international wickets; Kane Williamson (NZ's top Test scorer, 9,515 runs) and Ben Stokes retired; ICC suspended Cricket Canada
FIFA World Cup 2026 & Indian football	→ First 48-team World Cup (USA, Canada, Mexico) – Lionel Messi became the first to play six World Cups, scored his first WC hat-trick vs Algeria and became the all-time top scorer (18, passing Miroslav Klose's 16) → Cristiano Ronaldo became the first to score in six World Cups (5–0 vs Uzbekistan) → India won the SAFF Women's Championship 2026 – a record 6th title – beating Bangladesh 3–1 at Margao (MVP Sanfida Nongrum)
Chess, badminton, tennis & F1	→ R. Praggnanandhaa – first Indian to win Norway Chess (beat Vincent Keymer in the final round) → Satwiksairaj Rankireddy–Chirag Shetty – first Indian pair to win the Singapore Open men's doubles (beat Fajar Alfian–Muhammad Shohibul Fikri) → French Open 2026 – Alexander Zverev (first Grand Slam, beat Flavio Cobolli) and Mirra Andreeva; Kimi Antonelli won the Monaco GP (5th straight win)
Indian medals & rankings – June	→ Esha Singh won women's 25 m pistol gold at the ISSF World Cup, Munich, with a world-record 43/50 in the final → Record 27 medals (11 gold) at the U-23 Asian Wrestling Championships (Da Nang); India won the Men's U-18 Hockey Asia Cup beating hosts Japan 4–1; India's women won the FIH Nations Cup (2–0 vs NZ) and promotion to the Pro League → Jaismine Lamboria and Minakshi Hooda reached World No. 1 in boxing; Chandigarh gets the Asian Relays 2027 and Bhubaneswar the Asian Indoor Athletics 2028; inaugural Indian Athletics Awards – Neeraj Chopra and Parul Chaudhary

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Age at which Vaibhav Sooryavanshi was picked for India?	15 years 71 days
Q2. First Indian to win Norway Chess?	R. Praggnanandhaa
Q3. Messi's World Cup goal tally (record)?	18

12 IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Key facts
1 Jun	World Milk Day	Started by FAO; first observed on 1 June 2001
1 Jun	Global Day of Parents	Proclaimed by UNGA in 2012
2 Jun	Telangana Formation Day	Telangana became India's 29th State on 2 June 2014
3 Jun	World Bicycle Day	Designated by UNGA on 12 April 2018; campaign by Prof. Leszek Sibilski
5 Jun	World Environment Day	First celebrated in 1974 at Spokane, USA; grew out of the 1972 Stockholm Conference
7 Jun	World Food Safety Day	Adopted by UNGA in December 2018; first observed in 2019 (WHO–FAO)
8 Jun	World Oceans Day	Proposed at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit; recognised by UNGA in 2008
12 Jun	World Day Against Child Labour	Launched by the ILO in 2002
13 Jun	International Albinism Awareness Day	UNGA resolution of 18 December 2014; first observed in 2015
14 Jun	World Blood Donor Day	Honours Karl Landsteiner, discoverer of the ABO blood groups; first celebrated in 2004, formalised by WHA-58 (2005)
15 Jun	Global Wind Day	First organised in 2007 by the European Wind Energy Association
15 Jun	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Started by INPEA in 2006; UNGA recognition in December 2011
17 Jun	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Declared by UNGA on 30 January 1995; UNCCD adopted on 17 June 1994
19 Jun	World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	Recognised by UNGA in 2008; first observed on 19 June 2009
21 Jun	International Day of Yoga	12th edition; theme "Yoga for Healthy Ageing"; first held in 2015
21 Jun	World Music Day	Also called Fête de la Musique ('Festival of Music')
21 Jun	World Hydrography Day	By the IHO; first observed in 2006; India an IHO member since 1955
23 Jun	International Widows' Day	Started by the Loomba Foundation in 2005; UNGA recognition in 2010
23 Jun	Olympic Day	First celebrated on 23 June 1948 by nine countries
26 Jun	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	UNGA Resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987
30 Jun	International Asteroid Day	Marks the Tunguska event over Siberia on 30 June 1908

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Asteroid Day (30 June) marks which event?	Tunguska event, 1908
Q2. When did the UN designate World Bicycle Day?	12 April 2018
Q3. Where was the first World Environment Day held (1974)?	Spokane, USA

13 OBITUARIES, BOOKS & MISCELLANEOUS

Obituaries – June	→ Dr Bashir Badr (91) – Urdu poet, Padma Shri and Sahitya Akademi Award 1999 ('Aas'); Suman Kalyanpur (89) – playback singer; Bharathiraja (85) and K. Bhagyaraj (73) – Tamil film-makers → Dr Subhash C. Kashyap (97) – Lok Sabha Secretary-General 1983–90; Lt Gen Vijay Oberoi (84) – ex-Vice Chief of Army Staff; Jaspal Rana (49) – shooter (Arjuna 1994, Dronacharya 2020) → François Englert (93) – 2013 Physics Nobel (Higgs mechanism, with Peter Higgs); David Hockney (88) – British artist; Gavri Devi (98) – Mand singer of 'Kesariya Balam'
Books & persons in news – June	→ PM Modi became India's longest continuously serving elected PM – 4,399 consecutive days, passing Jawaharlal Nehru's 4,398 (13 May 1952–27 May 1964) → 'The Second Orbit: Belief of a Man... Dreams of 1.4 billion Hearts' – memoir of Gp Capt Shubhanshu Shukla (Axiom-4), released by Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh → 'India's Olympic Gold: Hockey Triumph at Amsterdam' by K. Arumugam – released by P. T. Usha and Dilip Tirkey for the 98th anniversary of the 1928 gold

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Whose record did Modi pass as the longest continuously serving elected PM?	Jawaharlal Nehru's (4,398 days)
Q2. Nobel laureate (Higgs mechanism) who died in June 2026?	François Englert



14 LAST-MINUTE REVISION

The whole month in four tables – read this the night before the exam.

1. FIRSTS OF THE MONTH

First ...	What / Where
Nuclear process-heat hydrogen facility (world)	IGCAR, Kalpakkam
Passenger flex-fuel car	Maruti Suzuki Wagon R
Model Border Village	Chumur, Ladakh
Indigenous stratospheric balloon	VISTA – Vijayawada
Ethical-investing index	BSE Saatvik 100
University with 4 ISO certifications at once	Osmania University
Indian PM visit to Slovakia	PM Modi – Comprehensive Partnership
Indian to win Norway Chess	R. Praggnanandhaa
Cricketer to play 200 T20Is	Harmanpreet Kaur

2. NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Number	Meaning
₹16,000	Telangana minimum wage – unskilled (from 1 June)
₹13,600 crore	IRFC refinancing for Hyderabad Metro
8,000	Indira Mahila Shakti bhavans – foundation in one day
5.25%	Repo rate (unchanged, June MPC)
\$110.47 billion	Remittances FY26 – record
₹1.78 lakh crore	Defence production FY26 – record
100	India's Ramsar sites (Surha Tal)
13.15 km	Zojila Tunnel

3. RANKINGS & INDICES

Index	India / Top
Global Peace Index 2026	India 127/163; Iceland 1st
QS World University Rankings 2027	India 52 institutions (5th); MIT 1st
QS World Future Skills Index 2027	India 13th
SIDE 2026 (digital economy)	India 5th most digitalised
CPPI 2025	JNPA 22nd (best Indian); Fuzhou 1st

4. EXERCISES & DEFENCE

Name	Who / Where
KHAAN QUEST (23rd)	Multinational – Mongolia (JAT Regiment)
Pitch Black 2026	Air exercise – Australia (20 Jul–7 Aug)
INS Dunagiri	5th Project-17A frigate (GRSE)
BMD Phase-II	3 tests vs 5,000 km & 2,000 km targets
BrahMos export	Vietnam – 2nd buyer (~\$629 mn)

5. TELANGANA QUICK FACTS

Item	Fact
Formation	2 June 2014 – 29th State
Education budget 2026–27	₹26,674 crore (8.23%)
Metro Phase-II (proposed)	7 corridors, 122.9 km, ₹38,595 crore
Top temple revenue	Yadagirigutta ₹93.87 crore
Singareni	9 new mines planned

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01 TELANGANA

Telangana Formation Day (2 June) – CM's key claims: farmers	→ Crop-loan waiver up to ₹2 lakh at one go – ₹20,616 crore to ~25 lakh farmers → Rythu Bharosa: ₹27,529 crore paid so far; ₹8,744 crore credited within 9 days last Vanakalam; ₹5,700 crore this year → Total spend on agriculture & farmer welfare in 2.5 years: ₹1,56,496 crore; record foodgrain output 236.87 lakh MT (2025-26 estimate) → Paddy procurement ₹82,840 crore in 2.5 years; Yasangi status on 2 June: 63.65 lakh MT via 8,575 centres (₹11,903 crore) → Yasangi maize ~16 lakh acres, jowar ~4 lakh acres; Government spent ₹4,275 crore on maize and ₹1,154 crore on jowar purchase
Formation Day – welfare schemes in numbers	→ Mahalakshmi free bus travel: 308 crore+ trips by women, saving them ~₹10,696 crore → ₹500 LPG cylinder: 42.90 lakh families; Gruha Jyothi (200 units free power): 53.09 lakh households → Ration: 15.12 lakh new cards issued, 19.44 lakh members added – 3.38 crore people get fine rice (sanna biyyam) → Rajiv Aarogyasri cover raised from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh; ~₹11,000 crore on health infrastructure (Warangal Health City, TIMS at Sanathnagar, Alwal, LB Nagar, NIMS expansion, new Osmania building, 17 medical colleges)
Indiramma Houses – progress	→ First year: 4.50 lakh houses sanctioned with ₹22,500 crore; 1 lakh houses completed within 13 months → Remaining 2 lakh to be completed by 17 September (Praja Palana Day) → This year 3.50 lakh more sanctioned (1 lakh in core urban area + 2.50 lakh elsewhere); 2nd phase started at Kothari village, Kerameri mandal, Asifabad district
Women's empowerment – Indira Mahila Shakti	→ 553 Mandal Mahila Samakhya bought 553 buses (₹199.08 crore) and leased them to TGSRTC – ₹69,468 rent per bus per month (~₹3.84 crore/month in all); ₹20.34 crore earned so far; CM handed them over → Goal: make 1 crore women 'crorepatis'; foundation laid for 8,000 Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavans on one day → Interest-free loans of ₹60,000 crore given to SHGs so far (target ₹1 lakh crore)
Education & jobs (Formation Day speech)	→ 67,763 government posts filled – Group 1, 2, 3, 4, mega DSC, health; 562 Group-1 and 782 Group-2 officers got a foundation course before joining → 65 ITIs/polytechnics upgraded to Advanced Technology Centres; Young India Skill University – 1,190 trained, 838 placed → Pre-primary classes in 1,362 schools, 2,769 more this year; breakfast scheme in all government schools/colleges; mid-day meal extended to junior colleges → Diet charges +40%, cosmetic charges +212% in hostels; ₹706 crore works via Amma Adarsha school committees; Young India Police School set up at Manchirevula
Social justice & new laws	→ Country's first comprehensive caste survey (social, economic, education, employment, political); 59 SC castes sub-categorised into 3 groups and implemented → Law making children responsible for parents' maintenance – covers government employees and public representatives → Law for ~4 lakh gig workers' job and social security → Minimum wages notified for 73 employment categories pending 12 years – skilled +25.9%, unskilled +34.95% → Committee under K. Keshava Rao and Kodandaram to identify Telangana movement fighters

Government employees & anti-drug drive	→ ₹1 crore special insurance scheme for government employees; cashless Employees Health Scheme (EHS) through an Employees Health Care Trust → EAGLE (Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement) set up for a drug-free Telangana → 'Praja Palana – Pragathi Pranalika': 99-day statewide programme ★ Memory hook: EAGLE = Elite Action Group for drug Law Enforcement – Telangana's anti-drug force
CM's requests to PM Modi	→ Approve Hyderabad Metro Phase-2: 7 corridors, 122.9 km, ₹38,595 crore – as a Centre–State joint venture → Regional Ring Road: >90% land award done for north part; approve north & south (Choutuppal–Sangareddy) together; State bears 50% of land cost, ₹626 crore released to NHAI → Hyderabad–Amaravati–Bandar Port 12-lane expressway (120 m right of way) – port access for landlocked Telangana → Start Warangal airport (land handed to AAI); set up an IIM in Hyderabad (200 acres ready); help talks with Maharashtra on Godavari waters
Irrigation priorities	→ Revival of Pranahita–Chevella; plan to build Tummidihatti barrage after talks with Maharashtra → Restoration works started on Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages (Kaleshwaram)
Telangana Rising 2047 – CURE–PURE–RARE model	→ Goal: US\$ 1 trillion economy by 2034 and US\$ 3 trillion by 2047 → CURE (inside ORR): world-class services hub; GHMC reorganised into Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Malkajgiri corporations; police commissionerates – Hyderabad, Cyberabad, Malkajgiri and new Future City → PURE (between ORR and RRR): manufacturing hub; Bharat Future City – 30,000-acre greenfield smart city; Shamshabad as bullet-train hub → RARE (RRR to State borders): agriculture & agro-industries ★ Memory hook: CURE → PURE → RARE = inside ORR (services) → ORR to RRR (manufacturing) → beyond RRR (agriculture)
Investments & industry	→ Telangana Rising Global Summit (December, 2 days): investments of ~₹5.75 lakh crore → Safran–CFM International aero-engine MRO facility in Hyderabad; 23rd BioAsia 2026 held in Hyderabad → ~20% of India's GCCs are in Hyderabad; NASSCOM GCC Landscape 2026 – 50% of new BFSI GCCs chose Hyderabad → Next-Gen Life Sciences Policy (Davos): aim – a top-5 global life-sciences cluster by 2030, 5 lakh jobs; new Tourism Policy ~3 lakh jobs
Hyderabad: Metro, Musi, HYDRAA	→ State bought the Hyderabad Metro Rail from L&T – now a public asset; Phase-2 DPR (7 corridors, 122.9 km) sent to Centre → Musi rejuvenation Phase-1: Osman Sagar/Himayat Sagar to Gandhi Sarovar; Godavari Phase-2 & 3 to bring 2.5 TMC to the twin reservoirs → HYDRAA recovered 1,045+ acres of encroached lake/government land worth ~₹60,000 crore → Warangal airport: 950 acres handed to AAI; Warangal and Adilabad airports approved
Culture & temples	→ Gaddar Film Awards – State film awards revived after 10 years, named after people's singer Gaddar → Medaram Sammakka–Saralamma Jatara held grandly; development works at Yadagirigutta, Bhadrachalam, Vemulawada, Basara, Kaleshwaram → ₹1,000 crore for temples along the Godavari (Basara to Bhadrachalam) ahead of next year's Godavari Pushkaralu → Reconstruction of Omkareshwara temple at Manchirevula (1,200-year-old Veerabhadreshwara temple site)

BC reservations & police/women safety	→ Bills for 42% BC reservation in education, government jobs and local bodies approved → EAGLE anti-drug force backed by ~59,000 'anti-drug soldiers'; SHE Teams and T-SAFE for women's safety → Employees' salaries on the 1st of every month; extra ₹1,000 crore a month for pending bills
Telangana as a logistics destination	→ IT & Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu: Telangana 8th nationally in Export Preparedness Index, 2nd among landlocked States, 7th in merchandise exports → Logistics Policy 2.0 – multi-modal logistics parks, dry ports; Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Model Logistic Park → Malaysia (Penang) delegation led by Deputy CM Jagdeep Singh Deo – cooperation in semiconductors, electronics, AI
Solar power for women & farmers	→ Clean & Green Energy Policy 2025: 20,000 MW green power by 2030 → First women-SHG solar plant (₹3 crore) at Venkatapuram, Errupalem mandal (Khammam) dedicated by Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka – ₹4.5–5 lakh a month income → Kodangal and Bonakal mandals – pilot fully-solarised mandals; 81 model solar villages → Pilot: 40,349 rooftop 2 kW systems (7,938 done) and 16,078 agri pumps of 7.5 kW – ₹1,381 crore (State ₹944 crore); farmers ~₹1,600/month extra
Housing: 1 lakh houses on prime government land	→ Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy: 1 lakh LIG/MIG houses in the core urban area near where the poor live; women get ownership share of the land → Minimum house size 400 sq ft; Indiramma 2nd phase launched by CM at Kothaguda (Kothari GP), Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district
Bharat Future City – FCDA office opened	→ CM inaugurated the Future City Development Authority office at Meerhanpet on 10 June 2026 – ₹19 crore, 16,398 sq ft on 7.29 acres, built in 110 days → Future City: 765.28 sq km across 74 gram panchayats (56 revenue villages) in 7 mandals of Rangareddy; 37 more villages added (28 of Maheshwaram + 9 of Kandukur) → 330-ft greenfield radial road from ORR Exit 13 to Akuthotapally (19.4 km + 22.3 km); proposed 291 km greenfield expressway from Future City to Bandar port; ₹300 crore allotted → Young India Skill University and a separate Future City Police Commissionerate coming up; target 500+ industries
Indiramma houses – Adivasi focus	→ 3,500 houses per constituency (4.50 lakh statewide) + 21,000 extra for ITDA tribal areas – goal: no hut in any tribal hamlet → Minister Ponguleti: 1.25 lakh Indiramma houses completed; 2 lakh more in 2 months → SHG loan limit raised from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh; 1,000 buses allotted to women's groups
Government schools – 'branded' kits & Telangana Public School	→ Schools reopened on 15 June; ₹687.78 crore for branded uniforms, shoes, bags, belts, ties for ~27 lakh students → Uniform stitching given to women SHGs (₹75 per uniform, ~₹40 crore income); cloth orders to State handloom cooperative and TG Leather Industries Promotion Corporation → First Telangana Public School (TPS) opened at Arutla, Manchal mandal (Rangareddy) – ₹15 crore with TCS; nursery to Intermediate, English medium; 100 TPS planned → Arutla is the village of anti-Nizam fighters Arutla Ramachandra Reddy and Kamaladevi
Young India Student Kits & sports infrastructure	→ Kits for 27.5 lakh students in government & residential schools launched at LB Stadium by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and CM – gurukul students get 22 items, hostel students 10, day scholars 7 → Foundation for ₹50.73 crore sports infrastructure: ₹30.65 crore mini-stadiums in districts; ₹14.08 crore sports academies at Gachibowli and LB Stadium

Vana Mahotsavam 2026	→ CM launched it at Gurramguda Eco Park (Hayathnagar mandal, Rangareddy) – ₹17.84 crore urban forest park works + ₹17.66 crore eco works in other districts (total ₹35.50 crore) → Target: 16.06 crore saplings from 13,242 nurseries; 94% survival of last year's saplings; call – 'a sapling in the name of every newborn' → 424 acres 31 guntas at Gurramguda declared reserve forest after a Supreme Court win (102 acres recovered); Forest Minister Konda Surekha → Bharat Future City: 15,000 of its 30,000 acres as forest – 60% green cover; Musi to be developed for 55 km (Gandipet–Gowreli)
11th NITI Aayog Governing Council – CM's pitch	→ Held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, chaired by PM Modi; CM: education and health are the foundation for Viksit Bharat 2047 → Telangana's 2024 SEEEPC caste survey covered 3.55 crore people of 242 castes – showed education affects backwardness more than money or land → Young India Integrated Residential Schools in every constituency; Young India Skills University with Anand Mahindra, Srini Raju; Tata Group partnering to turn ITIs into technology centres → CM proposed an 'M-6 Task Force' under PMO for 6 big metros (Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru) with a ₹6 lakh crore fund (₹1 lakh crore each); University of London offshore campus in Hyderabad cited as a first win
Agriculture: Nalgonda sweet-orange revival	→ State citrus seminar at Nalgonda – Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy: batthayi area fell from 4 lakh acres to 40,000 acres; plan to restore it → Fine paddy bought with ₹500 bonus; Rythu Commission chairman: Kodanda Reddy
Endowments: promotions & archaka welfare	→ 26 Executive Officers promoted from Grade-2 to Grade-1; enhanced benefits from the Archaka & Employees Welfare Fund effective 1 April 2026 (Minister Konda Surekha)
Hyderabad Metro takeover – Centre–State talks	→ CM met Union Ministers Manohar Lal Khattar, Ashwini Vaishnaw and G. Kishan Reddy on Metro Phase-I takeover and Phase-II expansion → SBICAPS appointed consultant for Phase-I valuation, loan raising and Phase-II expansion; one Centre and one State officer to coordinate
ITIs → Advanced Technology Centres; CSR for schools	→ 65 ITIs converted to ATCs with Tata Technologies – ₹2,324 crore (State ₹307.96 crore, 13.26%; TTL ₹2,016.25 crore, 86.74%); MoU March 2024 → ATC seats 99% filled; first batch – 2,332 of 3,502 trainees got jobs → CSR MoUs for government schools: Raheja Group ₹50.50 crore (Kondapur campus), Ramky Foundation ₹19.66 crore (Jawaharnagar) + ₹10.4 crore (Thukkuguda), Yashoda Foundation ₹12.20 crore (Uppal)
Telangana Public Schools – pilot	→ 4 pilot TPS: Arutla and Manchal (Rangareddy), Vangoor and Polkampally (erstwhile Mahabubnagar); 100 TPS planned in phases → Arutla TPS has 1,814 students (nursery to Intermediate), 5 school buses; free breakfast, lunch, evening snacks → Telangana Education Commission chairman: Akunuri Murali
Women & child welfare decisions	→ Anganwadi teachers/helpers who resigned to contest local-body polls and lost can be re-appointed (if post not yet filled) – Minister Seethakka → State-level mock assembly of teenage girls held at the old Legislative Council building, Hyderabad (via SERP; CEO Divya Devarajan)
Record paddy procurement 2025-26	→ Kharif + Rabi: 150 lakh MT – highest in the history of Telangana and united AP; MSP of ₹35,077 crore paid to farmers → Rabi: 75 lakh MT (61.47 common + 13.53 fine) for ₹17,917 crore – Telangana = 61% of India's rabi paddy procurement (AP 25.03, TN 12.78, Maharashtra 5 lakh MT); Centre's target was only 52 lakh MT → Centres: 8,448 (Kharif), 8,575 (Rabi) – largest network in India; 3,000+ new centres in 2 years; 12,557 MT wet paddy bought with payment within 12 hours → Civil Supplies Minister: Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy

Free accident insurance for government employees	→ ₹1.25 crore accident cover (₹2–3 crore for air accidents) at zero cost to Government or employees – arranged through banks → ₹10 lakh life cover for employees aged 18–60; extended to contract and outsourcing staff paid through government records; cashless health scheme via a Trust (Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka)
Hut-free Telangana & roof replacement	→ Indiramma 2nd phase: 2.50 lakh houses (2,000 per constituency); hut-dwellers get first priority; ~75,000 applied as hut-dwellers in Praja Palana → Roof Replacement scheme: up to ₹2 lakh for an RCC slab for families living under tarpaulin/tin/asbestos roofs; Beneficiary-Led Construction (BLC); G+1 allowed on small plots in towns
Education push & sports academies	→ 8.5% of the budget for education – ₹26,600 crore; Young India Sports University set up targeting future Olympics; German and Japanese taught alongside English → 'Anna-Akka Mentorship' programme launched with Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla → FIFA-AIFF Telangana Talent Academy (₹5.70 crore each for boys and girls) at Gachibowli; hockey, athletics, handball and football academies at Gachibowli & LB Stadium
Culture: Telangana Sanskritika Sarathi	→ Minister Jupally Krishna Rao: ID cards to 9,000 artists in phases; Sarathi artists to get salaries on the 1st like employees; 'Prabhata Bheri' awareness programme → Sarathi chairperson: Vennela Gaddar
Hyderabad in science & space news	→ Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace launched Vikram-1 (Mission Aagaman) – India's first private orbital rocket; India 3rd after USA, China → CSIR-IICT Hyderabad developed India's first indigenous HFO-1234yf green-refrigerant technology → TDB (DST) funded K. N. Biosciences, Hyderabad, to produce natural blue pigment C-Phycocyanin from Spirulina → Dr. Jitendra Singh opened 4 R&D facilities at CSIR-IICT incl. a 500 KLD effluent plant for the Siripuram handloom cluster; NIRDPR (Hyderabad) recognised by NCVET as a dual Awarding Body
Telangana in national news (July 2026)	→ 2nd BRICS Science Academies Forum held at IIT Hyderabad – theme "Harnessing AI for Sustainable Development and Strengthening Global South Cooperation"; '3C' AI approach: Collective, Collaborative, Context-sensitive → Coal Ministry (Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Secunderabad MP) released 'AAROH' – India's first report on scientific mine closure (42 coal mines closed) → South Central Railway (HQ Secunderabad, est. 1966): ₹163 crore 2×25 kV traction upgrade on Parbhani–Mudkhed section → Hyderabad fintech VIYONA got Bharat Connect (BBPS) approval as a Customer Operating Unit; IRDAI is headquartered in Hyderabad → Raghu Vamsi Aerospace (Hyderabad) announced ₹600 crore nickel-superalloy plant in Telangana at Farnborough Airshow 2026; Azad Engineering (Hyderabad) is GTRE's partner for India's first 350 kg turbojet
Koheda Integrated Fruit Market – India's largest	→ Foundation laid by CM at Koheda (Rangareddy) – 179 acres, ₹2,284 crore; operations targeted by December 2026 → Features: cold storage, digital auction, grading/packing/processing units, export customs facility, AI-based services, solar panels → Plan: raise State's fruit trade from 4.65 lakh tonnes to 13.61 lakh tonnes by 2047; tomato-sauce unit planned at Kandukur
Changing crop pattern (2013-14 vs 2024-25) & Rythu Commission	→ Paddy area: 49.28 lakh → 1.27 crore acres; oil palm 33,742 → 2,43,498 acres → Fell sharply: fruit orchards 9.11 lakh → 4.49 lakh; vegetables 5.52 lakh → 1.03 lakh; turmeric 1.52 lakh → 42,246; total horticulture 19.82 lakh → 12.46 lakh → Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Commission (chairman M. Kodanda Reddy) gave its crop-diversification report to the CM on 5 May 2026 after studying Kerala and Nashik models
SC/ST (PoA) awareness – Narayanpet	→ Minister Vakiti Srihari at the district Vigilance & Monitoring Committee: spread awareness of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act; pending compensation to be cleared

Ambedkar Knowledge Centre & Jagjivan Ram Knowledge Centre	→ Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Knowledge Centre near Lower Tank Bund – ₹110 crore (cellar + ground + 10 floors); ₹50 crore in this budget – study circles, digital library → Nimboliadda SC hostel (Kachiguda) to be modernised for ₹25 crore and named 'Babu Jagjivan Ram Knowledge Centre' → Ambedkar Knowledge Centres in every constituency with free online coaching for competitive exams (Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka)
Singareni rescue team – world champions	→ Won 1st prize in the Underground Mines Rescue category at the International Mines Rescue Competition in Zambia – beating China, Canada, Australia, Poland, Colombia; felicitated by Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka
Telangana – South Africa: medical tourism & investment	→ South African Deputy President Paul Mashatile met CM Revanth Reddy – cooperation in medical tourism, education, skills, industry → CM invited South Africa to the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2026 in December
Women SHGs – more numbers	→ 553 buses flagged off at Secunderabad Parade Grounds; SHGs got ₹61,000 crore+ in loans and ~₹2,000 crore interest subsidy → 106 commerce centres for SHG products; plan for 1,000 MW solar capacity through SHGs; 12 lakh+ women in literacy programmes
Tungabhadra – three-State consensus	→ CMs of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana agreed to protect farmers' interests and desilt the Tungabhadra basin → Tungabhadra: right-bank tributary of the Krishna; formed by Tunga and Bhadra at Kudli (Shivamogga); flows ~531 km, part of the Telangana border, joins Krishna at Sangameswaram; reservoir – Pampa Sagar ★ Memory hook: Tunga + Bhadra meet at Kudli → Tungabhadra → joins Krishna at Sangameswaram
Palamuru projects – Jadcherla meeting	→ CM at the Praja Palana–Pragathi Pranalika meeting in Jadcherla: ₹8,000 crore spent on Palamuru projects in 30 months; goal – irrigate 26 lakh acres; Palamuru–Rangareddy lift for 90 TMC → Education hub being built at Kodangal

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Up to how much was the one-time crop-loan waiver?	₹2 lakh (₹20,616 crore, ~25 lakh farmers)
Q2. Telangana's share in India's rabi paddy procurement 2025-26?	61% (75 lakh MT)
Q3. What does CURE stand for in the Telangana Rising 2047 model?	Area inside ORR – services hub
Q4. Telangana's target economy size by 2034?	US\$ 1 trillion (US\$ 3 trillion by 2047)
Q5. Where is the Future City Development Authority office?	Meerkhanpet (Rangareddy) – opened 10 June 2026
Q6. Where was the first Telangana Public School opened?	Arutla, Manchal mandal (Rangareddy)
Q7. What is EAGLE in Telangana?	Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement
Q8. Where is India's largest integrated fruit market coming up?	Koheda (Rangareddy) – 179 acres, ₹2,284 crore
Q9. Which Hyderabad firm launched India's first private orbital rocket?	Skyroot Aerospace – Vikram-1
Q10. Where did Singareni's rescue team win the world title?	International Mines Rescue Competition, Zambia

02 NATIONAL

VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 in force – 125 days' work	→ Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 in force from 1 July 2026 → Rural wage-employment guarantee raised from 100 to 125 days per household per year → Launched from Mukkavaripalli village, Tirupati district (AP) by Shivraj Singh Chouhan; interim allocation ₹95,692.31 crore ★ Memory hook: VB-G RAM G replaced the 100-day guarantee with 125 days (from 1 July 2026)
Bharat Taxi – cooperative ride platform	→ Launched by Amit Shah (Home & Cooperation Minister) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat → Drivers ("Sarathis") become shareholders; vision "Sahakar Se Samridhi"; bikes, autos and taxis
PM Family Care Tracker (PM-FCT) pilot	→ Launched by Amit Shah in Gandhinagar; tracks a child from pregnancy to 18 years → Linked to Birth Registration Number or ABHA ID; covers ~18 schemes (PMMVY, JSY, PM POSHAN, SSY etc.)
Health: SSBK and 'Ayushman Sarathi'	→ Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram – home care for children from birth to 36 months; merges HBNC and HBYC; launched by J.P. Nadda → Ayushman Sarathi – official WhatsApp chatbot of AB PM-JAY (by NHA) for eligibility, card download and e-KYC
Bureau of Port Security (BoPS) set up	→ Apex regulator for security of ships and ports (incl. cyber) under the Ports, Shipping & Waterways Ministry → Modelled on BCAS; DG Shipping renamed Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA); interim DG Shyam Jagannathan
Unemployment at 8-year low	→ NSO: unemployment rate 3.1% in 2025 – lowest in 8 years → Highest urban female unemployment: Arunachal Pradesh 18.4%, Himachal Pradesh 18.3%
EPF Scheme, 2026 – new withdrawal rule	→ In force from 29 June 2026; members must keep at least 25% of the EPF balance before a partial withdrawal → EPFO: est. 1952, Ministry of Labour and Employment
NCW Women Helpline 14490	→ 24x7 toll-free helpline for women (18+) – domestic violence, harassment, dowry etc.; integrated with 7827170170 → NCW: est. 1992 under NCW Act 1990; Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar ★ Memory hook: Women's helpline = 14490 (NCW), linked to 7827170170
Police/cyber: Gujarat's 'Operation Surakshit Cyberspace'	→ 28-day statewide drive (1–28 July 2026) for cyber safety of women and children; coordinated by CID Crime–Women Cell
Govt pauses WhatsApp Username rollout	→ Centre asked Meta to pause the feature (contact without sharing phone number) and explain privacy/security within 3 days
Digital services: e-OCI card, Aadhaar email update	→ Electronic OCI card – digital OCI proof on smartphone for travel → UIDAI: add/update email ID via Aadhaar App from 1 July 2026, free for 6 months; UIDAI CEO Saurabh Vijay
India's first offshore airport – Maharashtra	→ In-principle approval off the coast of Palghar district to serve the Mumbai Metropolitan Region; ~4.75 km from the proposed Uttan–Virar Sea Link
AIR SUVIDHA 2.0 for Ebola (Bundibugyo) outbreak	→ Contactless passenger health self-declaration portal (Civil Aviation Ministry & DIAL) → WHO declared the Bundibugyo Virus Disease outbreak in DR Congo and Uganda a PHEIC on 17 May 2026
New GI tags – West Bengal & Himachal Pradesh	→ West Bengal (Hooghly): Chandannagar Jalbhara Sandesh, Janai's Manohara, Balagarh wooden (Dingi) boats → Himachal (8 new, total 17): Spiti Seabuckthorn, Salooni white maize, Chamba metal art, Sirmauri Loiya, Kinnauri Topi, Sepuvadi of Mandi, Kinnauri Apple, Kinnauri jewellery
Semiconductor: CG Semi OSAT at Sanand	→ PM Modi inaugurated the CG Semi Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test facility at Sanand, Gujarat (Semicon India Programme)

Delhi: 'Clean Air, Healthy Delhi' & Mission Kayakalp	→ ₹8,300 crore 7-year clean-air project (Sept 2026–Aug 2033); World Bank 65%, Delhi Govt 35%; aligned with NCAP (2019) → Mission Kayakalp – modernising government schools; CM Rekha Gupta
Syama Prasad Mookerjee – 125th birth anniversary	→ Born 6 July 1901, Calcutta; first Minister for Industry and Supply (Nehru cabinet) → Youngest Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University (1934, age 33)
Akashvani at 90 – 'Swar Prerna Veethika'	→ Permanent photo gallery of legendary musicians, inaugurated by Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia; radio centenary in 2027
Nasha Mukht Bharat Saptah concludes	→ Concluding event at Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar led by Dr. Virendra Kumar → Theme: "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan – Viksit Bharat Ki Pehchaan"; linked to 26 June (anti-drug day)
MECON gets Miniratna Category-I	→ Steel Ministry CPSE, est. 1959, HQ Ranchi (Jharkhand); status granted 1 July 2026
EPFO 3.0 reforms & CITES 2.01	→ Online advance claims settled in 3 working days; auto-settlement limit raised from ₹1 lakh to ₹5 lakh → CITES 2.01 merges ~34 crore accounts from 120+ databases into one national system (launched by Mansukh Mandaviya) → PF interest for 2025-26 at 8.25% (~₹1.44 lakh crore) to be credited by 15 July 2026
AISHE 2022-23 & 2023-24 reports	→ Higher-education enrolment at an all-time high of 4.5 crore (2023-24), up 31.5% from 3.42 crore in 2014-15 → Released by the Union Ministry of Education
Ministry of Cooperation – 5th Foundation Day	→ Amit Shah announced a Cooperative Life Insurance Company and expansion of Bharat Taxi → India has 26 life insurance companies
Onion buffer procurement price raised 13%	→ ₹1,875 → ₹2,125 per quintal from 4 July 2026 (5th hike this season) → Procurement by NAFED (est. 1958) and NCCF for the Price Stabilisation Buffer
PM in Rajasthan: Jodhpur terminal & Modified UDAN	→ ₹480 crore new terminal at Jodhpur Airport (2 million passengers a year) → Launched the Modified UDAN scheme (UDAN began 2016 under National Civil Aviation Policy; implemented by AAI)
29th National Conference on e-Governance, Jaipur	→ Organised by DARPG with MeitY and Rajasthan Govt → Theme: "Viksit Bharat 2047: AI-enabled, Data-driven & Secure Digital Governance"
PRAGATI – regenerative agriculture initiative	→ Launched by Shivraj Singh Chouhan; to empower 20,000 rural agri-entrepreneurs and 20 lakh small/marginal farmers
TribeX – digital platform for tribal heritage	→ India's first digital learning platform for tribal arts, culture and languages; launched by Jual Oram at Bhubaneswar
LoA regime for high-seas fishing	→ Letter of Authorisation lets Indian vessels fish in the EEZ and high seas through a simple approval process – boost to Blue Economy
Biodiversity: 21st Designated Repository & HWC centre	→ Natural History Museum, Mizoram University (Aizawl) notified as India's 21st Designated Repository under Section 39, Biological Diversity Act 2002 → Centre of Excellence on Human-Wildlife Conflict and National HWC Portal launched at WII-SACON, Coimbatore
Ahmedabad Miyawaki Guinness record	→ 3,61,000 saplings planted in one hour (12 July 2026) at Bhadaj, Ahmedabad – largest Miyawaki drive in an hour
Ports: Kamarajar 18 m draft; Navi Mumbai drug-import port	→ Kamarajar Port (Tamil Nadu) – 2nd major port with 18 m operational draft, after Visakhapatnam → Navi Mumbai International Airport notified for drug imports under Rule 43A, Drugs Rules 1945 – total ports of entry now 42

3rd NAMASTE Day	→ Marks 3 years of National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem – mechanised sewer cleaning, end manual scavenging; main event Kolkata
ICMR high-altitude medicine centre, Keylong	→ ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research at Keylong, Himachal Pradesh → ICMR: began 1911 as Indian Research Fund Association; renamed 1949
State roundup – schemes & policies	→ UP: Jalalabad (Shahjahanpur) renamed Parashurampuri; Data Centre Policy 2026 (2 GW, ₹2 lakh crore); 'Guru Dakshina' cashless medical scheme for teachers → Haryana: Sirsa Kinnow – state's first fruit with a GI tag → Gujarat: first air-filled rubber dams (South Korean tech) on Heran and Ambika rivers; Data Centre Policy 2026-29 → West Bengal: 16 August to be 'Ayushman Diwas' (instead of 'Khela Hobe Diwas'); ₹313.3 crore under PM Cha Shramik Protsahan Yojana for tea workers → Jharkhand: AI Policy 2026-31 roadmap; Delhi: Pink Saheli Smart Card mandatory for women's free bus travel from 1 August 2026
Semicon 2.0 & Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme	→ Cabinet approved Semicon 2.0 with ₹1,27,500 crore (₹1.275 lakh crore) outlay – builds on Semicon 1.0 → Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS): ₹62,500 crore, FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31, performance-linked incentives
Other Cabinet/industry decisions	→ National Investment Policy for Urea-2026 (NIPU-2026) for new gas-based urea plants; replaces NIP-2012 → Final-phase global bids for 10 GWh ACC battery capacity under the ₹18,100 crore PLI scheme
Central Vista renamed Kartavya Bhawan Area	→ Announced by Housing & Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal on CPWD Foundation Day; "Central Vista" not to be used officially
Ladakh – Hill Councils in every district	→ Centre proposed Autonomous Hill Development Councils in all districts under an Article 371-type framework → Now only Leh and Kargil; new districts: Sham, Nubra, Changthang, Zaskar, Drass
India–Oman CEPA in force	→ Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement in force from 1 June 2026; DGFT notified Tariff Rate Quota allocation procedure → DGFT: est. 1991; DG Lav Aggarwal
India's first Index of Services Production (trial)	→ By MoSPI; base year 2024-25; monthly indicator like IIP for services → Covers 19 sub-sectors (~60% of services, which form >50% of GVA)
Supreme Court: uniform benefits for retired HC judges	→ Centre told to form a committee within 2 weeks for a uniform post-retirement benefits policy → Bench: CJI Surya Kant, Justices V. Mohan and Joymalya Bagchi – unequal benefits violate equality and dignity
Urban Challenge Fund – Ahmedabad projects	→ 6 projects worth ₹2,719.80 crore approved for Ahmedabad → UCF: centrally sponsored, ₹1 lakh crore central assistance (FY 2025-26 to 2030-31); Centre 25%, cities ≥50% via bonds/loans/PPP, rest 25% by States/ULBs
EPFO 'VISHWAS 2026' dispute-settlement scheme	→ One-time scheme for damages/penalty disputes under Section 14B of the EPF Act 1952 and Section 128 of the Code on Social Security 2020
Culture: Shabdlok language museum	→ India's first immersive language museum ("Museum of Words") at the National Library, Kolkata; inaugurated by Amit Shah; set up by the Ministry of Culture
Transport: Kolkata driverless metro, NHAI digital pass	→ Kolkata Metro to run GoA-4 driverless trains on Green and Purple lines (after Delhi, Bengaluru); India's first metro (24 October 1984) → NHAI: Digital Local Pass (monthly toll pass online) and MargMitra Help Centre on the RajmargYatra app → Delhi approved MoRTH's 'Parivartan' scheme – replace BS-IV/older commercial vehicles with BS-VI or EVs

ICAR 98th Foundation Day	→ Roadmap "Viksit Krishi and Samruddh Kisan": 100 Climate Smart Villages, technologies to 10 crore farmers → ICAR: est. 16 July 1929; DG Dr. M. L. Jat
Health infra: PGIMER Chandigarh	→ PM inaugurated Advanced Mother & Child Centre and Advanced Neurosciences Centre; foundation for 150-bed critical care block under PM-ABHIM
NITI Aayog: Bioeconomy roadmap 2035	→ "Roadmap for Building India as a Leading Bioeconomy Powerhouse by 2035" by NITI Frontier Tech Hub; launched by Dr. Jitendra Singh → NITI Aayog: est. 1 January 2015 (replaced Planning Commission); Anurag Jain appointed new CEO later in July
State roundup – II	→ Karnataka: India's first government-driven AI University (announced at Google I/O Connect, Bengaluru) → Gujarat: Unjha Cumin and Unjha Fennel (Mehsana) get GI tags → Maharashtra: to implement National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) – "One Nation One Application" → Chhattisgarh: Mukhyamantri Swasth Bastar Abhiyan (from 14 April 2026, Sukma) → Tamil Nadu: Killai (Cuddalore, near Pichavaram mangroves) – state's first climate-resilient village → UP: Kaushal Setu & Kaushal Sarathi skill portals; Mini Nandi dairy scheme (50% subsidy up to ₹11.80 lakh)
Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026	→ Passed by Lok Sabha (voice vote) after Cabinet approval – amends the 2024 Act on paper leaks → Unfair means: 3–5 years → 5–10 years' jail; max fine ₹10 lakh → ₹50 lakh → Service providers: fine ₹1 crore → ₹5 crore, debarment 4 → 8 years; organised crime: 7–10 years, fine up to ₹10 crore → Separate 6-member Exam Security Task Force chaired by Nandan Nilekani ★ Memory hook: Paper leak law: 3–5 → 5–10 yrs; organised crime 7–10 yrs & ₹10 crore; service provider debarred 8 yrs
Madhya Pradesh Cabinet approves UCC Bill, 2026	→ MP becomes the 4th State after Uttarakhand, Gujarat and Assam to adopt a UCC framework → UCC rests on Article 44 (Directive Principles – non-justiciable) ★ Memory hook: UCC order: Uttarakhand → Gujarat → Assam → Madhya Pradesh (4th); basis = Article 44 (DPSP)
I4C orders GitHub to remove 'Bitchat'	→ Order of 23 July 2026 under Section 79(3)(b) of IT Act 2000 and Rule 3(1)(d) of IT Rules 2021 – national-security concerns → Bitchat (by Jack Dorsey) is a decentralised app using Bluetooth Low Energy mesh – works without internet
Gujarat's e-Zero FIR for cyber financial fraud	→ Victims can lodge complaints without visiting a police station – faster investigation and money recovery
Railways: 99.6% broad-gauge electrification	→ India is the world's 2nd most electrified rail network after Switzerland (100%); ahead of China (82%) → 48,072 route km electrified since 2014 vs 21,801 km in the previous 6 decades
India joins WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement	→ India became the 123rd member to accept it; adopted at MC12 (Geneva, June 2022), in force since 15 September 2025 → WTO: est. 1995, 166 members, DG Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
President Murmu – 4 years; Gandhi statue in Skopje	→ Unveiled Mahatma Gandhi statue at the Museum of the City of Skopje, North Macedonia → Completed 4 years in office: e-Audio Guide for Rashtrapati Bhavan (16 languages + sign language), 3rd edition of e-Upahaar auction
India's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone – Gwalior	→ 350 acres, plug-and-play; Centre gives ₹493 crore (100%) for core infrastructure in Phase I → 10th India Mobile Congress: 7–10 October 2026, Yashobhoomi, New Delhi – theme "Scale without Boundaries"

Cotton – India's 'White Gold' factsheet	→ India is 1st in cotton area (114.84 lakh ha, ~38% of world); 2nd largest producer and consumer → 2025-26 output (provisional) 290.91 lakh bales ; CCI est. 1970
Mission Golden Spice – Lakadong turmeric	→ ₹175.45 crore mission (2025–2030) to make Meghalaya's Lakadong turmeric a global premium spice; under DoNER's USP initiative
State roundup – III	→ Maharashtra: India's first AI-powered bird sanctuary at Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary (₹45 crore; TCFS declared 2015) → Delhi: Delhi Lakshmi Yojana – ₹2,500 a month for eligible women (₹5,110 crore) → Chhattisgarh: DWEEPTI Yojana – country's first women-led distributed renewable energy policy → Odisha: HCLTech AI data centre at Odisha Sovereign AI Park , Bhubaneswar (₹15,000 crore) → Uttarakhand: radio-collaring elephants before Haridwar Kumbh 2027; Gujarat: Kalpasar (Gulf of Khambhat) freshwater reservoir project → Assam: first export of Purabi ice cream to Bhutan
Inter-State water agreements	→ Narmada: MP, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra signed a payment agreement on Sardar Sarovar and Indira Sagar cost-sharing as per the NWDT Award (in presence of Amit Shah, C. R. Patil) → Yamuna: Rajasthan–Haryana agreement ends a ~30-year dispute – Rajasthan to get ~580 MCM via underground pipeline from Western Yamuna Canal (as per 1994 MoU)
Rural telecom survey by DoP–TRAI	→ India's largest rural mobile network survey across 5.68 lakh villages (Airtel, Jio, Vi, BSNL) → TRAI: est. 1997, Chairperson Anil Kumar Lahoti
Apps & portals launched	→ FCRA 2.0 Portal and e-OCI Card – launched by Amit Shah → Aarogya Setu 2.0 – now a Personal Health Record app under ABDM; transferred from MeitY to NHA → Unified Mission Vatsalya Portal (TrackChild module) for child protection – MoWCD → Coal Exchange registration portal (Coal Controller Organisation) – G. Kishan Reddy → e-VSP portal for Hindi legal literature; online Notary Public application module (Notaries Act 1952) – Arjun Ram Meghwal → Atmanirbhar Panchayat Programme, SAMARTH Panchayat Portal and Model Own Source Revenue Rules – MoPR → Aadhaar App crossed 4 crore (40 million) downloads

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Question	Answer
Q1. Under VB-G RAM G Act, how many days of rural wage work are guaranteed?	125 days (earlier 100)
Q2. New minimum jail term for using unfair means in public exams?	5 years (5–10 years; earlier 3–5)
Q3. NCW's new 24×7 women helpline number?	14490
Q4. Which State became the 4th to approve a UCC Bill?	Madhya Pradesh (after Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Assam)
Q5. Central Vista has been renamed as?	Kartavya Bhawan Area
Q6. Under which IT Act section did I4C order removal of 'Bitchat'?	Section 79(3)(b)
Q7. India's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone will be at?	Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh)
Q8. Outlay of Semicon 2.0?	₹1,27,500 crore
Q9. India became which member of the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement?	123rd
Q10. Rail electrification: India ranks 2nd after which country?	Switzerland (100%)

03 INTERNATIONAL

India's UNSC bid for 2028-29 – 'SHANTI'	→ EAM S. Jaishankar launched India's candidature for non-permanent membership at UN HQ, New York → SHANTI = Securing Holistic Advancement through Norms, Trust and Integrity
PM Modi at Prambanan, Indonesia	→ Visited Prambanan temple complex (Yogyakarta) with President Prabowo Subianto; ASI to lead its conservation and restoration
India backs Palestine's full UN membership	→ Reaffirmed support for a two-state solution and announced a new aid package → UNRWA: est. 1949; Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini
India–EU 3rd Trade and Technology Council	→ Held in Brussels; focus on AI, semiconductors, EVs, clean energy and resilient supply chains
India chairs UNCTAD consumer-protection experts	→ India chaired the 9th session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy (Geneva) → India–Mali Forum for the Promotion of Exports launched in Bamako
Sarnath – India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site	→ Inscribed at the 48th World Heritage Committee session in Busan, South Korea → UP's 4th WHS after Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri; on Tentative List since 1998 → World Heritage Convention adopted 1972; India ratified in 1977 ★ Memory hook: Sarnath = India's 45th WHS; UP's 4th (after Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri)
16th India–Japan Annual Summit	→ Japanese PM Sanae Takaichi visited India (1–3 July 2026); 16 key outcomes – AI, economic security, critical minerals, clean energy
PM Modi's 3-nation tour – Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand	→ New Zealand (10–11 July 2026): first visit by an Indian PM in 40 years; hosted by PM Christopher Luxon in Auckland
President Murmu's visit – Moldova, North Macedonia, Romania	→ State visits 19–25 July 2026 → Capitals: Chişinău (Moldova), Skopje (North Macedonia), Bucharest (Romania)
India–UK CETA in force from 15 July 2026	→ Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement and Double Contribution Convention both in force from 15 July 2026 → EU–India Textile & Apparel Dialogue launched (CITI–EURATEX) at Bharat Tex 2026 to support the India–EU FTA
Global AI governance moves	→ First UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance (Geneva, 6–7 July 2026) – India (MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh) pushed "AI for All" → UN Independent International Scientific Panel on AI (40 members; co-chairs Yoshua Bengio, Maria Ressa) issued first assessment → ITU's AI for Good Global Commission (44 founding members) includes Mukesh Ambani, Sunil Bharti Mittal, Lakshmi N. Mittal
Codex Alimentarius – CAC49	→ Geneva, 6–11 July 2026: 7 standards developed under India's (co-)chairmanship adopted; new work on a Codex standard for cashew kernels → Indian delegation led by FSSAI CEO Rajit Punhani
World news snapshot	→ France: first EU nation to ban social media for children under 15 → UAE: first inter-emirate Etihad Rail passenger trial (Fujairah–Abu Dhabi); services from 30 September 2026 → Ukraine + 9 European nations formed an Anti-ballistic Missile Coalition (announced at Coalition of the Willing Summit, Paris) → Zanzibar President Hussein Ali Mwinyi visited India (17–20 July); IIT Madras Zanzibar is India's first international IIT campus

3rd India–Australia Annual Summit (Melbourne)	→ 18 agreements: Joint Declaration on Defence & Security Cooperation, Maritime Security Cooperation Roadmap, Energy Security declaration, civil nuclear administrative arrangement → Launched PACTS – Australia-India Partnership for Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains (5 pillars) → India–Australia Roadmap for Sports Collaboration – ahead of CWG 2030 (Ahmedabad) and Brisbane 2032 Olympics
India–New Zealand: Strategic Partnership	→ Ties upgraded; Strategic Partnership Roadmap 2030; 10 agreements incl. Navy–NZDF logistics support → Target: double trade to NZD 7 billion by 2030; new Maritime Security Dialogue
India–Seychelles: 19 agreements	→ PM Modi's visit (talks with President Patrick Herminie in Victoria); India reaffirmed MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) → Defence aid: indigenous Fast Patrol Vessel, refit of PS Zoroaster, Dornier upgrade
Treaties in force: Israel BIA, Sri Lanka DTAA	→ India–Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement in force 4 July 2026 (signed 8 September 2025); local-remedies period cut from 5 to 3 years → India–Sri Lanka DTAA amended with Principal Purpose Test (OECD BEPS) – in force 19 June 2026, applies to income from 1 April 2027 → India–UK CETA aims to raise bilateral trade to USD 100 billion by 2030
Places in news – World (map points)	→ Colombia – Abelardo de la Espriella won the presidential election; only South American country on both the Caribbean and the Pacific; capital Bogotá → Greece – UPI services launched (Eurobank–NIPL); Mount Olympus (2,917 m, highest peak) nominated for UNESCO World Heritage → Seychelles – PM Modi was Guest of Honour at its Golden Jubilee National Day; capital Victoria → Gulf of Aden – INS Trikand foiled a piracy attempt on MV Golden Arsenal → South China Sea – China again rejected the 2016 Permanent Court of Arbitration ruling (10th anniversary) → Indonesia – 15-month celebration (2026–27) of the centenary of Rabindranath Tagore's 1927 visit → Teesta – Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman signed with China for a feasibility study of the Teesta River project

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Question	Answer
Q1. Sarnath is India's which UNESCO World Heritage Site?	45th (UP's 4th)
Q2. India's vision name for its UNSC 2028-29 bid?	SHANTI
Q3. India–UK CETA came into force on?	15 July 2026
Q4. Which country first banned social media for under-15s in the EU?	France
Q5. Maritime vision India reaffirmed in Seychelles?	MAHASAGAR
Q6. Where was the 3rd India–Australia Annual Summit held?	Melbourne
Q7. Which Indian warship foiled piracy in the Gulf of Aden?	INS Trikand

04 ECONOMY, BANKING & BUSINESS

RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme 2026 (RB-IOS)	→ In force from 1 July 2026; replaces the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021 → Free, fast, non-adversarial redress of complaints against RBI-regulated entities → Follows "One Nation, One Ombudsman" – complaint can be filed irrespective of location
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RBI Financial Stability Report (July 2026)	→ Gross NPA of Scheduled Commercial Banks at a multi-decade low of 1.8% (March 2026) → Stress test: GNPA may rise marginally to 1.9% by March 2028 (baseline) → Flags geopolitical fragmentation and rapid AI growth as emerging risks; RBI Governor: Sanjay Malhotra
Cabinet: ₹30,000 crore more for NIIF	→ Government commitment to National Investment and Infrastructure Fund rises from ₹30,000 crore to ₹60,000 crore → NIIF is India's sovereign-anchored fund, managed by NIIF Ltd; Government holds 49%
100% FDI in insurance – first new licences	→ Insurance FDI cap raised from 74% to 100% (automatic route) in Union Budget 2026-27 → IRDAI approved 2 new general insurance licences; IRDAI Chairman: Ajay Seth; HQ Hyderabad (est. 1999) → Prudential HCL Health Insurance (Prudential 70%, HCL 30%) licensed as standalone health insurer – total SAHI companies now 8
IRDAI curbs 'Dark Patterns' in digital insurance	→ Dark patterns = deceptive app/website designs (hidden charges, hard cancellation, forced data sharing) → IRDAI tied up with the Institute of Public Auditors of India to monitor platforms for 9 months
RBI draft rules: money markets & G-Secs	→ Term Money Market opened to AIFs, eligible NBFCs/HFCs (borrow & lend) and companies (lend only) → Retail investors may trade Government Securities through demat accounts (NDS-OM / Stock Broker Connect); minimum ₹10,000
India's external debt – end-March 2026	→ US\$ 762.8 billion (up US\$ 26.3 billion); debt-to-GDP 20.8% (from 19.8%) → Currency share: US Dollar 55.5%, Rupee 29.4%, Yen 6.4%, SDR 4.3%, Euro 3.7% → Short-term debt 19.6% of total; non-financial corporations hold the largest share (36.4%)
ECLGS 5.0 crosses 4.11 lakh guarantees	→ Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0 approved on 5 May 2026 for businesses hit by the West Asia situation → Over ₹1.55 lakh crore covered; 100% guarantee for MSMEs, 90% for other businesses
NPS: more investment choices for Central Autonomous Body staff	→ Two extra NPS investment choices, earlier only for Central Government staff, extended to CAB employees → Aggressive Life Cycle Fund LC-75 renamed LC-75-High – equity exposure up to 75%
RBI: Benchmark Issuance Strategy for States expanded	→ State market borrowing calendar of ₹3.19 lakh crore for July–September 2026 → Benchmark Issuance Strategy widened from 9 States to 18 States + UT of Delhi from Q2 FY 2026-27
9 years of GST	→ Launched 1 July 2017 – "One Nation, One Tax"; replaced 17 indirect taxes and 13 cesses → Destination-based consumption tax; removed the cascading (tax-on-tax) effect ★ Memory hook: GST = 1 July 2017; replaced 17 taxes + 13 cesses; idea from Kelkar Task Force (2003)
ADB loans: Karnataka schools & Chennai water	→ USD 182.89 million for Strengthening Karnataka Public Schools Program – 500 school clusters; ADB's first results-based lending for school transformation in India → USD 230 million for Chennai Urban Water and Sanitation Modernisation Project (~4.5 million residents) → ADB: est. 19 December 1966, HQ Manila (Philippines), President Masato Kanda, 69 members
JBIC green loan to POWERGRID	→ JPY 80 billion green loan from Japan Bank for International Cooperation → Funds the Khavda (Gujarat)–Nagpur (Maharashtra) HVDC line to evacuate renewable power from the Khavda RE Park
Cross-border UPI: real-time FX settlement	→ NPCI partnered with HSBC India (banking partner, live FX rates) and JP Morgan Payments (FX conversion, multi-currency settlement)
India–France Economic & Financial Dialogue	→ Held at Aix-en-Provence, France; co-chaired by Nirmala Sitharaman and French minister Roland Lescure

SEBI panel on Debenture Trustee rules	→ Expert Working Group headed by Ananta Barua (co-chair Rajnish Kumar) to review SEBI (Debenture Trustees) Regulations, 1993 → SEBI: est. 12 April 1988, statutory 1992; HQ Mumbai; Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey
GIFT City – Vietnam's Da Nang financial centre MoU	→ GIFT City (India's IFSC) signed MoU with Vietnam International Financial Center–Da Nang for FinTech and financial-sector cooperation
Adani Copper gets LME Grade A listing	→ Kutch Copper Ltd's "Adani Copper" cathodes certified by the London Metal Exchange (est. 1877, world's largest industrial-metals exchange)
India GDP growth forecasts (July 2026)	→ IMF WEO Update ("Global Economy in Crosscurrents of War and Technology"): FY27 6.4% (from 6.5%), FY28 6.7%; global growth 3.0% (2026) → ADB: FY27 cut to 6.6% (from 6.9%), FY28 7.3%; FY27 inflation raised to 5.2% (from 4.5%) → India's actual GDP growth in FY 2025-26: 7.7%
PM Surya Ghar gets World Bank & ADB funds	→ Scheme target: rooftop solar for 1 crore (10 million) households, 30 GW residential capacity by FY 2026-27 → World Bank \$890 million: \$820 million IBRD loan + \$60 million Clean Technology Fund + \$10 million Livable Planet Fund grant → ADB USD 850 million loan (Subprogram 2 of its rooftop solar programme) → World Bank President: Ajay Banga; 5 institutions – IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA, ICSID
Q1 FY27 trade data	→ Total exports (April–June 2026) USD 232.73 billion, up 11.37%; imports USD 270.15 billion → Merchandise exports USD 129.32 billion (+15.92%); services exports USD 103.41 billion
CPSEs must pay MSMEs through TReDS	→ MSME Ministry notification (30 June 2026): all Central PSEs to settle MSME invoices on RBI- authorised TReDS platforms → Implements a Union Budget 2026-27 announcement; gives MSMEs collateral-free working capital
RBI – Financial Inclusion Index FY26	→ FI-Index rose to 70.0 (March 2026) from 67.0 (March 2025), driven by the Usage sub-index → Index first published in August 2021
RBI: other key regulatory moves	→ Banks/NBFCs must auction immovable assets acquired from bad loans (Specified Non-Financial Assets) within 7 years → Draft one-time approval for institutional investors to hold 5%–10% in a bank → Draft Foreign Exchange Management (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2026 to replace the NDI Rules, 2019 → Launched household surveys IESH (19 cities), RCCS and UCCS as MPC inputs
RBI at a glance (static)	→ Est. 1 April 1935 (RBI Act 1934); nationalised 1 January 1949; HQ Mumbai → Governor Sanjay Malhotra (26th); scheduled-bank status under Section 42 of RBI Act → Wholly owned: BRBNMPL, DICGC, ReBIT, RBIH
PFRDA's ASCEND Committee	→ To attract global pension-fund investment into NPS; chaired by Dinesh Khara (Chairman, NPS Trust) → PFRDA: est. 2003, statutory under PFRDA Act 2013; Chairman Sivasubramanian Ramann
NABARD launches 'Gramodyam'	→ Rural youth entrepreneurship programme, launched on NABARD's 45th Foundation Day → NABARD: founded 12 July 1982; HQ Mumbai; Chairman Shaji K V
NSE's Nifty500 Ahimsa Index	→ India's first animal-friendly stock index – excludes companies harming animals → Built with the Ahimsagain Foundation using the AIM framework (Green/Orange/Red bands)
FIU-IND – runner-up, Best Egmont Case Award 2026	→ For a cyber-fraud investigation; awarded at the Egmont Group Plenary in Baku, Azerbaijan → One of only 2 finalists among 182 jurisdictions; FIU-IND Director: Amit Mohan Govil

CBN's 'Operation Vajra' busts drug lab in Pune	→ Central Bureau of Narcotics dismantled a Mephedrone (MD) lab in Pune (1–10 July 2026); 2 kingpins arrested → CBN is under the Finance Ministry; HQ Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh); supports "Nasha Mukta Bharat"
FATF lists after June 2026 plenary	→ Algeria and Namibia removed from the Grey List → Black List (call for action): North Korea, Iran, Myanmar → FATF est. 1989; plenary meets 3 times a year
NPA write-offs FY 2025-26 (RBI FSR)	→ Banks wrote off ₹1.28 lakh crore; overall write-off ratio 33.2% → Private banks wrote off 49.7% of NPAs vs 24.3% by PSBs; PSBs hold 63.2% of all NPAs
SWIFT retail remittance in 37 seconds	→ Standard Chartered processed the first cross-border payment under SWIFT's Retail Payments Framework – Australia to India in 37 seconds
₹10 and ₹20 polymer notes – field trials approved	→ Government approved RBI's proposal (Section 25, RBI Act 1934) to trial 100 crore notes each of ₹10 and ₹20 → Trial worth ₹3,000 crore; polymer notes last longer and are harder to counterfeit
PM Jan Dhan Yojana status	→ 58.63 crore accounts with deposits of ₹3,08,333 crore (as on 1 July 2026) → Launched August 2014 – "Banking the Unbanked, Securing the Unsecured, Funding the Unfunded"
Record exports in FY 2025-26	→ All-time high US\$ 863.1 billion (merchandise US\$ 441.8 billion + services US\$ 421.3 billion) → Among FTA partners, ASEAN is the largest merchandise destination (US\$ 38.42 billion), then UAE (US\$ 37.36 billion)
Windfall tax revised (from 16 July 2026)	→ Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) per litre on exports: diesel ₹8.5 → ₹15.5; ATF ₹7.5 → ₹14.5; petrol ₹4 → ₹2.5 → Windfall tax = levy on sudden extraordinary profits from external events; reviewed every fortnight
Producer Price Index to replace WPI as GDP deflator	→ MoSPI: Output PPI will replace the Wholesale Price Index for deflating GDP estimates → PPI series released by DPIIT in June 2026
Paytm Payments Bank to be wound up	→ RBI cancelled its licence from 24 April 2026 under Section 22(4) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 → Delhi High Court appointed Girikumar M. Nair (ex-SBI CGM) as Official Liquidator
Cyber-fraud alerts: 'Boss Scam' & illegal loan apps	→ SEBI warned of the "Boss Scam" – fraudsters impersonate CEOs/MDs to get staff to transfer funds; input from I4C (NCTAU) → MeitY blocked 87 illegal loan apps under Section 69A of the IT Act, 2000 → RBI's Digital Lending Apps Directory (since 1 July 2025) lets users verify an app ★ Memory hook: Boss Scam = fraudster poses as your CEO/MD and asks for an urgent fund transfer
Nepal allows ₹200/₹500 Indian notes	→ Indian and Nepali citizens may carry ₹200 and ₹500 notes (issued on/after 9 November 2016) up to ₹25,000 per person ; notified by Nepal Rastra Bank
EAC-PM: India's share of world GDP (PPP)	→ India = 8.2% of world GDP in PPP terms (2025); IMF projects 9.7% by 2030 → Paper: "The World in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP): Trends since 1992"
Markets: first natural gas futures & gold receipts	→ NSE launched India's first domestic-benchmark Indian Natural Gas Futures (NATGASIND) from 27 July 2026, linked to IGX Dahej Hub price → NSE's Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment (May 2026): demat gold backed by SEBI-regulated vaults, T+1 settlement
Vizhinjam port notified as Customs Port	→ CBIC approved EXIM cargo at Vizhinjam International Seaport (Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala) from 18 August 2026 under the Customs Act, 1962 → CBIC Chairman: Vivek Chaturvedi

PNB Quantum Finance Hub at Amaravati	→ India's first bank-led quantum finance hub, at Amaravati Quantum Valley (Andhra Pradesh) → PNB: est. 19 May 1894 ; India's 2nd-largest PSB; MD & CEO Ashok Chandra
SBI to issue AT-1 perpetual bonds	→ First Indian bank to issue Basel III AT-1 perpetual bonds in 2026 – ₹5,000 crore , 5-year call option → SBI Chairman: Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
FDI relaxed for export-only inventory e-commerce	→ DPIIT allowed foreign-funded e-commerce firms an inventory model only for exporting Indian-made goods
Big deals of the month (M&A)	→ Fairfax (Canada) – preferred bidder for 60.72% of IDBI Bank (₹52,932 crore) from Government and LIC – largest foreign investment in an Indian bank → Aviva (UK) buys remaining 26% of Aviva India from Dabur – first foreign insurer with 100% Indian life business → MSC Group to buy 49% of Adani Vizhinjam Port for ₹13,220 crore → CCI cleared the ₹16,660 crore Aditya Birla-led buyout of RCB (IPL/WPL); CCI Chairperson Ravneet Kaur → Kotak Mahindra Bank to buy Deutsche Bank India's retail & wealth business (₹281.7 crore)
IOC's Paradip petrochemical complex	→ ₹61,077 crore – IOC's largest single-location investment; 1.5 MTPA dual-feed naphtha cracker; Odisha began land acquisition
Big investment MoUs	→ Adani Enterprises + Abu Dhabi's IRH: ₹1.08 lakh crore (USD 11.5 billion) greenfield aluminium project in Odisha – India's largest FDI in metallurgy → Paras Semiconductors: ₹6,200 crore advanced IC packaging/OSAT unit in Indore–Ujjain region (MP) → ACME Group: ~US\$1 billion deal to supply 1,00,000 tonnes/year green methanol from Paradip to Japan's Mitsubishi Gas Chemical

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. From when is the RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme 2026 in force?	1 July 2026
Q2. FDI limit in insurance raised to?	100% (from 74%)
Q3. Which notes will be trialled in polymer?	₹10 and ₹20
Q4. India's total exports in FY 2025-26 (record)?	US\$ 863.1 billion
Q5. What will replace WPI as the GDP deflator?	Output Producer Price Index (PPI)
Q6. Under which section of the BR Act was Paytm Payments Bank's licence cancelled?	Section 22(4)
Q7. Largest currency share in India's external debt?	US Dollar – 55.5%
Q8. IMF's FY27 growth forecast for India (July 2026)?	6.4%
Q9. Who is the preferred bidder for IDBI Bank?	Fairfax (Canada) – 60.72%

05 REPORTS, RANKINGS & INDICES

World Bank income classification (FY2027)	→ India remains Lower-Middle-Income (since 2009) ; GNI per capita (Atlas) USD 2,760 (2025) → Thresholds: Low ≤ USD 1,175; Lower-middle 1,176–4,635; Upper-middle 4,636–14,375; High > 14,375 → Released every year on 1 July
UNCTAD World Investment Report 2026	→ India is the 11th-largest FDI recipient in 2025 (13th in 2024) → FDI inflows up 44% : USD 27.09 billion → USD 38.89 billion

NITI Aayog Investment Friendliness Index (1st edition)	→ Assesses 36 States/UTs on 84 indicators under 8 pillars – a benchmarking tool, not a competition
IGU World LNG Report 2026	→ Global LNG trade at a record 437 million tonnes in 2025 (+6.3%) → New exporters: Canada and Mauritania/Senegal ; IGU est. 1931, HQ London
BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report 2026	→ India is the world's 2nd-largest supplier of seafarers (3,11,936; 12.16%), after the Philippines → Global workforce 2.57 million vs demand 2.55 million – shortage of qualified officers
FAO SOFI 2026 report	→ 645 million people (7.8%) faced hunger in 2025, down from 8.1%; world still off-track for SDG-2 (Zero Hunger) → Title: "Understanding and Addressing the High Cost of a Healthy Diet"
WIPO World Intangible Investment Report 2026	→ India fastest-growing among the 15 largest economies in intangible investment – 7.9% growth (USD 78.2 billion, 2023) → WIPO: est. 14 July 1967 , Geneva; DG Daren Tang ; 194 members
SDG Index 2026 – India 94th (best ever)	→ Among 167 countries ; score 68.3 ; up from 112th in 2015 ; released by UN SDSN (Sustainable Development Report 2026) → Top 3: Finland, Sweden, Denmark ; last: South Sudan; India still behind Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka
Happy City Index 2026 – Jaipur 6th	→ Only Indian city in the global top 10 ; London 1st , New York 2nd, Paris 3rd
Global Passport Index 2026 – India 125th	→ Out of 197 (down from 124th) despite best score in 5 years (45.1); by Global Citizen Solutions → 1st Sweden , 2nd Switzerland, 3rd Finland
Other rankings	→ U.S. News & World Report 2026: USA most influential country; India 16th → GI registrations FY 2025-26: 125 new (total 822) ; Madhya Pradesh top with 26 , West Bengal 24, Himachal Pradesh 13 → Brand Finance: MRF India's most valuable and strongest tyre brand; world's 3rd strongest tyre brand (BSI 87.7)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's rank in SDG Index 2026?	94th of 167 (best ever)
Q2. Only Indian city in the Happy City Index 2026 top 10?	Jaipur (6th)
Q3. India's rank in the Global Passport Index 2026?	125th
Q4. India's rank as an FDI recipient (UNCTAD WIR 2026)?	11th
Q5. India is the world's ____ largest supplier of seafarers?	2nd (after the Philippines)
Q6. Which State got the most new GI tags in FY 2025-26?	Madhya Pradesh (26)

o6 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SPACE

QDENG – India's first dengue vaccine approved	→ Marketing authorisation from DCGI ; developed by Takeda (Japan) → Live attenuated tetravalent – protects against all 4 serotypes (DENV-1 to 4) ; ages 4–60 ; 2 doses , no pre-screening
India's first deep geothermal wells – Puga, Ladakh	→ Two 1,000-metre wells by ONGC Energy Centre , commissioned by Ladakh LG V. K. Saxena → For India's first 1 MW demonstration geothermal plant at over 14,000 ft

Skyroot's Vikram-1 – India's first private orbital rocket	→ Launched under Mission 'Aagaman' from SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota by Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace (founded 2018) → India became the 3rd country after USA and China with private orbital launch capability → Skyroot earlier launched Vikram-S, India's first private sub-orbital rocket (November 2022) ★ Memory hook: Vikram-S (Nov 2022, sub-orbital) → Vikram-1 (2026, orbital) – both by Skyroot, Hyderabad
Gaganyaan tests	→ 3 critical Crew Module tests incl. Crew Module Uprighting System float-inflation test → First static test of SOLVE (Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments) at Sriharikota – for Integrated Parachute Test (simulates 10–17 km) → ISRO: est. 15 August 1969; Chairman V. Narayanan
Private space & satellites	→ IN-SPACe cleared Jio's ~1,600-satellite LEO broadband constellation → GalaxEye (Bengaluru) lost contact with 'Drishti' – world's first OptoSAR (optical + SAR) satellite, launched 3 May 2026 on Falcon 9 → HEX20 (Kerala) launched 2nd satellite 'KOYO' with 81 payloads on SpaceX Transporter-17 → Japan's JAXA: first reusable rocket (RV-X) lift-off & landing test
Indigenous tech breakthroughs	→ CSIR-IICT Hyderabad: India's first indigenous technology for HFO-1234yf green refrigerant (zero ODP, very low GWP, ~11-day atmospheric life) → White Rabbit technology-based IST distribution network at RRSL Bengaluru – "One Nation, One Time" → CeNS Bengaluru: ultra-sensitive room-temperature ammonia sensor (VOx/VS2) → IACS & SNBNCBS: COF-based fast-charging organic anode for Li-ion batteries
Health & biotech approvals	→ CDSCO approved Wegovy (semaglutide 2.4 mg) for MASH (fatty-liver disease with fibrosis) – first GLP-1 RA for this use → Biomedical Research Career Programme Phase-III: ₹1,500 crore (DBT ₹1,000 crore + Wellcome Trust ₹500 crore) → Serum Institute to make Gates MRI's M72/AS01E TB vaccine candidate (after Phase III)
ISRO engine & parachute milestones	→ Semi-cryogenic Power Head Test at IPRC Mahendragiri: 175 tonnes (88% of target) – towards 200 t SE2000 engine for SC120 stage → CE20 cryogenic engine flight-acceptance hot test for LVM3-M7 (Nozzle Protection System used for the first time) → IMAT-05 main-parachute airdrop test for Gaganyaan G1 at Sheopur (MP), dropped from IAF IL-76 at 2.5 km
Aviation: first satellite-based landings	→ DGCA: India's first Satellite-Based Landing System approach on a commercial jet (IndiGo A320) at Udaipur using GAGAN (LPV guidance) → India's first private Point-in-Space (PinS) helicopter approach at Undavalli Heliport, Amaravati (by AAI, approved by DGCA)
Police-relevant tech: MANAS 1933 & NFSU Goa lab	→ MANAS (Madak Padarth Nishedh Asoochna Kendra) – NCB's national narcotics helpline 1933 (launched 18 July 2024) for confidential reporting → NFSU Goa Digital Forensics Lab notified as Examiner of Electronic Evidence under Section 79A of IT Act 2000 – one of 21 such labs ★ Memory hook: Drug helpline MANAS = 1933 (NCB); women helpline = 14490 (NCW)
Global science & space	→ IBM: world's first sub-1 nm (0.7 nm) chip technology – ~100 billion transistors, 3D 'Nanostack' → JWST found giant exoplanet Beta Pictoris d (63 light-years) → China: first recovery of an orbital-class booster (Long March-10B); SpaceX: 13th Starship flight deployed first Starlink V3 satellites → NASA astronaut Anil Menon to ISS on Soyuz MS-29 (14 July 2026)

Other S&T initiatives	→ CSIR-CIMFR Dhanbad: India's first mobile 'Smart Algal Liquid Tree' (SALT) air purifier → ICMR licensed SHetA2 (anti-HPV therapy for cervical precancer) to Emcure → NIELIT CoEs in Ahmedabad and Guwahati for India Semiconductor Mission 2.0 skilling → Mission ShakthiSAT – world's first all-girls international lunar mission (12,000 girls, 108 countries)
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★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's first approved dengue vaccine?	QDENG (Takeda)
Q2. Where are India's first deep geothermal wells?	Puga Valley, Ladakh
Q3. India became which country with private orbital launch capability?	3rd (after USA, China)
Q4. National narcotics helpline number (MANAS)?	1933
Q5. Where was India's first satellite-based landing on a commercial jet done?	Udaipur (using GAGAN)
Q6. Which Hyderabad lab made the HFO-1234yf green refrigerant technology?	CSIR-IICT

07 ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Indian Grey Hornbill back in Gir after 60+ years	→ Reintroduced by Gujarat Forest Department; had vanished in the 1950s–60s due to hunting → Birds have bred for 4 consecutive seasons – among India's most successful bird reintroductions
World's oldest dated banyan – Munger, Bihar	→ ~700 years old by radiocarbon dating – first scientific dating of a banyan (<i>Ficus benghalensis</i>) → Study by Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow; published in Quaternary Research
New species discovered	→ Bees: <i>Elaphropoda triangulata</i> & <i>Habropoda adi</i> – Siang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh (ATREE) → Fish: <i>Cyttopsis indica</i> (Indian dory) – Arabian Sea off Kerala, 350–500 m depth (ICAR-CMFRI) → Damselfly: <i>Lestes paloti</i> – Western Ghats, Kerala → Spiders: <i>Simonia lawbah</i> (Meghalaya), <i>Hamataliwa papikonda</i> (Andhra Pradesh) – ZSI → 5 <i>Allographa</i> lichens (e.g. <i>A. keralensis</i>) – Western Ghats; fungus <i>Microporellus kolhapurensis</i> – Kolhapur
4th Animal Taxonomy Summit & ZSI Foundation Day	→ ATS 4.0 in Kolkata (30 June–2 July 2026) for ZSI's 111th Foundation Day; 709 new faunal records → Released 'Animal Discoveries–2025' and 'Plant Discoveries–2025'; ZSI est. 1916, BSI est. 1890 (both HQ Kolkata)
Marine apps by ICAR-CMFRI	→ DeepDATA – deep-sea fish biodiversity app under the Deep Ocean Mission → 'Shark Aware' app & e-learning module for protected sharks and rays
Places in news – India (environment)	→ Borjuli wetland (Sonitpur, Assam) notified a Biodiversity Heritage Site – protects wild rice <i>Oryza rufipogon</i> → Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary (Bargarh, Odisha); 353 sq km, beside Hirakud reservoir proposed as 'Debrigarh-gaur National Park' → Karlapat bauxite block (Odisha) – big firms bidding

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Which bird returned to Gir after 60+ years?	Indian Grey Hornbill
Q2. World's oldest scientifically dated banyan is in?	Munger, Bihar (~700 years)
Q3. Borjuli wetland (Biodiversity Heritage Site) is in which State?	Assam (Sonitpur)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q4. 'Cyttopsis indica' is a new species of?	Deep-sea fish (Indian dory)

o8 DEFENCE & SECURITY

Gen Dhiraj Seth – 31st Army Chief; 'VIJAY' roadmap	→ VIJAY = Vigilance, Innovation, Jointness & Integration, Aatmanirbharta, Yodha first → Aligned with MoD's 'Decade of Transformation (2023–2032)' ★ Memory hook: V-I-J-A-Y = Vigilance, Innovation, Jointness, Aatmanirbharta, Yodha first (Gen Dhiraj Seth, 31st COAS)
DRDO: 'Kusha' LR-SAM maiden test	→ Tested from APJ Abdul Kalam Island (Odisha); intercepted a high-speed, high-altitude target → Interceptors: M1 up to 150 km, M2 250 km, M3 350–400 km
DRDO: other tests & firsts	→ Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket tested for 60 km minimum range at ITR Chandipur (Odisha) → GTRE developed India's first indigenous 350 kg-thrust expendable turbojet engine – industry partner Azad Engineering, Hyderabad → AEW&C Mk-II: 6 Airbus A321 conversions (AIESL); Adani Defence as mission-systems partner
Navy inductions: INS Mahendragiri & INS Malvan	→ INS Mahendragiri (F38) – 6th Project 17A stealth frigate; built by MDL Mumbai; commissioned at Visakhapatnam (11 July 2026); CODOG propulsion → INS Malvan – 2nd Mahe-class ASW Shallow Water Craft; built by Cochin Shipyard; >80% indigenous (22 July 2026) → USA delivered 21st of 24 MH-60R Seahawk helicopters (US\$ 2.6 billion FMS deal, 2020)
DAC clears ₹52,000 crore proposals	→ AoN on 3 July 2026 (chaired by Rajnath Singh): Akash Tarang anti-UAV EW, MPATGM, MRSAM, V-SHORADS, tank Active Protection System, jet-based kamikaze drones → Army RFP for 450 Carl Gustaf M4 launchers (Saab; to be made at Jhajjar, Haryana)
Exercises & operations	→ RIMPAC 2026 (30th, Hawaii, 24 June–31 July) – theme "Partners: Integrated and Prepared" → Pitch Black 2026 (RAAF, Darwin, 20 July–7 August) – IAF with Rafales → PASSEX: INS Surat with Japan's JS Takanami off Mumbai; 8th India–Japan Defence Policy Dialogue, Tokyo → Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 at Kochi with Combined Maritime Forces (CTF 154) → Operation Amistad – India's HADR mission for Venezuela earthquakes ("Amistad" = friendship)
'Samudra Pradakshina' – tri-service all-women circumnavigation	→ First tri-service all-women sailing circumnavigation on IASV Triveni – 9 women officers, 314 days, ~25,500 nautical miles, 4 oceans; flagged in on 22 July 2026
IAF 3rd in WDMMA 2026 rankings	→ World's 3rd most powerful independent air force (after USA, Russia) for the 5th year; 129 air services in 103 countries assessed
Adani missile facility at Shivpuri (MP)	→ ₹2,500 crore – South Asia's largest private missile ecosystem; first private complex integrating propellant, TNT and missile integration
First export of Astra Mk 1 – to Indonesia	→ Indonesia is the first foreign buyer of India's Astra Mk 1 BVR air-to-air missile (BDL–Republikorp deal) → Package also includes BrahMos (BrahMos Aerospace–Indonesian MoD contract)
India's first indigenous tactical aerostat	→ By IIT Delhi with DRDO and a startup – balloon platform with EO/IR sensors, ~20 km surveillance coverage → Private sector: Paninian India's 'Yantur' 4.5 kN turbofan – India's first privately developed turbofan in its class

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Who is the 31st Chief of the Army Staff?	Gen Dhiraj Seth
Q2. Range of the Kusha M3 interceptor?	350–400 km
Q3. INS Mahendragiri is the ____ Project 17A frigate?	6th
Q4. First foreign buyer of India's Astra Mk 1 missile?	Indonesia
Q5. India's HADR mission for Venezuela was named?	Operation Amistad
Q6. Name of the tri-service all-women circumnavigation?	Samudra Pradakshina (IASV Triveni)

09 APPOINTMENTS

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Air Marshal Tejinder Singh	Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC)	From 1 July 2026; earlier AOC-in-C, South Western Air Command
Lt Gen Sandeep Jain	Vice Chief of the Army Staff	Commissioned into MAHAR Regiment (1988)
Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit	Vice Chief of the Air Staff	From 1 July 2026; succeeded Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor
Alok Kumar Mittal	DG, Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D)	1993-batch IPS, Haryana cadre; approved by ACC
Ravi Agrawal	Chairman, CBDT (reappointed)	6-month contract, 1 July – 31 December 2026
Dilip Asbe	Member, SWIFT Supervisory Board	MD & CEO of NPCI (est. 2008); SWIFT moved to a two-tier board
Rajiv Kumar	Part-time Chairman, HDFC Bank	Former Chief Election Commissioner; succeeds interim chairman Keki Mistry
Ravi Shankar	Executive Director, RBI	From 1 July 2026; oversees Department of Statistics and Information Management
Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala	Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences	2 years; earlier head of Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System Secretariat (UNESCO-IOC, Perth)
Anupam Misra	CMD, Hindustan Copper Ltd	Succeeded Sanjiv Kumar Singh; HCL founded 1967
Rear Adm. (Retd.) C. Raghuram	CMD, Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (Visakhapatnam)	Succeeded Capt. Ganti Venkateswarlu (additional charge)
Bijay Kumar Mohanty	CMD (additional charge), IREDA	3 months from 1 July 2026
Biswanath Sinha	Chief Secretary, Kerala	1992-batch IAS; succeeded Dr. A. Jayathilak; till September 2028
Mylswamy Annadurai	Chairman, TN School Curriculum Design Committee	Ex-ISRO scientist – "Moon Man of India"; 3-year term
Mahesh Muralidhar Pai	MD & CEO, South Indian Bank	3 years from 1 October 2026; succeeds P. R. Seshadri
Prabhjeet Singh	MD, OpenAI India	Ex-Head, Uber India; OpenAI previewed GPT-5.6 (Sol, Terra, Luna)
Keiko Fujimori	President of Peru	Took office 28 July 2026; daughter of ex-President Alberto Fujimori
Serhii Koretskyi	Prime Minister of Ukraine	Succeeded Yulia Svyrydenko; ex-CEO of Naftogaz
Raghuram Rajan, Raj Chetty, Asha Sharma	Heads of 3 US Fed task forces	Balance Sheet (Rajan), Data (Chetty), Productivity & Jobs (Sharma); Fed Chair Kevin Warsh
Pralhad Joshi	Union Education Minister (additional charge)	10th Education Minister; after Dharmendra Pradhan resigned (Article 75(2))

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Anurag Jain	CEO, NITI Aayog	2-year tenure; approved by ACC
Harjit Singh Grewal	Chairperson, National Commission for Minorities	Post vacant since April 2025 (Iqbal Singh Lalpura); NCM under NCM Act 1992; Vice-Chair Munawari Begum
Satya Pal Kumar	Director, FIU-IND	2005-batch IRS; succeeded Pankaj Kumar Mishra; FIU-IND est. 2004
Keshav Chandra	Secretary, Ministry of Mines	1995-batch IAS (AGMUT); predecessor Piyush Goyal became NHRC Secretary General
Viswanathan Anand	Interim President, FIDE	After Arkady Dvorkovich suspended his duties (EU/Swiss sanctions)
Rahul Himalian	CMD (additional charge), IRCTC	From 20 July 2026; IRCTC is a Navratna, est. 1999
Ashiss Kumar Dash	CEO Designate, Infosys	MD & CEO from 1 April 2027 (2027–2032), after Salil Parekh
Andy Burnham	Prime Minister of the UK (59th)	Succeeded Keir Starmer; Kanishka Narayan (Bihar-born) became UK's first AI Minister
Mindaugas Sinkevičius	Prime Minister of Lithuania (20th)	Succeeded Inga Ruginienė
Bassirou Diomaye Faye	Chairman, ECOWAS	President of Senegal; elected at Freetown (Sierra Leone); Senegal's first ECOWAS chair since 1975
Hafiz Uddin Ahmad	Acting President of Bangladesh	Speaker; took charge after President Mohammed Shahabuddin resigned (Article 54)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. New Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC)?	Air Marshal Tejinder Singh
Q2. New DG of BPR&D?	Alok Kumar Mittal
Q3. Who got additional charge as Union Education Minister?	Pralhad Joshi
Q4. New CEO of NITI Aayog?	Anurag Jain
Q5. Who became interim FIDE President?	Viswanathan Anand
Q6. 59th Prime Minister of the UK?	Andy Burnham
Q7. New Director of FIU-IND?	Satya Pal Kumar

10 AWARDS & HONOURS

Award	Recipient	Key facts
60th Jnanpith Award (2025)	R. Vairamuthu (Tamil poet)	3rd Tamil writer from TN, after 24 years; presented by Dr. Karan Singh; award est. 1961
72nd National Film Awards	Best Film: Article 370	Actor: Kartik Aaryan (Chandu Champion) & Mammooty (Bramayugam); Actress: Yami Gautam; Director: Rajkumar Periasamy (Amaran); popular film: Kalki 2898 AD; jury head Jayaraj
Bintang Adipurna	PM Narendra Modi	Indonesia's highest civilian award; by President Prabowo Subianto, Jakarta
Guardian of the Blue Horizon	PM Narendra Modi	Seychelles presidential honour – Modi is the first recipient; by President Patrick Herminie
44th Lokmanya Tilak National Award	NSA Ajit Doval	To be given on 1 August 2026 (Tilak's 106th death anniversary) in Pune by Amit Shah; ₹1 lakh
WSIS Prize 2026	Department of Telecommunications	For 'Samridh Gram' phygital service model on BharatNet (Geneva)
National e-Governance Award 2026 (Gold)	ICMR	For ICMR-MINDS, an AI-powered mental-health platform; presented at NCeG Jaipur

Award	Recipient	Key facts
Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2025	Acharya Ranchhodlal Goswami	For Haveli Sangeet (Pushtimarg tradition), Ahmedabad; by Sangeet Natak Akademi
AAPF Humanitarian Award 2026	Nita Ambani	Reliance Foundation chairperson; presented at Tampa, Florida
USISPF Leadership Award 2026	Sunil Bharti Mittal	For strengthening India–North America ties (Washington, D.C.)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. 60th Jnanpith Award (2025) winner?	R. Vairamuthu (Tamil)
Q2. Best Feature Film at the 72nd National Film Awards?	Article 370
Q3. Indonesia's highest civilian award given to PM Modi?	Bintang Adipurna
Q4. Seychelles honour for which Modi is the first recipient?	Guardian of the Blue Horizon
Q5. Who got the 44th Lokmanya Tilak National Award?	NSA Ajit Doval

11 SPORTS

Commonwealth Games 2026 – Glasgow	→ 23rd CWG, 23 July–2 August 2026, Glasgow (Scotland); 74 nations, 10 sports; India sent 120 athletes in 13 disciplines → Mirabai Chanu – gold, women's 48 kg (190 kg); first Indian weightlifter with 3 straight CWG golds; India's first gold of the Games → Para athletics: Sharmila Dhankar – gold, women's F57 shot put (India's first CWG para-athletics gold), Shilpa Shyla bronze; Dilip Mahadu Gavit – gold, men's 100 m T47 (Games record 10.71 s) → Silver: Gulveer Singh (men's 10,000 m – first Indian medal in this event), Sarvesh Anil Kushare (high jump, 2.25 m), Ajaya Babu (79 kg), Harjinder Kaur (69 kg), Raja Muthupandi → Lovlina Borgohain – assured India's first medal (direct semi-final, 75 kg); Indian kit made of jute-viscose (National Jute Board)
FIFA World Cup 2026	→ Spain won its 2nd title, beating Argentina 1-0 (extra time) at MetLife Stadium, New Jersey; Golden Ball: Rodri → Messi – first player to play 3 World Cup finals (2014, 2022, 2026) → Ronaldo (41 years 147 days) – oldest scorer in a men's WC knockout match; Neymar retired from international football (Brazil's all-time top scorer)
Cricket highlights	→ Vaibhav Sooryavanshi – youngest to play for India (15 years 99 days, T20I debut v England) and youngest T20I fifty-maker (15 years 118 days, 19 balls v Zimbabwe) → Rohit Sharma – first Indian man to score an ODI century at Lord's; oldest Indian international centurion (39 years 80 days) → Australia won a record 7th Women's T20 World Cup, beating England at Lord's → Sourav Ganguly – 12th Indian in ICC Hall of Fame; Ajinkya Rahane retired; ICC Chairman Jay Shah
Badminton, tennis & squash	→ P. V. Sindhu won BWF Japan Open 2026 (beat Akane Yamaguchi) – first Indian to win a Super 750 title → BWF World Championships 2026 (30th): 17–23 August, New Delhi; mascot 'Peacko' → Wimbledon 2026: Jannik Sinner (beat Zverev) and Linda Noskova won singles titles → Anahat Singh – first Indian to win World Junior Squash girls' title; Leander Paes – Asian Tennis Federation Player Ambassador

Shooting & chess	→ India topped ISSF Junior World Championship, Suhl (Germany) – 24 medals (7 gold) ; 2nd straight time → ISSF World Cup, Hangzhou: Esha Singh gold , Manu Bhaker bronze (women's 25 m pistol) → Chess: Harshavardhan G.B. (Chennai) – India's 97th GM ; S. Aswath (17, Nagercoil) – 98th GM → Viswanathan Anand became interim FIDE President
Science Olympiads – India's best show	→ 56th IPHO (Bucaramanga, Colombia): all 5 Indians won gold – joint 1st → 58th IChO (Tashkent, Uzbekistan): 4 golds – first country with all 4 participants winning gold → 37th IBO (Vilnius, Lithuania): 1 gold (Bhavya Gunwal) + 3 silver → Global Skills Challenge Australia 2026: 3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze
Upcoming events in India	→ 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship : 27 July–2 August 2026, Thyagraj Stadium, New Delhi – mascot ' Mayur ' → India bidding for 2029 World Abilitysport Games (PCI + CPSFI MoU); PCI President Devendra Jhajharia → CWG 2030 in Ahmedabad

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Where are the 2026 Commonwealth Games held?	Glasgow, Scotland
Q2. India's first gold at CWG 2026?	Mirabai Chanu (48 kg)
Q3. Winner of FIFA World Cup 2026?	Spain (beat Argentina 1-0)
Q4. First Indian to win a BWF Super 750 title?	P. V. Sindhu (Japan Open 2026)
Q5. Youngest player to represent India?	Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (15 years 99 days)
Q6. India's 98th chess Grandmaster?	S. Aswath

12 IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Key facts
1 July	GST Day	9th anniversary; GST launched 1 July 2017; idea first from Kelkar Task Force (2003)
1 July	Chartered Accountants Day	77th; ICAI set up 1 July 1949 under CA Act 1949; HQ New Delhi
1 July	National Doctors' Day	Birth & death anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy (2nd CM of West Bengal); observed since 1991
2 July	World Sports Journalists Day	Started 1994 by AIPS; AIPS founded 2 July 1924 in Paris; HQ Lausanne
2 July	World UFO Day	Recalls the Roswell incident (July 1947); term UFO coined by Edward J. Ruppelt (1952)
3 July	International Plastic Bag Free Day	First observed 3 July 2008 (Rezero, Zero Waste Europe)
4 July (1st Saturday)	International Day of Cooperatives	Theme 2026: "Cooperatives for a Peaceful World"; ICA founded 1895 (London), HQ Brussels
6 July	World Zoonoses Day	Louis Pasteur's first rabies vaccine to Joseph Meister (6 July 1885); One Health approach
11 July	World Population Day	Recognised by UN in 1989; first observed 1990; UNFPA HQ New York
12 July	World Malala Day	Malala Yousafzai's birthday (1997, Mingora); youngest Nobel Peace laureate (2014, age 17)
15 July	World Youth Skills Day	2026 focus: investing in TVET (Technical & Vocational Education and Training)
17 July	World Day for International Justice	Honours international courts; ICC est. 2002, HQ The Hague

Date	Day	Key facts
18 July	Nelson Mandela International Day	Honours former South African President Nelson Mandela
20 July	World Chess Day	FIDE founded 20 July 1924 in Paris
20 July	International Moon Day	57th anniversary of Apollo 11 Moon landing (20 July 1969)
22 July	World Brain Day	By World Federation of Neurology (est. 22 July 1957; HQ London)
23 July	National Broadcasting Day	First radio broadcast in India, 23 July 1927 (Indian Broadcasting Company)
26 July	Kargil Vijay Diwas	27th anniversary of Kargil War victory (1999); Operation Vijay
28 July	World Nature Conservation Day	IUCN est. 5 October 1948 (Fontainebleau); HQ Gland, Switzerland
30 July	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	Theme 2026: "Trapped Behind the Scam"
30 July	International Friendship Day	UN observance; India celebrates on 1st Sunday of August (2 August 2026)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. National Doctors' Day (1 July) honours whom?	Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy
Q2. World Population Day is observed on?	11 July
Q3. Kargil Vijay Diwas 2026 marked which anniversary?	27th (26 July)
Q4. First radio broadcast in India (National Broadcasting Day)?	23 July 1927
Q5. World Zoonoses Day (6 July) recalls whose first rabies vaccine?	Louis Pasteur (1885)
Q6. Theme of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2026?	"Trapped Behind the Scam"

13 OBITUARIES, BOOKS & MISCELLANEOUS

Obituaries – India	→ S. Janaki (88) – "Nightingale of South India"; 4 National Awards incl. Telugu song "Vennello Godari Andam" (Sitara, 1984); declined Padma Bhushan (2013) → Teejan Bai (70) – Pandavani artist, Chhattisgarh; Padma Shri 1988, Padma Bhushan 2003, Padma Vibhushan 2019 → Girish Bharadwaj (76) – "Bridge Man of India", 150+ low-cost suspension bridges; Padma Shri 2017 → Vijaya Mehta (92) – Marathi theatre icon, co-founder of Rangayan → Moozhikkal Pankajakshi (90) – Nokkuvidya Pavakkali puppetry (Kerala); Padma Shri 2020 → Tamil writers Poomani (79; Sahitya Akademi 2014 for 'Agnadi') and Puviyarasu (96); ex-Mizoram Governor Lt Gen M.M. Lakhera (88); H. Hanumanthappa (94)
Obituaries – World	→ Sir Garfield Sobers (89) – West Indies all-rounder; 8,032 Test runs, 235 wickets; ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year trophy named after him → Alan Greenspan (99) – US Fed Chairman 1987–2006 → Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani (74) – former Emir of Qatar → Kevin Keegan (75) – England football legend, two-time Ballon d'Or; Shapoor Zadran (38) – Afghan pacer
Miscellaneous	→ International Booker Prize to be renamed 'Bukhman International Booker Prize' from 2027; prize doubles to £100,000 (shared by author & translator) → Bharat Tex 2026 – '5F' vision: Farm → Fibre → Factory → Fashion → Foreign → 'Manas and Mahabharata' civilizational studies centre opened in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan → India Handmade portal – 64.66 lakh artisans; women are 71% of handloom weavers ★ Memory hook: 5F = Farm → Fibre → Factory → Fashion → Foreign (Bharat Tex)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. S. Janaki won a National Award for which Telugu song?	"Vennello Godari Andam" (Sitara, 1984)
Q2. Who is called the "Bridge Man of India"?	Girish Bharadwaj
Q3. New name of the International Booker Prize from 2027?	Bukhman International Booker Prize



14 LAST-MINUTE REVISION

The whole month in four tables – read this the night before the exam.

1. FIRSTS OF THE MONTH

First ...	What / Where
Private orbital rocket	Vikram-1 by Skyroot Aerospace, Hyderabad (India 3rd after USA, China)
Dengue vaccine approved	QDenga (Takeda) – all 4 serotypes, ages 4–60
Deep geothermal wells	Puga Valley, Ladakh – 1,000 m (ONGC)
Offshore airport	Off Palghar coast, Maharashtra
Telecom Manufacturing Zone	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh (350 acres)
Government AI University	Karnataka
Animal-friendly stock index	Nifty500 Ahimsa (NSE)
Export of Astra Mk 1 missile	Indonesia
Satellite-based landing (commercial jet)	Udaipur – IndiGo A320 using GAGAN
Foreign insurer with 100% Indian life business	Aviva (UK)
Tri-service all-women circumnavigation	Samudra Pradakshina – IASV Triveni, 314 days
Telangana Public School	Arutla, Manchal mandal (Rangareddy)

2. NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Number	Meaning
125 days	Rural wage-work guarantee under VB-G RAM G Act (was 100)
5–10 years	Jail for unfair means in public exams (was 3–5)
14490 / 1933	Women helpline (NCW) / Narcotics helpline MANAS (NCB)
42%	BC reservation bills in Telangana
150 lakh MT / 61%	Telangana paddy procurement 2025-26 / share of India's rabi procurement
₹2 lakh	Telangana one-time crop-loan waiver limit
3.1%	India's unemployment rate 2025 – 8-year low
1.8%	Gross NPA of banks (March 2026) – multi-decade low
US\$ 863.1 billion	India's record exports FY 2025-26
99.6%	Broad-gauge rail electrification (world 2nd)
₹1,27,500 crore	Semicon 2.0 outlay
8.25%	EPF interest rate 2025-26

3. RANKINGS & REPORTS

Index / Report	India's position (Top)
SDG Index 2026 (UN SDSN)	94th of 167 – best ever (Top: Finland)
Global Passport Index 2026	125th of 197 (Top: Sweden)
Happy City Index 2026	Jaipur 6th (Top: London)
UNCTAD World Investment Report 2026	11th-largest FDI recipient (was 13th)
U.S. News most influential countries	16th (Top: USA)
WDMMA air power 2026	IAF 3rd (after USA, Russia)

3. RANKINGS & REPORTS

Index / Report	India's position (Top)
BIMCO-ICS seafarers 2026	2nd (Top: Philippines)
World Bank income group FY2027	Lower-Middle-Income (GNI US\$ 2,760)
Export Preparedness Index	Telangana 8th nationally; 2nd among landlocked States

4. PLACES IN NEWS (MAP)

Place	Why in news
Sarnath (Uttar Pradesh)	India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site
Puga Valley (Ladakh)	India's first deep geothermal wells
Gir (Gujarat)	Indian Grey Hornbill reintroduced after 60+ years
Borjuli wetland (Assam)	Biodiversity Heritage Site – wild rice
Kamarajar Port (Tamil Nadu)	2nd major port with 18 m draft
Koheda (Rangareddy, Telangana)	India's largest integrated fruit market
Tungabhadra (Karnataka–Telangana–AP)	Three-State consensus on desilting
Glasgow (Scotland)	23rd Commonwealth Games 2026
Busan (South Korea)	48th World Heritage Committee session
Gulf of Aden	INS Trikand foiled a piracy attempt
Zambia	Singareni won the world mines-rescue title

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01 TELANGANA

CM's new slogan – 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Yuva'	→ CM A. Revanth Reddy proposed the slogan 'Jai Jawan – Jai Kisan – Jai Yuva' and asked the Centre for a constitutional amendment to lower the minimum age to contest Assembly and Lok Sabha elections from 25 to 21, and Council and Rajya Sabha elections from 30 to 25 → He recalled that the 61st Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18; a joint session of the Telangana Legislature in August was to pass a resolution on the demand → The CM marked 20 years in public life – he began in 2006 as an independent candidate for the Midjil ZPTC seat, filing nomination after prayers at the Urkundapeta Anjaneya temple (now in Nagarkurnool district); ₹10 crore sanctioned for the temple ★ Memory hook: Vote at 18, contest at 21 – that is the CM's pitch
36th Cabinet meeting – key decisions (17 July)	→ El Niño: with a rainfall deficit of about 40%, the State will write to the Centre for a central team and contingency funds; project water to be kept first for drinking needs and farmers urged to shift to irrigated-dry (low-water) crops → A Special Enquiry Team (SET) will probe irregularities in the Dharani portal (in force from 29 October 2020) – a forensic audit has flagged 10,000+ suspicious transactions; the role of operator IL&FS will also be examined → Telangana Municipalities Act 2019 to be amended so that transgender persons can be nominated as co-opted members in municipal corporations; Panchayat Raj Act 2018 amended so GP funds can be kept in nearby national/co-operative banks or post offices instead of the treasury → Chinna Kaleshwaram lift to be completed – 4.50 TMC from Kannepalli on the Godavari for 45,000 acres in Manthani; three high-speed rail corridors (Hyderabad–Pune–Mumbai, Hyderabad–Bengaluru, Hyderabad–Amaravati–Chennai) with a rail hub near Shamshabad
Industry – India's first integrated oncology plant, EV cells, AWS	→ Siro Pharma's ₹800 crore plant at Biotech Park Phase-3, Karakapatla (Markook mandal, Siddipet) – India's first integrated oncology manufacturing facility – opened on 6 July; about 500 direct jobs → Amara Raja Giga Corridor, Divitipally (Mahabubnagar): CM opened the customer qualification plant of its 32 GWh EV-battery project; 700 local jobs, 400 of them women → CM laid the foundation for an Amazon Web Services (AWS) data centre in Bharat Future City (Future City Development Authority); the State plans a dedicated data-centre park
Skills – PM-SETU clusters & Advanced Technology Centres	→ Under the Centre's PM-SETU scheme (MSDE), 3 of the first 5 clusters approved by July 2026 are in Telangana – Patancheru, Sangareddy and the Old City (₹757.19 crore) → 65 ITIs converted into Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) with Tata Technologies at ₹2,969 crore in 14 months; target – 120 ATCs covering all 119 constituencies next year; ₹2,000 monthly scholarship for ATC/ITI trainees → The Labour department was restructured as 'SHAKTI' (Skill, Human Capital and Knowledge Training Initiatives); Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy was asked to lead a national committee on new ITI courses; TOMCOM has placed 14,000+ youth abroad
Housing for the urban poor – 7,680 flats in CURE	→ Pilot: 480 flats in each of 16 constituencies within CURE (Core Urban Region Economy) – 7,680 flats in 10-storey blocks on government land close to workplaces → Each flat is 528 sq ft and costs ₹11 lakh – ₹5 lakh from the government and ₹6 lakh from the beneficiary in four instalments; the undivided land share is registered in the woman's name and cannot be sold for 10 years → Applications 21 July–10 August (fee ₹100 + EMD ₹10,000); annual income up to ₹6 lakh; allotment by lottery with 50% reservation (SC 15, ST 5, BC 16, PwD 5, sanitation/outsourced/Class-IV staff 10) and 30% for women
Fiscal health & per-capita income – where Telangana stands	→ NIPFP fiscal stability index: Telangana 61.9 against Andhra Pradesh 29.6; Telangana's fiscal deficit 3.4% of GSDP → World Bank data: five States cross the upper-middle-income threshold of \$4,636 per capita – Delhi (\$6,217), Karnataka (\$5,579), Telangana (\$5,407), Tamil Nadu (\$5,329) and Gujarat (\$4,734); India's average is \$2,760 → TGIIC e-auction at Raidurgam (Pan Maktha) fetched a record ₹237 crore per acre – up from ₹42.59 crore in 2017; the State targets a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and \$3 trillion by 2047

Farmers – Rythu Bharosa, e-passbooks & tribal podu lands	→ Rythu Bharosa for Vanakalam 2026 (₹12,000 per acre a year): ₹9,000 crore credited to 73.30 lakh farmers within 9 days; the last tranche was released at a Rythu Ashirvada Sabha at Jagannadhapuram (Chintakani mandal, Khammam) → At the same meeting the CM launched distribution of e-Pattadar passbooks → The Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Commission (chair Kodanda Reddy) got about ₹4 crore compensation from seed companies for ~1,300 tribal maize-seed farmers of Mulugu – described as a first in the country → A new Bhu Bharati module now records podu lands granted under the RoFR Act – about 2.30 lakh tribal farmers and 6.70 lakh acres enter official records, opening access to crop loans, compensation and procurement
Devadula lift – completion target December 2027	→ Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy ordered all Devadula pumps run round the clock during the El Niño deficit to fill the project's 22 reservoirs; ₹146 crore released (land acquisition ₹58 crore, works ₹74 crore, O&M ₹14 crore) → Three phases, 16 packages – 1.23 + 1.93 + 2.39 lakh acres, about 5.6 lakh acres in 9 districts; physical progress 87.70% → Includes 642 km of pipelines, 57.16 km of tunnels and what is described as Asia's longest 49 km D-shaped irrigation tunnel; future link with the Sammakka barrage
Welfare – employees' health scheme & Gruha Jyothi	→ New Employees Health Scheme launched at the Secretariat by Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka and Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha – cashless treatment in 886 private and 114 government hospitals for 1,816 procedures at CGHS package rates → It covers 17,88,336 beneficiaries (4,38,594 employees, 3,61,955 pensioners and ~9.88 lakh family members) and is run by an Employees Health Care Trust chaired by the Chief Secretary, with employee and pensioner members → Gruha Jyothi (G.O.Ms.No.7, 26 February 2024; zero bills from March 2024): up to 200 units free for eligible white-ration-card households – 54.13 lakh beneficiaries, subsidy ₹4,659.91 crore so far
Bonalu 2026 – calendar & heritage	→ Bonalu 2026 began on 19 July at the Sri Jagadambika Mahankali temple, Golconda; 26 July – Balkampet Yellamma and Secunderabad Ujjaini Mahankali; 2 August – Lal Darwaza Mahankali (Old City); 3 August – Rangam → 'Bonam' comes from 'bhojanam' – cooked rice, jaggery, curd and milk offered in a new decorated earthen pot; Pothuraju is regarded as the goddess's brother → Village-deity worship is traced to the Kakatiyas and continued under the Qutb Shahis; after State formation Bonalu was declared an official State festival ★ Memory hook: Golconda opens, Lal Darwaza closes
Sports – Young India Sports University & 2036 Olympics pitch	→ CM and IOA President P.T. Usha launched the Gachibowli Sports District and the Young India Physical Education & Sports University at Gachibowli stadium; the 82-acre university is to open in December 2028 → The university is run on a PPP model with a board of sports promoters (incl. Abhinav Bindra, Kapil Dev, Sanjiv Goenka); its name is inspired by Gandhiji's journal 'Young India' → The CM wants Telangana to host events if India wins the 2036 Olympics, said Khelo India games are due in November, and promised government jobs for top sporting achievers
Andesri Smriti Vanam & the State song	→ On the birth anniversary of Dr Andesri, writer of the State song, the CM laid the foundation for the Andesri Smriti Vanam at Ghatkesar, where his last rites were held → 'Jaya Jayahe Telangana' was dedicated as the official State song on 2 June 2024 and is played at every official function → Promises to the family were kept – his son Dattu appointed a degree-college lecturer, his collection 'Nippula Vagu' reprinted for schools, and the State has recommended him for the Padma Shri

Health – agency hospitals, TIMS transplant hub, Balamrutham	→ A new policy will upgrade government hospitals in all tribal (ITDA) areas – CT scans in area hospitals in phases, new sub-centres and PHCs by distance rather than population; Kothagudem district gets 4 more dialysis centres (7 existing) → A statewide command-control centre will monitor doctors' attendance; Sanathnagar TIMS is being developed as an organ-transplant centre and will run autonomously like NIMS → The CM opened the Balamrutham plant at Nacharam with Minister Seethakka – nutrition from pregnancy until the child is six, and breakfast in government schools from nursery to Class 12
Governance – Hate Speech Bill committee, ACB record, digital payroll	→ A Select Committee chaired by Minister Ponnam Prabhakar will examine the 'Telangana Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill 2026' and report by the end of the 2026 monsoon session → ACB cases: 95 in 2023, 152 in 2024 (223 arrests), 199 in 2025 (273 arrests) and 126 in January–June 2026; complaints now accepted via WhatsApp and QR code → About 4,300 of ~4,800 outsourcing agencies were found not paying ESI/PF; a committee is to digitise contract-staff payroll within 100 days so salaries are paid between the 1st and 5th
Hyderabad hosts BRICS meetings	→ Second meeting of the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group and the BRICS Expert Network on Asset Recovery – Hyderabad, 4–5 August, hosted by DoPT and opened by DoPT Secretary Rachna Shah (the first ACWG meeting was virtual, 2–3 June) → The 12th BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting was held in Hyderabad, chaired by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya – focus on social security, women's workforce participation and gig/platform workers → Theme of India's BRICS Chairship 2026: 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'
Telangana in national headlines – August	→ NOTTO data for 2025: Telangana ranked 2nd in deceased organ donors with 205, after Tamil Nadu (266) and ahead of Karnataka (198) → PM-RKVY and Krishonnati Yojana 2026–27: Telangana allotted ₹265.12 crore (₹157.66 crore RKVY + ₹107.46 crore KY) → PNGRB authorised a 556 km Cherlapally (Telangana)–Nagpur LPG pipeline by GAIL, part of ~1,800 km worth ₹7,000 crore; Telangana got 3 projects under the Urban Challenge Fund → US-based Charles Schwab opened 'Schwab India', a 3.45 lakh sq ft technology centre in Hyderabad, planning ~2,000 staff by end-2027
Hyderabad – defence & space-tech firsts	→ D-Propulse Aerospace tested India's first indigenous 5 kN air-breathing Rotating Detonation Engine (with an aerospike nozzle) at a DRDO facility in Hyderabad, validating TRL-5 → MIDHANI (Mishra Dhatu Nigam, Hyderabad; est. 1973) became the first Indian company to get GE Aerospace's \$400 laboratory approval for testing aerospace alloys → NSTL (DRDO, Visakhapatnam) transferred LM2500 gas-turbine installation technology to Vertex Engineering Systems, Hyderabad; T-Hub signed an MoU with the Army's Central Command to deploy defence-startup solutions → Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace signed its first launch contract after the Vikram-1 orbital mission – three dedicated Vikram missions for HEX20 (Thiruvananthapuram) from Q4 2027
Hyderabad institutions – research & training firsts	→ University of Hyderabad got Indian Patent No. 596319 (granted 21 July) for HYDERACENE – a dual-function polymer that acts as both binder and burn-rate catalyst in solid rocket propellants → IIT Hyderabad and Crimson Energy launched 'ANUGYAN', India's first industry–academia nuclear technology training programme (3-month residential), supporting the goal of 100 GW nuclear power by 2047 → Jindal Steel will set up a Centre of Excellence for advanced steel at IIT Hyderabad; NIIMH Hyderabad (CCRAS) signed an MoU with SEMIRI, Kottayam to digitise medical manuscripts; women-led Hyderabad start-up AkinAnalytics launched the NIKA2 Kisan drone

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. New slogan proposed by CM Revanth Reddy?	Jai Jawan – Jai Kisan – Jai Yuva

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q2. Proposed minimum age to contest Assembly/Lok Sabha polls?	21 (from 25)
Q3. From when is the Dharani portal (now under SET probe) in force?	29 October 2020
Q4. Which Act is amended to let transgender persons be co-opted in corporations?	Telangana Municipalities Act 2019
Q5. Where is India's first integrated oncology manufacturing facility?	Karakapatla, Siddipet (Siro Pharma)
Q6. How many of the first 5 PM-SETU clusters are in Telangana?	3 (Patancheru, Sangareddy, Old City)
Q7. Area of each flat under the CURE urban housing pilot?	528 sq ft
Q8. Telangana's per-capita income as per World Bank data?	\$5,407 (3rd after Delhi, Karnataka)
Q9. Tribal farmers whose podu lands entered Bhu Bharati via the new module?	About 2.30 lakh (6.70 lakh acres)
Q10. Length of the D-shaped irrigation tunnel in the Devadula project?	49 km
Q11. When did Bonalu 2026 begin, and where?	19 July – Golconda Jagadambika Mahankali temple
Q12. Who chairs the Select Committee on the Hate Speech Bill 2026?	Minister Ponnam Prabhakar
Q13. Telangana's rank in deceased organ donors in 2025?	2nd (205 donors)
Q14. Which Hyderabad PSU was first in India to get GE Aerospace's S400 approval?	MIDHANI

02 NATIONAL

Cabinet – PM Surya Sarovar Yojana (floating solar)	→ PM Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY) approved with an outlay of ₹5,070 crore – 5,000 MW of floating solar PV with co-located energy storage of at least two hours (10,000 MWh) → Projects sanctioned FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31; Central Financial Assistance of ₹1 crore per MW after commissioning plus up to ₹50 lakh per project for feasibility studies (bathymetry etc.) → NISE puts India's floating-solar potential at about 102.18 GWp on reservoirs and inland water bodies ★ Memory hook: Surya on the Sarovar – solar panels float on reservoirs
Cabinet – GOBARDhan bioenergy & gas-connection push	→ GOBARDhan (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan) – National Circular Bioenergy Scheme approved with ₹23,731 crore for FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36 under the Petroleum Ministry → It turns crop residue, cattle dung, press mud and municipal organic waste into Compressed Biogas (CBG) and manure, aiming at a nearly ten-fold rise in CBG output → A new APM/NAPM incentive (from 1 September 2026) gives City Gas Distribution firms 200 SCM of cheaper APM gas for every extra billed domestic PNG connection; India has ~1.74 crore PNG homes
Parliament – laws passed in the Monsoon Session	→ Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill 2026 (Lok Sabha, 6 August) amends Section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act 2007 – enabling, not imposing, charges (MDR) on UPI and RuPay debit cards; any charge needs a separate notification → MSMED (Amendment) Bill 2026 (RS 3 August, LS 6 August) – every CPSE must settle MSME invoices through TReDS to tackle delayed payments → Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Act 2026 – Section 3 now also protects the National Song 'Vande Mataram'; preventing its singing or disturbing an assembly singing it is an offence (RS 29 July, LS 30 July) → Tribunals Reforms Bill 2026 repeals the 2021 Act and creates a National Tribunals Commission – 1 Chairperson (ex-SC judge or HC Chief Justice) and 4 members

80th Independence Day – Vande Mataram at 150	→ India's 80th Independence Day (15 August 2026) marked 150 years of 'Vande Mataram'; the National Song was sung from the Red Fort ramparts for the first time, on the PM's arrival → Celebration theme 'Yuva Shakti'; about 2,500 NCC cadets and MY Bharat volunteers formed 'Vande Mataram' on Gyanpath; the PM's ~75-minute speech introduced the 'Saptadhara' (seven streams) approach → The PM announced a nationwide sports-talent hunt for children aged 5–15 (with focus on girls) as India prepares a bid for the 2036 Olympics; India hosts the Commonwealth Games in 2030
Agriculture – ammonia as fertiliser, makhana, pulses genome	→ Anhydrous ammonia (82% nitrogen vs 46% in urea) allowed as a fertiliser for three years (notification 23 July under Clause 20A of the Fertiliser Control Order 1985) – India could be the 4th country after the US, Canada and Australia to use it directly; it must be injected into soil → India is the largest makhana (<i>Euryale ferox</i>) producer; the National Makhana Board was launched in Bihar on 15 September 2025 and a ₹476.03 crore scheme runs to 2030–31; APEDA enabled the first sea shipment of GI Mithila Makhana (18 MT) to Australia → ICAR produced India's first fully annotated telomere-to-telomere (T2T) genome of pigeonpea variety 'Asha', aiding the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (target ~35 MT by 2030–31)
Industry – mobile phones, toys & semiconductors	→ MeitY notified the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) – ₹62,500 crore for FY 2026–27 to 2030–31; incentives of 2.25–5% for manufacturing (TS1) and 5% + 3% (Indian design/R&D) for Indian brands (TS2) → A toy-industry task force aims for a 5% share of the global toy market by 2032; a Toy Sector Playbook was released at DPIIT's 'Team Up for Toys' meet → SEMICON India 2026 (5th edition) – 17–19 September at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, theme 'Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem'; Indian chip start-ups have raised about \$206 million since 2022
Infrastructure approvals – highways, railways, airports	→ CCEA: 135.871 km 4-lane access-controlled Guwahati–Tezpur corridor on NH-15 (BOT toll, ₹8,970.20 crore) with a 4.9 km Emergency Landing Facility on the Tezpur bypass; 82.578 km Muzaffarpur–Sitamarhi–Sonbarsa section of NH-22 (HAM, ₹3,590.73 crore) to the Nepal border → CCEA cleared 4 rail multitracking projects worth ₹9,450 crore (410 km in WB, Odisha, TN, AP) – incl. Kharagpur–Bhadrak 4th line (173 km); the 29 km Danapur–Fatuha section in Patna gets multitracking at ₹976 crore → 11 AAI airports to be leased in 5 bundles under PPP for 50 years (~₹8,622 crore private investment; PPPAC nod 4 August)
Welfare milestones – Jan Dhan, Jal Jeevan, e-Shram	→ PMJDY (launched 28 August 2014) turned 12 – 59.09 crore accounts as of 19 August 2026; women hold 55.7% and rural/semi-urban areas 77.8% → Jal Jeevan Mission (15 August 2019) at 7 years – rural tap connections up from 3.23 crore (16.72%) to 15.91 crore households (82.24%); 188 districts certified Har Ghar Jal → e-Shram (26 August 2021) completed 5 years as India's first Aadhaar-verified National Database of Unorganised Workers; PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (₹99,446 crore, Aug 2025–Jul 2027) has added 72 lakh first-time employees
Supreme Court & judiciary – August rulings	→ SC modified its May 2025 ruling – minimum legal practice for entry-level judicial service exams cut from 3 years to 1 year (2:1 verdict, bench of CJI Surya Kant); exams notified 25 May 2025–31 March 2027 remain open to fresh graduates → SC asked the remaining 19 States/UTs to consider declaring cancer a notifiable disease – 17 of 36 have already done so → SC directed the RBI to frame an SOP within four weeks for banks against 'digital arrest' scams, including temporary debit holds on suspected mule accounts → Union Cabinet approved a Bench of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in the UT of Ladakh; the Centre told the SC that the creamy-layer principle does not apply to SCs/STs

Tourism & heritage – safaris, GI tag, film tourism	→ Ladakh will start India's first 'High-Altitude Wildlife Safari' (approved by LG Vinai Kumar Saxena) – guided jeep safaris on snow-leopard and birding trails in Hemis NP, Changthang and Karakoram sanctuaries → CZA approved the Desert Zoological Park & Night Safari at Juna Deesa, Banaskantha (Gujarat) on ~103 ha – planned as Asia's first desert-themed drive-through night safari → Pithora painting of the Rathwa tribe (Gujarat) received the GI tag; the Tourism Ministry added an 'As Seen on Netflix' section to the Incredible India portal (10 years of Netflix in India)
States – new welfare schemes	→ Tamil Nadu: 'Annapoorani Super Six' – reimbursement of domestic LPG cylinders via DBT from Pongal (January 2027) for families earning under ₹2.5 lakh (₹4,000 crore a year); 365-day maternity leave extended to women employees having a third child → Uttar Pradesh: 'Lokmata Ahilyabai Matrushakti Yojana' – lifelong free UPSRTC bus travel for women aged 60+; 180-day maternity leave now available twice in service, incl. adoptive mothers → Karnataka: 'Sandhya Kiran' cashless health cover (₹5 lakh a year) for pensioners below 70; 'Vidyarthi Sahayahasta' – 7.5% within the 15% rural quota in professional courses for rural govt-school students → Odisha: 'Bidesh Sikhyabruti' – 50 SC/ST students a year for PG/PhD at QS top-200 universities; Assam: Nijut Moina (girls, against child marriage) and Nijut Babu stipends
Centre–State finance, disaster relief & zonal council	→ An additional tax-devolution instalment of ₹1,09,019 crore was released over and above the regular August transfer – Uttar Pradesh got the most (₹19,208 crore), then Bihar (₹10,845 crore) → Advance SDRF central share of ₹2,117.85 crore for flood-hit States – ₹500 crore each to Gujarat, Maharashtra and Odisha; Assam ₹379.35 crore → 33 projects approved under the Urban Challenge Fund (operational 15 April 2026; ₹1 lakh crore central assistance) – Odisha 7, Gujarat and MP 6 each → The 31st Southern Zonal Council, chaired by Amit Shah, met at Kovalam near Mahabalipuram – members AP, Karnataka, Kerala, TN, Telangana + Puducherry, A&N and Lakshadweep
Energy – nuclear rules, EV subsidy, ship recycling	→ DAE released the Draft SHANTI Rules 2026 (under the SHANTI Act 2025) on nuclear liability, insurance and financial security – feedback till 4 September; India targets 100 GW nuclear capacity by 2047 → ₹1,000 crore more for electric two-wheelers under PM E-DRIVE – incentives (up to ₹5,000 per vehicle) extended to March 2028; e2W penetration is ~7.6% → India became the world's leading ship-recycling nation in 2025 – share up from 30.1% to 35.4% (2.99 million GT), meeting the Maritime India Vision 2030 target five years early
Digital governance – portals & apps	→ Revamped India Code portal with AI-assisted search launched by Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal (13 August); CIC launched AppCoMS 2.0 for RTI second appeals and complaints (17 August) → MHA added 11 entry points for e-Visa holders – total 88 (37 airports, 38 seaports, 13 land ports); new airports Bhopal and Tirupati → NAKSHA – GIS-based urban land survey under DILRMP; E-Samudra single-window platform for seafarers (DGMA); Dak MITRA app for 1.4 lakh branch post offices; 'AAERI Verify' uses DigiLocker for students applying to Australian universities
Health – outbreaks, notifiable diseases, standards	→ A National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NCDC, ICMR, DAHD) was sent to Gujarat and Rajasthan for the Chandipura virus outbreak; NCDC's PHEOC activated → Maharashtra declared snakebite a notifiable disease – every suspected or confirmed case and death must be reported → Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission released 7 nitrosamine-impurity reference standards for the first time; AIIA (New Delhi) launched a six-month 'Garbhini Mitra' course on Ayurveda-based maternal wellness

Recruitment, youth & institutions	→ Recruitment timelines cut – UPSC from 15 to 13 months and SSC from 15–18 months to 6–8 months; SSC has moved all exams to computer-based tests → PM launched the 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' by video link to over one crore youth at 28,000+ locations – grown from a Kashi pilot under the 'Kashi Declaration' → Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (Kolkata; founded 29 July 1876 by Dr Mahendralal Sircar) – India's first indigenous scientific research institution – turned 150
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★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Outlay and capacity of PM Surya Sarovar Yojana?	₹5,070 crore; 5,000 MW floating solar
Q2. Outlay of the GOBARDHAN National Circular Bioenergy Scheme?	₹23,731 crore (FY27–FY36)
Q3. Which section of the PSS Act 2007 was amended to enable MDR on UPI?	Section 10A
Q4. National Song now protected under the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act?	Vande Mataram
Q5. Nitrogen content of anhydrous ammonia vs urea?	82% vs 46%
Q6. Outlay of the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme?	₹62,500 crore
Q7. Length of the Emergency Landing Facility on the Guwahati–Tezpur corridor?	4.9 km (Tezpur bypass)
Q8. PMJDY accounts as of 19 August 2026?	59.09 crore
Q9. New minimum practice for entry-level judicial service exams?	1 year (was 3)
Q10. Where will India's first High-Altitude Wildlife Safari start?	Ladakh
Q11. Total e-Visa entry points after August 2026 additions?	88

03 INTERNATIONAL

Venezuela exits the ICC; Nauru becomes Naoero	→ Venezuela (Interim President Delcy Rodríguez) notified the UN of withdrawal from the Rome Statute under Article 127 – effective one year after notification; the ICC probe into alleged crimes against humanity continues → The Pacific nation Nauru renamed itself the Republic of Naoero by a constitutional amendment (May 2026); country code NRU → NRO and citizens are called 'dei-Naoero' → Naoero (independent 1968; President David Adeang; currency Australian dollar) has ~12,000 people – the world's third-smallest country by population
West Asia – new security pacts	→ Saudi Arabia and 13 other countries announced a Multinational Maritime Defence Alliance after a Riyadh meeting (43 countries + EU) to protect shipping in the Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb and the Gulf of Aden → Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Türkiye signed the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement – an armed attack on one is an attack on all three, a 'NATO Article 5-style' collective-defence clause
India's BRICS Chairship 2026 – ministerial meetings	→ 10th BRICS Industry Ministers' Meeting in Jaipur under the Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR); a CCI-hosted meeting of BRICS competition heads in Udaipur (CCI chair Ravneet Kaur) → 16th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting in Chandigarh; the BRICS ICT Track in Pune (17–21 August, DoT) with the theme 'Innovate, Cooperate and Transform (ICT) for a Resilient Future' → BRICS now has 11 members – Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, UAE; the first summit was at Yekaterinburg (2009) and India took over from Brazil (2025)

Neighbourhood – Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh	→ 5th India–Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks (Thimphu, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri): 12 new Project-Tied Assistance projects worth ₹332 crore – 82 projects (₹6,860 crore) under Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan, within India's ₹10,000 crore package → JSW Neo Energy and Bhutan's DGPC will build the 920 MW Punatsangchhu-III hydro project (DGPC 51%, JSW 49%, BOOT); India and Nepal agreed to finish UAV-based mapping of cross-border land occupation within 3 years (13th Survey Officials' Committee, Lucknow) → India and Sri Lanka reviewed the HVDC grid interconnection and the Sampur solar project; Bangladesh opened a July Mass Uprising Memorial Museum at Ganabhaban, the former PM's residence
Trade partners – UK CETA, SACU, Mauritius, Morocco	→ Malabar Gold & Diamonds became one of the first Indian jewellers to export to the UK under the India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) → India and the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) signed the Terms of Reference for Preferential Trade Agreement talks at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi → IOCL signed a five-year deal to meet Mauritius' entire import needs of petrol, diesel and ATF (Hardeep Puri's visit, 20–21 August); MoS Jitin Prasada co-chaired the 7th India–Morocco Joint Commission – both aim to double trade (over \$4 billion in 2025) in five years
APEDA export firsts – August	→ First air shipment of Karnataka's Neelam and Totapuri mangoes (1 MT, Kolar FPO) to the Maldives – flagged off 30 July by a woman-led exporter → First sea export of value-added flavoured makhana (7 MT) from Darbhanga, Bihar to Canada via Mundra port → Uttarakhand's first frozen French-fries export – 24 MT from Kashipur to Iraq; Tripura's Dergang FPO sent the region's first mustard-honey consignment (1 MT) to Dubai
UN & global health	→ WHO Africa confirmed closure of poliovirus type-2 outbreaks in Burundi, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Republic of the Congo and Uganda → India donated five peacocks – four blue and one white male (the UN's colours) – to the UN Office at Geneva for Ariana Park (7 August) → The Global Biofuels Alliance (launched at the G20 New Delhi summit, 2023) inducted 15 early-career researchers as the first Global Biofuel Champion Fellows (\$15,000 grant each)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Under which article of the Rome Statute did Venezuela withdraw?	Article 127
Q2. New name of Nauru?	Republic of Naoero (code NRO)
Q3. Which three countries signed the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement?	Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Türkiye
Q4. Where was the 10th BRICS Industry Ministers' Meeting held?	Jaipur
Q5. Capacity of Punatsangchhu-III (JSW Neo–DGPC)?	920 MW
Q6. Which mango varieties had their first air shipment to the Maldives?	Neelam and Totapuri (Karnataka)

04 ECONOMY, BANKING & BUSINESS

RBI August policy – 62nd MPC	→ 62nd MPC (3–5 August, Governor Sanjay Malhotra) unanimously kept the repo rate at 5.25%; SDF 5.00%, MSF and Bank Rate 5.50%; stance 'Neutral' → FY27 real GDP forecast raised to 6.7% from 6.6% – quarterly Q1 7.0%, Q2 6.4%, Q3 6.5%, Q4 6.8% → RBI's 101st Survey of Professional Forecasters (July) – FY27 GDP 6.6% (from 6.5%) and FY28 7.0%
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Growth forecasts & ratings	→ ICRA put Q1 FY27 GDP growth at 7% – a four-quarter low (Q4 FY26 7.8%); India Ratings raised its FY27 forecast by 10 bps to 6.8% → Fitch affirmed India at BBB- (Stable) – the lowest investment grade, unchanged since 2006 (20th straight year); it sees FY27 growth at 6.4% → IMF (April 2026 WEO): India's nominal GDP should cross \$5 trillion in FY 2028–29 (~\$5.1 trillion) from about \$3.92 trillion in FY26, the FM told the Rajya Sabha
Prices, jobs & trade – July data	→ CPI inflation rose to a 19-month high of 4.45% in July (new base year 2024); WPI inflation eased to 9.78% from 9.87% – the first month-on-month fall under the 2022-23 base, after rising on the West Asia war and Hormuz blockade → PLFS: monthly unemployment 5.1% in July (5.5% in June); quarterly April–June UR 5.4% (from 5.0%) with LFPR down to 54.6% → July total exports (goods + services) \$80.14 billion (+13.31%), imports \$95.16 billion; trade deficit \$15.03 billion; merchandise exports \$44.24 billion – the highest ever for July; core-sector growth 5.4% (June 6.0%)
External sector – forex reserves, CAD, FCNR swap	→ Forex reserves jumped \$14.136 billion to \$707.002 billion in the week to 7 August; the all-time high was \$728.494 billion (week to 27 February 2026) before the West Asia conflict → Current account deficit widened to \$6.2 billion in June 2026 (surplus of \$1.2 billion in June 2025) as the merchandise deficit rose to \$30.2 billion → RBI closed the concessional FCNR(B) swap window on 31 August – a month early (it opened 8 June); inflows above \$100 million could be swapped on any day; advances against fresh FCNR(B)/NRE deposits are excluded from ANBC for priority-sector targets
Banking – health & financial inclusion	→ PSB frauds FY26: value up 58% to ₹35,671 crore while cases fell 79% (27,356 → 5,786); PSBs reported zero locker thefts in FY26 for the first time in five years → Bank deposit growth hit 15.4% (31 July) – the highest since December 2016; RRBs posted a record net profit of ₹10,176 crore in FY26 (₹6,820 crore in FY25), and 28 RRBs crossed ₹13.5 lakh crore business → Jan Dhan Darshak app: 99.92% of inhabited villages (6,00,868 of 6,01,328) have a banking outlet within 5 km; RBI's Financial Inclusion Index rose from 43.4 (March 2017) to 70.0 (March 2026); Global Findex 2025 puts account ownership at 89%
UPI – records & going global	→ July 2026: a record 23.66 billion UPI transactions worth ₹29.88 lakh crore (~763 million a day); UPI's share of digital payments reached 84% in FY 2025-26 → Maldives' 'Favara' instant-payment system linked with UPI (go-live 30 July) – remittances in Maldivian Rufiyaa credited in rupees → 'At the Top, Burj Khalifa' became the first UAE tourist attraction to accept UPI for online bookings (NIPL–NEOPAY); a Qatar–India postal remittance service (PosTransfer on UPI) began in Doha on 15 August
RBI rule changes – NBFCs, capital, deposits	→ Draft: NBFCs may give only term loans (no revolving credit) unless authorised to issue credit cards; 17 NBFCs named Upper Layer for 2026-27 (threshold ₹1 lakh crore assets) → Draft leverage ratio – minimum 4% for D-SIBs and 3.5% for other banks; revised Basel Pillar III disclosures deferred to 1 April 2027; new loan-recovery/agent norms deferred to 1 January 2027 → From 1 October 2026 banks may pay differential rates on bulk deposits linked to LCR run-off rates; draft pricing rules – loans up to ₹50,000 must not be usurious, and for short-term farm loans total interest and charges cannot exceed the principal
Markets & insurance – OFS, SEBI, IRDAI	→ Government launched an OFS for up to 6.5% of LIC (2.5% base + 4% green-shoe) – the largest OFS disinvestment ever; SEBI gave LIC till 16 May 2027 to reach 10% public shareholding; up to 6% of Hindustan Copper also sold via OFS → SEBI Annual Report 2025-26: India 1st globally in number of IPOs and 3rd in funds raised; SEBI proposed a colour-coded six-level 'Credit Risk-o-Meter' for debt securities and introduced an IT Resilience Index (9 parameters) for market infrastructure institutions → FTSE Russell declared BSE an eligible exchange (from its March 2027 review); IRDAI barred Niva Bupa, Acko, Edelweiss Life and Pramerica Life from opening new branches for six months for breaching expense-of-management limits

Deals & finance firsts	→ Bank of America to take up to 49.9% of Jio Credit (NBFC arm of Jio Financial Services) for ₹18,268 crore; TCS to buy Porsche's IT consultancy MHP for €320 million → REC set to be the first issuer of tokenised (blockchain/DLT) corporate bonds in a pilot (<₹500 crore); Paul Merchants Finance became the first NBFC with exclusive silver-loan branches → Government and RBI set up the India Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC) to share real-time fraud intelligence; CBDT's FAST-DS (Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers – Disclosure Scheme) came into force on 16 August
Public finance, logistics & investment	→ Centre's debt-to-GDP stood at 58.2% in FY26 – 210 bps above the 56.1% target; fiscal deficit fell from 9.2% of GDP (FY21) to 4.4% (FY26, provisional) → PSBs proposed a separate 2% climate/transition-finance sub-target within the 40% PSL requirement (current sub-targets: agriculture 18%, micro enterprises 7.5%, weaker sections 12%) → The Logistics Data Bank (since 2016; RFID-based) has tracked 10 crore EXIM containers across 19 ports; Bank of Baroda research counts ₹26.75 trillion of investment announcements from 1 April–5 August, 56% in IT-enabled services (mostly data centres and AI)

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Repo rate after the 62nd MPC?	5.25% (unchanged)
Q2. India's sovereign rating affirmed by Fitch?	BBB- (Stable)
Q3. CPI inflation in July 2026?	4.45% (19-month high)
Q4. India's all-time high forex reserves?	\$728.494 billion (week to 27 February 2026)
Q5. Share of inhabited villages with a banking outlet within 5 km?	99.92%
Q6. Maldives' instant-payment system linked with UPI?	Favara
Q7. Maximum LIC stake offered in the government's OFS?	6.5% (2.5% + 4% green-shoe)

05 REPORTS, RANKINGS & INDICES

Rankings – brands, cities, employers, people	→ Brand Finance India 100 2026: Tata Group the most valuable brand for the 10th year running (\$33.6 billion), then Infosys and LIC; top 100 worth \$252.8 billion → EIU Global Liveability Index 2026 (173 cities): Copenhagen 1st, Vienna 2nd, Melbourne 3rd; New Delhi (120th) the best Indian city, then Mumbai (121st) → Randstad Employer Brand Research 2026: Google India's most attractive employer, then Tata Group and Amazon; Kroll 2025: Shah Rukh Khan the most valuable celebrity brand (\$177.9 million), Alia Bhatt top woman (6th) → Candere Hurun India Women Leaders 2026: Meena Bindra (BIBA) 1st among 117 women; Hurun family businesses 2026: Ambani family 1st – top 300 worth ₹138 lakh crore
Global indices – environment, competition, sustainability	→ Environmental Performance Index 2026 (Yale/Columbia; 177 countries, 47 indicators): Estonia 1st (74.79); India 176th with 22.46, ahead only of Laos → Market Distortions Performance Index (Competere Foundation): India improved 25 places – from 82nd (2010) to 57th (2023) → THE Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026 (8th edition): University of Manchester 1st; Manipal Academy of Higher Education 1st globally for SDG 5 (Gender Equality); IWG Work from Anywhere Index 2026 – Mumbai 50th, the only Indian city
NITI Aayog reports – August	→ 'Reimagining Care: Strategies for Empowering Caregivers in Viksit Bharat@2047' – roadmap for a professional caregiving workforce (released by Vice Chairperson Ashok Kumar Lahiri) → 'Key Sectors to Position India as a Global Manufacturing Hub' – focuses on chemicals, textiles, telecom & networking equipment and solar PV manufacturing → 'Reimagining Skilling for Viksit Bharat@2047' – about 8.7 crore Indians aged 15–29 are NEET (not in education, employment or training), based on NSS 78th round (2021); a separate report studies regulation of professional services

Sector data – sugar, gold loans, cards, gold buying	→ India is the world's 2nd largest sugar producer after Brazil; Maharashtra is the top sugar-producing State (~9.92 MT) while Uttar Pradesh leads sugarcane output (48.57% share in 2024-25) → Five southern States (TN, AP, Karnataka, Telangana, Kerala) hold over 80% of gold-loan outstanding; Tamil Nadu is highest (over ₹4 lakh crore) → Cards (June 2026): SBI leads debit cards with 25% share, HDFC Bank leads credit cards with 22%; central banks bought a net 51 tonnes of gold in June – Poland (19 t) the biggest buyer, China extending a 20-month streak
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★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's most valuable brand for the 10th year (Brand Finance)?	Tata Group (\$33.6 billion)
Q2. India's rank in EPI 2026?	176th of 177
Q3. NEET youth (15–29) estimated by NITI Aayog?	About 8.7 crore
Q4. Top sugar-producing State in 2026?	Maharashtra (~9.92 MT)

06 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SPACE

Space – NavIC gap, NASA's Moon Base offer, private EO satellites	→ For the first time the Government told Parliament that NavIC cannot give standalone positioning – only three navigation satellites work (IRNSS-1B, IRNSS-1I, NVS-01) while at least four are needed; IRNSS-1F's atomic clock failed after its 10-year life → NASA invited ISRO to join its Moon Base Programme (an outpost near the lunar south pole) at the 9th India–US Civil Space Joint Working Group in Bengaluru → IN-SPACe signed for India's first fully commercial Earth-observation constellation under PPP – 12 satellites by a Pixxel-led consortium (Dhruva Space, PierSight, SatSure); it also issued norms for authorising planned re-entry of space objects
Engines & aircraft – indigenous propulsion push	→ CSIR-NAL unveiled three indigenous micro/small gas-turbine engines NJ-05, NJ-50 and NJ-100 (5, 50 and 100 kg thrust) for UAVs, drone interceptors and target drones (25 August) → HAL and Safran signed the final contract for the 3,500–4,000 shp 'Aravalli' turboshaft engine (via 50:50 JV SAFHAL) for the 13-tonne Indian Multi-Role Helicopter; Reliance and Rolls-Royce partnered for a sovereign engine for the AMCA programme → Kawa UAV's Divyastra Mk3 – described as India's first indigenous jet-powered loitering munition – made its maiden flight at the UP Defence Corridor, Lucknow; Sarla Aviation became India's 3rd eVTOL Design Organisation Approval holder
Health & bio-research firsts	→ ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal developed India's first indigenous live attenuated vaccine against African Swine Fever – made on the widely available MA-104 cell line → INST Mohali (with BARC) built a light-driven multifunctional nanobot for targeted breast-cancer therapy; ARI Pune developed a mesoporous-silica nanocarrier to deliver siRNA against breast cancer → JNCASR made a smartphone-linked platform using probe TZ-48 to detect the Alzheimer's biomarker amyloid-β; S.N. Bose Centre and Ashoka University built 'ACSCeND', an AI tool to find hidden cancer stem-like cells
AI, language tech & digital money	→ IISc Bengaluru (SPIRE Lab with ARTPARK, backed by Google) released 'SraVaani', an open-source speech-recognition model for 65 Indian languages and dialects – 20 scheduled + 45 others such as Garo, Kokborok and Tulu → Fractal Analytics launched 'Vaidya AI', a healthcare reasoning model under the IndiaAI Mission, piloted with BMC in Mumbai; Razorpay launched 'Vulcan', described as India's first AI-powered payments foundation model → CBDC-based DBT of PMGKAY food subsidy began in Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli – the first large-scale use of CBDC in a Central welfare scheme; BHASHINI and NITI Aayog signed a Statement of Intent for multilingual voice-first AI

Space & science abroad	→ NASA readied the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope (on SpaceX Falcon Heavy, 30 August) to study dark matter and dark energy; astronauts Anil Menon (first spacewalk) and Jessica Meir completed the 281st ISS spacewalk → ESA's Sophie Adenot became the first French woman to spacewalk (second European woman after Samantha Cristoforetti); Pakistan named its first lunar rover 'Jinnah-1', to fly on China's Chang'e-8 in 2029 → JWST found 'MoM-BH-1', a proposed 'black hole star' from under 660 million years after the Big Bang; TESS helped find GJ 523b, nicknamed 'Mega-Earth' (~23 Earth masses)
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★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. How many NavIC satellites currently provide service?	Three (min. four needed)
Q2. Name of the HAL–Safran helicopter engine?	Aravalli
Q3. Which institute made India's first indigenous ASF vaccine?	ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal
Q4. IISc's open-source speech model for 65 Indian languages?	SraVaani

07 ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

New species – August	→ Pseudolaguvia khairii – a new catfish from the Budhabalanga river, Mayurbhanj (Odisha), named after Khairi, the famous tigress of Similipal Tiger Reserve (published in Zootaxa) → KUFOS researchers described the seahorse Hippocampus amandavincenae, showing that the 'thorny seahorse' H. histrix is actually three species → Prof. S.D. Biju's team found three cascade frogs – Amolops ammachi (Jampui Hills, Tripura), A. sendenyu (Nagaland) and A. bella (West Bengal); CSIR-IHBT found Doronicum sanctum (sunflower family) at ~4,000 m in Tawang; a Nepal balsam was named Impatiens nimspurjai after mountaineer Nirmal Purja
Biodiversity – butterfly catalogue, Ramsar, rewilding	→ ZSI completed India's first comprehensive catalogue of Lepidoptera – 22 volumes listing 13,703 species of butterflies and moths (3,705 genera, 102 families), about 8.25% of the world's known Lepidoptera; led by Dr Navneet Singh and Dr Rahul Joshi over 12+ years → Glaw Lake in Kamlang Tiger Reserve became India's 101st Ramsar site and Arunachal Pradesh's first; India's Ramsar sites grew from 26 (2014) to 101 (2026) → Gujarat released 20 blackbucks (5 male, 15 female) into the Banni grasslands of Kutch with support from Vantara; Re:wild (Leonardo DiCaprio) and the Bezos Earth Fund launched the \$200 million Phoenix Species Project for 100 threatened species
Land, water & atmosphere	→ At UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav called land restoration a national priority in line with the Bonn Challenge → A 12-member committee headed by the CWC Chairman (formed 10 July, report in 6 months) will review restoration and management of the Teesta Barrage in West Bengal → ARIES (Nainital) scientists detected unusually high upper-air ozone over the north Bay of Bengal under the NetRAD-ASMA campaign; UNDP India and HUL will support 50,000 Safai Mitras in 50 cities by 2028

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. New catfish named after the Similipal tigress Khairi?	Pseudolaguvia khairii
Q2. Species of butterflies and moths in ZSI's catalogue?	13,703
Q3. Where was UNCCD COP17 held?	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

08 DEFENCE & SECURITY

Navy & Coast Guard – launches and deliveries	→ Cochin Shipyard launched 'Machilipatnam' (7th of 8 Mahe-class ASW Shallow Water Craft) and delivered 'Mangrol' (3rd ASW-SWC, 80%+ indigenous) on 21 August → Second Next Generation OPV 'Shruti' (Yard 3037) launched at GRSE on 11 August – the 11-ship NGOPV programme (7 at Goa Shipyard, 4 at GRSE) was signed for ₹9,781 crore on 30 March 2023 → Diving Support Vessel 'Nipun' (2nd after INS Nistar; HSL, Visakhapatnam) delivered 30 July for commissioning on 31 August; L&T delivered 'Samarthak', the Navy's first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel (27 August); DSC A24 – 5th and last Diving Support Craft – launched at Titagarh; GSL handed over ICGS Ajit, 7th of 8 Fast Patrol Vessels ★ Memory hook: Machilipatnam and Mangrol – Mahe-class boats carry coastal-town names
Missiles, munitions & self-reliance	→ Agni-4 (nuclear-capable MRBM, ~4,000 km, two-stage solid fuel) user trial from ITR Chandipur on 6 August under the Strategic Forces Command → Rajnath Singh approved Transfer of Technology of all DRDO-developed conventional missile systems to eligible Indian industry; the 6th Positive Indigenisation List covers 405 items (389 DPSU + 16 ICG) worth ₹3,070 crore → MoD signed ₹1,577 crore contracts with TASL and NIBE for 84 loiter-munition systems (840 munitions) and a ₹1,943 crore 30-month lease of two MQ-9B Sea Guardian drones for the Navy; IRRPL (Korwa, Amethi) test-fired the first 100% indigenised AK-203 'Sher' rifle
Exercises – August	→ ROTOR CLAP-III – IAF counter-UAS helicopter exercise at Pokhran Field Firing Range (1–2 August) with Apache, Prachand, Chinook, Mi-17 and Dhruv → Udara Shakti 2026 (3rd, biennial) – IAF and Royal Malaysian Air Force at Subang, 10–14 August; IAF Rafales also completed Exercise Pitch Black 2026 in Australia with 20+ nations → MAITREE-XV (India–Thailand Army, instituted 2006) at Surat Thani, 18–31 August; 8th India–US Navy EOD exercise at Kochi (10–14 August); 2nd 'Sahyog HOP TAC' – India–Vietnam coast guards at Chennai
Armed forces – firsts & initiatives	→ Rajnath Singh opened India's first dedicated Department of Military Medicine at the Command Hospital (Central Command), Lucknow → Army Chief Gen Dhiraj Seth launched indigenous Xtreme Weather Grade (XWG) diesel that works down to –42°C; DRDO's Military Combat Parachute System (ADRDE, Agra) made safe jumps from 22,000 ft at Nyoma-Mudh, Ladakh → CDS Gen N.S. Raja Subramani opened the 4th Tri-Services Future Warfare Course (3 August); IAF–SIDM 'SANKALP' seminar on indigenisation; all-girls NCC trek 'Aparajita – Parang La 2026' (~250 km)
Defence diplomacy & industry	→ Japan's Defence Minister Shinjiro Koizumi made his first visit to India (19–20 August), visiting Western Naval Command and INS Chennai; India and Armenia signed a defence MoU in Yerevan on R&D and co-production → Gen Dhiraj Seth was made Honorary General of the Nepal Army by President Ramchandra Paudel – a tradition since 1950 → Samtel HAL Display Systems (Gurugram) – India's first public–private JV in defence avionics to design and produce a fighter Multifunction Display; HAL revived the Su-30MKI line at Nashik for 12 aircraft; Sigma–Indrajaal won a ₹155 crore MHA order for 'Indrajaal Ranger' mobile anti-drone vehicles

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. 7th Mahe-class ASW-SWC launched by Cochin Shipyard?	Machilipatnam
Q2. Range of Agni-4 test-fired on 6 August?	About 4,000 km
Q3. India–Thailand Army exercise held 18–31 August?	MAITREE-XV
Q4. Temperature down to which XWG diesel works?	–42°C

09 APPOINTMENTS

Person	Appointed as	Key facts
Varsha Ashok Aglawe	54th Director General, Geological Survey of India (31 July)	First woman to head GSI in its 176-year history; succeeded Asit Saha
T. V. Somanathan	Cabinet Secretary – one-year extension beyond 30 August 2026	33rd Cabinet Secretary since 30 August 2024; 1987-batch IAS (TN)
Rahul Navin	Enforcement Directorate Director – extended to 13 August 2027	1993-batch IRS; full-time ED chief since 14 August 2024
A. S. Rajeev	Acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (3 August)	Succeeded Praveen Kumar Srivastava; under the CVC Act 2003
Archana Varma	Secretary, Department of Water Resources, RD & GR (12 August)	1995-batch IAS; was Mission Director, National Water Mission; succeeded V.L. Kantha Rao
Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja	Next DG Armed Forces Medical Services	Takes over on retirement of Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin (31 August)
Vice Admiral AN Pramod	Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (1 August)	Succeeded Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti
Vice Admiral Manish Chadha	Director General Naval Operations (3 August)	Communication & electronic-warfare specialist; 78th NDA course
Air Marshal Tejpal Singh	Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (1 August)	Fighter pilot and experimental test pilot; 3,500+ flying hours
Monisha Chakraborty	RBI Executive Director (3 August)	Oversees Foreign Exchange Dept and Financial Markets Regulation Dept
K. Rajaraman	IFSCA Chairperson – tenure extended to 24 October 2028	In office since 1 August 2023; IFSCA HQ at GIFT City
S. Somanath and Anand Mahindra	Part-time directors, RBI Central Board (4 years from 20 August)	Somanath – ex-ISRO chief; Mahindra re-appointed; Annie George Mathew, Janmejaya Sinha and Syed Akbaruddin also named – board grows from 11 to 14
Tewolde Gebremariam	CEO & MD, Air India (5 August)	Ex-CEO of Ethiopian Airlines (2011–22); succeeds Campbell Wilson
Justice V. Kameswar Rao	Recommended Chief Justice, Patna High Court	SC Collegium (CJI Surya Kant) named 4 HC Chief Justices on 6 August
N. S. Vishwanathan	Axis Bank part-time chairman – new term 27 October 2026 to 26 October 2029	Former RBI Deputy Governor
Shabnam Sinha	Chairperson, Airtel Payments Bank (from 1 October 2026)	Replaces Sunil Bharti Mittal
Ashish Singh	MD & CEO, Manappuram Finance (5 years from 1 January 2027)	V.P. Nandakumar to become non-executive chairman; follows Bain Capital's entry
Yuko Keicho (Japan)	Vice President & Auditor General, World Bank Group	Leads its Internal Audit Vice Presidency
András Baka	President of Hungary (from 19 August)	Former Supreme Court head; elected 140–6; predecessor Tamás Sulyok removed by amendment; PM Péter Magyar
Hakainde Hichilema	Re-elected President of Zambia (2026–31)	UPND leader; ~61.4% of the vote in the 13 August election
Mirza Fakhru'l Islam Alamgir	23rd President of Bangladesh (5-year term)	BNP leader; elected by the Jatiya Sangsad after Mohammed Shahabuddin resigned (24 July)
Rahul Jain	Senior Adviser to the Executive Director (India), IMF – 3 years	2005-batch IAS (MP); ACC also cleared postings to ADB, World Bank, WTO, ICAO

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. First woman Director General of GSI?	Varsha Ashok Aglawe
Q2. New CEO & MD of Air India?	Tewolde Gebremariam
Q3. 23rd President of Bangladesh?	Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir

10 AWARDS & HONOURS

Award	Recipient	Key facts
Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026	NSA Ajit Doval	Presented by Amit Shah in Pune on Tilak's 106th death anniversary; instituted 1983 by the Lokmanya Tilak Smarak Trust
COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal 2026	Prof. Annapurni Subramaniam (Director, IIA Bengaluru)	4th Indian and 1st Indian woman to win it; presented at the 46th COSPAR Assembly, Florence
ICTP Dirac Medal 2026	Deepak Dhar (theoretical physicist)	For statistical mechanics; shared with Bernard Derrida, Marc Mézard and Haim Sompolsky
Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships & Awards 2024–25	115 artists	To be conferred by the President at Vigyan Bhawan; given since 1952
Independence Day police & service medals 2026	1,057 personnel	301 Gallantry (272 police, 29 fire), 92 President's Medals for Distinguished Service, 664 Meritorious
Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak	12 rat miners	For manually digging through the last stretch in the Silkyara tunnel rescue; presented by Nitin Gadkari
Gaj Gaurav Awards 2026	Seven mahouts of Jaldapara National Park (WB)	For flood-rescue work; given at World Elephant Day celebrations in Visakhapatnam
National Teachers' Awards 2026	48 school teachers (26 men, 22 women)	President to confer on 5 September; instituted 1958
47th Sarala Puraskar 2026	Dr Ashutosh Parida (Odia poet)	For 'Bishwas De Pruthwi'; by IMFA's IMPaCT trust – ₹7 lakh
Miss Universe India 2026	Kaziah Liz Mejo (Mavelikkara, Kerala)	First woman from Kerala to win the title; will compete at the 75th Miss Universe in Puerto Rico
Guinness World Record	Lakshmanan Meyyappan	World's youngest male Chartered Accountant (ACCA) at 16 years 141 days
PM Internship Scheme Industry Awards 2026	Mahindra & Mahindra – Overall Industry Champion	Top PSU partners ONGC, NTPC, WCL; top private partners Reliance, Infosys, Dr Reddy's

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026 winner?	Ajit Doval
Q2. Indian physicist awarded the 2026 ICTP Dirac Medal?	Deepak Dhar
Q3. Miss Universe India 2026?	Kaziah Liz Mejo

11 SPORTS

Commonwealth Games 2026, Glasgow	→ Held 23 July–2 August in a reduced programme (no wrestling, badminton, table tennis, hockey or shooting); India finished 4th with 39 medals – 13 gold, 17 silver, 9 bronze – ahead of hosts Scotland (also 39) on silvers; Australia topped (171) → Men's javelin – India's first double podium: Neeraj Chopra silver (85.83 m), Yashvir Singh bronze; Sri Lanka's Rumesh Pathirage won gold (89.75 m) → Asmita Dey (women's 48 kg) became the first Indian judoka to win CWG gold, with Harsh Singh (men's 60 kg) also winning gold; Tejaswin Shankar won India's first CWG decathlon medal (bronze, 7,976 points) ★ Memory hook: 13-17-9 = 39, fourth on the table
Chess & mind sports	→ R. Praggnanandhaa won the Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz and then became the first Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour title, beating Fabiano Caruana 15–13 in the final (prize \$200,000) → Magnus Carlsen won the Esports World Cup chess title for the second straight year (beat Denis Lazavik 2–0 in Paris); GM Pranesh M won the Kanizsa Open in Hungary → At the International Linguistics Olympiad 2026 (Romania) India won 1 gold (Shrilakshmi Venkatraman), 3 bronze and an honourable mention
Indian firsts across sports	→ Suraj Kumar Chand became the first Indian to win gold at the FISU World University Squash Championships (Mumbai); Ariha Pangambam (Manipur) became the first Indian to win the senior women's individual gold at the Asian Aerobic Gymnastics Championships (Philippines) → Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand won bronze at the BWF World Championships (New Delhi) – only the second Indian women's doubles pair to medal, after Jwala Gutta–Ashwini Ponnappa → India won 6 of 7 titles at the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in New Delhi (singles – Ankur Bhattacharjee and Yashaswini Ghorpade); Gitika Talukdar is the only Indian woman photojournalist accredited for FIFA World Cup 2026
Football, F1, cricket & coming events	→ East Bengal beat Mohun Bagan Super Giant 4–1 to win the 135th Durand Cup – their 17th title, equalling Mohun Bagan's record and ending a 22-year wait → F1: Charles Leclerc won the British GP – Ferrari's 250th Grand Prix win; Lando Norris won the Dutch GP while Kimi Antonelli leads the drivers' standings; Mitchell Starc became the top wicket-taker in WTC history; leg-spinner Karn Sharma retired → Asian Games 2026 – Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, 19 September–4 October; the 2028 India Open (BWF Super 750) moves to Guwahati because of Republic Day security in Delhi

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. India's medal tally and rank at CWG 2026?	39 medals, 4th
Q2. First Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour title?	R. Praggnanandhaa
Q3. Venue of Asian Games 2026?	Aichi-Nagoya, Japan

12 IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Key facts
31 Jul	World Ranger Day	Theme 2026: 'Rangers: Guardians of a Changing Planet'; first observed 2007 (15 years of the International Ranger Federation)
1 Aug	World Wide Web Day	WWW invented in 1989 by Tim Berners-Lee at CERN
1–7 Aug	World Breastfeeding Week	Theme 2026: 'Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works'; coordinated by WABA (first 1992)
4 Aug	International Clouded Leopard Day	Theme: 'Clouded Leopards: Guardians of the Forest'; started 2018 at Howletts Wild Animal Park, UK
6 Aug	Hiroshima Day	'Little Boy' dropped on Hiroshima on 6 August 1945

Date	Day	Key facts
7 Aug	National Handloom Day	12th observance; recalls the Swadeshi Movement launched on 7 August 1905 at Calcutta Town Hall; first observed 2015
7 Aug	National Javelin Day	Marks Neeraj Chopra's Tokyo Olympic gold (7 August 2021); declared by AFI; 5th observance
8 Aug	Quit India Movement Day	Launched at the AICC Bombay session on 8 August 1942 – 'Do or Die'
9 Aug	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Theme 2026: 'Honouring Indigenous Midwives: Safeguarding Life and Well-being'; proclaimed by UNGA in 1994
10 Aug	World Biofuel Day	Observed in India since 2015, led by the Petroleum Ministry
10 Aug	World Lion Day	First observed 2013; Asiatic lions are in Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972
11 Aug	World Steelpan Day	4th observance; UNGA resolution A/RES/77/316 (2023) on the initiative of Trinidad and Tobago
12 Aug	International Youth Day	Theme 2026: 'Different Contexts, Common Aspirations'; first observed 2000
12 Aug	World Elephant Day	Theme: 'Bringing the World Together to Help Elephants'; first observed 2012
13 Aug	International Lefthanders Day	Started by the Left-Handers Club in 1992
14 Aug	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day	Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas – announced by the PM on 14 August 2021
15 Aug	Independence Day (80th)	Also 150 years of 'Vande Mataram'
19 Aug	World Photography Day	Theme 2026: 'HOME'; first official observance 2010
19 Aug	World Humanitarian Day	Theme 2026: 'Honouring fallen humanitarians and calling for greater protection of health care'
20 Aug	World Mosquito Day	Sir Ronald Ross showed on 20 August 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria; Nobel 1902
20 Aug	Sadbhavana Diwas	Birth anniversary of former PM Rajiv Gandhi; 'Sadbhavana' means goodwill
21 Aug	International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism	Theme 2026: 'Healing Through Memory'
22 Aug	Madras Day	387 years since the 1639 grant of Madraspatnam to the English East India Company by Damarla Venkatadri Nayaka
23 Aug	National Space Day (3rd)	Marks Chandrayaan-3's Vikram landing (23 August 2023); theme: 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership'
23 Aug	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	UNESCO-designated; theme 2026: 'Ending Slavery's Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice'
26 Aug	Women's Equality Day (USA)	Marks the 19th Amendment (ratified 18 August 1920) giving US women the vote
27 Aug	World Lake Day	UNGA Resolution 79/142 (12 December 2024); recalls the first World Lake Conference, Shiga (Japan), 27 August 1984
29 Aug	National Sports Day	Birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand; observed since 2012

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
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★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Theme of International Youth Day 2026?	Different Contexts, Common Aspirations
Q2. National Space Day marks which event?	Chandrayaan-3 Vikram landing, 23 August 2023
Q3. World Lake Day was set up by which UNGA resolution?	79/142 (12 December 2024)

13 OBITUARIES, BOOKS & MISCELLANEOUS

Obituaries – India	→ Sowcar Janaki (94) – veteran actress born in Rajahmundry (AP), died in Chennai on 21 August; Padma Shri 2022; last Telugu film 'Anni Manchi Sakunamule' (2023) → Gen Vishwa Nath Sharma (91) – 14th Chief of Army Staff (1988–90); Justice M.S. Liberhan (87) – former Chief Justice of the Madras and AP High Courts; Dr D.Y. Patil (90) – educationist, former Governor of Tripura and Bihar → Sumit Sarkar (87) – historian of modern India; M.P. Parameswaran (92) – nuclear scientist and people's-science activist; Kailash Chandra Pant (90) – Hindi writer, Padma Shri 2026; Raja Sen (71) – Bengali film-maker; Sonya Gill (70) – co-founder of PARI with P. Sainath; Maj Gen S.K. Razdan (70) – Kirti Chakra
Obituaries – world	→ Zhu Rongji (97) – former Chinese Premier and architect of state-enterprise reform; Dolly Parton (80) – 'Queen of Country Music', founder of the Imagination Library → Nirmal 'Nimsdai' Purja – Nepali-British mountaineer, died in an avalanche on Broad Peak (Gilgit-Baltistan); Franco Baresi (66) – AC Milan captain for 15 seasons → Glen Hansard (56) – Oscar-winning Irish singer (The Frames); Don Nelson (86) – NBA player and coach; William F. Rasmussen (93) – ESPN co-founder; Nanda Malini (82) – Sri Lankan singer
Books & summits – August	→ 'Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles' – autobiography of former President Ram Nath Kovind (14th President, 2017–22), released by the PM at Vigyan Bhavan → 'Bringing the Cheetah Back to India' – by IFS officer Prashant Agrawal on the diplomacy behind Project Cheetah; 'Kaho Kalidasa!' by Yugul Joshi launched at IGNCA; 'Africa Before America' by Arindam Chaudhuri → 3rd IIM Ahmedabad Healthcare Summit – theme 'Advancing AI in Healthcare' (from 'Pharmacy of the World' to 'Laboratory of the World'); GENESIS EIR 3.0 (MeitY Startup Hub) launched at Coimbatore

★ QUICK RECALL – test yourself

Question	Answer
Q1. Veteran actress from Rajahmundry who died on 21 August?	Sowcar Janaki (94)
Q2. Title of Ram Nath Kovind's autobiography?	Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles

14 LAST-MINUTE REVISION

The whole month in four tables – read this the night before the exam.

1. FIRSTS OF THE MONTH

First ...	What / Where
Integrated oncology manufacturing facility (India)	Siro Pharma – Karakapatla, Siddipet
Indigenous 5 kN air-breathing RDE	D-Propulse – tested at DRDO, Hyderabad
Department of Military Medicine	Command Hospital, Lucknow
Indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel (Navy)	Samarthak – L&T Kattupalli
Live attenuated ASF vaccine	ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal
High-Altitude Wildlife Safari	Ladakh
Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour	R. Praggnanandhaa
Indian CWG judo gold	Asmita Dey (48 kg)
Woman DG of GSI	Varsha Ashok Aglawe

2. NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Number	Meaning
7,680	Flats in the CURE urban-housing pilot (480 × 16)
₹237 crore	Record price per acre – TGIIC Raidurgam auction
₹5,070 crore	PM Surya Sarovar Yojana (5,000 MW floating solar)
₹62,500 crore	Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme
5.25%	Repo rate (62nd MPC)
4.45%	CPI inflation, July (19-month high)
23.66 billion	UPI transactions in July (record)
13,703	Lepidoptera species in ZSI's catalogue

3. RANKINGS & INDICES

Index	India / Top
EPI 2026	India 176/177; Estonia 1st
EIU Global Liveability 2026	New Delhi 120th; Copenhagen 1st
Brand Finance India 100	Tata Group 1st (10th year)
Market Distortions Performance Index	India 82nd → 57th
CWG 2026 medal table	India 4th (39); Australia 1st

4. EXERCISES & DEFENCE

Name	Who / Where
ROTOR CLAP-III	IAF counter-UAS – Pokhran
Udara Shakti 2026	India–Malaysia air forces – Subang
MAITREE-XV	India–Thailand Army – Surat Thani
Agni-4	MRBM ~4,000 km – Chandipur, 6 August
6th Positive Indigenisation List	405 items, ₹3,070 crore

5. TELANGANA QUICK FACTS

Item	Fact
Bonalu 2026	19 July Golconda → 3 August Rangam
Devadula lift	22 reservoirs; target December 2027
Young India Sports University	82 acres, Gachibowli; opens Dec 2028
Advanced Technology Centres	65 now; 120 in all 119 constituencies next year
Gruha Jyothi	200 free units; 54.13 lakh beneficiaries

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01 TELANGANA

1,000 days of Praja Palana – the scorecard	→ The Revanth Reddy government completed 1,000 days on 1 September 2026 and released a list of its schemes, laws and decisions → RBI data: Telangana's per-capita income in 2025-26 was ₹4,18,931 – about 91% above the national per-capita income → Telangana overtook Punjab to become No. 1 in the country in paddy area and output; in the last Yasangi 81.12 lakh MT was procured through 8,575 centres, paying ₹18,929 crore to 13.37 lakh farmers → An agreement was signed to export 8 lakh MT of Telangana rice to the Philippines ★ Memory hook: 1,000 days, No. 1 in paddy, rice sails to Manila
Independence Day at Golconda – announcements	→ CM A. Revanth Reddy hoisted the flag at Golconda Fort on India's 80th Independence Day and reviewed 32 months of the government → Announcements: distribution of smart ration cards begins statewide; 2.25 lakh new social-security pensions; 'Prajavani' grievance meetings at every MPDO office every Monday from the 17th, with an online Prajavani portal to follow → Telangana will host the Khelo India Youth Games 2026; a ₹1,000 crore plan is ready for next year's Godavari Pushkaralu
Smart ration cards – features & coverage	→ Since 26 January 2025, 16,32,810 new food-security cards were issued, adding 61,08,544 beneficiaries; the State now has 1,06,28,092 ration cards → Every beneficiary gets 6 kg of fine rice free each month; the State spends about ₹14,000 crore a year on ration rice and about ₹20,000 crore on paddy procurement → The new cards carry 9 security features – a secure hologram with the State emblem, raised 'Government of Telangana' relief text, dual hidden images, a watermark visible only under UV light, an encrypted QR code, a guilloche background and micro-text
Social justice – SC sub-classification & BC quota bills	→ After the Supreme Court judgment, 59 SC sub-castes were classified into three groups – Telangana is the first State in India to implement SC sub-classification → Bills for 42% reservation to BCs in education, jobs and local bodies were passed by the Assembly and sent to the Centre; the caste survey covered over 1.12 crore families → 12.4% of total State spending goes to SC, ST, BC and minority welfare; a law on children's responsibility to care for elderly parents was enacted and a 'Rohith Vemula Telangana Bill' against campus discrimination is being drafted
Welfare in numbers – buses, power, gas, pensions	→ Mahalakshmi free bus travel: over 335 crore free trips so far, 34 lakh+ women daily, about ₹11,000 crore saved by women → Gruha Jyothi: up to 200 free units for 53.09 lakh families (10.97 crore zero bills); ₹500 LPG cylinders for 42.90 lakh families → Kalyana Lakshmi/Shaaadi Mubarak: ₹4,709 crore to 1.68 lakh brides; 4.54 lakh SHGs got ₹60,487 crore bank linkage with ₹1,900 crore interest subvention; 43.01 lakh social-security pensions – ₹30,089 crore paid December 2023–July 2026
Health – Marri Chenna Reddy TIMS opens; new Osmania	→ CM opened Dr Marri Chenna Reddy Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences at Sanathnagar – 1,082 beds including 300 ICU beds and 31 major operation theatres → One hospital every six months: Osmania General (2,000-bed new hospital at Goshamahall, ₹2,700 crore), Alwal TIMS, LB Nagar TIMS and Warangal super-speciality – together about 10,000 beds; 16,000 medical staff recruited → NIMS crossed 2,000 kidney transplants and performed South India's first robotic renal transplant in the government sector; 9 new government medical colleges opened; CMRF gave ₹2,526.12 crore to 5,18,186 patients

Education – advance fee reimbursement, PGI jump	→ Unveiling statues of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule on Necklace Road (14 August), the CM announced that fee reimbursement will be credited in advance to students' bank accounts every year – about ₹2,400 crore – without involving college managements → Telangana rose from 28th to 18th in the Centre's Performance Grading Index; pre-primary classes started in government schools for the first time; 105 Young India Integrated Residential Schools sanctioned (84 approved) → Mega DSC recruited 10,006 teachers; Osmania University got ₹1,000 crore; welfare-hostel diet charges raised 40% and cosmetic charges 212%
Jobs – 7,437 police posts & age relaxation	→ Notification for 7,437 police posts (constable, SI and others) through the Police Recruitment Board, along with a GO raising the upper age limit for uniformed-service posts → TGPSC has issued notifications for 456 more posts; the government says over 72,000 government jobs have been filled, with Group-1 to Group-4 and DSC processes completed; TGPSC was overhauled after consulting the UPSC chairman → T-SAT offers free police-exam content – about 600 hours of live classes on its Vidya (8–10 am) and Nipuna (7–9 pm) channels – plus free mock tests; blockchain is being brought into recruitment for transparency
Skills – polytechnics join Young India Skills University	→ Government polytechnics are being brought under the Young India Skills University (YISU) to modernise courses with labs, internships and industry projects; Telangana has 128 polytechnics, 59 of them government → The three-year AICTE diploma, fees and students' existing benefits stay unchanged; YISU has trained 1,190 students in advanced courses, of whom 838 got jobs → 65 government ITIs and 57 polytechnics have been turned into Advanced Technology Centres; the skilling department works under 'SHAKTI' (Skill, Human Capital and Knowledge Training Initiatives)
Singareni – Manuguru block won, Tadicherla-2 lease	→ Singareni won the Manuguru PKOC-2 dip-side coal block in the Coal Ministry's auction – its first auction win in about 12 years → The block holds about 120 MT of G8-grade coal – about 6 MT a year for 20 years – securing jobs for 2,000+ workers and coal for State power plants → Mining leases were issued for the Tadicherla-2 block (336 MT over 45 years); coal production has begun at the Naini block in Odisha; the State wants Koyagudem-3 and Sattupalli-3 back for Singareni
Irrigation – Tummidihetti height & project clearances	→ CM asked Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil to persuade Maharashtra to allow the Tummidihetti barrage at 150–152 m instead of the earlier agreed 148 m, so water can flow by gravity to erstwhile Adilabad district → A CWPRS (Pune) study found little difference in submergence between 148 m and 152 m, with about 50% of it within the riverbed; Patil agreed to a CWC-level meeting of both States first, then a ministers' meeting → The CM asked Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav for clearances for Palamuru–Rangareddy (₹36,437 crore already spent), Dindi (₹3,187 crore), Sitamma Sagar (₹1,835 crore) and Gouravelli (₹1,350 crore) ★ Memory hook: Tummidihetti: 148 was the deal, 152 is the ask
Maha Varuna Yagam at Nagarjunasagar	→ With the El Niño deficit, the government conducted a Maha Varuna Yagam at Vijay Vihar on the Krishna bank at Nagarjunasagar, praying for good rain in the Krishna and Godavari basins → 108 ritviks led by priests of the Yadagirigutta temple performed homams in 11 homa kundas; the CM and his wife offered the purnahuti; Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy took part → Nagarjunasagar – once a Buddhist centre – was presented as a bridge between scientific water planning and cultural tradition

Palampet Ekakuta Shivalayam – national monument	→ ASI declared the Ekakuta (single-sanctum) Shiva temple at Palampet, Mulugu district, a monument of national importance under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 → It is a 13th-century Kakatiya temple of Ganapatideva's time near the Ramappa temple (UNESCO World Heritage, 2021); scholars say it was built with the participation of local people rather than kings or generals → The status gives legal protection against unauthorised construction and digging; it strengthens a Kakatiya heritage circuit linking Ramappa, Ghanpur temples and Kotagullu
Sardar Sarvai Papanna statue on Tank Bund	→ On his birth anniversary the CM unveiled a statue of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud on Tank Bund, Hyderabad, likening his place for Telangana to that of Chhatrapati Shivaji for Marathas → Born on 18 August 1650 at Khilashapur (Warangal) in a Gouda (toddy-tapper) family, Papanna set up his kingdom from Sarvaipet in 1675, later captured Bhongir fort and built about 20 forts; he is called a contemporary of Shivaji → For toddy tappers: 50,000 'Katamaiah' safety kits already distributed, ₹5 lakh compensation for accidental death, and palm and date trees to be planted on government lands and canal bunds
Tribal welfare – ₹18,745 crore ST fund, PM-JANMAN rank	→ On International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (Banjara Bhavan), Tribal Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar said ₹18,745.16 crore is allocated under the ST Special Development Fund for 2026-27 → 166 tribal gurukul institutions teach 83,000+ students; in 2025-26, 28 students entered IITs, 23 NITs and 167 qualified NEET; Telangana is 3rd best State in implementing PM-JANMAN → 'Indira Saura Giri Jala Vikasam' (₹12,600 crore) aims to irrigate 6 lakh acres of podu land for 2.10 lakh tribal farmers with solar pumps; a Ramji Gond Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum is being built in Hyderabad
Housing – Indiramma Towers at KPHB, PMAY-G request	→ CM laid the foundation for Indiramma Houses (towers) on 11 acres at KPHB Colony, Kukatpally in the CURE area – part of 1 lakh Indiramma houses planned in Hyderabad's CURE; registration charges for such houses to be waived → Indiramma houses: 4.50 lakh in phase 1 with ₹5 lakh aid each, and 2.50 lakh more sanctioned in phase 2 → Minister Ponguleti asked Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to sanction PMAY-G houses for 11,56,915 eligible rural families identified through the Awaas Plus-2024 survey; on 22A prohibited lands, cases are to be decided within the High Court's 45-day limit
Global outreach – Oxford, Cambridge, Ambedkar House, US envoy	→ Leading the Telangana Rising delegation in the UK, the CM met Oxford academics (Blavatnik School of Government, Balliol College), visited Somerville College (Indira Gandhi's portrait, gifted by Sonia Gandhi in 2002) and invited Oxford to set up a centre in Hyderabad → Telangana and Cambridge University (Judge Business School) agreed to set up a special collaboration mechanism; the CM visited Ambedkar House at 10 King Henry's Road, London, where Dr Ambedkar lived in 1921–22; the Telangana Rising Global Summit is on 7–9 December 2026 → The CM asked US Ambassador Sergio Gor for more visa slots for Telangana students and smoother H-1B processing; Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, at the 19th ATA convention in Baltimore, promised a ₹10 crore NRI Bhavan in Hyderabad
Digital governance – digital cabinet, TGDeX, WhatsApp services	→ Telangana held India's first fully digital Cabinet meeting and runs 100% e-Office in all 36 Secretariat departments; over 580 government services are available on WhatsApp → TGDeX – India's first State AI Data Exchange – supports 52 AI projects in 21 sectors; T-Fibre has taken BharatNet phase-2 connectivity to 8,895 gram panchayats → At an 'AI Transformation Summit', Minister Sridhar Babu said a Digital Assembly and Digital Council are coming and blockchain-based certificates will be issued; the CM discussed AI-driven GST and excise reforms with economist Arvind Subramanian

Investments & IT – GCCs, Amazon, life-sciences policy	→ IT exports reached ₹3.97 lakh crore in 2025-26 with 12.14 lakh direct IT jobs; Hyderabad has 355+ Global Capability Centres, 40 of them new in 2026; Amazon announced an additional \$7 billion → TG-iPASS approvals: 26,608 units with ₹1.29 lakh crore investment; the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025 drew ₹5.75 lakh crore of proposals through 100 MoUs; a Safran–CFM aircraft-engine MRO centre is coming to Hyderabad → NextGen Life Sciences Policy 2026-30 targets ₹73,360 crore investment and 3.5 lakh jobs; Photonics Valley has a ₹5,500 crore pipeline; Bharat Future City is planned as India's first net-zero smart city
Hyderabad infrastructure – RRR, Metro-II, Musi, HYDRAA	→ A ~360 km Regional Ring Road around Hyderabad; 6,092 km of HAM roads statewide; Metro Phase-II planned with 7 corridors over 122.9 km; Mamnour airport being revived and a joint-use airfield developed at Adilabad → HYDRAA has reclaimed 1,045 acres, protecting government assets worth about ₹60,000 crore; lakes such as Bathukamma Kunta and Nalla Cheruvu restored → Musi rejuvenation covers 55 km with 39 new STPs and a plan to bring 2.5 TMC of Godavari water to the Musi; HILT Policy 2025 relocates old industrial areas out of the city
Law & order – T-SAFE, EAGLE, road-safety bureau	→ 'T-SAFE' brings food-adulteration control and drug control under one umbrella, with its own legal, laboratory and enforcement wings; 'EAGLE' targets drug networks → Anti-Drug and Safety Committees are mandatory in schools, colleges and universities, with campus coordinators to spot behavioural changes early → A new TG Traffic Management and Road Safety Bureau will cut congestion and accidents on highways and the Outer Ring Road; the Bharosa project put Telangana first in setting up child-friendly courts
Tourism & rural recognition	→ Telangana Tourism Policy 2025 – the first comprehensive policy since State formation – targets ₹15,000 crore in five years; year one already has a ₹23,174 crore pipeline and 42 MoUs → Telangana is No. 1 in the country in forming Yuva Tourism Clubs; TGTDC earned ₹101.93 crore revenue and ₹13.35 crore net profit in 2025-26 → Mal gram panchayat (Yacharam mandal, Rangareddy) stood first in India in the Atmanirbhar Panchayat Special Award, winning ₹1 crore
District visits – Mulugu, Medaram, Parakala	→ At Medaram the CM offered his weight in 'bangaram' (jaggery) at the Sammakka–Saralamma gaddes; in Mulugu he launched Cheyutha pensions for widows and single women, opened the integrated Collectorate and unveiled a Telangana Talli statue → Minister Seethakka thanked the CM for 5,000 houses to Mulugu constituency and recalled that the Mulugu district was formed after a long struggle → At Parakala (Hanumakonda) the CM laid foundations for a ₹200 crore Young India Integrated Residential School and an Indira Mahila Dairy plant, and opened a 100-bed area hospital; he said the Assembly would meet in September
Handloom Day & Minorities Excellence Summit	→ At the National Handloom Day celebrations at People's Plaza, Minister Seethakka said the government has spent about ₹1,300 crore on handloom, buys cloth for school uniforms from weavers and gives Indiramma saree orders; she urged people to wear handloom at least two days a week → At the Telangana Minorities Excellence Summit (Komaram Bheem Adivasi Bhavan), the CM felicitated 782 minority achievers selected in Group-1 to 4 jobs or top in NEET/IIT/NIT, saying 'Hindus and Muslims are my two eyes'; the 4% minority reservation continues → The CM unveiled statues of former Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru and Rajiv Gandhi at Sangareddy

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Question	Answer
Q1. On which date did the Revanth Reddy government complete 1,000 days?	1 September 2026
Q2. Telangana's per-capita income in 2025-26 (RBI data)?	₹4,18,931 (~91% above national)

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Question	Answer
Q3. To which country will Telangana export 8 lakh MT of rice?	Philippines
Q4. Where did the CM hoist the flag on the 80th Independence Day?	Golconda Fort
Q5. How many security features do the new smart ration cards have?	9
Q6. First State to implement SC sub-classification?	Telangana (59 sub-castes, 3 groups)
Q7. Beds at Dr Marri Chenna Reddy TIMS, Sanathnagar?	1,082 (300 ICU)
Q8. Telangana's rank change in the Performance Grading Index?	28th to 18th
Q9. Police posts notified along with an age-limit GO?	7,437
Q10. Under which university are government polytechnics being brought?	Young India Skills University (YISU)
Q11. Coal block won by Singareni in the auction?	Manuguru PKOC-2 dip-side
Q12. Barrage height sought by Telangana at Tummidihetti?	150–152 m (earlier 148 m)
Q13. Where was the Maha Varuna Yagam held?	Vijay Vihar, Nagarjunasagar (Krishna bank)
Q14. Which Mulugu temple was declared a monument of national importance?	Ekakuta Shivalayam, Palampet
Q15. Where was Sardar Sarvai Papanna born, and when?	Khilashapur, 18 August 1650
Q16. ST Special Development Fund for 2026-27?	₹18,745.16 crore
Q17. Telangana's rank in implementing PM-JANMAN?	3rd
Q18. Rural families for whom PMAY-G houses were sought?	11,56,915
Q19. Where is Ambedkar House in London?	10 King Henry's Road (lived 1921–22)
Q20. India's first State AI Data Exchange?	TGDeX (Telangana)
Q21. Global Capability Centres in Hyderabad?	355+ (40 new in 2026)
Q22. Land reclaimed by HYDRAA?	1,045 acres (~₹60,000 crore)
Q23. Body that unites food-adulteration and drug control?	T-SAFE
Q24. Gram panchayat first in India in the Atmanirbhar Panchayat Special Award?	Mal (Yacharam, Rangareddy)

02 SPORTS

Telangana in water sports – 18 national medals

- Telangana athletes won **18 medals** at national canoeing, rowing and swimming events held in Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Rajasthan
- **Asmita Canoe Sprint** sub-junior nationals (Bhopal) – 8 medals; 27th sub-junior national rowing championship (Kolkata, 5–10 August) – 6 medals (3 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze); national junior swimming (Jaipur) – Shivani Karra silver in 100 m freestyle (1:01.28) and Aarush Das bronze in 50 m backstroke (29.44 s)
- The CM had earlier announced a government job and ₹1 crore cash for sports achievers, citing Nikhat Zareen and Siraj; coaches Ismail Baig (Dronacharya awardee) and Olympian Manjeet Singh were among those congratulated

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Question	Answer
Q1. Total national water-sports medals won by Telangana?	18
Q2. Where was the 27th sub-junior national rowing championship held?	Kolkata (5–10 August)

03 IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Key facts
7 Aug	National Handloom Day	Telangana celebrations at People's Plaza, Hyderabad; handloom exhibition opened by Minister Seethakka
9 Aug	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	State function at Banjara Bhavan; ₹18,745.16 crore ST Special Development Fund for 2026-27 announced
15 Aug	Independence Day (80th)	CM hoisted the flag at Golconda Fort
18 Aug	Sardar Sarvai Papanna Jayanti	Born 18 August 1650 at Khilashapur; statue unveiled on Tank Bund
1 Sep	1,000 days of Praja Palana	Government released a list of its achievements

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Question	Answer
Q1. Where was Telangana's International Adivasi Day function held?	Banjara Bhavan, Hyderabad
Q2. Date of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Jayanti?	18 August



04 LAST-MINUTE REVISION

The whole month in four tables – read this the night before the exam.

1. FIRSTS OF THE MONTH

First ...	What / Where
State to implement SC sub-classification	Telangana – 59 sub-castes in 3 groups
Fully digital Cabinet meeting	Telangana
State AI Data Exchange	TGDeX – 52 AI projects
Net-zero smart city (planned)	Bharat Future City
Robotic renal transplant – govt sector, South India	NIMS, Hyderabad
Singareni auction win in ~12 years	Manuguru PKOC-2 dip-side

2. NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Number	Meaning
₹4,18,931	Per-capita income 2025-26
1,06,28,092	Ration cards in the State
7,437	Police posts notified
₹18,745.16 crore	ST Special Development Fund 2026-27
11,56,915	Rural families – PMAY-G request
120 MT	G8 coal in Manuguru PKOC-2 dip-side

3. TELANGANA QUICK FACTS

Item	Fact
Tummidihetti barrage	Sought at 150–152 m (agreed 148 m)
Palampet temple	Ekakuta Shivalayam – ASI national monument
Sarvai Papanna	Born 18 August 1650, Khilashapur; statue on Tank Bund
Global Summit	Telangana Rising – 7–9 December 2026
Dr MCR TIMS	Sanathnagar – 1,082 beds, 31 OTs

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