

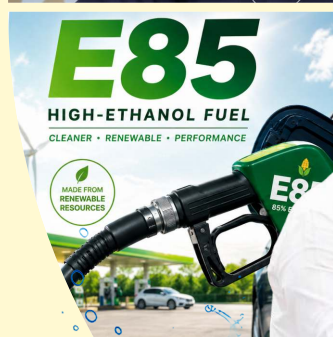
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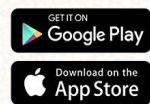


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Editorial

From Determination to Achievement: The True Path to Success

“उद्धरेदात्मनात्मानं नात्मानमवसादयेत्।”

— Shrimad Bhagavad Gita (6.5)

“A person should uplift oneself through one's own efforts and never allow oneself to fall into despair.”

Perhaps there can be no greater guiding principle than this for every aspirant preparing for competitive examinations today.

The present era is one of rapid transformation. Artificial Intelligence, the digital revolution, and intensifying global competition have opened new avenues of opportunity while simultaneously expanding the scope of challenges. In such a dynamic environment, preparing for competitive examinations is not merely a means to secure employment; it is a disciplined journey of shaping oneself into a competent, compassionate, and responsible citizen.

Goswami Tulsidas writes in the Ramcharitmanas:

“कर्म प्रधान विश्व करि राखा। जो जस करइ सो तस फल चाखा॥”

“The world is governed by the law of action; every individual reaps the fruits of one's own deeds.”

This timeless verse reminds us that success is founded not on fortune, but on consistent effort, discipline, and perseverance. Every sincere endeavour made today becomes the greatest investment in our future.

True success does not lie solely in achieving the final selection. Rather, it resides in the continuous process of self-improvement that enables us to become better than we were yesterday. If today you have learned a new idea, overcome a personal weakness, or remained steadfast in your commitment despite adversity, you have already taken a meaningful step towards success.

The need of the hour is not merely to study more, but to develop a deeper understanding, cultivate logical thinking, and imbibe a strong sense of responsibility towards society. After all, the decisions taken by future administrators, teachers, scientists, and policymakers have the power to influence the lives of millions.

Let us, therefore, ensure that our preparation extends beyond the confines of examinations and becomes a meaningful contribution to the larger cause of nation-building. By transforming challenges into opportunities and moving forward with determination, dedicated effort, and a positive outlook, we can truly realise our potential. When our goal transcends personal success and becomes the service of society and the nation, success naturally follows.

Editor



ESSAY COMPETITION



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1. "Digital Governance: A Medium of Good Governance or a New Challenge of Digital Divide?"
2. "Gig Economy: Opportunity or Challenge for Youth?"



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Best Essay : June, 2026

“Linguistic Diversity: A Thread of India’s Unity or a Struggle for Regional Identity?”



Tamanna Vyaas
Kheda Brahman,
(Deeg-Bharatpur)

“Kos-kos par badle paani, chaar kos par baani” - “With every few miles, the water tastes different; with every few more, the tongue sounds different.”

This ancient Indian proverb vividly and realistically portrays our linguistic diversity. India is not merely a geographical entity but a vibrant nation pulsating with multilingual and multicultural consciousness. Against the backdrop of the twenty-two official languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and the hundreds of mother tongues flourishing in daily life, a pertinent question arises: does this diversity bind the nation together in unity, or is it merely a tool for narrow regional identities and political conflict?

In reality, a nuanced and objective analysis makes it abundantly clear that our linguistic diversity is not a cause for division but rather the strongest pillar supporting our national unity and democratic maturity.

Historical and Cultural Perspective- From a historical standpoint, language has never been a line of cultural division or discord in India. Since ancient times, vernacular languages like Pali, Prakrit, and Apabhramsha have coexisted harmoniously alongside illustrious classical languages such as Sanskrit and Tamil, setting an unparalleled example of coexistence. During the medieval period, Bhakti saints such as the Alvars and Nayanars in the South, Kabir and Tulsidas in the North, and Shankardev in the East united the entire nation through a spiritual and cultural bond using their respective regional languages. Although the languages differed, the national consciousness flowing through them was unified.

Social and Economic Impact- For marginalized sections of society, their mother tongue is not merely a medium of communication but a fundamental basis for economic empowerment and social identity. When education, employment, and the justice system are not accessible in regional languages, a vast segment of the rural and tribal population is automatically cut off from the mainstream of development. Conversely, preserving linguistic diversity keeps local skills, traditional livelihoods, and folk literature alive. It strengthens micro-economies, thereby ensuring genuine and inclusive societal development. **Administrative and Political Aspects:** At the administrative level, the post-independence reorganization of states based on language (Fazal Ali Commission) was a bold move; although anti-language movements in the 1960s raised fears of separatism, the Indian governance system demonstrated remarkable foresight. The protection of linguistic minority rights under Articles 343 to 351 of the Constitution and the formulation of the ‘Three-Language Formula’ are outcomes of this integrative approach. Currently, the decision under the ‘National Education Policy-2020’ to impart primary education in the mother tongue represents a highly practical administrative step towards linguistic equality.

Issues and Challenges – Despite these positive efforts, certain serious challenges persist. Whenever an attempt is made to ‘impose’ a single language for narrow political gain, or when regional languages face administrative neglect, linguistic frenzy and aggressive identity conflicts arise. Furthermore, in the era of globalization, the growing dominance of English and the rapid disappearance of many indigenous dialects pose a grave threat to our cultural heritage. In reality, this conflict is not about language itself, but stems from the fear of losing out on equal opportunities for development.

Conclusion – Ultimately, from the perspective of a future administrator, it is essential to understand that linguistic diversity is not a problem for India; rather, it is the greatest and most vibrant strength of our democracy. Just as a garden’s beauty derives from flowers of diverse colors, the integrity of the nation is enriched by the melodious diversity of its languages. Our priority should not be to suppress any vernacular language, but to facilitate seamless translation and communication among Indian languages through modern technology (such as the ‘Bhashini App’). If we embrace this philosophy of linguistic tolerance, the words of the great poet Subramania Bharati will surely be realized: “We have eighteen languages, yet our thought is one.” This principle will prove to be the eternal bond of India’s indivisible unity, while fully respecting regional identities.

MONTHLY SUMMARY

- Under whose chairmanship has the Rajasthan government constituted a committee to draft the Rajasthan Uniform Civil Code Bill, 2026? – **Ranjana Prakash Desai**
- On what date was the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding the Yamuna Water Project signed between the governments of Rajasthan and Haryana? – **June 29, 2026**
- How many national-level awards has Rajasthan received under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana? – **Six awards**
- Recently, what amount of central financial assistance did the Government of India approve for 553 energy providers in the state under Component-C of the PM-KUSUM scheme? – **Rs. 531 crore**
- Candidates elected to the Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan in the 2026 elections are – **Alka Singh, Satish Poonia, Neeraj Dangi**
- Approval was granted on June 16, 2026, to constitute the 'Civil Defence Corps' in how many districts? – **In 8 newly formed districts**
- Where has the country's first agri-PV plant been established? – **Kundanpura village (Bassi-Tunga)**
- In which districts of Rajasthan has the 'Framework for Fertilizer Sales' been launched as a pilot project by the Government of India's Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Department of Fertilizers? – **Sirohi and Rajsamand**
- Which edition of the state-level Bhamashah Samman Ceremony was held at the Birla Auditorium in Jaipur on June 29, 2026? – **30th**
- Which district police administration in the state has launched an innovative welfare scheme called 'Akshay Fund' to provide immediate financial support to police personnel and their families during times of crisis? – **Sawai Madhopur**
- Where has the announcement been made to set up the world's first RTI Living Museum? – **In Beawar**
- Where has Rajasthan's first multi-lane free-flow tolling system been launched? – **Daulatpura Toll Plaza**
- How many 'LPG-free zones' were identified in the state during the meeting of the state's CGD entities held on June 1, 2026? – **132**
- What rank has the state achieved in the country for creating ABHA IDs? – **Second**
- Which entity was conferred a global honor by the Multinational Book of Records (India)? – **Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam**
- What budget has the Central Government allocated for Rajasthan's PM SHRI schools under the PM SHRI scheme for the 2026-27 session? – **Rs. 226.38 crore**
- On which date was the 'Nari Chaupal-Nari Shakti Vandan' program organized in the state? – **June 10, 2026**
- By whom was the 'Amrit Seva Abhiyan' (Amrit Service Campaign) conducted? – **Jaipur Municipal Corporation**
- From when to when are the Rural and Urban Service Camps-2026 being organized to extend the benefits of the state government's various public welfare and flagship schemes to the general public? – **June 12 to July 15, 2026**
- Which phase of the state-level vaccination campaign against Lumpy Skin Disease has commenced in the state? – **Second phase**
- Which project has been launched by the ANTF (Anti-Narcotics Task Force) wing of the Rajasthan Police? – **Project Lakshman Rekha**
- Where was the TaxCon-2026 summit organized? – **Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur**
- Who have recently been appointed as new members of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission? – **Santosh Anand and Deepak Kumar Sharma**
- Which famous Maand singer from Rajasthan has passed away? – **Gavri Devi**
- Whom has the Rajasthan government appointed as a member of the Rajasthan Revenue Board, Ajmer? – **Yogesh Sharma**
- Who is the young woman from Udaipur who became the city's first female fighter pilot? – **Khushi Gambhir**

- In which area of the state has 59 hectares of land been reserved for a Defence and Aerospace Park? – **Udaipur Khurd area**
- Who has been nominated as the International President of the Asian-Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons? – **Dr. V.D. Sinha**
- Sergeant Surendra Kumar was a resident of which district in the state? – **Jhunjhunu**
- Who has been appointed as the Principal Resident Commissioner of Rajasthan in New Delhi? – **Shri Rohit Kumar**
- Who was awarded the first prize in the state-level lottery under the 'Krishak Uphar Yojana' (Farmers' Gift Scheme)? – **Smt. Vidya Devi**
- Which district won the 16th edition of the state-level junior men's hockey tournament? – **Jaipur**
- Where was the meeting of the Governing Council of the West Zone Cultural Centre held? – **In Goa**
- What new name has the state government recently given to Mount Abu? – **Aburaj**
- Who has been elected as the President of the Rajasthan Badminton Association? – **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**
- Which country hosted the G7 Summit 2026? – **France**
- Which country honored Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' award? – **Seychelles**
- Who has been elected as the President of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly? – **Khalilur Rahman**
- According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's annual report 'SIPRI Yearbook 2026', which country was the second-largest major arms importer globally during the 2021-25 period? – **India (First – Ukraine)**
- What is India's rank in the Global Peace Index 2026? – **127th place**
- Who released the 'Children's Climate Risk Report-2026'? – **UNICEF**
- Which country has become the 10th member—and the first from Central Asia—of the New Development Bank? – **Uzbekistan**
- The Malaysian government has banned social media accounts for children under what age? – **Under 16 years**
- A province in which country passed a resolution recognizing trees as 'living beings'? – **Canada**
- Where has the world's oldest meteorite crater been discovered? – **Western Australia**
- On which date did Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh launch the 'Maha Jal Pariyojana' (Mega Water Project)? – **June 1, 2026**
- Under whose chairpersonship has a high-power committee been constituted to examine the definition of the Aravalli range? – **Kanchan Devi**
- From where did Union Home Minister Amit Shah launch the 'PM Family Care Tracker' pilot project on June 28, 2026? – **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**
- On which date was the 20th Statistics Day observed? – **June 29, 2026**
- Which state has the 'Priyadarshini Free Bus Travel Scheme'? – **Kerala**
- How many traditional products from Jharkhand have been granted the GI tag? – **Eleven**
- How many bullet train corridors has Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved? – **Seven**
- With which country has India launched the 'Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory'? – **Britain**
- Where was the country's first 85% ethanol-blend E85 fuel launched? – **In Delhi**
- Which state has become the first in the country to link its wildlife crime management system with e-courts? – **Kerala**
- From where did Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launch the nationwide 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' (Save the Farm Campaign) on June 1, 2026? – **Raisen (Madhya Pradesh)**
- Which ministry launched the national initiative named 'Navachar Mantra' on June 3, 2026? – **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**
- The Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary has been declared a Ramsar site; where is it located? – **Ballia, Uttar Pradesh**

- Where did Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurate the country's seventh Regional Meteorological Centre on June 5, 2026? – **In Jammu**
- Which installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme did Prime Minister Narendra Modi release from Hooghly, West Bengal, on June 20, 2026? – **23rd**
- From where was India's first 'Easy Connect' flight under the hub-and-spoke model launched on June 25, 2026? – **From Varanasi**
- Which country became the world's second-largest solar energy market in 2025? – **India**
- In the Rajya Sabha elections, on how many of the 27 seats were candidates elected unopposed? – **On 24 seats**
- In which Indian city has a road been named after US President Donald Trump? – **In Hyderabad**
- Which state in the country has launched its own indigenous AI model? – **Maharashtra**
- Where will IIT-Bombay open its first overseas sub-campus? – **In New York (USA)**
- When did the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and Oman come into effect? – **June 1, 2026**
- Who launched the 'Satvik Index'? – **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**
- Where did the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently lay the foundation stone for a coal-to-ammonium nitrate project? – **In Odisha**
- To whom did DRDO formally hand over the Final Operational Clearance (FOC) certificate for the indigenous 'Netra' Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) system? – **To the Indian Air Force**
- Where did the Indian Army successfully test the indigenous tactical loitering munition 'Divyastra MK-1'? – **In Jodhpur**
- Which state-of-the-art frontline Indian Navy ships did Prime Minister Narendra Modi commission in Kolkata, West Bengal, on June 21, 2026? – **INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and INS Agray**
- Which supersonic aircraft has been developed by NASA and Lockheed Martin? – **The X-59 aircraft**
- Where will the advanced quantum and artificial intelligence laboratories be established? – **At MNIT Jaipur**
- How many Fixed-Dose Combinations (FDCs) did the Union Health Ministry ban completely regarding their manufacture, sale, and human use on June 20, 2026? – **16 FDCs**
- Researchers from which institute have developed a portable device named 'ArsenSafe' for the rapid detection of arsenic in drinking water? – **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar**
- Where has the agreement between Reliance Industries and Meta for the construction of a data center been signed? – **In Jamnagar (Gujarat)**
- In which Indian state have over a hundred cases of Shigella infection been reported? – **In Kerala**
- Near which Indian coast will the country's first 3D-printed artificial reef modules be installed in the sea? – **Ramanathapuram coast**
- By whom has the new AI chip named 'RTX Spark' been launched? – **Nvidia**
- Which edition of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup is being held in 2026? – **10th**
- Which countries will host the 2027 ODI World Cup? – **South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia**
- Which teams were the winner and runner-up, respectively, of the Men's Hockey Under-18 Asia Cup 2026? – **India and Japan**
- Which team was the runner-up in the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2025-26? – **New Zealand**
- Where was the 22nd edition of the Asian Under-20 Athletics Championships held? – **Hong Kong, China**
- Where was the National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championship 2026 held? – **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**
- How many teams are participating in the FIFA World Cup 2026? – **48 teams**
- How many medals did India win in total at the Ulaanbaatar Open 2026 wrestling tournament? – **A total of 16 medals**
- What was the mascot of the World Yogasana Championship 2026? – **Veer the Lion**
- Which Indian player secured a spot in Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world of sports? – **Smriti Mandhana**
- Who has been appointed as the Chef de Mission for the 2026 Commonwealth Games? – **Rohit Rajpal**

- Which Indian Army officer has been honoured with the UN Military Gender Advocate Award for the year 2025? – **Major Abhilasha Barak**
- Which Indian-American theoretical physicist has been awarded the Wolf Prize for the discovery of composite fermions? – **Prof. Jainendra K. Jain**
- Who has been named the Male Athlete of the Year at the Indian Athletics Awards 2025? – Neeraj Chopra
- Who has been honoured with the 'Soil Farmer Hero' award by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization? – **Valluvan**
- Who has been inducted into the International IP Hall of Fame 2026? – **Pratibha M. Singh**
- Who has been elected as the Vice-President of the Financial Action Task Force? – **Vivek Agarwal**
- Who has been appointed as India's new Executive Director at the World Bank headquarters? – **Neelkanth Mishra**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet? – **Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay**
- Who has been appointed as the new Military Advisor to the National Security Council Secretariat? – **Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai**
- Who has been appointed by the Government of India as the new Director of the Intelligence Bureau? – **Mahesh Dixit**
- Which Indian jurist has been elected as a judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea? – **Bimal N. Patel**
- Which renowned Indian constitutional expert has passed away? – **Dr. Subhash Kashyap**
- Which Indian shooter and Asian Games gold medalist passed away recently? – **Jaspal Rana**
- What was the theme of the 13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum? – **Cities for the People: BRICS Cooperation for an Inclusive and Resilient Urban Future**
- Where was the 73rd plenary session of the North Eastern Council held? – **In Shillong**
- What was the theme of the NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting? – **Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat @2047**
- What is the core focus of the BRICS Indore Declaration? – **Farmers**
- Where was the National Cooperative Conference held? – **Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir**
- Where was the multilateral joint military exercise 'Khan Quest' held? – **Mongolia**
- What was the theme of World Environment Day 2026? – **Inspired by Nature. For the Climate. For Our Future.**
- On which date is Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Day observed? – **27 June**

1. RAJASTHAN AFFAIRS

Rajasthan Uniform Civil Code, 2026 Bill-



- Recently, the Rajasthan government constituted a committee to draft the Rajasthan Uniform Civil Code Bill, 2026.
- Composition of the committee-

Position	Name	Introduction
President	Smt. Ranjana Prakash Desai	Retired Justice, Supreme Court
Member	Shri Shatrughna Singh	Retired I.A.S.
Member	Shri Basant Singh Chhaba	Additional Advocate General, Rajasthan High Court
Member	Shri Ramswaroop Agrawal	Retired Principal, State Law College, Sri Ganganagar
Member	Dr. Shuchi Chauhan	Subject matter expert
Member Secretary	Additional Chief Secretary (Home)	Home Department, Government of Rajasthan

- Priority will be given to public consultations at the divisional level to ensure the draft bill for the Uniform Civil Code is inclusive and transparent.

Constitutional provisions for the Uniform Civil Code.

- Article 44 of the Directive Principles of State Policy, enshrined in Part IV of the Constitution of India, directs the State to secure a Uniform Civil Code for citizens throughout the territory of India.

Main provisions and objectives of the Uniform Civil Code-

- Currently, distinct personal laws apply to matters

such as marriage, divorce, property, adoption, and maintenance. The implementation of the UCC will bring about the following major changes—

- ☐ Mandatory registration of marriages and divorces will be required.
- ☐ There will be a complete ban on polygamy.
- ☐ Mandatory registration of live-in couples will be ensured.
- ☐ Sons and daughters will have equal rights to ancestral property.
- ☐ Gender equality will be ensured.

Yamuna Water Project Agreement-



- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding the Yamuna Water Project was recently signed between the governments of Rajasthan and Haryana.
- Date of signing: June 29, 2026
- Venue: New Delhi

Dignitaries present during the signing:

- Shri Amit Shah (Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation)
- Shri C.R. Patil (Union Minister of Jal Shakti)
- Shri Bhajanlal Sharma (Chief Minister of Rajasthan)
- Nayab Singh Saini (Chief Minister of Haryana)

Key facts about the agreement:

- This agreement essentially implements the water allocation pact reached among the co-basin states in 1994 under the 'Upper Yamuna River Board'. Under this agreement, Rajasthan's share was fixed at 10.4%.
- Project Cost: ₹34,102 crore (estimated cost)
- Water Quantity: 577 million cubic meters
- Water Source: Hathnikund Barrage, Haryana
- Underground Pipeline Network: Construction of an approximately 295.5 km long underground pipeline to transport water from Hathnikund Barrage to Hansiyawas Reservoir (Churu).

- **Implementing Agency:** Rajasthan-Haryana Yamuna Water Project Special Purpose Vehicle

Key benefits for Rajasthan:

- The Shekhawati region will gain long-term drinking water security.
- Groundwater recharge will help improve the continuously declining groundwater levels.

Panchna Dam

- Recently, the Panchana Dam has been in the headlines due to a dispute over water distribution.
- On one side of the dam, farmers from 35 villages in the command area are demanding the release of water into the canals, while on the other side, residents of 39 villages connected to the dam area are opposing the release of water into the canals. These demands have now become a source of conflict.
- Previously, the Rajasthan High Court has twice ordered the release of water into the canals, although these orders have not been followed.

Panchana Dam

- Location: Gudla village, Karauli
- Associated rivers: Bhadravati, Barkheda, Ata, Machi, and Bhainsawat
- Origin of the name 'Panchna': The dam is situated at the confluence of five rivers; hence, it is named 'Panchna'.
- The need for water management in this region was realized following the severe floods of 1972 in Eastern Rajasthan, leading to the approval of the Panchna Dam project.
- Construction of the dam began in 1978–79 and was completed in 2004–05.
- It is the largest earthen dam in Rajasthan.
- The total command area of this project is approximately 9,985 hectares.

Urban Infrastructure Development and Urban Challenge Fund in Rajasthan-

- Recently, a significant Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Rajasthan Department of Local Self Government and the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) at the Constitution Club in Jaipur on June 28, 2026.
- Under this agreement, inclusive infrastructure development will be carried out in the state's urban bodies over the next five years through the Central Government's Urban Challenge Fund.
- Projects worth approximately ₹15,800 crore are proposed in the state.
- Financial Contribution- The Urban Challenge Fund is a competitive financing mechanism. Under this, the total project cost is distributed as follows:

Stakeholder	Contribution percentage	Amount in the context of Rajasthan
Central Government (through UCF)	25%	Approximately ₹3,950 crore
State Government and Local Bodies	25%	Approximately ₹3,950 crore
Financial Institutions/ HUDCO	50%	Approximately ₹7,900 crore
Total Proposed Cost (Rajasthan)	100%	Approximately ₹15,800 crore

Launch of the 'Hariyalo Rajasthan' and 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaigns—

- Recently, on June 5, 2026 (on the occasion of World Environment Day), Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma launched the 'Hariyalo Rajasthan-2026' and 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaigns by planting a banyan sapling at the World Forestry Tree Garden.
- Note- The state budget for the year 2026-27 sets a target for planting and conserving 10 crore saplings across the state. A state-level function marking World Environment Day was held at the Constitution Club of Rajasthan.

Hariyalo Rajasthan Mission-

- ❑ A mission inspired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (One Tree in the Name of Mother) initiative.
- ❑ Launch: August 7, 2024
- ❑ Location: Jahota, Jaipur
- ❑ Associated Department: Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan
- ❑ Target: Planting 50 crore saplings over 5 years

Rajasthan wins 6 national-level awards under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana.

- Recently, Rajasthan received a total of six awards for its outstanding performance in various categories at a ceremony organized in Delhi by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to mark the completion of two years of the PM Surya Ghar Yojana.
- On behalf of Rajasthan, Ms. Aarti Dogra, Energy Secretary and Chairman of Rajasthan Discoms, received awards in four different categories.

Key Awards and Categories-

- ❑ State Category: Rajasthan received the second prize for the month of May in the category covering states with '90 lakh to 1.50 crore electricity consumers,' specifically for the highest number of applications, installations, inspections, and vendor registrations for rooftop solar power plants.

- ❑ District Category: Jaipur was awarded 7th place among the country's top 10 districts with the highest number of installations.
- ❑ Vendor Category: 'Milan Solar Energy Center' was awarded the second prize for the month of May in the category of highest rooftop solar installations among states in the Northern Region.

PM Surya Ghar Yojana-

- ❑ Launch – February 2024
- ❑ Objective – To provide free electricity by installing solar panels on the rooftops of 10 million (1 crore) households across the country.
- ❑ Target – To complete 10 million solar installations by March 2027.

Subsidy and financial assistance		
Average Monthly Electricity Consumption (Units)	Suitable Rooftop Solar Plant Capacity	Subsidy Assistance Available
0 to 150 units	1 to 2 kilowatts (kW)	₹30,000 to ₹60,000
150 to 300 units	2 to 3 kilowatts (kW)	₹60,000 to ₹78,000
Above 300 units	Above 3 kilowatts	Maximum ₹78,000

- The plan calls for the development of a “model solar village” in each district of the country to make rural communities energy-reliant.
- The long-term impact and benefits of the plan:
 - ❑ Generation of household savings and additional income.
 - ❑ Solar capacity will increase.
 - ❑ Environmental benefits will be realized.
 - ❑ Additional employment will be generated.

Bhim and Bhopalsagar Dam Modernization Project-

- Recently, Water Resources Minister Suresh Singh Rawat and Bhim MLA Hari Singh Rawat laid the foundation stone for the repair and renovation of the Bhim Dam and Bhopal Sagar Dam and their canal systems located in Rajsamand district.
- This work has been approved under the Chief Minister's Budget Announcement for the year 2025-26. Administrative and financial approval of Rs. 8 crore 70 lakh has been issued for this entire project, and the project work is proposed to be completed by April 24, 2027.
- Historical Context-
 - ❑ Bhim Dam – It was constructed in the year 1950.
 - ❑ Bhopalsagar Dam – It was constructed in the year 1956.
 - ❑ Location – Both these dams are situated within the Rajsamand district.

Integrated ERP System to be Implemented to Enhance Operational Efficiency in Power Utilities-

- Recently, Rajasthan's Energy Minister, Shri Hiralal Nagar, announced plans to develop an integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and a unified digital platform to boost operational efficiency within power utility companies.
- The responsibility for exploring and implementing this integrated digital platform has been entrusted to the Energy Development and IT Services Corporation Limited.
- This single platform (ERP) will consolidate key functions such as human resources, finance, accounting, procurement, and asset management.
- This initiative will expedite and streamline decision-making, bring cost-efficiency and transparency to administrative operations, and facilitate the tracking of consumer services (such as billing and grievance redressal).

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System-

- This is a business management system that connects various departments of an organization (such as finance, human resources, manufacturing, and supply chain) onto a centralized platform; by automating and streamlining processes, it enhances the company's overall efficiency and decision-making capabilities.

Delhi-Gurugram-Rewari-SNB-Behror RRTS Corridor-

- The first phase of the Delhi-Gurugram-Rewari-SNB-Behror RRTS corridor (Regional Rapid Transit System—RRTS) is being built up to Behror.
- Project Key Facts:
 - ❑ Total length – approximately 130 kilometers
 - ❑ Total stations – 19 stations
 - ❑ Stations in Rajasthan – 3 stations
 - Shahjahanpur
 - Neemrana
 - Behror
- Section from Bawal to the Rajasthan border – 50 percent of the project cost for this section will be borne by the Government of Haryana.
- Section from the Rajasthan border to Behror – 100 percent (the entire) cost of this section will be borne by the Government of Rajasthan and its associated agencies.

Assistive devices worth Rs 75 lakh distributed to 800 senior citizens under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana.

- Recently, assistive devices worth ₹75 lakh were distributed to 800 senior citizens in Chittorgarh under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana administered by the

Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment with the cooperation of the state government and ALIMCO.

■ National Vayoshri Scheme-

- ❑ Launch of the scheme – April 2017, from Andhra Pradesh
- ❑ Nodal Ministry – Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India
- ❑ Implementing Agency – Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)
- ❑ This is a Central Sector Scheme.
- ❑ The required budgetary funds are allocated from the 'Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund'.

■ Objective of the scheme –

- ❑ Overcoming physical disability
- ❑ Enabling financially disadvantaged elderly individuals to perform their tasks independently, rather than remaining dependent on others.

Central financial assistance approved for 553 energy providers of the state.

- The Government of India has recently approved Central Financial Assistance (CFA) amounting to ₹531 crore for 553 energy providers in the state under Component-C of the PM-KUSUM scheme.
- This amount will be disbursed into the bank accounts of the energy providers by the Ajmer and Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigams.
- Under this initiative, ₹379.41 crore will be provided to 432 energy providers under the Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam (installing 429 MW capacity plants), and ₹151.21 crore will be provided to 121 solar energy producers under the Ajmer DISCOM (installing 169 MW capacity plants).
- A total of 1,312 projects with a capacity of 3,371 MW have been established in the state under Component-C. These include solar power plants with capacities of 2,647 MW in Jodhpur DISCOM, 373 MW in Ajmer DISCOM, and 352 MW in Jaipur DISCOM.
- Rajasthan ranks third in the country under Component-C.

■ Pradhan Mantri KUSUM Yojana (Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan)–

- ❑ Launch – March 2019
- ❑ Central Ministry – Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- ❑ Rajasthan Department – RRECL (Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited), an agency under the Department of Energy.

■ Kusum Scheme has three components:

- ❑ Component A – Installation of grid-connected solar power plants with a capacity of up to 2 MW.
- ❑ Component B – Installation of standalone solar agricultural pumps with a capacity of up to 7.5 HP.

- ❑ Component C – Solarization of existing grid-connected agricultural pumps with a capacity of up to 7.5 HP.

Approval for four-lane construction work of National Highway-62-

- The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has recently approved the four-laning of the Nagaur-Bikaner National Highway-62.
- This national highway will be developed under the BOT (Toll) model at an estimated cost of approximately Rs. 1,359.33 crore.
- This will not only significantly boost connectivity in Western Rajasthan but also increase opportunities for investment and employment.

Critical minerals will be extracted from mineral waste in the state.

- Recently, a study of pink marble and green marble waste dumps in the state has revealed positive indications of significant quantities of critical minerals (nickel, cobalt, chromium, and gallium).
- The concentration of critical minerals in these waste dumps is 25 to 40 times higher than the normal amount found in the Earth's crust.
- To this end, an MoU has been signed between the Mines Department's RSMET and IIT (ISM), Dhanbad, under which studies will be conducted on the extraction of precious minerals from mineral waste.
- In the initial phase, 78 dumps have been identified and clusters of 10 each have been created.
- These minerals obtained from waste in the state will meet the needs of the defense, green energy, aerospace, and aeronautical industries, thereby strengthening the country's energy security, as well as strategic and economic security.
- **Critical Minerals-** These minerals are indispensable for a country's economic development, technological progress, and national security, yet the risk of disruption to their supply chains is very high.
- **Note:** Large deposits of rare earth minerals and heavy rare earth minerals have recently been discovered in the Siwana Ring Complex, and the Central Government has already initiated the auction of their blocks.

Rajya Sabha Elections-2026-

- Three candidates from Rajasthan have been declared elected for the 2026 Rajya Sabha elections. All three candidates from Rajasthan have been elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha.
- **Elected members:**
 1. Dr. Alka Singh - Bharatiya Janata Party
 2. Dr. Satish Poonia - Bharatiya Janata Party
 3. Mr. Neeraj Dangi - Indian National Congress
- Members representing Rajasthan in the Rajya Sabha currently:

S.	Name	Party
1.	Shri Neeraj Dangi	Indian National Congress (Congress)
2.	Dr. Satish Poonia	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
3.	Dr. Alka Singh	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
4.	Shri Ghanshyam Tiwari	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
5.	Shri Randeep Singh Surjewala	Indian National Congress (Congress)
6.	Shri Mukul Balkrishna Wasnik	Indian National Congress (Congress)
7.	Shri Pramod Kumar	Indian National Congress (Congress)
8.	Shri Chunnilal Garasiya	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
9.	Shri Madan Rathore	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
10.	Smt. Sonia Gandhi	Indian National Congress (Congress)

Rajasthan (Allotment of Plots in Saline Areas) Amendment Rules, 2026 issued.

- Recently, the Rajasthan government has issued the Rajasthan (Allotment of Plots in Salt Areas) Amendment Rules, 2026, amending the existing rules to promote the salt industry.
- Amended Rules-**
 - Plot allocation for the salt industry will be carried out through e-auction.
 - Provisions regarding the classification of salt units have been incorporated.
 - In districts where saline land is available for salt production, the allocation process may be initiated following the survey, demarcation, and measurement of the plots.
 - Additionally, a six-month exemption will be granted to 300 industrial units that had missed their lease renewals. This measure will facilitate lease renewals while also benefiting the state government through increased revenue.

'Civil Defence Corps' to be constituted in newly formed districts-

- Recently, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma approved the formation of a 'Civil Defence Corps' in eight newly formed districts on June 16, 2026. This approval follows the budget announcement for the year 2025-26.
- The Civil Defence Corps will help strengthen disaster management, civil defence, and civil protection systems during emergencies in these newly formed districts.
- Note: The eight newly formed districts are Balotra, Didwana-Kuchaman, Phalodi, Salumbar, Khairthal-Tijara, Deeg, Kotputli-Behror, and Beawar.

Approval granted for the establishment of a special court for NIA cases in the state-

- Recently, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma approved the establishment of a special court to hear cases related to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).
- The establishment of this special court will strengthen and enhance the effectiveness of the judicial process in the state and facilitate the speedy disposal of cases.
- National Investigation Agency (NIA)-**
 - Establishment – It was established under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008, in the wake of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.
 - It functions as a central counter-terrorism law enforcement agency.

The country's first Agri-PV plant has been set up in Kundanpura village.

- The country's first Agri-PV plant has recently been established in Kundanpura village (Bassi-Tunga) of Jaipur district.
- This Agri-PV plant has been set up as a pilot project by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) with financial support from Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- The plant was established by increasing the height of the solar panels of a previously installed KUSUM plant.
- Agri PV Plant-**
 - This is a modern technique in which solar panels are installed at a height of 10 to 12 feet, and agricultural activities are subsequently carried out beneath them.

AgriStack and Fertilizer Sales Framework-

- Recently, the Government of India's Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Department of Fertilizers launched the 'Framework for Fertilizer Sales' as a pilot project in the Sirohi and Rajsamand districts of Rajasthan (Phase I).
- Objectives-**
 - To ensure that the benefits of substantial government subsidies on fertilizers reach only genuine and eligible farmers.
 - To completely curb the diversion of subsidized fertilizers for non-agricultural purposes (industrial use), as well as black marketing and hoarding.
 - To ensure real-time monitoring of fertilizer availability, stock management, and distribution through digital means.
- New Distribution Mechanism-**
 - Token Booking – Via online platforms or e-Mitra centers.
 - Token Generation and Validity – 48-hour timeframe.
 - Fertilizer Collection – From the nearest dealer.

30th State-Level Bhamashah Award Ceremony-2026

- The 30th State-Level Bhamashah Samman Ceremony was held on June 29, 2026, at the Birla Auditorium in Jaipur.
- This ceremony honored individuals who have demonstrated public participation and social contribution in the field of education.
- More than 276 Bhamashahs, motivators, and NRI donors were honored at this ceremony.
- These Bhamashahs contributed a total of Rs. 318 crore for strengthening the education sector (such as new building construction, additional construction, land donation, and physical resources) in the financial year 2025-26.

Awards-

Award/Category	Number	Description/Special Note
Shiksha Vibhushan	49 Philanthropists (Bhamashah)	For outstanding and substantial financial support
Shiksha Bhushan	105 Philanthropists (Bhamashah)	For notable material and financial support
Prerak Samman	99 Motivators (Prerak)	Individuals who motivated the donors
NRI Donors	23 Donors (Daandata)	Non-Resident Indians included in the total list of awardees

Akshay Fund-

- The Sawai Madhopur District Police has launched an innovative welfare scheme called the 'Akshay Fund' to provide immediate financial support to police personnel and their families during times of crisis.
- **Functioning and features of the 'Akshay Fund'—**
 - Fund Formation (Voluntary Contribution) – This fund is being created through voluntary contributions amounting to one day's salary from all police personnel in the district.
 - Estimated Initial Corpus – It is estimated that approximately ₹16 lakh will be accumulated in the fund through these voluntary contributions.
 - Immediate Financial Assistance – In the event of the untimely death of any police personnel while on duty or during their service tenure, financial assistance of ₹3 lakh will be immediately provided to their bereaved family members.

Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni honoured for Okuhepa -

- The Sahitya Akademi, operating under the Madhya Pradesh Culture Council, has recently announced the All-India and State-level literary awards for the year 2024.
- The All-India Professor Vishnukant Shastri Award will be conferred upon IAS officer and litterateur Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni for his Hindi travelogue, 'Okuhepa'.
- **Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni-**
 - He is an IAS officer and a litterateur.
 - He hails from the Hanumangarh district of Rajasthan.
 - Among his other major literary works, the Rajasthani short story collections 'Bharkhama' and 'Rankhar' are particularly renowned.

RTI Living Museum-

- It has been announced that the world's first RTI Living Museum will be established in the state's Beawar district at a cost of ₹2.5 crore.
- A one-acre plot of land in the Narbad Kheda-Kesar-pura area has been identified for this museum. The museum will be constructed and operated by the organization 'School for Democracy' (Loktantra ki Path-shala).
- Unlike a traditional museum, this will be developed as a 'living museum' and will house rare documents related to the 1996 Beawar sit-in protest and the associated mass movement.
- The movement for RTI originated in the state's Beawar district, after which the agitation spread to Jaipur and other locations.

Key announcement by the Chief Minister on International MSME Day—

- The following are the key announcements made by the Chief Minister on International MSME Day, held at the Constitutional Club, Jaipur on June 27, 2026:
- **Handicrafts and Local Products-**
 - In the first phase, haats (markets) will be developed and operated in Pushkar, Nathdwara, Jaisalmer, and Alwar for products made by artisans, weavers, and micro-enterprises.
 - Processing units for the plant species identified under the 'Panch Gaurav Yojana' will receive financial assistance under the 'One District, One Product' (ODOP) scheme.
- **Changes in RIPS and investment rules-**
 - The capital subsidy period for MSMEs under RIPS has been reduced from 10 years to 7 years.
- **Electronics and Semiconductor Sector-**

- ❑ Under RIPS-2024, the minimum investment threshold has been reduced to ₹15 crore.
- ❑ Projects covered under the Government of India's ECMS scheme will now be permitted to make investments in five stages instead of three.
- ❑ Skill Allowance – The maximum monthly allowance for skill and training in this sector for women and differently-abled personnel has been increased from ₹4,000 to ₹6,000.

■ Encouragement to Startups

- ❑ Rajasthan Venture Capital Fund – Financial assistance will be provided to 25 new startups through this fund this year.

■ Other-

- ❑ Launch of the Rajasthan Industrial Development Policy and the ODOP coffee table book.
- ❑ Launch of the RAMP (Rising and Accelerating MSME Performance) portal.

Launch of multi-lane free-flow tolling system at Daulatpura Toll Plaza—

- Recently, NHA launched Rajasthan's first multi-lane free flow tolling system at the Daulatpura toll plaza on the Delhi-Jaipur section of NH-48.
- Using advanced technologies such as automatic number plate recognition and FASTag, this toll plaza will facilitate seamless toll collection without vehicles having to stop.
- This will reduce travel time, ease highway congestion, improve fuel efficiency, reduce vehicle emissions, and minimize human intervention in toll operations.

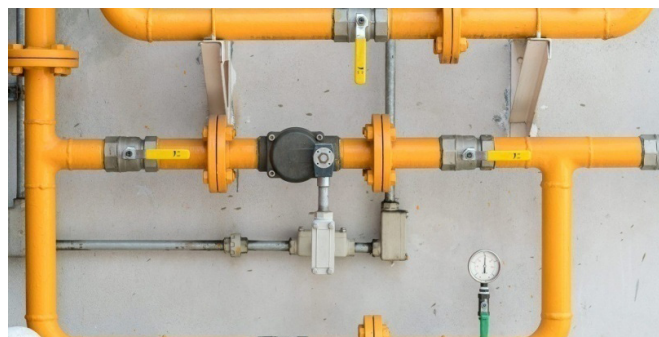
■ Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF)

- ❑ It is a modern tolling system that allows vehicles to pass through toll plazas at normal speed without stopping.

New building bylaws implemented in the state—

- Recently, the state government implemented rules for new model building bylaws in Rajasthan and lifted the restriction on the height (70 meters) of multi-story buildings in cities.
- The decision to lift the 70-meter height restriction for high-rise buildings will apply to structures equipped with fire-fighting systems.
- Since 2020, a provision had been in place in Rajasthan limiting building heights to a maximum of 70 meters, based on the height of the tallest available fire ladder.
- The new model building bylaws now adopt the 'Indian Standard Code,' whereas the 'National Building Code' was previously in effect.

132 LPG free zones identified in the state-



- Recently, under the direction of Chief Secretary Shri V. Srinivas, 132 'LPG-free zones' were identified in the state during a meeting of the state's CGD (City Gas Distribution) entities held on June 1, 2026.
- In these designated LPG-free zones, future gas supply will be provided exclusively via pipelines (DPNG), eliminating the need for cylinders.
- Additionally, the government has set a target to provide piped domestic gas connections to 43,000 households by the end of June.

Unveiling of the new logo of Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation

- Recently, Energy Minister Shri Hiralal Nagar unveiled the new logo of the Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation on June 19, 2026.
- This logo showcases Rajasthan's achievements in the field of clean, green, and sustainable energy.

Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation-

- Formation – August 2002
- It was formed by merging the Rajasthan Energy Development Agency and the Rajasthan State Electricity Corporation Limited.
- Registered – Under the Companies Act, 1956
- It acts as the state nodal agency for promoting and developing non-conventional energy sources in the state.

Jaipur Discom launches free smart IoT device project-

- Recently, Jaipur Discom launched a project in collaboration with the technology company Flock Energy to install free smart IoT devices on the air conditioners of domestic electricity consumers in Jaipur.
- Currently, this initiative is being implemented as a pilot project in the homes of approximately 2,000 electricity consumers across Vaishali Nagar, Mansarovar, and Malviya Nagar.
- This pilot project has been initiated under the 'Demand Flexibility and Demand Side Management Regulations-2026' of the Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission.
- This is a unique initiative by Jaipur Discom aimed at enhancing grid stability and conserving electricity.
- Through this technology, the power consumption of high-energy-consuming domestic appliances—specifically air conditioners—can be automatically regulated during peak hours.
- By integrating the air conditioner usage of these approximately 2,000 consumers with ADR (Automated Demand Response) technology, electricity consumption can be reduced by up to 1 megawatt.

'Paimana' Report-

- According to the 'Paimana' report recently released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, a total of 81 projects worth over ₹2.72 lakh crore are currently underway in Rajasthan.

Key ongoing projects-

■ Petroleum and Refinery-

- Rajasthan Refinery Project (Barmer, Pachpadra) – This is the state's most ambitious project, with a total cost of ₹79,459 crore.
- Petrochemical Evacuation and Marketing Terminal (Barmer) – Being constructed by HPCL at a cost of ₹461 crore; the target for completion is December 2026.

■ Energy Sector-

- 19 projects worth over ₹75,000 crore are underway to make Rajasthan self-reliant in the energy sector.

■ Railway Infrastructure (North-Western Railway)-

- A total of 23 projects worth ₹1,64,998 crore are ongoing in the railway sector, including 10 multi-state projects worth ₹1,55,524 crore.

■ Road and Highway Development-

- 28 projects worth ₹18,000 crore are being executed in the state through the Ministry of Road Transport and NHAI.

■ Civil Aviation (Airports)-

- 3 significant projects are being undertaken by the Airports Authority of India at a cost of ₹2,874 crore-
 1. Kota-Bundi Greenfield Airport
 2. Udaipur Airport (Integrated Terminal)
 3. Jodhpur Airport (New Domestic Passenger Terminal)

Rural Road Network in Rajasthan to be Strengthened: Approval for 79 Rural Roads

- Recently, in implementation of the 2026-27 budget announcement, the state government granted in-principle approval for the construction of 79 rural roads across the state.
- Under the approvals issued by the Public Works Department, construction and development work will be carried out for roads spanning a total length of 151.75 kilometers (at an estimated cost of Rs. 68.30 crore) across five assembly constituencies.

■ Assembly Constituencies:

- Jhalrapatan Assembly Constituency (Jhalawar district)
- Nawalgarh Assembly Constituency (Jhunjhunu district)
- Bhopalgarh Assembly Constituency (Jodhpur district)
- Rajgarh-Lakshmangarh Assembly Constituency (Alwar district)
- Jaitaran Assembly Constituency (Beawar district)

RIICO allotted 12 plots to develop sports facilities at the workplace.

- Recently, RIICO allotted 12 plots across 10 districts for the development of sports facilities in industrial areas, as well as 3 plots for the development of 'plug-and-play' infrastructure.
- The total area of these allotted plots is approximately 9 acres, which will generate an annual rental income of around ₹228 lakh for RIICO.
- These plots have been allotted for a period of 15 years, with a provision for a subsequent 10-year extension in accordance with the rules.

■ Sports facilities – Total 12 plots –

S.No.	District	Allocated Industrial Area
1	Jaipur	Sitapura Phase-III
2	Jaipur	Apparel Park
3	Jaipur	Bagru (Chhitrauli)
4	Kota	Indraprastha Industrial Area
5	Jodhpur	Boranada
6	Sirohi	Abu Road (Arbuda)
7	Khairthal-Tijara	Bhiwadi (Karoli)

8	Jhunjhunu	Jhunjhunu-II
9	Ajmer	Kishangarh
10	Pali	Pali Phase-IV
11	Sawai Madhopur	Kherda
12	Sikar	Reengus Extension

■ 'Plug-and-play' facilities – Total 03 plots –

1. Jaipur – Sitapura Phase III
2. Jodhpur – Agro Food Park at Boranada
3. Kota – Agro Food Park (Ranpur)

The state secured second place in creating Abha ID.



- Rajasthan has secured the second position nationwide by generating over 7.19 crore ABHA IDs. Uttar Pradesh holds the top spot for creating the highest number of ABHA IDs.
- The total number of ABHA accounts across the country has crossed the historic milestone of 90 crore.

'ABHA' (Ayushman Bharat Health Account)

- This is a unique digital health ID and a key pillar of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
- Under this, a unique 14-digit identification number is generated for every registered citizen, serving as the foundation for the patient's medical history.

'Sahakar se Samridhhi' campaign and expansion of door-step banking-

- Under the 'Sahakar Se Samridhhi' campaign being run in the state, fintech based door-step banking services will be expanded to provide doorstep banking services to the rural population of the state.
- Under this campaign, micro ATMs are being made available to Gram Seva Cooperative Societies (PACS) and Primary Dairy Cooperative Societies by making them bank friends, which is being operated with the financial assistance of NABARD.
- Presently about 2,700 PACS and 557 Primary Dairy Societies working as Bank Mitras have been provided with Micro ATMs.

■ Upcoming goals-

- ❑ By September 30, 2026- Target to provide micro ATMs to 5 thousand cooperative societies by making them bank mitras.
- ❑ By March 31, 2027- Target to provide micro ATMs to all active 12 thousand primary milk producer cooperative societies by making them bank mitras.

■ Formation of PACS-

- ❑ PACS have been formed in more than 9 thousand 500 gram panchayats in the state. The state government aims to establish a PACS in every gram panchayat.

1,150 electric buses to operate under the PM e-Bus Sewa scheme-



- The second meeting of the State-Level Steering Committee, constituted for the effective implementation of the Pradhan Mantri E-Bus Seva Yojana in the state, was held on June 4, 2026, under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Shri V. Srinivas.
- A total of 1,150 electric buses have been allocated to eight cities in Rajasthan under the Pradhan Mantri E-Bus Seva Yojana, the trial of which has been completed.

■ City-wise allocation of e-buses in the state:

S.No.	City Name	Number of Allocated E-buses
1.	Jaipur	450
2.	Jodhpur	125
3.	Bikaner	125
4.	Ajmer	100
5.	Alwar	100
6.	Kota	100
7.	Udaipur	50
8.	Sikar	50
9.	Bhilwara	50

- Note: Recently, on June 20, 2026, Chief Minister Bhanu Lal Sharma flagged off 29 state-of-the-art electric buses for JCTSL and 18 electric buses for Bhilwara under the 'PM-eBus Sewa' scheme.

■ PM-eBus Sewa Scheme-

- ❑ Union Cabinet approval: August 16, 2023

- ❑ Concerned Ministry: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- ❑ Financial outlay: ₹ 57,613 crore

■ Objectives-

- ❑ Strengthening public transport
- ❑ Promoting e-mobility
- ❑ Development of urban mobility infrastructure

India Stonemart 2028 - Tripartite MoU between RIICO, SIDOs and Laghu Udyog Bharati

- A tripartite MoU was recently signed on June 16, 2026, among RIICO, the Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS), and Laghu Udyog Bharati for organizing India Stonemart 2028.
- This will pave the way for the historic India Stonemart 2028 event and take Rajasthan's stone to the global stage.

India Stonemart-2028-

- Edition: 14th Edition
- Dates: February 17-20, 2028
- Roadshows will be organized in 11 countries for this event.

Global honour conferred upon Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam by the Multinational Book of Records (India) -

- The achievement of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited in generating the highest and most historic amount of electricity to date at the state level has recently been recorded in the 'record category' by the Multinational Book of Records (India).
- A global certificate of honor was presented for this achievement on June 25, 2026, at 'Vidyut Bhawan' in Jaipur.

■ Historic Record -

- ❑ Record Date: June 2, 2026.
- ❑ Peak Generation: Highest-ever electricity generation of 7,171 MW.
- ❑ Total Capacity & Units: Achieved through all 23 thermal units with a combined capacity of 7,580 MW.
- ❑ Capacity Utilization: Best performance with 94.60% utilization.

Successful auction of Potash and Halite blocks in Hanumangarh -

- The Union Ministry of Mines has recently concluded the successful auction of two Potash and Halite blocks in Rajasthan.

■ Companies acquiring the blocks -

- ❑ Hindustan Zinc Limited: Jandawali-Satipura Amalgamated Potash and Halite Block.
- ❑ Oil India Limited: Jodkiyan-Satipura-Khunja Amalgamated Potash and Halite Block.
- This marks the first time a Potash block has been auctioned in India.
- India has historically imported the majority of its Potash from abroad.

For the first time, the highest budget was given to the PM Shri schools of the state.

- The Central Government has allocated a budget of ₹226.38 crore for Rajasthan's PM SHRI schools for the 2026-27 academic session.
- This budget comprises ₹215.72 crore for recurring expenses and ₹10.66 crore for non-recurring expenses.
- This fund will enable the development of infrastructural facilities in 649 PM SHRI schools across the state.



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Review Meeting of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 –

- A review meeting for Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 was recently held on June 2, 2026, under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Shri V. Srinivas.
- The primary objective of the meeting was to develop Rajasthan's cities into models based on clean, modern, and scientific waste management practices.
- Directives were issued to review the 'Waste-to-Energy Plant' (with a capacity of 1000 TPD—tonnes per day) operating in Jaipur and to ensure robust preparations for the 'Swachh Survekshan' (Cleanliness Survey).
- Currently, projects worth ₹4,804.94 crore have been sanctioned for the state under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0. At present, 27 solid waste management plants are operational.
- **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban**
 - Launch Date: October 2, 2014
 - Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 - Scheme Type: Centrally Sponsored Scheme
- **Objectives:**
 - Making urban India ODF (Open Defecation Free) and garbage-free.
 - 100% scientific solid waste management.
 - Promoting behavioral change and public participation.
 - Developing a circular economy and 'Waste-to-Wealth' initiatives.
 - Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 1.0 (2014–2019)
 - Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 (2021–2026)
 - Financial Outlay: Approximately ₹1.41 lakh crore

IFMS 3.0 Webinar-

- Recently, the State Chief Secretary, Shri V. Srinivas, issued directives during the IFMS 3.0 webinar held at the Secretariat.
- **Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) – Rajasthan**
 - This is a comprehensive digital platform for the Government of Rajasthan, serving as an integrated solution for financial excellence. Its objective is to modernize public financial management.
 - The system integrates various financial functions—such as budgeting, expenditure management, revenue collection, and accounting—into a unified digital platform, thereby ensuring transparency, efficiency, and accountability in government financial operations.

Nari Chaupal – Nari Shakti Vandan Program

- This program was organized across the state at all district and block levels on June 10, 2026.

- Information was provided on critical issues such as the prevention of child marriage, cyber security, anemia prevention, improving the sex ratio, and protection against cervical cancer through vaccination for girls.

Amrit Seva Abhiyan

- This mission was launched by the Jaipur Municipal Corporation on June 25, 2026, on the occasion of Nirjala Ekadashi.
- The objective of this campaign was to provide relief to the general public amidst the scorching heat and to strengthen the spirit of service and public welfare.

Operation Jamuhar –

- This was an anti-narcotics operation conducted across five states by the Rajasthan Police's Anti-Narcotics Task Force.
- Under this operation, a consignment of illegal opium worth approximately ₹4.5 crore, being transported from Manipur to Rajasthan, was seized.
- The operation was named 'JaMuHaR' by combining the initial letters of the five states involved:
 - Ja – Jammu (where the main mastermind was based)
 - Mu – Manipur (origin point of the narcotics consignment)
 - U – Uttar Pradesh (transit point – Lucknow)
 - Ha – Haryana (where the consignment was intercepted)
 - R – Rajasthan (intended destination for the supply)

Gramin Seva Shivir-2026

- The 'Gramin Seva Shivir-2026' (Rural Service Camp-2026) was organized to provide the general public in the state's rural areas with direct access to the benefits of various public welfare and flagship schemes of the state government.

Gramin Seva Shivir-2026

- Duration: June 12 to July 15, 2026
- Nodal Department: Revenue Department
- All documents and certificates issued during the camp were stamped with a special "Gramin Seva Shivir-2026" seal.
- A coordination cell was constituted at the state level to effectively review the camp's operations under the guidance of the Principal Secretary (Revenue).
- Efforts were made to complete the work of every citizen visiting the camp on the same day. In addition to the Revenue Department, the participation of 21 other key departments was ensured for this camp.

Urban Service Camp-2026-

- 'Urban Service Camps-2026' were organized in the state's urban areas to provide the general public with prompt and transparent solutions at a single location through these camps.
- **Urban Service Camps-2026:**
 - ❑ Duration: 12 June to 15 July 2026
 - ❑ Nodal Department: Department of Urban Development, Housing, and Local Self-Government
 - ❑ Venue: Held at Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, and Municipalities
- **Services provided at the camps:**
 - ❑ Lease deed and land-related services; issuance of birth and death certificates
 - ❑ Pension and public welfare schemes
 - ❑ Water supply and sewerage solutions; sanitation, cleanliness, and waste management
 - ❑ Resolution of street light issues; improvement of roads, drains, and public spaces
 - ❑ Stray animal control and management; building permissions, map approvals, and other services
- Recently, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma announced that, effective June 25, 2026, the monthly pension for 'Loktantra Senanis' (Democracy Fighters) would be increased from ₹20,000 to ₹25,000, and the monthly medical assistance from ₹4,000 to ₹5,000.

National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG)



- Edition: 29th
- Theme: Viksit Bharat 2047: AI-Enabled, Data-Driven, and Secure Digital Governance
- Dates: July 1-2, 2026
- Venue: Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jaipur
- Organizers: Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and the Government of Rajasthan
- Knowledge Partners: NASSCOM and MNIT, Jaipur
- Inauguration: Chief Minister Shri Bhajanlal Sharma
- Objective: To foster collaboration in the field of e-governance, showcase best practices, and deliberate on the latest aspects of digital governance in India for public service delivery.

"Toy Bank" and "Praveshotsav & Tree Plantation" Program—

- Venue: All Anganwadi centers in the state
- Dates: June 24 to July 1, 2026
- Objective: To provide quality pre-school education to children in the 3-6 age group at Anganwadi centers.
- This program aims to foster the holistic development of children by collecting toys through public participation. Toys will be collected from children who no longer use them, to support the physical, mental, and psychological development of the young children at Anganwadi centers.
- A target has been set to collect 10-20 safe toys at each Anganwadi center.

Lumpy Skin Disease State-Level Vaccination Campaign-

- Phase: Second
- Launch Date: June 24, 2026
- Venue: Shri Tijarati Sarrafan Chamber Gaushala, Beawar
- This campaign was inaugurated by Shri Joraram Kumawat, the Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy, and Gopalan, Rajasthan.
- The Homologous Ranchi Strain live-attenuated vaccine is being used under this campaign. This vaccine has been specifically developed for Lumpy disease.

Kshitij Program-

- Date of Event- June 27, 2026
- Venue- Birla Auditorium, Jaipur
- Organizer- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

National Pulse Polio Campaign-

- Event Dates: June 28 to June 30, 2026
- Under this initiative, polio drops were administered to over 1.04 crore children in the state.
- On the first day of the campaign, children up to the age of 5 were administered the vaccine at booths, while on the subsequent two days, teams visited households to administer the drops.

Key facts regarding the Pulse Polio Campaign:

- ❑ The Pulse Polio Campaign was launched in India in 1995. India received the 'Pulse Polio-free' certification on March 27, 2014.
- ❑ In 2026, 3 cases of polio have been detected in Pakistan and 4 in Afghanistan so far. No new case of polio has been detected in India in the 15 years since January 2011.

Project Lakshman Rekha –

- It has been launched by the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) wing of the Rajasthan Police.

- It is being implemented under the 'Drug-Free Rajasthan' campaign.
- Under this initiative, the management, teachers, and students of educational institutions across the state will be designated as 'Anti-Drug Warriors,' and the 500-meter area surrounding these institutions will be developed into a drug-free zone.

'Samridhi' pilot project-

- The 'Samridhi' pilot project will be implemented under the command area modernization initiative for the Bisalpur Dam. Under this project, a pressurized pipeline network will be developed to convey water from the canals to the farmers' fields.
- This project is being executed under the 'Modernization of Command Area Development' (M-CAD) scheme.
- The Bisalpur project has been included as one of the 32 pilot projects selected from across the country.

TaxCon-2026 Summit-

- Date: June 26, 2026
- Venue: Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur
- Organizer: Tax Consultants Association
- Objective: To address the queries and practical challenges faced by tax professionals by providing information on the latest changes in tax laws.

SportsCon 2026-

- It was a two-day sports conclave held in Jaipur, attended by over 250 young delegates.
- The event featured in-depth discussions and deliberations on contemporary topics related to sports, policy-making, sports administration, strategy, and media.

Notable Schemes/Personalities/Places/Others

Appointment of Two New Members to RPSC-

- Recently, Governor Shri Haribhau Bagde issued orders appointing Prof. (Dr.) Santosh Anand and Dr. Deepak Kumar Sharma as members of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC).
- Their tenure will be for six years from the date of assuming office or until they reach the age of 62, whichever is earlier.

■ Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC)-

- Establishment: December 22, 1949.
- The RPSC has sanctioned posts for one Chairperson and 10 members.
- The positions of Chairperson and member are constitutional posts.
- An officer from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) is appointed as the Secretary of the Commission.

■ Current Chairperson and members of the Commission:

- Chairperson (Acting): Shri Kesari Singh Rathore
- Members:
 1. Shri Babu Lal Katara – Suspended
 2. Shri Kesari Singh Rathore
 3. Shri Kailash Chand Meena
 4. Prof. Ayub Khan
 5. Dr. Sushil Kumar Bissu
 6. Shri Hemant Priyadarshi
 7. Dr. Ashok Kumar Kalwar
 8. Prof. Deepak Kumar Sharma
 9. Prof. (Dr.) Santosh Anand

Hanuman Singh Rathore-

- Recently, the state government nominated Hanuman Singh Rathore as the Chairperson of the Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education.
- His tenure will be for a period of three years from the date of assuming office. He is a senior educationist and a resident of Ajmer district.

Mand singer Gavari Devi passes away

- Gavari Devi, the renowned Maand singer from Rajasthan, passed away in Pali on June 11, 2026, at the age of 98.
- Gavari Devi was particularly famous for her Maand singing style infused with
- Bhairavi (a classical raga).
- Gavari Devi's popular songs:
 1. Kesariya Balam Padharo
 2. Baga Chalo Kesariya
 3. Dhola Mare Desh Mein Nipje Teen Ratna
 4. Ab Ghare Aao Gori Sahiba
 5. Aayi Aayi Savaniya Ri Teej
 6. Mor Bole Re Malji
- Gavari Devi's popular bhajans (devotional songs):
 1. Main To Liyo Sanwariya
 2. Mastana Re Masti Mein
 3. Punagar Mataji Ri Laal



Maand Singing:

- It is a folk singing style of Rajasthan.
- It is believed to have originated in the Jaisalmer region, which was known as the 'Maand' region in ancient times.

- It is a singing style characterized by themes of romance and longing (Shringar), used in Rajasthani folk songs.
- In the past, Maand singing was performed in the courts of kings and princely states.

R.D. Baheti-

- A social worker and former president of the Shri Maheshwari Samaj, Jaipur, he was renowned as the 'Emperor of Humor' (Hasya Samrat) and recently passed away at the age of 90. He established the country's first 'Laughing Club' in 1970. In 1975, he organized North India's first mass wedding ceremony to combat social evils and founded the Rajasthan Health Yoga Council.



Yogesh Sharma-

- A senior officer of the Rajasthan Judicial Service and a District Judge.
- He has recently been appointed by the state government as a member of the Rajasthan Revenue Board, Ajmer.
- Prior to this, he served as Special Secretary (Law).

Usha Priyadarshi-

- She has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Haryana State Commission for Women.
- She was born on August 12, 1972, in Rajasthan.
- Usha Priyadarshi is the daughter of former minister Dr. Rohitash Sharma.

Khushi Gambhir-

- A 23-year-old woman hailing from Udaipur. She has achieved the distinction of becoming Udaipur's first female fighter pilot.

Abdul Ghafoor Azad-

- A hero of the Bangladesh Liberation War who passed away at the age of 85 in the town of Asnawar, Jhalawar district.
- He was also known by the nickname 'Fauji Abba'. He served in the ASC (MT) unit of the Indian Army and was deployed in the Siliguri region during the 1971 war.

Vinita Sharma-

- A Kathak dancer based in Jaipur. She has been awarded a 'B-Grade' in the Indian classical dance form Kathak by Doordarshan Prasar Bharati. This grade was awarded to her in the 'Dance Audition' category.

Udaipur Khurd Area-

- This area is located in the Kishangarh Tehsil (Ajmer district).
- 59 hectares of land in this area have been reserved for a Defence and Aerospace Park. Sniper rifles will be manufactured at the manufacturing unit to be set up here.

Ajuni Tiwari-

- She is a resident of Jaipur. She represented Rajasthan at the 'National Youth Parliament 2026' held at Doon University.

Professor Manoj Pandit-

- He is a former professor at the University of Rajasthan and a former principal of Maharaja College. He has been included in the global list of the world's top geologists.

Dr. Hemant Bhai Goyal-

- He is a disability rights activist. He has been conferred the 'Lifetime Humanitarian Impact and Disability Rights Excellence Award' for his selfless struggle for the rights of persons with disabilities over 27 years, without any government funding.

Dr. Swarupand-

- He is a homeopathic specialist from Jaipur. He was honored with the 'AYUSH Legendary Award' at the International AYUSH Conclave 4.0 held in Nepal.

Dr. V.D. Sinha-

- He has been nominated as the International President of the Asian-Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons.
- Dr. Sinha is the first neurosurgeon from India to achieve this distinction. He is a senior neurosurgeon from Jaipur and the former Head of the Department of Neurosurgery at Sawai Man Singh Medical College.

Sergeant Surendra Kumar-

- He was a resident of Mehradasi village in Jhunjhunu. The Government of India has officially accorded him the status of a martyr.
- He was posted as a Medical Assistant Sergeant with the 39 Wing of the Indian Air Force in Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir, and made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation while serving during 'Operation Sindoor'.

Animesh Patni-

- He is a resident of the Baran district in Rajasthan and serves as a Group Captain in the Air Force. He was awarded the Vir Chakra for exceptional gallantry during 'Operation Sindoor'. His unit shot down a Pakistan Air Force aircraft.

Khemaram Kumawat-

- He was a resident of Panchota village, Nawa subdivision (Didwana-Kuchaman district), and served as an 'Agniveer' in the Indian Air Force. He was recently martyred in an Indian Air Force AN-32 aircraft crash in Jorhat, Assam.

Shri Rohit Kumar-

- He is a 1997-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer who has recently been appointed as the Principal Resident Commissioner of Rajasthan in

New Delhi.

- Prior to this, Shri Rohit Kumar was on central deputation, serving as an Additional Secretary at NITI Aayog.
- Rohit Kumar will play a pivotal role in facilitating coordination between the Rajasthan government and various ministries and departments of the central government, as well as in the effective handling of state-related matters in New Delhi.

Operation Smile

- A workshop under 'Operation Smile' was organized at the Rajasthan Police Academy. This is an operation or initiative aimed at ensuring the rights and welfare of the transgender community.

Jaipur Foot-

- Recently, the Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) established two permanent Jaipur Foot centers in Sri Lanka. These centers will operate in Colombo and Jaffna, Sri Lanka.
- Note- A new Jaipur Foot center has also recently opened in Port-of-Spain, the capital of Trinidad and Tobago.

Names of State-Level Lottery Winners of 'Krishak Uphar Yojana' Announced

- The Agriculture Department announced the names of the state-level lottery winners under the 'Krishak Uphar Yojana' (Farmers' Gift Scheme) during a meeting held at Pant Krishi Bhawan on June 15, 2026.
- **Winning Farmers:**
 - First Prize: Smt. Vidya Devi, Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC), Shri-Vijaynagar (₹2.50 lakh)
 - Second Prize: Shri Hansraj, Raisingh-nagar Market Committee (₹1.50 lakh)
 - Third Prize: Shri Sukhram, APMC, Merta City (₹1 lakh)
- The prize money will be paid by the respective market committees.

Krishak Uphar Yojana

- Nodal Department: Directorate of Agricultural Marketing
- When a farmer sells their agricultural produce at the market, a gift coupon number is issued via the e-NAM software for every sales slip worth ₹10,000.

- Under this scheme, beneficiaries are awarded prizes or financial assistance ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹2.5 lakh.

In the Spotlight: Social Security Investment Promotion Scheme

- A meeting regarding the Social Security Investment Promotion Scheme was recently held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Shri V. Srinivas.
- Scheme Launch: April 2021
- Current Revised Form: May 2023
- Scheme Duration: For the next 5 years (until the year 2028)
- Administrative/Nodal Department: Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

Objective of the Scheme:

- ❑ To enhance the active participation of non-profit organizations (NGOs), trusts, and voluntary bodies working for the welfare of deprived, destitute, and helpless sections of society in the state. To provide financial support, tax concessions, and administrative exemptions to these organizations for developing infrastructure.

Eligibility under the Scheme (Eligible Beneficiaries):

- ❑ It is mandatory for the operational non-profit organization to have been registered at least 3 years prior.
- ❑ Establishment of a non-profit organization requiring a minimum capital investment of ₹50 lakh or operations catering to at least 25 beneficiaries.

Target Groups-

- ❑ Children (orphans, destitute, child laborers)
- ❑ Women (abandoned, victims of abuse, destitute)
- ❑ Persons with disabilities, senior citizens (elderly)
- ❑ Homeless individuals, beggars, the destitute, transgender persons
- ❑ Individuals undergoing de-addiction, persons affected by HIV/AIDS
- Activities under the scheme- Operation of institutional care facilities, day-care centers, old-age homes, orphanages, women's shelters (*Nari Niketans*), vocational education and skill training centers, group foster care facilities, open shelters, child helplines, and de-addiction and rehabilitation centers.

Benefits and concessions available to the institution under the scheme-

Category	Benefits/Concessions Payable
Land and Building Regularization	100% exemption on land-use conversion charges. And 100% exemption on regularization charges and development charges. 100% exemption on building plan approval fees charged by local bodies.

Revenue and Registration	100% exemption on stamp duty for lease deeds or sale deeds of land/buildings allotted or purchased. 100% exemption on registration fees. Exemption from stamp duty and registration fees on the donation of immovable property by a private individual or entity for these welfare activities.
Tax Relief	100% reimbursement of State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) on non-consumable items, equipment, and capital goods purchased by the organization for welfare activities.
Financial and Other Incentives	Full exemption from motor vehicle tax on authorized vehicles registered in the name of the organization. Reimbursement of interest subsidy at a rate of 6% on loans availed for these activities (for a maximum period of 3 years).

In the News: Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Development Project

- Recently, the third High-Powered Committee meeting for the Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Development Project was held on June 18, 2026, under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary.
- During this meeting, the Annual Action Plan proposal for the financial year 2026-27 was approved following a detailed review of the project's various components.

Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Development Project:

- Implementing Agency: Rajasthan Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan
- Project Funding Agency: Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Project Duration: 8 years
- Total Project Cost: ₹1,693.91 crore (AFD: ₹1,185.29 crore; State Government: ₹508.62 crore)
- Project Scope: 13 districts of Eastern Rajasthan (Alwar, Baran, Bhilwara, Bharatpur, Bundi, Dausa, Dholpur, Jaipur, Jhalawar, Karauli, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, and Tonk)
- Objective: To conserve forest and wildlife resources in the project area.

In the News: Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme

- Recently, under the Rajasthan Government's 'Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme' and as part of the 'Somnath Swabhimah Mahaparv', 1,008 senior citizen pilgrims from the state visited the Shri Somnath Jyotirlinga in June 2026.
- Somnath Swabhimah Mahaparv: This festival is being organized by the Central Government to commemorate the completion of 75 years since the modern reconstruction of the Somnath Temple.

Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme -

- Inception: Commenced in 2013 for rail travel; expanded to include air travel in 2016.
- Objective: To provide government facilities and assistance to senior citizens who are natives of Rajasthan, enabling them to undertake pilgrimages to sites located within or outside the country.

Beneficiary limits under the scheme:

- By rail: 50,000 senior citizens
- By air: 6,000 senior citizens

List of pilgrimage sites:

- 15 sites accessible by rail
- By air: Pashupatinath (Kathmandu), Nepal

Eligibility criteria:

- The beneficiary must be a native of Rajasthan.
- The beneficiary must be over 60 years of age.
- Neither the applicant nor their spouse should be an income tax payer.

In the News: 'Upper High-Level Canal Project'

- Why in the news? – The Rajasthan government is working on the 'Upper High-Level Canal Project' to strengthen the agricultural system and rural economy in the Vagad region.

Key facts about the project:

- Total estimated cost – Approximately ₹2,500 crore.
- Beneficiary area – 6 tehsils across 3 assembly constituencies (Banswara, Bagidora, and Kushalgarh) of Banswara district.
- Irrigation capacity – 42,000 hectares of agricultural land will receive water via a lift irrigation system.
- Beneficiary population – Approximately 3.5 lakh people (directly and indirectly).
- Length of canal and tunnel – The total length of the main canal is 102 kilometers. This includes 22.50 kilometers comprising tunnels, cut-and-cover structures, aqueducts, and river-crossing siphons.

Varun Sagar Lake-

- In the News- On June 27, 2026, Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani and Water Resources Minister Suresh Singh Rawat inaugurated the desilting work for Varun Sagar Lake.
- Desilting will increase the lake's water-holding capacity and expand its catchment area; additionally, encroachments will be removed to restore the lake to its original form.

■ **Varun Sagar Lake-**

- ☐ Location- Ajmer district.
- ☐ It is an artificial lake.
- ☐ Construction- Built in 1891–1892 under the supervision of Foy.
- ☐ Project- Undertaken as part of a flood and famine relief project.
- ☐ Note- Varun Sagar Lake was formerly known as Foy Sagar Lake; the name was changed subsequently.

Sports/Sports Personalities

Rajasthan Senior Athletics Championship-2026

- Event Date: May 30–31, 2026
- Venue: Sadul Sports School, Bikaner
- Organizer: Rajasthan Athletic Association
- Rajasthan's champion athlete (Men's category):-

Event	Winner	District
200m	Dharmveer	Tonk
400m	Rakesh	Pali
800m	Shakeel	Sawai Madhopur
5000m	Gambhir	Jaisalmer
10,000m	Manav	Jaipur
400m Hurdles	Shakti	Jaisalmer
3000m Steeplechase	Atul	Churu
20km Walk	Amit	Kota
High Jump	Ramnaresh	Sri Ganganagar
Pole Vault	Ramratan	Sri Ganganagar
Long Jump	Pradeep	Sri Ganganagar
Triple Jump	Yuvraj	Ajmer
Shot Put	Ramchandra	Rajsamand
Hammer Throw	Praveen	Sawai Madhopur
Javelin Throw	Yashveer	Kota
Decathlon	Yamandeep	Tonk

- Rajasthan's champion athlete in the women's category:-

Event	Winner	District
200m	Rishita	Jaipur
400m	Geeta	Sri Ganganagar
800m	Kamla	Jodhpur
1500m	Reena	Bharatpur
5000m	Chatru	Barmer
10,000m	Latika	Alwar

100m Hurdles	Geeta	Jodhpur
400m Hurdles	Geeta	Jodhpur
3000m Steeplechase	Paru	Jodhpur
20km Walk	Kamla	Nagaur
High Jump	Sarika	Ajmer
Pole Vault	Chuki	Nagaur
Long Jump	Mumul	Kota
Triple Jump	Rinku	Jaipur
Shot Put	Kachnar	Jaipur
Discus Throw	Nikita	Jaipur
Hammer Throw	Kulvinder	Sri Ganganagar
Javelin Throw	Sanjana	Jhalawar
Heptathlon	Neeta	Jodhpur

75th Senior State Swimming Championship-

- Venue- Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur
- Organizer- Rajasthan Swimming Association
- **Top Performers-**
 - ☐ Women's Category (Joint Overall Champions):
 - ☐ Yogya Singh (Bhilwara)- 4 Gold and 1 Silver medal
 - ☐ Dakshina Joshi (Tonk)- 4 Gold and 1 Silver medal
 - ☐ Ratika Khata (Dholpur)- 4 Gold and 1 Silver medal
- **Men's Category (Overall Champion)-**
 - ☐ Mohammad Anas (Bhilwara)- Top position in the men's category, 4 Gold and 1 Silver medal

State-Level Junior Men's Hockey

- Edition: 16th
- Venue: Pali District
- Conclusion Date: June 7, 2026 (a four-day tournament)
- Organizer: Hockey Pali
- Final Match: Between the teams of Jaipur and Alwar
- Winner: Jaipur (won 3-1)
- Runner-up: Alwar
- Third-place match: Hanumangarh defeated Bhilwara.
- Participating Teams: 23 teams

Prize Money:

- ❑ Winner (Jaipur): Cash prize of ₹51,000
- ❑ Runner-up (Alwar): Cash prize of ₹21,000
- ❑ Third Place (Hanumangarh): Cash prize of ₹11,000

Vishnu Prajapat and Shubham Kumawat-

- They are students at the Jaipur-based Bhartiya Skill Development University.
- They have been selected for Team India for the WorldSkills Competition 2026.
- Vishnu Prajapat will represent India in 'Renewable Energy Technology,' and Shubham Kumawat will represent the country in 'IT and Networking Skills.'
- The WorldSkills Competition 2026 will be held in Shanghai, China.

Ojasvini Saraswat-

- She is a young golfer from Jaipur. She recently secured the runner-up position in the 'Best Promising Player' category at the Ciputra Junior World Championship (held in Indonesia).

Rajendra Bhaskar-

- He is a triathlete from Jaipur (Rajasthan). He completed the prestigious Ironman competition held in Tours Métropole Loire Valley, France, in 10 hours, 6 minutes, and 31 seconds, thereby securing the title.

P. Krishna Kumar-

- He is a former cricketer from Rajasthan. He has been appointed as the bowling coach for the India-A women's cricket team.

Lavmeet Kataria-

- He is an international volleyball player from Jaipur. He has been included in the Indian selection committee responsible for selecting the Indian Under-18 volleyball team.

Jai Moondra-

- He is originally from Tonk, Rajasthan, and has obtained Irish citizenship. He will play for Ireland in the India-Ireland T20 cricket series.

Divyanshi-

- She is a Wushu player from Rajasthan. She has been selected for the Indian Wushu team.

Devanshi Sharma-

- She serves as a constable in the Rajasthan Police. She recently won a gold medal in the Senior-B Hand Balance (Individual) category at the first World Yogasana Championship held in Ahmedabad.

Savita Punia-

- Savita Punia, known as the 'Great Wall' of hockey, was awarded the Padma Shri on June 23, 2026. She was born in July 1990 in Jhansal village, located in the Hanumangarh district of Rajasthan.

Miscellaneous Facts

- Samvad Initiative/Program: This is an initiative by the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA). Under this initiative, relevant applicants and stakeholders were invited to meetings organized by the JDA, where their objections, issues, and suggestions were heard face-to-face and resolved on the spot.
- School-Shala Samvad: This is part of the 'Shala Darpan' portal, which provides diverse and high-quality study material for classes 1 through 12.
- During the year 2025-26, training was provided to over 50,000 farmers under the "One District-One Agricultural Produce" scheme, and 8.5 million (85 lakh) saplings were distributed under the "One District-One Plant Species" scheme.
- Recently, Animal Husbandry and Cow Rearing Minister Joraram Kumawat laid the foundation stone for the construction of a Government Multipurpose Veterinary Hospital building in Takhatgarh, Pali district. The hospital building will be constructed at a cost of ₹1.5 crore.
- Recently, the process for the biennial Rajya Sabha elections in the state began on June 1. Nominations for the Rajya Sabha election were accepted until June 8, and the nomination process concluded on June 11.
- Under the 'Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana' (Free Electricity Scheme), a record 26,632 rooftop solar power plants were installed in the state in May 2026. This marks the highest number of rooftop solar installations in the state in any single month to date.
- Recently, on June 2, 2026, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated a state-of-the-art indoor sports stadium in Kota district, constructed at a cost of ₹4.5 crore.
- Recently, on June 3, 2026, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Ram Nath Thakur launched the 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' (Save the Farm Campaign) in Alwar district.

- Under the 'Vande Ganga Jal Sanrakshan Jan Abhiyan-2026' (Vande Ganga Water Conservation Public Campaign), Jaipur district secured the first place by demonstrating the highest level of active participation across the state. A trial run of 'Bharat Taxi' began in Jaipur on June 4, 2026. It is the country's first government and cooperative-backed ride-hailing app, supported by the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India.
- The "Summer Camp 2026" (Women's Category) was recently inaugurated at RPS International School, Kotputli-Behror, as part of the Alwar MP Sports Festival 2025-26.
- The 22nd meeting of the State Road Safety Council was recently held on June 12, 2026, under the chairmanship of Dr. Premchand Bairwa.
- An R&D cell is being established at Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals (RSMM) to promote research in the mining sector and explore possibilities for utilizing the latest global technologies in accordance with local conditions.
- The meeting of the Governing Council of the West Zone Cultural Centre was held in Goa on June 13, 2026.
- Recently, Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Avinash Gehlot inaugurated a day-care center for senior citizens, established under the joint aegis of Seva Samiti and Pali Seva Mandal.
- The 'Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Employment and Livelihood Mission (Rural) Act' will come into effect across the country on July 1, 2026.
- Recently, on June 16, 2026, Assembly Speaker Mr. Vasudev Devnani inaugurated a state-of-the-art robotic surgery department at Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital in Ajmer.
- Recently, on June 16, 2026, the state government granted exploration license approval to M/s Central Mine Planning and Design Institute for the auction of a Rare Earth Elements mineral block covering 207.63 sq. km across Pachpada (Balotra) and the villages of Navatala and Devigarh (Shergarh).
- Recently, the state government approved the strengthening of infrastructure for Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) at Sojat City (Pali), Palsana and Shrimadhopur (Sikar), Grain Market (Bikaner), Merta City (Nagaur), and Dudu (Jaipur) at a cost of ₹18.86 crore.
- Recently, to mark International Yoga Day 2026, a mass yoga event titled 'Yogotsav' was organized on June 19, 2026, at the 'Kartavya Dwar' (Duty Gate) located within the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly complex. Recently, on June 19, 2026, the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Rajasthan, organized a CSR partnership workshop at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, for the 'Smart Anganwadi Centre Infrastructure' initiative.
- Recently, the 22nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Northern Zonal Council was held on June 19, 2026, in Shimla (Himachal Pradesh). The State's Chief Secretary, Shri V. Srinivas, participated in this meeting via video conferencing.
- Recently, on June 19, 2026, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma launched the 'ONDC DigiDukan' app at an event held at the Birla Auditorium (Jaipur).
- Recently, on June 20, 2026, the Rajasthan Institute of Cooperative Education and Management organized a cleanliness marathon based on the theme 'Swachh Sahkar Samridh Sahkar' (Clean Cooperatives, Prosperous Cooperatives). The objective of this event was to raise public awareness regarding cleanliness and cooperation and to encourage the adoption of these values in practice.
- Recently, on June 20, 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 23rd installment of the 'PM Kisan Samman Nidhi' from West Bengal. More than 66 lakh farmers in Rajasthan have benefited from this 23rd installment.
- Recently, the state government renamed Mount Abu to 'Aburaj'.
- Recently, the Rajasthan state government organized the state-level celebration of the 12th International Yoga Day at Aburaj, in the Sirohi district.
- Recently, on June 21, 2026, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma inaugurated the Jaipur-Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express train service from Khatipura Railway Station, as well as the Mega Coaching Terminal at Khatipura and enhanced passenger amenities at railway stations.
- Recently, on June 21, 2026, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav and Minister of State for Forest Sanjay Sharma inaugurated the lining work of the Jaisamand Dam canal and the Bhakheda Anicut at Natni Ka Bada in Alwar.
- Recently, a meeting of the committee constituted for the implementation of the Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS) 2.0 project was held in the state on June 22, 2026, under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary.
- Recently, a workshop on the theme "Self-reliance in Defence Manufacturing" was organized in Jaipur on June 24, 2026, under the joint aegis of the Government of Rajasthan, RIICO, and Invest India.
- Recently, Rajasthan's achievements were lauded at the National Cooperative Conference held in Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir).

- To accelerate road construction projects in Rajasthan, the provisional price of bitumen (asphalt) will be issued on a monthly basis. This will resolve obstacles hindering road construction works.
- Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav inaugurated a national workshop on the theme “Tiger Rehabilitation: Opportunities and Challenges” in Alwar, Rajasthan, on June 28, 2026.
- The 20th State-level Statistics Day was celebrated by the Department of Economics and Statistics at the Constitutional Club, Jaipur. The theme for Statistics Day this year was ‘Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data’.
- Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur, will be developed into a major hub for semiconductors, chip design, and emerging technologies in the country. Short: Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has been elected unopposed as the President of the Rajasthan Badminton Association.
- The Rajasthan Cricket Association’s ad-hoc committee has appointed Vijendra Yadav as the Chairman of the Senior Selection Committee and Zakir Hussain as a member of the selection committee.
- The Rajasthan government has granted the status of ‘State Guest’ to Digambar Jain saint Acharya Vardhman Sagar (76) for the third time.
- Poet Kanhaiyalal Bhramar has been conferred the ‘Vietnam Goodwill Award’ at an international literature festival held in Vietnam.
- Plans have been announced to convert the gas-based Dholpur Power Plant into a synchronous condenser—a first for the country.
- ‘Kick the Drug’ Campaign – This campaign has been launched in Rajasthan to engage the youth in sports and keep them away from substance abuse.
- The operation of 29 electric buses has commenced in Jaipur for the first time; this initiative will help modernize public transport in the state and make it eco-friendly.

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2. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

G-7 Summit-2026-

- Edition- 52nd Edition
- Theme- Building New Partnerships and Revitalising International Solidarity.
- Date of Event- 15-17 June, 2026
- Venue- Évian, France
- Host Country- France under the chairmanship of President Emmanuel Macron
- Special Guest Countries- India, Brazil, Egypt, Kenya, South Korea, Qatar, Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates
- The G-7 Summit is an international forum held annually for the leaders of the G7 member countries, including Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Britain and the United States.

Outcomes-

- On the initiative of France, cancer research, data sharing and reducing the mortality rate were made the main agenda.
- A target was set to reduce dependence on any external country for rare minerals to below 60% by 2030.
- An agreement was reached to work with tech companies to improve the language of chatbots for children and make platforms safer.

G7 Group-

- It is an informal group.
- Establishment- In the year 1975
- Headquarters- Absence of a permanent headquarters
- At the time of its establishment, this group was a group of six industrialised countries (France, Germany, Italy, Britain, Japan and the United States of America).
- With the inclusion of Canada in the year 1976, it became G7, and with the inclusion of Russia in the year 1998, it became G8.
- Note- In the year 2014, Russia was expelled from this group and it again became G7.
- Objective- To maintain coordination of economic, international security, trade and energy policies at the global level.
- G-7 countries account for approximately 10% of the world's population and approximately 43% of global nominal GDP.

Visit of the President of Myanmar to India

- Recently, Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing made an official visit to India from 30 May to 3 June, 2026.
- Myanmar is the only ASEAN country situated at the convergence of India's 'Neighbourhood First' and 'Act East' policies.
- **Outcomes of the Visit-**
 - It was announced that the number of Mekong Ganga ICCR scholarships for students of Myanmar would be increased from 36 to 100 from 2026.
 - A commitment was expressed to remove the obstacles and explore new opportunities for increasing bilateral trade, cross-border investment and commercial cooperation between the private sectors of both countries. Myanmar has spoken about adopting clean energy innovation, energy-efficiency systems, renewable-energy integration, grid-strengthening technical cooperation and research from India.
 - Both sides expressed commitment to maintaining peace, security and stability along the shared India-Myanmar border.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's State Visit to Seychelles-

- Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was on his state visit to Seychelles from 27 to 29 June, 2026. During this visit, the Prime Minister held official talks with the President of Seychelles, Dr. Patrick Herminie.



- During the visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also honoured with the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' by the Government of Seychelles.

Assistance Provided by the Government of India-

- A Fast Patrol Vessel was given to the Government of Seychelles.
- 10 utility vehicles and 5 Laser Radial Class boats were provided to the Seychelles Defence Force.
- 6 ambulances, rice and cement for infrastructure were supplied to the Government of Seychelles.

Important Announcements-

- Virtual Bhoomi Pujan for the construction of the Seychelles Multidisciplinary and Technical Education Centre.
- The Seychelles Coast Guard aircraft was upgraded with state-of-the-art cockpit technology.
- Seychelles was officially included in the India-supported Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.

Signed/Renewed Agreements-

Sector	Agreement	Strategic Objective
Financial Cooperation	Umbrella Line of Credit Agreement (Exim Bank of India and Government of Seychelles)	To advance priority infrastructure and development initiatives in Seychelles (under the special economic package).
Digital Payment	Agreement between NPCI International Payments Limited and the Central Bank of Seychelles	To deploy UPI digital payment infrastructure in Seychelles and promote financial inclusion.
Health and Medicine	Agreement under the Jan Aushadhi Scheme between HLL Lifecare Limited and the Ministry of Health of Seychelles	To export affordable and quality generic medicines and medical supplies from India to Seychelles.
Legal Framework	Extradition Treaty between India and Seychelles	To strengthen legal cooperation for dealing with cross-border and international crimes and for the extradition of fugitives.
Agricultural Research	Work Plan between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Department of Agriculture of Seychelles (2026-2031)	To increase cooperation in agricultural research, education, joint training and technical studies.

Visit of the Deputy Prime Minister of Laos to India-

- Recently, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Laos), Thongloun Phommivhane, made an official visit to India between 1 and 3 June, 2026. This was his first visit to India, which was on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Outcomes of the Visit-

- The 10th meeting of the 'India-Laos Joint Commission' was organised. Both sides expressed mutual agreement for on the shared cultural heritage of Buddhism and the Ramayana.
- Laos invited Indian businessmen to explore investment and trade opportunities at the 'India-Laos Business Forum'.
- India offered technical assistance and experience-sharing to Laos in sectors such as information and communication technology, health, agriculture and renewable energy.

Khalilur Rahman Elected President of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly-

- Recently, Bangladesh's Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman was elected President of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly.
- Khalilur Rahman defeated Cyprus's Special Envoy Andreas S. Kakouris in the election for the presidency of the session. Out of 190 valid votes, Rahman received 99 and Kakouris received 91 votes.



United Nations General Assembly

- Establishment- In the year 1945
- Headquarters- New York (USA)
- Members- 193 countries
- It is the principal policy-making body of the United Nations.
- All member countries have one vote in it.
- Its session is held every year in September.
- Presidency- The presidency is awarded annually by rotation among five geographical groups (African, Asia-Pacific, Eastern European, Latin American and Caribbean, Western European and Others).

Election of Non-Permanent Members for the United Nations Security Council-

- On 3 June 2026, Portugal, Austria, Kyrgyzstan, Zimbabwe and Trinidad and Tobago were elected as new non-permanent members in the election of non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. Their term will be for the year 2027-2028. Kyrgyzstan has reached this Council for the first time.

Structure and Non-Permanent Seats of the United Nations Security Council-

- The United Nations Security Council has a total of fifteen members.
- Permanent Members- Five permanent members (China, France, Russia, United Kingdom and United States of America)

Non-Permanent Members-

- Ten non-permanent members, who are elected for a term of two years.
- Half of the members or five seats are elected every year.
- Distribution of Seats- 10 non-permanent seats have been distributed on the basis of geographical regions-
 - Africa- 3 seats
 - Asia-Pacific- 2 seats
 - Latin America and Caribbean- 2 seats
 - Eastern Europe- 1 seat
 - Western Europe and Others- 2 seats

- **India and the United Nations Security Council-** India is not a permanent member of the U.N.S.C. India has so far been elected a non-permanent member of the U.N.S.C. a total of eight times.

Two-Day Visit of Britain's Foreign Minister Yvette Cooper to India-

- Recently, Britain's Foreign Minister Yvette Cooper made an official visit to India on 3-4 June, 2026. This was her first visit to India as Britain's Foreign Secretary.

Outcomes of the Visit

- Under India's New Education Policy, the University of Liverpool will establish its new campus in Bengaluru. An observatory will be established at IIT Dhanbad with the cooperation of Cambridge for the secure supply of critical minerals.
- The 'Regional Maritime Security Centre of Excellence' was launched to strengthen maritime trade and security.
- An agreement was reached to finalise the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement as soon as possible to increase bilateral trade.
- They will work together to ensure the safe use of artificial intelligence and determine international standards.

Visit of the Acting President of the Republic of Venezuela to India

- Recently, the Acting President of the Republic of Venezuela, Delcy Rodríguez Gómez, made an official visit to India from 3 to 7 June, 2026. Before this, Rodríguez has visited India several times as Foreign Minister and Vice-President. This is Rodríguez's sixth visit to India.

Outcomes of the Visit-

- Amid global tensions, an agreement was reached on a long-term energy partnership between the two countries.
- The existing investments of Indian public-sector undertakings in the energy sector were reviewed.
- Discussions were held on increasing trade in new sectors such as pharmaceuticals, health, automobiles and technology.

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute Yearbook-2026

- The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute has released its annual 'SIPRI Yearbook 2026'. This report mentions the changing scenario of the global arsenal, military expenditure, the status of nuclear weapons and international security.

Main Findings of the Report	
Global-	India-
■ At the global level, nuclear-armed countries possess an estimated 12,187 nuclear warheads, of which approximately 9,745 are in military stockpiles ready for potential use. ■ Approximately 86% of the total nuclear weapons are possessed by the United States and Russia alone. ■ In March 2025, Lithuania became the first country to withdraw from the 'Convention on Cluster Munitions' (Humanitarian Arms Control Treaty).	■ In the year 2025, India is the world's 5th largest military-spending country with 92.1 billion dollars. ■ During the period 2021-25, India remained the second-largest importer of major weapons globally after Ukraine. ■ By January 2026, India's nuclear arsenal increased to 190 warheads.

Global Peace Index 2026

- Edition- 20th
- Issuer- Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)
- Indicators- 23 indicators
- Top Position- Iceland
- Last Position- Russia/163rd Position

Ranking of South Asian Countries-

Ranking	Country
16	Bhutan
67	Sri Lanka
111	Nepal
117	Bangladesh
127	India
152	Pakistan
157	Afghanistan

World's Top 10 Most Peaceful Countries-

Ranking	Country	Ranking	Country
1.	Iceland	6.	Austria
2.	New Zealand	7.	Portugal
3.	Switzerland	8.	Singapore
4.	Slovenia	9.	Finland
5.	Ireland	10.	Japan

India

- India secured the 127th position (Score-2.409) in this index. Whereas India was at the 115th position last year.
- The main reason for the decline in India's ranking was stated to be increasing tensions with Pakistan and Myanmar, along with continuing ethnic violence in Manipur.

Children's Climate Risk Report-2026- Issuer- UNICEF

Findings of the Report-

- Almost every child in the world is within the ambit of climate risk.
- 110 crore children are facing at least 3 climate risks.
- More than 40 lakh children are within the ambit of 6 climate risks.
- 29.6 crore children are under the combined risk of drought, extreme heat and heatwaves.
- 100 crore children are in areas at risk of malaria. 33.7 crore children are at risk of river floods.
- Countries at the highest risk- Somalia, Madagascar, Myanmar, Cambodia and Pakistan

Uzbekistan Became a Member of the New Development Bank-

- Recently, Uzbekistan became the 10th and the first Central Asian member of the New Development Bank.

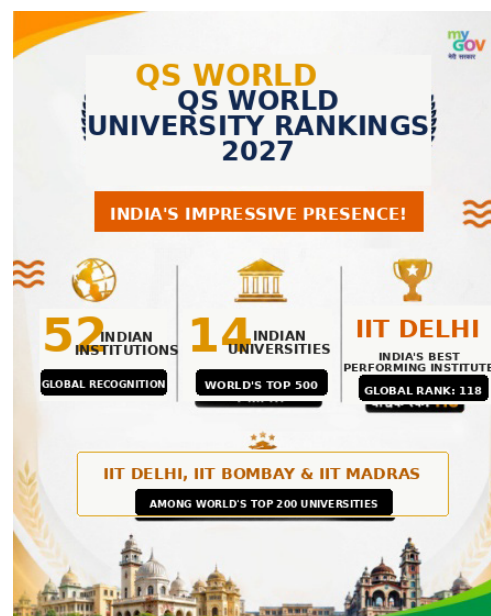
New Development Bank-

- Establishment- Year 2015
- Founder- BRICS members
- Headquarters- Shanghai (China)
- Objective- Financing infrastructure and sustainable development projects.
- Every member country has the right to cast one vote and no country has veto power.

QS World University Rankings-2027

- Top Five Universities at the Global Level-

Institution	Global Ranking	Overall Score
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	1	100
Imperial College London	2	99.2
Stanford University	2	99.2
University of Oxford	4	98.6
Harvard University	5	97.4
University of Cambridge	6	97.1
California Institute of Technology (Caltech)	7	96.6
ETH Zurich	8	96.3
University College London (UCL)	8	96.3
National University of Singapore (NUS)	10	96.2



Top Indian Universities-

Institution	India Rank- ing	Global Ranking
Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	1	118
Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	2	134
Indian Institute of Technology, Madras	3	170
Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	4	205
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	5	221
Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	6	221
University of Delhi	7	332
Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee	8	335
Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	9	349
Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences	10	452

- Issued by- QS Quacquarelli Symonds
- It is a global ranking system.
- It evaluates universities on the basis of academic reputation, research impact, employer reputation, faculty-student ratio, internationalisation, employment outcomes and sustainability.

Earthquake in Venezuela

- Recently, following the earthquakes in Venezuela, the Government of Venezuela has declared a national emergency.

Venezuela-

- Located in the South American continent
- **Government-** Federal Presidential Constitutional Republic
- President- Delcy Rodríguez (Acting)
- This country has the world's largest oil reserves, along with vast reserves of coal, iron ore, bauxite and gold.
- **Capital-** Caracas
- **Currency-** Venezuelan Bolívar

Visit of Queen Máxima of the Netherlands to India-

- Queen Máxima of the Netherlands was on a visit to India from 23-25 June, 2025.
- Her visit to India was in the capacity of the UN Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Financial Health.
- The objective of this visit was to understand India's UPI ecosystem and salary-based financial framework so that the financial stability of salaried individuals could be improved.

Prime Minister's Official Visit to France-

- Recently, Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi made an official visit to France.

Outcomes of the Visit-

- Target to double bilateral trade in the next 5 years.
- Successful launch of the first edition of 'India Innovates 2026' in the city of Nice, France
- Decision to initiate an Economic Security Dialogue to secure the global supply chain
- MRO facility for the engines of Rafale aircraft and manufacturing of HAMMER missiles in India
- Agreement on the formation of a 'Joint India-France AI Working Group' for joint research in AI and emerging technologies

India and Nepal Launched a Cross-Border Money Remittance System-

- Recently, India and Nepal officially launched the QR-to-Person (P2P) cross-border money remittance system on 6 June, 2026. This newly operational system establishes a connection between India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Nepal's National Payments Interface (NPI).
- This integration enables citizens of both countries to make seamless, real-time and secure instant money transfers through mobile banking applications and digital wallets.
- **Current Reach of UPI Abroad-** Currently, UPI is accepted in nine countries (Singapore, United Arab Emirates, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, Qatar, Sri Lanka and Cambodia). In these countries, Indian travellers can easily make digital payments through their familiar UPI platforms.

Zhang Yiming Became Asia's Second-Richest Person-

- According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Zhang Yiming, co-founder of TikTok's parent company ByteDance, has become Asia's second-richest person. He achieved this position by surpassing Mukesh Ambani. At present, Zhang's wealth is 93 billion dollars, whereas Mukesh Ambani's wealth is 86 billion dollars.
- At present, Gautam Adani is Asia's richest person with wealth of 115 billion dollars.

Ban on Social Media for Children Below 16 Years of Age in Malaysia-

- Recently, the Government of Malaysia banned social media accounts for children below 16 years of age. Malaysia has ordered platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube to implement a mandatory age-verification system. The Malaysian Government can impose a fine of up to 24 crore rupees on companies that do not comply with these rules.

Miscellaneous Facts

- Recently, the President of the Slovak Republic, Peter Pellegrini, honoured Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with Slovakia's highest state honour, the "Order of the White Double Cross, First Class".
- Recently, the United States Trade Representative, Jamieson Greer, visited New Delhi from 22-24 June, 2026, while leading the official US delegation. This visit was aimed at advancing a balanced, mutually beneficial India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA).
- Recently, India and South Africa agreed on 3 June, 2026, to enhance bilateral cooperation in future technologies.
- The International Big Cat Alliance Summit, scheduled to be held in New Delhi on 1 June, 2026, was postponed. The summit was focused on seven big cat species, including the tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar and puma, and their conservation.
- Recently, National Payments Corporation of India International Payments Limited officially partnered with ACLEDA Bank to launch the Unified Payments Interface in Cambodia.
- Recently, the University of Bristol, the University of York and the University of New South Wales were granted letters of approval to establish their campuses in India. The University of Bristol and the University of York will establish their campuses in Mumbai, while the University of New South Wales will establish its campus in Bengaluru.
- Recently, a ban was imposed on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) at UC Berkeley Law College in the United States. Under the ban, the use of AI has been prohibited in preparing study outlines, drafting, editing classwork, examinations and translation.
- America's Kill Switch- It is America's strategic technological and defence mechanism. Under this, America retains its access to and control over software or advanced artificial intelligence software developed by it. Through this, America can remotely deactivate these systems when required.
- A federal court in Boston, United States, has struck down the fee of 100,000 dollars (approximately 86 lakh rupees) imposed by President Donald Trump on H-1B visa applications.
- Mackenzie Scott (ex- wife of Jeff Bezos) secured the position of the largest individual donor in the United States by donating approximately 7 billion dollars in the year 2025.
- The city of Trois-Rivières in Canada's Quebec province passed a resolution recognising trees as "living beings". Under this, special programmes will be launched for the protection of trees, new plantation and making people aware of the environment.
- The Canadian Government has introduced the 'Safe Social Media Act' in Parliament. This Act ensures a ban on the use of social media by children below 16 years of age.
- Elon Musk has become the world's first trillionaire. Following SpaceX's IPO, his wealth has crossed one lakh crore dollars.
- In Britain, it has been announced that the use of social media will be banned for children below 16 years of age.
- The US Department of Defense has changed the name of the 'US Indo-Pacific Command' back to the 'US Pacific Command'. Under this change, the word 'Indo' has been removed from the name.
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has become the first Arab country to ban social media for children below 15 years of age.
- India and Japan approved the implementation of the rules of the Joint Crediting Mechanism. Its objective is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainable development.
- The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between India and the United Kingdom will come into effect from 15 July.
- The G7 countries have launched the 'Critical Minerals Resilience and Production Alliance' with the objective of securing the supply of minerals required for digital technology and clean energy.
- British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has announced his resignation as the leader of the Labour Party and from the post of Prime Minister.
- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has returned Poland's highest state honour, the 'Order of the White Eagle'.
- The world's oldest meteorite impact crater has been discovered in Western Australia. This crater is named North Pole Dome and is approximately 3.024 billion years old.
- Sri Lanka has decided to discontinue the use of indelible ink in elections.

3. NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Five New Judges Appointed to the Supreme Court

- Recently, on 1 June, 2026, the Central Government issued a notification appointing five new judges to the Supreme Court while approving the recommendations of the Supreme Court Collegium.
- These names were recommended to the Central Government by the Collegium headed by the Chief Justice of India.



Appointed Judges-

1. Justice Sheel Nagu (Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court)
2. Justice Shri Chandrashekhar (Chief Justice, Bombay High Court)
3. Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva (Chief Justice, Madhya Pradesh High Court)
4. Justice Arun Palli (Chief Justice, Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh High Court)
5. Mrs. Venkita Subramani Mohana (Senior Advocate)

Mrs. Venkita Subramani Mohana-

- Venkita Subramani Mohana has become a judge of the Supreme Court after being elevated directly from the legal profession. She is the second woman to become a Supreme Court judge directly from being a lawyer. Before her, Justice Indu Malhotra was the first woman to become a Supreme Court judge directly.
- Justice Mohana is also the 12th woman judge in the history of the Supreme Court.
- Article 124 (2) of the Constitution- Every judge of the Supreme Court is appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.

Launch of the Maha Water Mission-

- Recently, Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the Maha Water Project on 1 June, 2026.
- This mission is a joint initiative of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation and the Ministry of Jal Shakti, on which a financial outlay of ₹200 crore will be made.
- The objective of this mission is to support technology development, field validation and implementation for solving serious water-related challenges.
- **This Maha Water Mission is focused on 5 strategic areas-**
 1. Water Resource Management
 2. Drinking Water
 3. Water Quality
 4. Efficiency
 5. Climate Adaptation



High-Power Committee Constituted to Examine the Definition of the Aravalli

- Recently, the Supreme Court constituted a five-member High-Power Committee under the leadership of Kanchan Devi to review the definition of the Aravalli.
- This High-Power Committee will independently review the report prepared by the Central Government regarding the definition of the Aravalli and its demarcation.

Objective of the Constitution of the Committee-

- To examine whether the protected area is decreasing due to the rule of a distance of 500 metres or not.
- To determine whether this limited demarcation is promoting uncontrolled mining in non-Aravalli areas.

Members of the High-Power Committee-

Chairperson- Kanchan Devi- Ex-officio Chairperson (Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education member)

Members-

- Dr. Subhash Ashutosh
- Dr. Rajendra Kumar Sharma
- Brij Mohan Singh Rathore
- Prof. Ashok K. Bhatnagar
- Member Secretary- Director-level officer of the Ministry of Forests, Government of India

Invited Members-

- Prof. Jagdish Krishnaswamy
- Prof. (Dr.) Lakshmikant Sharma

- If hills higher than 100 metres are at a distance of more than 500 metres, whether they are part of a continuous ecological structure.
- To scientifically and factually examine the claim that out of the 12,081 hills present in Rajasthan, only 1,048 hills meet the criterion of a height of 100 metres.
- To ensure that the new definition and demarcation do not cause damage to the environment and ecosystem of the Aravalli.
- This committee will submit its detailed review report to the Supreme Court by 31 August, 2026.

'Samadhan Didi' Chatbot-

- Recently, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the AI-enabled voice chatbot of CPGRAMS, "Samadhan Didi", developed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with Bhashini, in New Delhi.
- This chatbot will promote the democratisation of the public grievance redressal mechanism and ease of use of public services for citizens.
- In this chatbot, a citizen can register any type of complaint by speaking in his mother tongue.
- This chatbot has been developed entirely within secure government infrastructure, thereby fully ensuring the confidentiality of citizens' data.

PM Family Care Tracker Pilot Project-

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the PM Family Care Tracker Pilot Project in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on 28 June, 2026.
- This tracker is a digital platform that will strengthen maternal and child health, nutrition and family welfare.
- This tracker will integrate the entire database and link it with birth-death data, and every child will be given a unique ID and number.
- Through the integration of the database, the benefits of government schemes can be ensured to beneficiaries automatically and on time.

Mekedatu Dam Dispute-

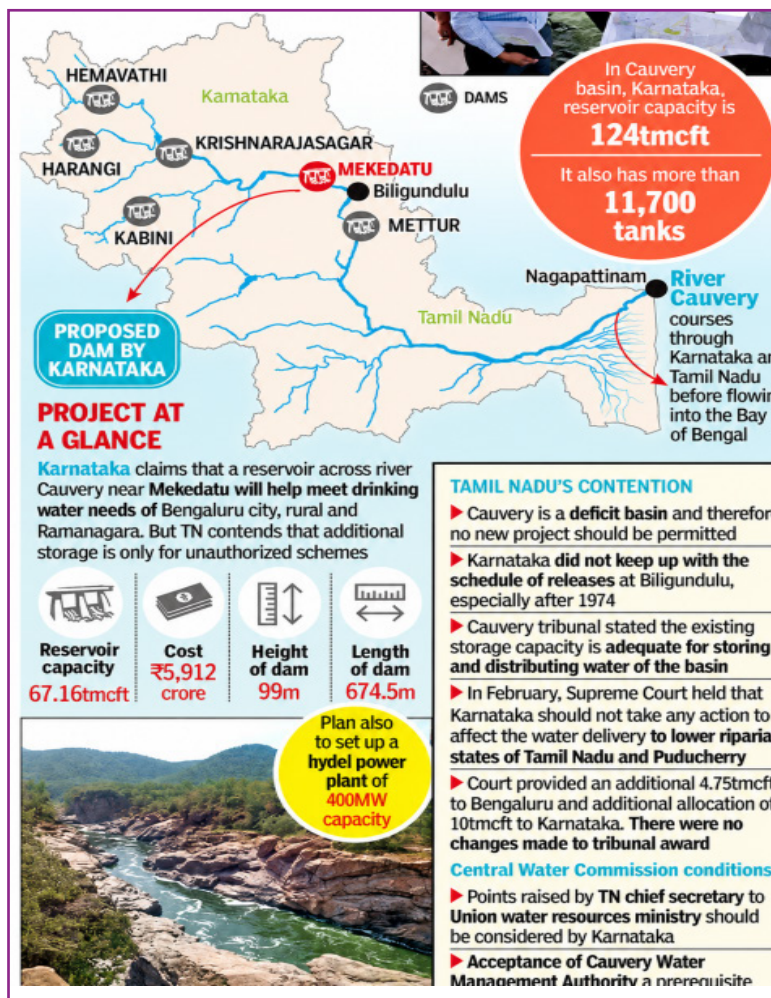
- Recently, the decades-old dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu over the distribution of Cauvery river water has once again come into discussion.
- Mekedatu is a multipurpose project of Karnataka (drinking water and electricity). Under this, there is a proposal to construct a 'Balancing Reservoir' on the Cauvery river near Kanakapura in Bengaluru South district.
- The main objective of this project is to ensure drinking water for Bengaluru metropolis and its surrounding areas. There is also a plan to generate 400 megawatts of hydroelectricity from it.

■ Why is Tamil Nadu Opposing This Dam?-

- The State of Tamil Nadu believes that if Karnataka constructs this dam in the upper part of the river, Karnataka will gain control over the flow of water coming into Tamil Nadu. Due to this, lakhs of farmers in the Cauvery Delta region will not receive water for irrigation.

■ Legal Status of the Dispute?-

- The Supreme Court has dismissed Tamil Nadu's review petition and granted legal relief to Karnataka. The matter is now pending with the Central Government.



Kaveri River

- It is the most important river of South India, which is called the 'Ganga of South India'.
- Origin- Brahmagiri Range, Western Ghats
- Flow Route- 800 kilometres (approximately)
- Flow Region/States- Karnataka and Tamil Nadu
- Water Discharge- Bay of Bengal
- Major Tributaries-
 - Left- Harangi, Hemavati, Shimsha, Arkavati
 - Right- Lakshmana Tirtha, Kabini, Suvarnavati, Bhavani, Noyyal, Amaravati

Launch of the Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram-

- Union Health Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK) on 29 June, 2026.
- The main objective of this integrated approach-based programme is to focus on children's survival, nutrition and early development.
- This is a national programme ensuring continuous home- and community-based care for children from birth to 36 months (3 years).
- Under this, a comprehensive framework has been prepared by combining the Home-Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Home-Based Care for Young Children (HBYC) programmes.

New Operational Guidelines Related to the Implementation of the Anemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyan Issued-

- Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda issued new operational guidelines under the Anemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyan at the 16th meeting of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare on 29 June, 2026.
- Under this, it has been announced that the 'Anemia Mukh Bharat' programme will be upgraded and implemented as the 'Anemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyan'.
- The 'Anemia Mukh Bharat' programme included 6 beneficiary groups, 6 interventions and 6 institutional mechanisms, whereas a 7x7x7 framework has been implemented in the 'Anemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyan'.

Component	New Component/7th Component	Importance/Objective
Beneficiary Group	Low-birth-weight infants (0-6 months)	To prevent anemia from the early stage of life itself.
Intervention (Measure)	'Right Diet' approach	To make the regular consumption of iron-rich and diverse food a daily habit.
Institutional Mechanism	Digital tracking-supported monitoring framework	Strong data collection, real-time monitoring and evaluation

Change from the T3 to T4 Approach-

Old Model- T3	New Model- T4
Test (Examination)	Test (Examination)
Treat (Treatment)	Treat (Treatment)
Talk (Discussion/Counselling)	Talk (Discussion/Counselling)
	Track (Monitoring/Follow-up)

- Clinical intervention for severe cases- Intravenous iron therapy has been made mandatory for severe anemia in pregnant and breastfeeding women and for cases that are not cured by normal medicines.

Anemia-

- In anemia, the number of healthy red blood cells or haemoglobin in the body's blood decreases, due to which the organs do not receive sufficient oxygen.
- Symptoms-
 - Excessive fatigue and weakness.
 - Paleness of the skin, lips and nails.
 - Dizziness, headache and cold hands and feet.
 - Shortness of breath and irregular heartbeat.

SUMAN Roadmap – 2030

- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the SUMAN Roadmap 2030 on 29 June, 2026.
- This roadmap is a comprehensive and future-oriented strategic framework.
- **The following are the objectives of this roadmap-**
 - To bring a fundamental transformation in maternal and newborn healthcare across the country.
 - To accelerate India's progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
 - To reduce the maternal mortality ratio to below 70 per 1,00,000 live births by 2030.
 - To further reduce the neonatal mortality rate and infant mortality rate.
 - To completely prevent deaths that can be avoided through proper care.
- To bring improvements in areas where the maternal-infant mortality rate is high, 130 districts of 13 states of the country (Rajasthan, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal) have been specially targeted.
- **Key Features of the Roadmap-** This roadmap is based on the RMNCHA+N framework.
 - ❑ Under this Pregnant women will receive early registration, complete antenatal care, high-quality diagnostic tests and the facility to remain in the hospital for an adequate period after delivery.
 - ❑ ASHA workers will visit homes every two weeks during the 8th and 9th months of pregnancy to identify warning signs, provide nutritional advice and ensure institutional delivery.
 - ❑ Maternity waiting homes, maternal and child health wings, obstetric HDUs and ICUs will be established in remote areas.
 - ❑ Under digital innovation, there will be better monitoring through AI-enabled labour rooms and the 'Janani Portal'.
 - ❑ Community participation will be ensured through initiatives such as 'SUMAN Panchayat' and 'Mothers' Picnic'.
 - ❑ A centralised 'SUMAN Call Centre' will be established for grievance redressal.
 - ❑ Children from birth to 36 months will receive uninterrupted home-based care under the 'Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK)'.

Announcement of Two Decisions to Promote the Indian Film Industry-

- On 29 June, 2026, two major decisions were taken to strengthen the Indian film industry at a high-level review meeting chaired by Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- These decisions aim to create a strong, modern and globally competitive Indian film industry, so that Indian cinema remains a powerful medium of creativity, culture and innovation.
- **Formation of a Study Group (First Decision)-** A high-level study group has been constituted under the chairmanship of Shri Prasoon Joshi. This group will consider the following subjects-
 - ❑ Measures to make Indian films more competitive in the global market.
 - ❑ The impact of new technologies such as artificial intelligence and virtual production on cinema.
 - ❑ Access to institutional finance and new financing options for film production.
 - ❑ This group will submit its report within three months.
- **Model State Cinema Rules (Second Decision)-**
 - ❑ Regulation of cinema and theatre is a subject of the State List; therefore, differing rules of different states have particularly hindered the development of cinema infrastructure in small towns and rural areas.
 - ❑ To address this, the Ministry has prepared model rules after consultations with all stakeholders and sent them to all state governments so that the states may adopt them.

Release of SDG Publications on the Occasion of the 20th Statistics Day-

- On the occasion of the 20th Statistics Day on 29 June, 2026, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released four publications on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- 1. **Sustainable Development Goals-National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026-**
 - ❑ This report presents the latest available time-series data related to the national indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals.
 - ❑ It also provides important evidence for policymakers, planners, researchers and other stakeholders.
- 2. **Data Snapshot on Sustainable Development Goals-National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026-**
 - ❑ Data Snapshot on SDG-NIF Progress Report, 2026 is a publication in the form of a handbook derived from the SDG-NIF Progress Report.

3. Sustainable Development Goals-National Indicator Framework, 2026 (With Metadata)-

- ❑ It is a publication in the form of a handbook derived from the Sustainable Development Goals-National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026, which also includes detailed metadata along with all the national SDG indicators.

4. Transforming Lives- India's Achievements under the People Dimension of the SDGs-

- ❑ This bulletin is part of a series of thematic, data-based SDG bulletins prepared in accordance with the five foundational pillars of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development- People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnerships.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Became India's Longest Continuously Serving Elected Prime Minister-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi became India's longest continuously serving elected Prime Minister on 10 June, 2026.
- PM Modi broke former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's record of remaining in office for 4,399 days as an elected Prime Minister.
- The tenure of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru as an elected Prime Minister began in the year 1952 because before this, he was the head of the Interim Government between the years 1947 and 1952. However, former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi remained in office for more than 14 years, but her tenure was not continuous.
- Narendra Modi is also the first non-Congress Prime Minister to become Prime Minister three consecutive times.

Priyadarshini Free Bus Travel Scheme-

- This is a scheme of the Kerala Government. Under this scheme, provision has been made for free bus travel for women and transgenders in Kerala.

In View of the Threats of Rising Global Temperatures, 14 Indian Cities Among the World's Top 50 Most Vulnerable Cities-

- A University of Oxford study published in the journal 'Sustainable Cities and Society' has clearly highlighted the increasing urban heat risks in India.
- In this research, 14 Indian cities have been placed in the list of the world's top 50 most vulnerable cities, which are most affected by climate change and extreme heat.

World's Top Ten Cities-

Global Rank	City
1	Al Basrah, Iraq
2	Ahmedabad, India
3	Bamako, Mali
4	Nagpur, India
5	Quezon City, Philippines
6	Baghdad, Iraq
7	Madurai, India
8	Faisalabad, Pakistan
9	Lagos, Nigeria
10	Hyderabad, Pakistan

Indian Cities in the World's Top-50-

Global Rank	City	Global Rank	City
2	Ahmedabad	33	Bengaluru
4	Nagpur	35	Kolkata
7	Madurai	36	Jaipur
15	Bhopal	41	Lucknow
20	Kanpur	49	Mumbai
23	Pune	50	Chennai
25	Patna		
31	Hyderabad		

- In this ranking, Jaipur of Rajasthan has been placed at the 36th position in the world's top-50.

Jharkhand's Traditional Products Received GI Tags-

- Eleven traditional products of Jharkhand have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- These products are as follows-

1. Bhoya Saree and Textile	2. Kuchai Silk Saree
3. Kesariya Kalakand	4. Dokra Craft
5. Tumka Chadar	6. Barani Painting
7. Munda Jewellery	8. Jharkhand Bamboo Craft
9. Tasar Silk and Sarees	10. Jadopatia Painting
11. Pancho Saree and Textile	

- Products of other states that have also been granted GI tags are-
 - ❑ Mandu (Madhya Pradesh)- Khorasani Tamarind
 - ❑ Seoni (Madhya Pradesh)- Jumbo Custard Apple
 - ❑ Burhanpur (Madhya Pradesh)- Banana
 - ❑ Tripura- Sarinda Musical Instrument

Approval of Seven Bullet Train Corridors-

- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved seven bullet train corridors. The total length of the new corridors will be 4,000 km and ₹16 lakh crore will be invested in them.
- The design speed of these trains will be 350 km/hour, but they will be operated at a speed of 320 km/hour.

AirTrunk Will Build a Data Centre with a Capacity of 5 Gigawatts in the Country-

- Leading data centre company AirTrunk has announced a massive investment of approximately ₹3 lakh crore in the Indian market.
- Under this investment, the company will develop a massive data centre capacity of 5 gigawatts in India.
- This is one of the largest foreign investment proposals in the history of the Indian digital economy.

Vetri Tamizhagam Vision Document-

- It is a comprehensive administrative vision document issued by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay.
- This vision document includes 436 vision statements for 35 departments, which have been inspired by the Tirukkurral and divided into 10 major pillars and 54 sub-pillars.
- This vision document places special emphasis on education, employment, women's empowerment and the welfare of farmers and fishermen. It will serve as a roadmap for the long-term development of Tamil Nadu.

Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO)-

- Recently, India and Britain launched the 'Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory' (GSCO).
- This initiative was announced in October, 2025, during the bilateral meeting of the Prime Ministers of India and the United Kingdom.
- The objective of this observatory is to ensure the secure supply of essential minerals for future technologies.
- This centre will help address the shortage of raw materials required for clean energy and electric vehicles.

Geographical Indication (GI) Tag-

- It is the basis or guarantee of the specific geographical origin, quality and reputation of a product of a particular region, which is in the form of an intellectual property right.
- This tag remains valid for 10 years.

Corridors-

1. Mumbai-Pune Bullet Train Corridor
2. Chennai-Bengaluru Bullet Train Corridor
3. Bengaluru-Hyderabad Bullet Train Corridor
4. Pune-Hyderabad Bullet Train Corridor
5. Delhi-Lucknow Bullet Train Corridor
6. Delhi-Varanasi Bullet Train Corridor
7. Delhi-Siliguri Bullet Train Corridor

AirTrunk-

- It is an Australian hyperscale data centre company.
- It develops technical infrastructure for cloud and large enterprises in the Asia-Pacific and Middle East regions.

Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO)-

- ❑ It is a trilateral joint initiative-
- ❑ Lead- TEXMiN
- ❑ Indian Institute of Technology-Dhanbad
- ❑ University of Cambridge

Delhi Ranks Second in the World in Bird Diversity-

- In terms of bird diversity, the Delhi Bird Atlas has made Delhi the world's second-richest capital.
- According to the Delhi Bird Atlas, 471 bird species have been found in the capital.
- In this list, only Nairobi (the capital of Kenya and the largest city of Kenya) is ahead of Delhi.
- This atlas has been jointly prepared by the Delhi Forest Department and 'Birds Count India'.

Keralam Linked the Wildlife Crime Management System with E-Court-

- Keralam has become the first state in the country to link the wildlife crime management system with e-court. The State Forest Department has linked its HAWK system with e-court.

HAWK (HAWK - Hostile Activity Watch Kernel)-

- It is a digitised and cloud-based wildlife crime management system. It has been jointly developed by the Forest Department, Wildlife Trust of India and NTT Data. Through it, every stage, from registering the initial crime report to court judgments and witness testimony, can be tracked in a single centralised database.
- This system reduces the physical movement of files, making real-time prosecution of wildlife crimes possible without paperwork.

E85 Fuel-

- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri launched the country's first 85 per cent ethanol-blended E85 fuel in Delhi on 5 June, 2026. This fuel was launched at Indian Oil's Pusa Road outlet in Delhi.

Benefits-

- It reduces the emission of carbon dioxide and harmful gases into the environment compared to normal petrol.
- The octane rating of normal petrol is 87-91, whereas the octane rating of E85 is between 100 and 105. Due to the higher octane, it provides more power to the engine.
- It is considerably cheaper than normal petrol.

E85 - Fuel

- It is a high-ethanol fuel blend.
- It is also called flex-fuel.
- Components- **85% Ethanol-**
- It is an alcohol component.
- It is made by decomposing plants (such as maize, sugarcane or grains).
- It is also called biofuel. **15% Gasoline-**
- It is normal petrol.

Launch of the Vyoma Innovation Competition-

- Recently, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the Digital India Bhashini Division under Digital India Corporation launched the VIOMA (Vyoma) Innovation Competition on 2 June, 2026, in collaboration with Current AI and Kalpa Impact.
- It is an innovation initiative aimed at promoting the development of open-source, multilingual, voice-first AI solutions that can operate in offline and low-connectivity environments.
- The VIOMA (Vyoma) Innovation Competition brings together Bhashini's multilingual AI infrastructure and Current AI's expertise in open-source technology to encourage the development of practical AI solutions that address challenges related to language accessibility, digital literacy and connectivity.

Six Years of the Prime Minister SVANidhi Scheme Completed.

PM SVANidhi Scheme

- Launch of the Scheme- 1 June, 2020, This scheme was launched to help those street vendors whose livelihoods were badly affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown to stand on their feet again.

Department or Ministry-

- At the Central Level- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India.
- At the Rajasthan Level- Local Self Government Department, Government of Rajasthan.

Objectives-

- To provide easy loans without any guarantee to street vendors to restart or expand their small businesses.
- To encourage street vendors to adopt digital payments and prepare them for it.
- To protect small traders from informal sources that lend money at high interest rates and connect them with the banking system.

Benefits-

- The benefits available under this scheme have been divided into three stages-
- First Stage- Initially, a collateral-free working capital loan of up to ₹10,000 is provided for the business.
- Second Stage- On repaying the first loan on time or before time, a second loan of up to ₹20,000 is provided.
- Third Stage- After repaying the second loan also on time, eligibility is created for a third loan amount of up to ₹50,000.

Save the Fields Campaign-

- Recently, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the nationwide 'Save the Fields Campaign' from Ramasia village in Raigarh district (Madhya Pradesh) on 1 June, 2026.
- This campaign will run from 1 June to 30 June, 2026.

Objectives-

- To improve soil health.
- To reduce the use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides.
- To make farmers aware of natural and scientific farming.

From Aspiration to Achievement: Success Stories of Entrepreneurs and Innovators-

- It is a booklet that was released by Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar in New Delhi on 3 June, 2026. It compiles stories of the transformative impact of the Venture Capital Fund and the Ambedkar Social Innovation and Incubation Mission on the success and achievements of entrepreneurs from the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes.
- The objective of this booklet is to disseminate best practices, encourage greater participation in entrepreneurship programmes and showcase the positive outcomes of the Ministry's major initiatives.

CCEA Approved Proposals for the Construction of Highways-

- Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, approved proposals for the construction and upgradation of various highways on 3 June, 2026.
- **Proposed Highways (Construction and Upgradation)-**
 1. Construction of a new coastal highway from Rameshwar to Paradip in Odisha under the Hybrid Annuity Model.
 2. Upgradation of the Khagaria–Purnea section (143.529 kilometres) of NH-31 and NH-231 in Bihar to four-lane standards under BOT (Toll) mode.
 3. In the State of Madhya Pradesh, upgrade the existing intermediate lane of the **Hiwarkhedi–Roshni–Ashapur–Rudhy** Section (125.01 km) of NH-347B to 2 lanes with paved shoulder standards.
 4. Widen the existing 2 lanes of the Deshgaon-Julwaniya section (108.643 km) to 4 lanes.
 5. Widen the existing **Armoor–Jagtial–Mancheria Section** of National Highway (NH)-63 to four-lane standards under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM).
 6. Widen the Jagtial-Karimnagar section of National Highway (NH)-563 to four-lane standards under Build-Operate-Transfer (Toll) [BOT (Toll)].

Navachar Mantra Initiative-

- Recently, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launched a national initiative named ‘Navachar Mantra’ on 3 June, 2026.
- The objective of this initiative is to provide a structured support mechanism for innovators working in priority sectors such as agricultural technology, health technology, education technology and skill development, climate and sustainability, rural commerce and micro and small enterprise empowerment.
- Through Navachar Mantra, innovators will gain direct access to policymakers, industry leaders, investors and experts from the relevant sectors, enabling them to refine their ideas.
- This initiative is being implemented by the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development.
- In this, the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer, IIT Delhi, is the technical knowledge partner.

Launch of Viksit Vibrant Village Programme 2026-

- Recently, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports launched the first phase of the Viksit Vibrant Village Programme 2026 under ‘Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)’. This programme will be implemented in two phases.
- It is a pioneering youth-led initiative aimed at strengthening participation at the grassroots level, promoting national unity and encouraging sustainable development in India’s border villages.
- A total of 500 ‘MY Bharat’ volunteers have been selected to participate in this programme.
- Volunteers representing all states and Union Territories are being deployed in two phases in the identified border villages of Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- In the first phase, 250 volunteers are participating in intensive activities in 43 villages, while the remaining 250 volunteers will participate in the activities of the second phase in 50 villages at the end of June.

Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary Declared a Ramsar Site-

- Recently, the Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary has been declared a Ramsar Site. This sanctuary has been declared the country’s 100th Ramsar Site.

Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary-

- Located- Ballia, Uttar Pradesh
- This place is a major refuge for migratory birds coming from Siberia and Central Asia.
- 221 species of plants, 66 species of fish, 7 species of reptiles and 3 species of amphibians are found here.

Ramsar Site-

- These are wetlands of international importance. They are selected under the ‘Ramsar Convention’.
- The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty for the conservation and wise use of wetlands.
- This international treaty was adopted on 2 February, 1971, in the city of Ramsar in Iran and was implemented on 21 December, 1975.

Important Facts Regarding Ramsar Sites-

Feature	Description
Total Number (up to 2026)	100
State with the Maximum Number of Sites	Tamil Nadu

Feature	Description
Largest Ramsar Site	Sundarban Delta, West Bengal
Smallest Ramsar Site	Renuka Wetland, Himachal Pradesh
Oldest/First Site	Chilika Lake (Odisha) and Keoladeo National Park

Launch of the Country's Seventh Regional Meteorological Centre-

- Recently, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Regional Meteorological Centre in Jammu on 5 June, 2026. This centre is the country's seventh Regional Meteorological Centre.
- This centre will work for Jammu-Kashmir, Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh. It will provide specially designed weather services, disaster warnings and climate assistance for the Himalayan region.

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana Will Be Implemented in West Bengal-

- Recently, West Bengal became the 36th State and Union Territory of the country to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. With the implementation of this scheme in West Bengal, this scheme has now been implemented across the entire country.

Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)

- Launch- On 23 September, 2018, from Ranchi, Jharkhand

Main Objectives of the Scheme-

- Free treatment of up to ₹5 lakh per family per year (for hospitalisation at the secondary and tertiary levels)
- Beneficiaries will not be required to make any cash payment or complete any paperwork at the hospital (service centre). It is the world's largest government-funded health programme, which aims to reach more than 10.74 crore vulnerable families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries).
- There is no restriction on family size (number of members) and age.
- Main Components of the Scheme- This scheme strengthens healthcare at two levels-

Health and Wellness Centres (HWC)-

- 1,50,000 centres are being established across the country, which will provide primary healthcare, maternal and child health services, free medicines and diagnostic services. The first centre was started on 14 April, 2018, in Bijnapur, Chhattisgarh.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)-

- It directly connects poor and vulnerable families with large hospitals (secondary and tertiary care) for the treatment of serious illnesses.

National Celebration on the Completion of One Decade of the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan-

- Recently, on the occasion of the completion of 10 years of the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA), a nationwide celebration was launched on 9 June, 2026, under the theme "10 Years of PMSMA: A Decade of Care".
- This celebration marks the success of a decade of successful implementation of PMSMA, one of India's major initiatives aimed at ensuring safe motherhood and healthy motherhood.

Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)-

- Launch Date- 9 June, 2016
- Concerned Ministry- Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It is an important initiative of the Government of India, whose main objective is to reduce the maternal mortality rate in the country.
- Target- To provide comprehensive and quality antenatal care to pregnant women on the 9th of every month.

Features-

- This campaign is mainly for women in the second and third trimesters of pregnancy.
- Antenatal examination services are provided by gynaecologists or medical officers.

Facilities to Be Received-

- Health examination (ultrasound) and medicines (iron and calcium supplements)
- Identification of high-risk pregnancies and their appropriate management.
- Stickers for risk identification- Green sticker (for a woman with a normal pregnancy) and red sticker (for a woman with a high-risk pregnancy)

NCC Established Two New State Directorates-

- Recently, the NCC Directorate General Headquarters approved the formation of independent State Directorates in Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- With their formation, the total number of NCC State Directorates in India has increased from 17 to 19.
- Their formation has taken an important step towards empowering the youth and expanding access to the National Cadet Corps.
- **NCC (National Cadet Corps)-**
 - ❑ Establishment- In the year 1948, Headquarters-New Delhi
 - ❑ Motto- Unity and Discipline
 - ❑ At present, it has more than 20 lakh cadets.

Consensus Reached Among the Concerned States on the Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project-

- Recently, in a meeting held in New Delhi on 16 June, 2026, under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, consensus was reached among the concerned states on the 'Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project'.
- On the initiative of the Union Home Minister, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan have agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of the Kishau Multipurpose Project.
- Under the agreement, Himachal Pradesh's share of water will be allocated to Delhi and Rajasthan, in return for which these states will bear the cost of Himachal Pradesh's share in the power component of the project.
- Regarding the Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project, 90% of the cost of the water component work will be borne by the Central Government as Central assistance, while the remaining 10% financial burden will be borne by these six states.
- After the agreement, the Kishau Project will be presented before the Union Cabinet for approval.
- **Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project**
 - ❑ This multipurpose dam is proposed on the Tons River, a tributary of the Yamuna, on the Uttarakhand-Himachal border.
 - ❑ Installed generation capacity- 422 megawatts
 - ❑ Proposed dam- 236 metres high
 - ❑ Water-storage capacity- 1324 MCM
 - ❑ Irrigation facility- More than 97 thousand hectares
- **Tons River-**
 - ❑ This river is the longest Himalayan tributary of the Yamuna.
 - ❑ It originates from the Bandarpunch mountain group.

Distribution of an Incentive Amount of 2,400 Crore under PM-VBRY-

- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed an incentive amount of approximately ₹2,400 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) on 19 June, 2026.
- **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana-**
 - ❑ Launch- 1 August, 2025
 - ❑ Concerned Department or Ministry-
 - ❑ Union Ministry of Labour and Employment
 - ❑ Implementing Agency- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)
- **Objectives-**
 - ❑ To promote formal employment.
 - ❑ To assist first-time job seekers.
 - ❑ To help employers in employment generation.
 - ❑ To strengthen the manufacturing sector.
- **Benefits-**
 - ❑ First-time employed youth are given an incentive amount equal to one month's salary (up to a maximum of ₹15,000).
 - ❑ The first instalment is sent to the bank account after completing six months of service, while the second instalment is deposited in a future-savings scheme/account after completing 12 months.
 - ❑ Due to linkage with the EPFO, young people will receive social-security benefits such as a provident fund and pension.
 - ❑ Employers generating additional employment will receive financial assistance of ₹3,000 per month for each new employee (based on their salary slab).

Inauguration of the New Office of the UPSC-

- Recently, the Chairman and members of the Union Public Service Commission inaugurated the Commission's new office at the Talkatora Annexe Building in New Delhi on 19 June, 2026.
- This new office has been established to fulfil the Commission's growing space-related requirements and further strengthen its administrative structure in view of its increasing institutional responsibilities.
- Union Public Service Commission**
 - Year of Formation- In 1926 (on the recommendation of the Lee Commission)
 - After Independence, this institution was reorganised as the Union Public Service Commission.
 - Headquarters- Dholpur House, New Delhi (in the year 1952)

23rd Instalment of PM-KISAN Released-

- Recently, on 20 June, 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 23rd instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme from Hooghly, West Bengal.
- In this instalment, an amount of more than ₹18,880 crore was released, under which more than 9.44 crore farmers received financial assistance.
- Under this scheme, an amount of more than ₹4.46 lakh crore has been distributed so far.



Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- Launch- 24 February, 2019
- Objective- To provide assured income support to landholding farmer families having cultivable land across the country.
- Benefit- Financial assistance of ₹6,000 per year to eligible farmer families (through DBT in three equal instalments of ₹2,000 each)
- So far, an amount of more than ₹4.46 lakh crore has been distributed to eligible farmer families across the country in 23 instalments.
- Farmers receive the benefit of this scheme upon registering their land records on the PM-KISAN Portal.
- In the Union Budget 2026-27, ₹60,000 crore has been allocated for the PM-KISAN Scheme.

DISHA 2.0 Approved-

- Recently, Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal approved the restructuring of the Central Sector Scheme 'Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice' (DISHA) as DISHA 2.0.
- DISHA 2.0 (Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice - DISHA 2.0)-**
 - Ministry- Union Ministry of Law and Justice
 - Department- Department of Justice
 - Type of Scheme- It is a Central Sector Scheme
 - Financial Outlay- ₹255 crore
 - Scheme Period- From 1 April, 2026 to 31 March, 2031 (a period of 5 years- in accordance with the cycle of the 16th Finance Commission)
- Components of the Scheme- 4 components**
 - Tele-Law Programme
 - Nyaya Bandhu-Pro Bono Legal Services
 - Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme
 - VIDHI Sanjeevani
- DISHA 2.0 directly advances India's commitment towards Sustainable Development Goal-16 and the Viksit Bharat Vision of the year 2047.

Launch of Air Suvidha 2.0-

- Recently, the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) launched Air Suvidha 2.0 on 25 June, 2026. It is an advanced contactless passenger health self-declaration portal. Its objective is to strengthen public-health surveillance at points of entry in response to the outbreak of Ebola disease.
- Air Suvidha 2.0 was launched after the WHO declared the outbreak of Ebola/Sudan virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) under the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005 on 17 May, 2026.

MSME Day 2026-Udyami Bharat Programme-

- Date of Event- 27 June 2026
- Venue- Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
- Organiser- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- Chairmanship- Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan
- Objective- To provide strength to micro, small and medium industries.
- Launch of Digital Portals and Initiatives-

S.	Name of Portal/Initiative	Main Objectives and Features
1	PMEGP 2.0 Portal	■ Fully digital, transparent and citizen-centric ecosystem ■ Integrated with the 'Jan Samarth Portal', through which real-time loan approval and data transfer with banks will become easier
2	SAMADHAN 2.0 Portal	■ Tracking and reporting of outstanding payments of MSMEs by Central Ministries, Departments and CPSEs ■ Dedicated facility for mandatory online reporting every month
3	PMS 2.0 Portal	■ Connecting Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) with trade fairs and exhibitions ■ Linked with Udyam Registration; the entire process from application to reimbursement will be paperless
4	MSME Global Mart 2.0	■ Next-generation platform linked with the ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) ecosystem ■ Providing MSMEs new opportunities for trade at the national and global levels
5	MSME Testing Portal	■ Complete digitalisation of testing centres and stations across the country ■ Customers will be able to download online sample booking, payment, tracking and original test reports
6	MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0	■ Promoting innovation in MSMEs ■ Provision of financial assistance of up to ₹15 lakh for approved ideas

- Apart from these, e-books were also released, which are as follows-
 - ❑ **Coffee Table Book-** A collection of inspirational and transformative stories of artisans from the successful years of the 'PM Vishwakarma Scheme'.
 - ❑ **SRI Fund Book-** A booklet based on the contribution of the 'Self-Reliant India Fund' to enterprise development, employment generation and women's entrepreneurship under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'.

Launch of India's First 'Easy Connect' Flight

- Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu launched India's first 'Easy Connect' flight under the hub-and-spoke model from Varanasi on 25 June, 2026.
- It will help transform India into a global aviation hub and provide seamless international connectivity to passengers from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. Under this 'Easy Connect' service, the passenger experience and operational process have been made extremely simple and convenient.
- Under this arrangement, single-point check-in, immigration at the departure point itself, no-hassle transit, etc. are integrated. This service is being operated by Air India.

National Biodiversity Authority Issued SOP for the Identification and Notification of Threatened Species-

- The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) has issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the notification of threatened species under Section 38 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- The objective of this SOP is to suggest a uniform, transparent and scientifically sound process for the identification, assessment and notification of threatened species by States and Union Territories.
- **Section 38 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002-**
 - ❑ This section gives the Central Government the right to notify any such species that is on the verge of extinction as threatened after consulting the concerned State Government.
 - ❑ Under it, the collection of species is prohibited/restricted and measures are taken for their rehabilitation.
 - ❑ The Centre may also delegate this power to the States.
- **Note-** The Ministry of Environment has so far declared 159 plant species and 173 animal species related to 17 States and 3 Union Territories as threatened.

The Digital India Initiative will complete eleven years on 1 July, 2026.

- Digital India Initiative- “Power to Empower”
- Launch Date- 1 July, 2015
- This day was celebrated as ‘Digital India Week’, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Concerned Department or Ministry- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

- Main Objectives-
 - To increase internet reach
 - To make the internet affordable
 - Digital public infrastructure
 - To increase digital literacy
 - To bridge the digital divide
 - To promote the digital economy
- Pillars of the Scheme (Nine Pillars)
 1. Broadband Highways
 2. Mobile Connectivity
 3. Public Internet Access
 4. E-Governance
 5. E-Kranti (Electronic Delivery of Services)
 6. Information for All
 7. Electronics Manufacturing
 8. IT for Jobs
 9. Early Harvest Programme

Miscellaneous

- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the new Captain of Ports Terminal Building in Panaji (Goa) on 26 June, 2026.
- Recently, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated the 37th Raising Day of **Project UDAYAK** in Doomdooma, Assam, on 1 June, 2026. **Project UDAYAK** is a strategic initiative of the BRO whose objective is to strengthen national security by constructing and maintaining border infrastructure, bridges and roads in the remote eastern regions of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.
- Recently, Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil launched a national-level awareness campaign in New Delhi on 1 June, 2026, to create awareness about the Swachh Gram, Surakshit Jalvayu Campaign and the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026.
- Recently, the President appointed Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, a judge of the Sikkim High Court, as the Chief Justice of the Patna High Court.
- Recently, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs organised a National Conference on Strengthening Integrated Tribal Development Agencies and Integrated Tribal Development Projects in New Delhi on 3 June, 2026.
- To strengthen India’s research ecosystem, a digital portal has been launched in collaboration with the Anusandhan National Research Foundation-NRF. The objective of this portal is to provide assistance in filing patents and assistance in writing research papers for researchers, students and innovators across the country.
- Recently, Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) was honoured with the Guinness World Records title for “the highest number of people participating in an online quiz in one week”. During the official evaluation period, 390,812 participants took part in the online quiz.
- Recently, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Namo Hospital and a modern terminal building at Namo Airport in Daman on 5 June, 2026.
- Recently, the President of India appointed 6 additional judges as permanent judges of the Bombay High Court.
- Recently, Union Minister Shri Jayant Chaudhary inaugurated the ‘new Daycare Facility for the children of employees at Kaushal Bhawan, the headquarters of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, on 6 June, 2026, towards promoting a more inclusive, compassionate and people-centric work environment in the Government of India.
- Recently, the Underwater Archaeology Wing of the Archaeological Survey of India and the ‘Knowledge Centre

for Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage' of the National Museum of Denmark signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The objective of this agreement is to launch an underwater archaeological project to locate and document the remains of the historic Danish ship 'Oresund', which wrecked off the coast near Karaikal, Puducherry, in 1619 AD.

- Project Super 50- It was a Civil Services Examination Guidance Programme organised by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) in New Delhi on 19 June, 2026. The theme of this programme was "Guidance, Counselling, Empowerment".
- Recently, IIT Indore announced a study on the mindset-management of Vaibhav Suryavanshi. Under this, IIT Indore will conduct the country's first multidisciplinary study on the 'Vaibhav Model'.
- Recently, Germany granted an exemption from transit visas to Indians at German airports.
- According to the Sample Registration System (SRS), India's total fertility rate has declined to 1.9, which is below the replacement level of 2.1.
- Recently, the Karnataka Government announced the deployment of a robotic and AI system to prevent water leakage and water theft in Bengaluru. For this, a startup named 'Solinas' will deploy specially designed robots inside water pipelines.
- In the year 2025, India surpassed the United States to become the world's second-largest solar-energy market. The country's solar capacity has reached more than 155 gigawatts.
- The Central Government amended the 'Immigration and Foreigners Rules-2025'. Under the new rules, foreign nationals coming to India on visas of 180 days or less will now be able to register at any time before the expiry of the visa.
- A Green Mobility Scheme worth ₹9,585 crore has been approved to reduce air pollution in Delhi-NCR. Under this, old trucks and buses will be removed, and incentives will be provided for purchasing new BS-VI or electric vehicles in place of BS-IV or older vehicles.
- Scientists from IIT Bhubaneswar, in collaboration with NASA, released a Top-20 list of hot cities, in which Jaipur city of Rajasthan has also been included as a hot city.
- Oil India Limited discovered a massive natural-gas reserve near the Andaman-Nicobar Island Group. This reserve was found at Sri Vijaya Puram-3, 15 kilometres away from the Andaman-Nicobar Islands.
- UN-Habitat and the United Nations Environment Programme selected Varkala Municipality (Kerala) as a 'Zero Waste City' among 20 urban areas of the world. Varkala is the only Indian city among the 20 cities.
- Under the 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana', beneficiaries will receive four subsidised gas cylinders every year.
- The Government of India accorded India's newly appointed High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Dinesh Trivedi, a status equivalent to that of a Union Cabinet Minister in the 'Table of Precedence'.
- Project BRAHMANK of the Border Roads Organisation celebrated its 16th Raising Day at Ranaghat in Arunachal Pradesh on 29 June, 2026.
- Union Health Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda launched Aarogya Setu 2.0 and other digital initiatives for the health sector on 29 June, 2026.
- Recently, a five-day Faculty Development Programme on "Indian Knowledge Tradition- From Traditional Knowledge to Modern Education, Research and Innovation" was organised at Poornima University in collaboration with Vidya Bharati.
- India secured the third position in the Edelman Trust Index-2026. This index shows the average level of people's trust in business, government, media and NGOs. In this index, China and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are jointly in first position.
- The final breakthrough in the 13.1-km-long Zojila Tunnel connecting Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh was achieved on 9 June, 2026. Being constructed at an altitude of 11,578 feet, it is the world's longest bi-directional road tunnel.
- India announced assistance of ₹21 crore to the United Nations agency UNRWA, which works for Palestinian refugees. This will be the first instalment of India's annual contribution of 50 lakh dollars.
- Recently, in the by-elections held for the Rajya Sabha, candidates were elected unopposed on 24 out of 27 seats. Among the members elected unopposed, 19 are from the NDA and 5 are from the Congress.
- The Land Ports Authority of India proposed the construction of 74 new land ports in the country. Of these, three land ports will be built on the China border and six land ports on the Pakistan border. At present, the country has 15 Land Ports.

4. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

India and Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) Became Effective-

- Recently, after the completion of internal procedures by both India and Oman, the India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) became effective from 1 June, 2026.
- This agreement was signed in Muscat on 18 December, 2025, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sultan Haitham bin Tariq of Oman.
- Oman is India's second-largest trading partner in the Gulf region and, through its advanced port infrastructure, acts as a strategic gateway to the wider GCC market.
- In the financial year 2025-26, bilateral trade between India and Oman stood at 11.18 billion US dollars.

Key Features of CEPA-

- Oman is providing immediate zero-duty access to 99.38% of India's exports (in terms of value), which includes 98.08% of Oman's tariff lines.
- India has granted concessions on 77.79% of tariff lines covering 94.81% of imports by value from Oman.
- Import duty of up to 5% on all seafood products, including shrimp, fish and cuttlefish, has been abolished immediately.
- Import duty of up to 5% on gems and jewellery has been abolished from the first day.
- Honey, spices, cashew, basmati rice, makhana, sweet biscuits and mango have been given duty-free access.
- Barrier-free zero-duty access has been provided for materials such as vaccines and penicillin, streptomycin and tetracycline.
- Oman has committed to providing market access in 127 service sub-sectors.
- Oman will mandatorily accept the certificates of India's Export Inspection Council, NPOP organic certification and Halal certification systems.

Launch of 'Senehgori Mission' for Muga Silk-

- Recently, Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya Scindia launched Mission Senehgori-Assam Muga Silk in Assam on 2 June, 2026. It is a comprehensive cluster-based initiative.
- Its objective is to transform Assam's unique Muga silk sector into a globally competitive, high-value luxury textile ecosystem.
- Approximately ₹396 to ₹411 crore will be invested in this mission over a period of three years, of which ₹136 to ₹151 crore will be provided by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
- Major Muga silk-producing districts such as Jorhat, Sivasagar, Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Majuli and Sualkuchi have been included in the mission.
- Under the mission, five modern reeling units will be established by the year 2028, 30 Farmer Producer Organisations will be formed and a digital traceability system will be prepared for more than 8,000 families.
- This mission is being operated in coordination with the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of Assam, Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles and other Central Ministries/Organisations.

Muga Silk-

- It is the world's only naturally golden silk.
- It is considered India's first GI-tagged silk.
- Assam alone produces approximately 90% of the world's Muga silk.

Inauguration of the Land Port Management System (VINIMAY)-

- Recently, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the Land Port Management System (VINIMAY) in New Delhi on 9 June, 2026.
- The Land Port Management System is a modern, digital, integrated and real-time management system under the 'Smart Border' vision for the efficient management of India's vast land borders.
- Features and Technology of the Land Port Management System-**
 - It provides a single-window system for the management of cargo (goods), passengers and vehicles.
 - In this, the entire system has been digitised and paper-based processes have been almost eliminated.
 - It includes an automatic number-plate-recognition-based gate-operation system.
 - Through LPMS, various major systems have been brought onto a single platform, enabling real-time data sharing.

Second Advance Estimates of the Area and Production of Horticultural Crops for the Year 2025-26 Released-

- Recently, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare released the second advance estimates of the area and production of horticultural crops for the year 2025-26.

Total Horticulture	2025-26 (Second Advance Estimate)
Area	301.51 (in lakh hectares)
Production	3777.76 (in lakh tonnes)

Main Points-

- In the country, the area under horticultural crops in the year 2025-26 is approximately 301.51 lakh hectares, which is 0.14 lakh hectares (0.05%) more than in 2024-25 (Final).
- In the country, horticultural production in the year 2025-26 is approximately 3777.76 lakh tonnes, which is 70.39 lakh tonnes (1.90%) more than in 2024-25 (Final).
- The production of fruits, vegetables, flowers and aromatic and medicinal plants has increased in the country.

Satvik Index

- It is an index issued by the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), which is centred on ethical investments. This index has been prepared from the BSE 500 Index and provides investors an opportunity to keep their investments in accordance with value-based principles.

Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-

- Recently, the Government of India revised the base year of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) from 2011-12 to 2022-23.
- Changes or Revisions-**
 - Expansion of the Basket-** The total number of items included in the index has been increased from 697 to 957.
 - Inclusion of Green Energy-** Renewable energy has now been included along with conventional electricity under the 'Electricity' group.
 - Shifting of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas-** These have been shifted to the 'Fuel and Power' group.
 - The following three major technical changes have been made to increase the accuracy of data at the production and statistical levels-

Area of Reform	Old Series (2011-12)	New Series (2022-23)	Economic Importance/Benefit
Weight Determination	Net Trade Value	Gross Production Value	It better reflects the actual economic importance of domestic production from the producer's perspective.
Index Calculation	Long-term Linking Method	Chain-based Short-term Linking Method	It captures short-term price changes and market trends more accurately.
Treatment of Missing Data	'Carry-Forward' Method	'Targeted Mean Imputation'	If price data for any month is unavailable, this method provides a statistically more accurate estimate and makes the data error-free.

Signal Modernisation Project for Eastern Railway Approved-

- Recently, Indian Railways approved a ₹405 crore signalling upgradation project for Eastern Railway on 17 June, 2026. Under this project, relay-based interlocking systems at 32 stations will be replaced with electronic interlocking systems. This project is part of Indian Railways' broader strategy, whose objective is to modernise signalling systems on important routes and improve reliability, safety and operational performance in the train network.

Smart Warehousing System for Foodgrain Storage Launched-

- Recently, the Department of Food and Public Distribution launched the Smart Warehousing System for foodgrain storage in New Delhi on 18 June, 2026.
- This system is important for the modernisation of India's foodgrain storage system. This system represents the world's largest deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT)-based technologies in public-sector foodgrain storage.
- This initiative has been implemented in 215 bag-based foodgrain warehouses of the Central Warehousing Corporation, while the Food Corporation of India (FCI) is installing this system in an additional 150 warehouses.
- By reducing vehicle turnaround time, increasing transparency, strengthening compliance monitoring, improving human-resource productivity, enabling rapid identification of risks and providing real-time visibility of warehouse operations, this technology-based system will bring remarkable improvement in operational efficiency.

The President and Prime Minister Laid the Foundation Stone of Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited-

- Recently, the President of India Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited's coal-to-ammonium nitrate project at Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda district (Odisha), on 20 June, 2026.
- The objective of this project is to ensure India's energy security, technological self-reliance and the sustainable utilisation of domestic coal resources.
- The objective of this project is to produce approximately 0.66 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of technical-grade ammonium nitrate through coal gasification.
- More than approximately ₹25,000 crore is being invested in the construction of this project.
- **Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited (BCGCL)-**
 - ❑ It is a joint-venture company formed between Coal India Limited (CIL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).
 - ❑ In this, in which CIL has a 51% share and BHEL has a 49% share.
- **Coal Gasification**
 - ❑ It is a chemical process in which coal is heated at a high temperature in the presence of steam and limited oxygen and converted into synthetic gas (syngas).
 - ❑ Instead of directly burning coal, this process converts it into useful fuels and chemicals, thereby reducing pollution and strengthening energy security.

India Became the World's Leading Ship-Recycling Nation in the Year 2025-

- According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, India's share in global ship recycling increased to 35.4% in the year 2025, which is the highest in the world.
- Ship recycling in India increased by approximately 60% from 1.86 million gross tonnes in the year 2024 to 2.99 million gross tonnes in the year 2025.
- Under the Maritime India Vision 2030, India achieved the target of becoming the leading ship-recycling nation at the global level much before the stipulated time.

Inauguration of the World's First Hydrogen-Production Facility Based on the Copper-Chlorine Thermochemical Cycle

- India's Department of Atomic Energy inaugurated the world's first hydrogen-production facility based on the copper-chlorine (Cu-Cl) thermochemical cycle by using nuclear heat obtained from the Fast Breeder Test Reactor located at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam.
- This Cu-Cl thermochemical process has been developed completely indigenously by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai.
- This facility has been established as a 'Technology Demonstrator'. This facility demonstrates that high-temperature heat obtained from nuclear energy can be directly integrated with hydrogen production. Through this, the production of carbon-free hydrogen can be ensured in the future.

Miscellaneous

- Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the construction of General Pool Residential Accommodation in Amaravati, the new capital city of Andhra Pradesh, on 10 June, 2026. This is the first GPRA project in the State of Andhra Pradesh as well as in the capital city of Amaravati.
- All Crops Kisan Mitra- It is a WhatsApp-based AI advisory service developed by ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad. This service provides information related to oilseed cultivation on farmers' mobile phones. This service was launched on 6 February, 2026.
- Recently, the Bureau of Indian Standards published the new Indian Standard, IS 20201:2026, Community Seed Bank Management-Requirements, on 11 June, 2026.

- Recently, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the DST-funded Central Instrumentation Facility and 3 Research Clusters at IIT Gandhinagar on 11 June, 2026.
 - Recently, the Quality Council of India (QCI) and the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 12 June, 2026, to strengthen the quality, testing, standards and skill ecosystem in India's leather and footwear sector.
 - Recently, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) of the Government of India introduced a special well-being-wear collection named 'Swadha', created by the Centre of Excellence for Khadi (CoEK).
 - Recently, the Department of Rural Development announced the establishment of 700 She-Marts and 1,000 District Fulfilment Centres to achieve the target of 6 crore Lakhpati Didis.
 - Recently, while improving railway capacity in India's coal-rich regions, Indian Railways approved the 42-kilometre-long Champa-Korba Third Rail Line Project of the South East Central Railway at an estimated cost of approximately ₹755 crore.
 - In the financial year 2025-26, India's annual defence production stood at ₹1.78 lakh crore. This represents an increase of 15.6 per cent compared to the production of ₹1.54 lakh crore in the previous financial year.
 - Recently, India's national public procurement portal, Government e-Marketplace, entered into a strategic partnership with Common Services Centres e-Governance Services India Limited on 18 June, 2026, to increase access to government procurement opportunities in rural and underserved areas.
 - Recently, the Union Cabinet approved one-time budgetary assistance of up to ₹10,000 crore to oil marketing companies to help scheduled Indian aviation companies maintain stability in aviation turbine-fuel prices for domestic and international flights.
 - The Ministry of Coal notified the 'Coal Exchange Rules 2026'. Under this, coal exchanges will be established in the country, where the purchase and sale of coal will take place transparently.
 - The Ministry of Finance completely exempted E22, E25, E27 and E30 petrol from excise duty. Its objective is to promote the use of ethanol and reduce dependence on crude-oil imports.
 - According to the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects Report, India's GDP growth rate may remain at 6.6% in the financial year 2026-27, while the global growth rate may remain at 2.5%.
 - The Central Government formed six working groups to reduce imports. These groups will identify 100 major products whose domestic production can be increased. These working groups will be chaired by the Secretary of DPIIT.
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5. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Defence technology

Netra Airborne Early Warning and Control System



- Recently, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) formally handed over the Final Operational Clearance (FOC) certificate of the indigenous Netra-Airborne Early Warning and Control system to the Indian Air Force.
- The system has been developed through a tripartite collaboration between the DRDO, the Indian Air Force, and the Indian defence industry.
- It aims to strengthen airborne surveillance, situational awareness, and battle management capabilities.
- **Netra-**
 - This is India's first indigenously developed airborne early warning and control system.
 - It has been integrated onto an Embraer aircraft platform.
 - It is equipped with an Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar offering 240-degree coverage.

Successful test of Divyastra MK-1



- Recently, the Indian Army successfully tested the indigenous tactical loitering munition 'Divyastra MK-1' in Jodhpur.
- It is an indigenous tactical UAV.
- It has been developed for intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, and precision strike missions.
- Key feature-
 - Manufacturer: Hoverit (Defense startup)
 - Flight endurance: 5 hours
 - Payload capacity: 15 kg
 - Operational range: 500 km
 - Speed: 300 to 400 km/h
 - Features low cost and AI-based swarm attack capability.

Rudra M-II Air-to-Surface Missile



- Recently, DRDO and the Indian Air Force successfully flight-tested the indigenous RudraM-II missile from a Sukhoi-30MKI fighter aircraft at the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur.
- RudraM-II has been indigenously developed by the Hyderabad-based Building Research Centre, the nodal laboratory of DRDO.
- **RudraM-II missile-**
 - This is an indigenous anti-radiation missile.
 - It is an air-to-surface missile.
 - There are three variants of the RudraM missile—
 1. RudraM-I
 2. RudraM-II
 3. RudraM-III
- Building Research Centre, Hyderabad

DRDO successfully test-fired the Long-Range Land-Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM)—

- Recently, on June 15, 2026, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted a flight test of a long-range land-attack cruise missile.
- The missile test was carried out from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island, located off the coast of Odisha.
- This is a 100% indigenously developed cruise missile.
- The Aeronautical Development Establishment, based in Bengaluru, is the nodal laboratory for this missile project.
- The missile possesses the capability to alter its trajectory mid-air, locate enemy targets, and execute precision strikes against them.
- It has an operational range of 1,000 to 1,500 kilometers.

Indian Coast Guard inducts indigenous air-cushion vehicle into service-

- The Indian Coast Guard recently inducted indigenous Air Cushion Vehicles (ACVs) into its service on June 18, 2026.
- These ACVs have been manufactured by "Chowgule and Company Private Limited."
- The objective of this hovercraft is to enhance the Indian Coast Guard's operational capabilities in the

maritime domain and strengthen its capacity to tackle emerging challenges.

- Note: The contract for the procurement of six ACVs (Air Cushion Vehicles) for the Indian Coast Guard was signed between the Ministry of Defence and Chowgule & Company Private Limited on October 24, 2026.

Three state-of-the-art ships commissioned into the Indian Navy-

- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned three state-of-the-art frontline Indian Navy ships in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- These include INS Dunagiri, equipped with multi-mission capabilities; INS Sanshodhak, a large survey vessel; and INS Agray, a shallow-water anti-submarine warfare vessel.
- These state-of-the-art ships will enhance the country's operational capabilities, maritime security against geopolitical threats, and situational awareness in the maritime domain.

■ INS Dunagiri-

- This is the fifth warship of the Nilgiri class under Project 17A.
- It has been built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers.
- The warship is equipped with supersonic surface-to-surface missiles, advanced air defense systems, medium-range guns, close-in weapon systems, and state-of-the-art anti-submarine warfare capabilities.
- It is designed for high-end maritime operations and multi-dimensional combat roles.

■ INS Sanshodhak-

- This is the fourth ship in the series of large survey vessels.
- It strengthens India's 'Maritime Vision 2030'.
- The vessel is equipped with state-of-the-art hydrographic and oceanographic systems, as well as four survey motor boats (SMBs).

■ INS Agray-

- This is the fifth vessel in the series of anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft.
- It further strengthens the Indian Navy's anti-submarine and mine warfare capabilities in shallow water areas.
- It is equipped with state-of-the-art sonar, torpedoes, anti-submarine rockets, and an advanced combat management system.

X-59 aircraft



- This is a supersonic aircraft developed by NASA and Lockheed Martin.
- The aircraft has a speed of approximately 1,489–1,510 km/h.
- It converts the sonic boom generated during flight into a "sonic thump."

First test flight of the Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft—



- On June 11, 2026, the country's first 'Made in India' Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft successfully completed its maiden test flight from Vadodara. It was manufactured at the Vadodara-based final assembly line operated by Tata Advanced Systems Limited and Airbus.
- This is the first aircraft in a series of 40 C-295s being built in the country for the Air Force. This marks the first major project for military aircraft manufacturing by the private sector in India; over 85% of the structural manufacturing for these aircraft is being carried out within the country.

Received the fourth S-400 squadron from Russia—



- Recently, the fourth squadron of the S-400 (Sudarshan Chakra) air defense system was received from Russia.
- India signed an agreement to purchase five squadrons of the S-400 air defense system from Russia in October 2018.
- An inter-governmental agreement was signed between India and Russia for the five squadrons.

S-400-

- Developed by Russia.
- It is a long-range, surface-to-air missile system.
- The system is capable of firing four different categories of missiles simultaneously, creating an impenetrable defensive shield.
- Its radar can detect aerial threats up to a distance of 600 km and track multiple targets simultaneously.
- It is deployed entirely on road-mobile vehicles.

Electric Vertical Take-off and Landing Drone-

- Recently, Hyderabad-based startup Bluejay Aerospace introduced a second-generation electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) drone.
- This drone will be able to take off and land without a runway, similar to a helicopter.
- It is designed for the rapid transportation of heavy cargo.
- Features-
 - ❑ Load-carrying capacity: 200 kg
 - ❑ Maximum speed: 200 km/h
 - ❑ Range: 50–70 km for the battery model, while the hydrogen-electric model has a range of 250–300 km.

Delegation of financial powers to the Defence Research and Development Organisation-

- On June 29, 2026, India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh issued the 'Delegation of Financial Powers to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DFP-2026).'
- This DFP-2026 serves as a reform aimed at enhancing the timely execution, efficiency, and accountability of strategic research and development projects.

Space Technology

Announcement of the Artemis III mission crew—

- NASA announced the crew for the Artemis III lunar mission.
- **Crew members and responsibilities:**
 - ❑ Randy Bresnik – NASA Astronaut, Commander
 - ❑ Luca Parmitano – ESA (European Space Agency) Astronaut, Pilot
 - ❑ Andre Douglas – NASA Astronaut, Mission Specialist
 - ❑ Frank Rubio – NASA Astronaut, Mission Specialist
- The Artemis-III mission is the final mission planned prior to the attempt to land astronauts on the lunar surface in 2028.

Hot test of the semi-cryogenic engine

- ISRO has successfully conducted the eighth hot test of the semi-cryogenic engine. This engine will enhance the payload capacity of the state-of-the-art LVM-3 launch vehicle.

- The test was conducted at the propulsion complex in Mahendragiri.

Information Technology And Other Technologies

Discovery Of Next-Generation Nanomedicine To Neutralize Cancer-Causing Agents—

- Recently, scientists from the Nanobioscience Group at the Agharkar Research Institute, Pune, have developed a gene silencing strategy that can effectively control tumors in breast cancer.
- The scientists have developed a novel biodegradable nanocarrier platform for targeted gene therapy in breast cancer.
- The system is based on biodegradable mesoporous silica nanoparticles. These nanoparticles exhibit high drug loading capacity and superior surface chemistry.
- This technology is superior to conventional chemotherapy because:

Traditional chemotherapy	Nanomedicine-based therapy
➤ kills the body's healthy cells along with cancer cells. ➤ It causes side effects such as hair loss and weakness.	➤ Being aptamer-guided, it targets only tumor cells. ➤ It causes no harm to healthy cells (resulting in fewer side effects).
➤ The medication does not reach the interior of the tumor in the precise required amount.	➤ Due to nanoparticles, the drug reaches directly to the tumor core, and cellular uptake is enhanced via receptors.

- The Agharkar Research Institute is an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

Use of sound waves to reduce energy consumption in modern computing

- Recently, researchers have discovered a new method for generating and controlling magnon-based spin currents using sound waves.
- This discovery was made by researchers at the Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali.
- Current computers and mobile phones operate on electric charges. The drawback is that collisions between electrons generate heat and result in significant energy losses. In contrast, spintronics is a next-generation technology in which information is transmitted using the spin of electrons rather than electric charges.
- Magnons - Waves of magnetic disturbances within materials, called magnons, are very efficient carriers of information because they operate with much less energy loss than electrons.

■ Applications and Benefits-

- ❑ Its use could significantly reduce energy consumption and thermal heating issues in computing devices.
- ❑ This discovery could aid in the creation of more stable and efficient quantum processors and memory devices.
- ❑ This technology could prove to be a game-changer in the development of high-speed, ultra-low latency communication systems for 6G and beyond.
- ❑ It will enable the production of smaller, faster, and more durable processors.

Advanced Quantum and Artificial Intelligence laboratories to be set up at MNIT Jaipur—

- Recently, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnav, announced the establishment of the Advanced Quantum Computing and Quantum Communications Laboratory at the Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, on June 11, 2026.
- These laboratories will be established under the Electronics and ICT Academic Project of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. Their objective will be to build indigenous capabilities in quantum key distribution, quantum computing simulation, and quantum sensing hardware components for developing secure communications.



■ Lam Research's Semverse Platform

- ❑ MNIT Jaipur will gain access to Lam Research's Semiverse platform, a digital twin-based ecosystem for semiconductor manufacturing and training.

■ Artificial Intelligence Lab-

- ❑ This lab will be equipped with all facilities, including advanced computing and equipment, for research and innovation. Its primary objective is to integrate it with the IndiaAI Mission network.

■ Makers Lab Inauguration-

- ❑ A Makers Lab was inaugurated at MNIT Jaipur.
- ❑ The Makers Lab will provide students with opportunities for hands-on and practical training in both software and hardware technologies.
- ❑ It will feature sensors, embedded systems, computer equipment, and electronic systems.

Inauguration of 20 kW All India Radio FM transmitter at Ramgarh, Jaisalmer

- Recently, Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnav virtually inaugurated a 20 kW All India Radio (AIR) FM transmitter at Ramgarh in Jaisalmer, broadcasting from the AIR Jaipur complex.
- The objective of this transmitter is to strengthen the reach of All India Radio and Doordarshan in border areas. With the inauguration of this transmitter, the total number of FM transmitters in Rajasthan has reached 39.
- The Ramgarh transmitter will ensure radio coverage within an 80 km radius in the border region, covering an area of approximately 20,000 square kilometers in the Jaisalmer district.

Launch of the 'Varya' AI model

- Recently, AI-native transformation company Avtar announced the launch of a distilled video model, "Varya," on June 12, 2026.
- This AI model has been launched to make frontier video AI affordable, accessible, and relevant for India's next-generation users.
- The Varya AI model was developed in collaboration with the India AI Mission.
- This AI model reduces video creation from 50 steps to four and can produce videos at a cost of ₹0.48 per second.
- Varya has been designed keeping in mind India's diverse social and cultural contexts, rather than based on any generalized concept of India.
- The model aims to create and understand culturally rich visual presentations related to India's various regions, festivals, communities, food, clothing, public spaces, and everyday life.
- Avattar Company- This is an AI-native transformation company that builds domain-specific AI products.

The Union Health Ministry has banned 16 FDCs—

- Recently, the Union Health Ministry has imposed a complete ban on the manufacture, sale, and human use of 16 fixed dose combinations (FDCs) effective June 20, 2026.
- The Ministry of Health has imposed this ban under Section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.
- The aim of this ban is to protect public health and ensure the availability of only scientifically sound drug combinations.
- Banned FDCs-

S.	FDC Composition
1	Acetylsalicylic acid + Ethoheptazine
2	Aloe vera extract + Allantoin + Alpha-tocopherol acetate + D-Panthenol + Vitamin A
3	Aloe vera extract + Vitamin E + Dimethicone + Glycerin
4	Aloe vera + Jojoba oil + Vitamin E
5	Aloe vera + Orange oil

6	Aloe vera + Jojoba oil + Wheat germ oil + Tea tree oil
7	Aloe vera + Vitamin E + Herbal
8	Dicyclomine + Paracetamol + Clidinium bromide
9	Dicyclomine + Paracetamol + Clidinium bromide + Chlordiazepoxide
10	Gliclazide + Chromium picolinate
11	Paracetamol + Lignocaine
12	Amoxicillin + Serratiopeptidase + Lactobacillus sporogenes
13	Amoxicillin + Cloxacillin + Lactic acid bacillus + Serratiopeptidase
14	Amoxicillin + Serratiopeptidase
15	Cefadroxil + Probenecid
16	Cefuroxime + Serratiopeptidase

- Fixed-Dose Combination (FDC)- It is also known as a fixed-dose combination (FDC) drug. It consists of a combination of two or more active drugs in a single dosage form.

Hero MotoCorp launches its first flex-fuel motorcycles

- Hero MotoCorp recently launched its first flex-fuel motorcycle in New Delhi on June 3, 2026.
- **Flex-fuel motorcycle -**
 - A flex-fuel motorcycle is one whose engine can run on any blend of petrol and ethanol.
 - Standard motorcycles are designed to run only on petrol.
 - In contrast, the engine of a flex-fuel motorcycle is designed to operate on ethanol-petrol blends ranging from 0% to 85%.

India ranks fifth in the adoption of generative AI

- India has joined the top five countries globally in the adoption of generative AI. The countries ranking ahead of India on this list are the US, China, Singapore, and the UK, respectively.
- India has surpassed Germany on this list.
- India has also moved up from the eighth to the fifth position in the digitization rankings.

Retatrutide drug

- This is a weight-loss and anti-diabetes drug that is currently in the experimental stage. It is being developed by the American pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly.
- The drug acts like three different hormones in the body (GLP-1, GIP, and glucagon). This reduces appetite, increases the body's energy expenditure, and helps control blood sugar levels.

Arcensafe Equipment-

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar have developed a portable device

named 'ArsenSafe' for the rapid detection of arsenic in drinking water.

- It is a low-cost, easy-to-use solution.
- The device is capable of quickly detecting the presence of arsenic in water.
- It has been developed through an innovative venture established at the Research and Entrepreneurship Park of IIT Bhubaneswar.

TrueNat HPV-HR Plus-

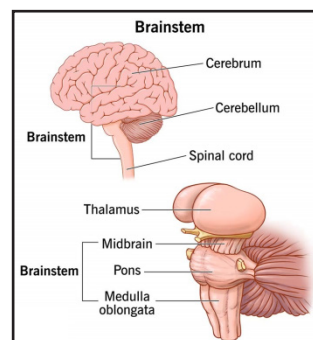
- This is India's first indigenous point-of-care molecular diagnostic test kit developed by Molbio Diagnostics. It has recently been certified by researchers from AIIMS and ICMR as meeting international standards for cervical cancer screening.
- It can detect 8 high-risk HPV types.

First human trial of reverse-aging drug begins-

- 'Life Biosciences,' a Boston-based biotech startup, has administered a cellular reprogramming injection to a person for the purpose of reversing aging.
- The injection was administered into the eye of a patient suffering from glaucoma. The primary objective of this trial is to rejuvenate and reactivate cells that have become weakened due to aging.

IIT-Madras has released the world's most detailed 3D brainstem atlas.

- The Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Center at IIT Madras has released the world's most comprehensive 3D atlas of the human brainstem. This detailed 3D atlas is named "ANCHOR."
- This atlas provides detailed mapping of over 200 neural centers and nerve pathways in the brainstem.
- Brainstem-



- It is a part of the human brain. It is the main connection between the brain and the spinal cord.
- It controls breathing, heartbeat, and many essential bodily functions.

Reliance and Meta to build India's first AI data center

- Reliance Industries and Meta have signed an agreement to construct a data center in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- This will be Meta's first 'built-to-suit' data center in the country, featuring a capacity of 168 megawatts. Under this partnership, Reliance will fully develop the data center.

- Reliance will provide end-to-end services for the project, including design, construction, utility management, renewable power, network connectivity, and managed services.

Hydrogel-Based Super Sponge

- Researchers at IIT-Gandhinagar have recently developed an advanced hydrogel-based material that functions like a super-sponge.
- This super-sponge is capable of effectively absorbing toxic dyes present in industrial wastewater.
- Research on this IIT-Gandhinagar super-sponge has been published in the journal ACS Applied Polymer Materials.

Infection reaches its peak-

- More than a hundred cases of Shigella infection have been reported in Kerala.
- Shigella-
 - o It is a contagious bacterial infection.
 - o It affects the intestines.
 - o It primarily spreads through contaminated food or water.

Artificial photosynthesis technology

- Researchers at Osaka Metropolitan University in Japan have developed a battery-free artificial photosynthesis system.
- This system can produce liquid fuel using only sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide.

3D-printed artificial reefs to be installed off the Tamil Nadu coast.

- India's first 3D-printed artificial reef modules will be deployed in the sea off the Ramanathapuram coast of Tamil Nadu.
- This project is an ambitious marine habitat restoration initiative under the second phase of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- This pilot project will evaluate six new reef designs developed using cutting-edge 3D printing technology.
- These 3D-printed artificial reefs have been developed by Twsstta, an IIT Madras startup, in collaboration with the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute.
- **Reef-Areef** is a complex ecosystem formed underwater that provides food, shelter, and breeding grounds for fish.

Miscellaneous

- Union Minister Jitendra Singh proposed the "BRICS Space Economy" during the concluding session of the BRICS Heads of Space Agencies (HOSA) meeting recently held in Bengaluru.
- The Ministry of Defence recently signed a contract worth ₹449 crore with Bengaluru-based Accord Software & Systems Private Limited to procure 20 advanced Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) jammers for the Indian Navy.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently inaugurated a state-of-the-art weapon system complex at the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL)—part of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)—in Hyderabad, Telangana, on June 12, 2026.
- The Ministry of Defence recently signed a contract with Pune-based Bharat Forge Limited on June 19, 2026, to procure 12 marine gas turbine generator sets (1.25 MW capacity) for the Navy at a total cost of approximately ₹425 crore.
- Hangor Submarine – This is a submarine inducted into the Pakistan Navy. It is the first of eight Hangor-class submarines scheduled to be inducted into the Pakistan Navy by 2028.
- The Indian Air Force has launched an indigenous kamikaze drone project in collaboration with domestic companies. The '5 Base Repair Depot' in Sullur, Tamil Nadu, is the nodal agency for this project.
- Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited will transport the warhead for India's first indigenous BrahMos supersonic missile from Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Scientists have digitally preserved the 'Vaquita,' a rare marine mammal on the brink of extinction.
- Andhra Pradesh's Amaravati Quantum Valley has achieved a temperature of minus 269 degrees Celsius using a dilution refrigerator developed with indigenous technology.
- The world's first plant to produce hydrogen using heat from a nuclear reactor has been launched at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research in Tamil Nadu; it will utilize BARC's indigenous copper-chlorine technology.
- The "NZP Saathi App," a smart digital zoo guide, was recently launched at the National Zoological Park (NZP) in New Delhi. The app aims to enhance the visitor experience through smart navigation and facilitate online ticket booking.
- IITM recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences to establish a long-term monitoring station for India's Climate Observation Network in the Himalayan region.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently launched NAFED's auction portal, NAFEX.in, at the Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan in New Delhi on June 23, 2026.
- C-DOT recently signed an MoU with IIT Hyderabad on June 24, 2026, to foster research and innovation in next-generation communication technologies. Under this strategic collaboration, C-DOT is establishing a Centre of Excellence (CoE) at IIT Hyderabad.

6. SPORTS

Cricket

ICC Women's T-20 World Cup-2026



- Edition- 10th
- Dates of Event- 12 June-5 July, 2026
- Organiser- International Cricket Council
- Venue- England and Wales
- Participating Teams- 12 Teams
 1. England
 2. India
 3. Australia
 4. Sri Lanka
 5. New Zealand
 6. Pakistan
 7. South Africa
 8. West Indies
 9. Bangladesh
 10. Netherlands
 11. Ireland
 12. Scotland
- The Netherlands team will play the Women's T20 World Cup for the first time (debut).

Kohli Became the Country's Most Valuable Celebrity-

- Fortune India and global brand advisory firm Inter-brand have placed Virat Kohli at the top of the list of India's most valuable celebrities.
- Virat Kohli's brand value is ₹3,542 crore.
- Respectively: Top 10 Most Valuable Celebrities-
 1. Virat Kohli - Cricketer
 2. Shah Rukh Khan - Actor
 3. Priyanka Chopra - Actress
 4. Mahendra Singh Dhoni - Cricketer
 5. Ranveer Singh - Actor
 6. Akshay Kumar - Actor
 7. Amitabh Bachchan - Actor
 8. Sachin Tendulkar - Cricketer
 9. Alia Bhatt - Actress
 10. Allu Arjun - Actor

ODI World Cup-2027

- Dates of Event- 4 October to 21 November, 2027
- Venue- Joint hosting by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia
- A total of 14 teams will participate in this tournament and a total of 54 matches will be played.

Nikhil Chaudhary-

- He is an India-born all-rounder cricketer. He has been included in Australia's T-20 team for the first time. He has been selected in the team in place of Travis Head for the Bangladesh tour.
- Nikhil played domestic matches for Punjab between the years 2017 and 2019.

Kane Williamson-

- He is a New Zealand batsman and former captain. He has announced his retirement from all formats of international cricket.

Sairaj Bahutule-

- He is a former Indian international player and domestic cricketer. He has been appointed as India's spin-bowling coach by the BCCI.

Hockey

Men's Hockey Under-18 Asia Cup 2026

- Date of Event- 29 May to 6 June, 2026
- Venue- Kakamigahara, Japan
- Edition- 6th Edition
- Participating Teams- 9 Teams
- Winner- India (India won the title by defeating Japan in the final match.)
- Final Match- 6 June, 2026
 - ☐ India defeated Japan 4-1.
 - ☐ India has won the title of this continental championship for the third time.
- Star Player-
 - ☐ Indian forward Ashish Tani Purti
- Note- In the women's category of the Hockey Under-18 Asia Cup-2026, the Indian Under-18 Women's Hockey Team defeated Korea 3-0 and won the bronze medal.

FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup-2025-26

- Date of Event- 15-21 June, 2026
- Host Country- Auckland, New Zealand
- Winner- India (Defeated host New Zealand 2-0 in the final)
- Runner-up- New Zealand

- Indian Captain- Salima Tete
- Player of the Match (Final)- Lalremsiami
- This is India's second Nations Cup victory. Earlier, India had captured this title in the year 2022.

Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial Hockey Tournament-2026

- Edition- 7th Edition
- Date of Event- 23 June to 03 July, 2026
- Venue- Jalahalli Air Force Station, Bengaluru
- This tournament has been organised by the Air Force Sports Control Board (AFSCB) since 2018.
- A total of 16 teams from across the country participated in this prestigious tournament.
- Prizes for the Tournament-
 - Winner- ₹10,00,000/-
 - ○ Runner-up- ₹8,00,000/-

Athletics

Asian Under-20 Athletics Championship

- Edition- 22nd
- Date of Event- 28 May to 31 May, 2026
- Venue- Hangzhou, China
- Organiser- Asian Athletics Association
- India's Performance- Indian athletes won a total of 19 medals.
- **Gold Medals- 10**
 1. Venkataram Reddy Mogali
 2. Nikhil Chandrashekhar
 3. Nitin Gupta
 4. Basant
 5. Shahrukh Khan
 6. Rahul Jakhar
 7. Muskan
 8. Pooja Singh
 9. Amanat Kamboj
 10. Indian Women's Relay Team
- Silver Medals- 5
- Bronze Medals- 4
- India secured second position in the medal tally (China secured first position by winning 25 medals).
- A total of 48 Indian athletes participated in this championship, including 30 men and 18 women.
- This is India's best-ever performance in the Asian Track and Field Championship organised outside the domestic ground.

National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championship-2026

- Edition- 65th
- Date of Event- 24 June to 28 June, 2026
- Venue- Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- This championship was the main national qualification and selection trial event for the upcoming 2026 Asian Games to be held in Japan.

Ja'Kobe Tharp

- He is an American athlete who clocked 12.75 seconds in the semi-final of the men's 110-metre hurdles at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Outdoor Track and Field Championship. He broke the 14-year-old world record of Aries Merritt of 12.80 seconds.

Football

FIFA World Cup-2026

- Edition- 23rd
- Date of Event- 11 June to 19 July, 2026
- Duration of Event- 39 days
- Venue- America, Canada, Mexico
- Participating Teams- 48 teams
- Matches- 104 matches
- It is a quadrennial international men's football championship played by the national teams of FIFA's member associations.
- It is being jointly hosted by 16 cities- 11 in the United States of America, 3 in Mexico and 2 in Canada.

Participating Teams Table-

AFC (9)	CONCACAF (6)	UEFA (16)
1. Australia	1. Canada	1. Austria
2. Iran	2. Curaçao	2. Belgium
3. Iraq	3. Haiti	3. Bosnia and Herzegovina
4. Japan	4. Mexico	4. Croatia
5. Jordan	5. Panama	5. Czech Republic
6. Qatar	6. America	6. England
7. Saudi Arabia	CONMEBOL	7. France
8. South Korea	1. Argentina	8. Germany
9. Uzbekistan	2. Brazil	9. Netherlands
AFC (9)	3. Colombia	10. Norway
1. Algeria	4. Ecuador	11. Portugal
2. Cape Verde	5. Paraguay	12. Scotland
3. DR Congo	6. Uruguay	13. Spain
4. Egypt	OFC	14. Sweden
5. Ghana	1. New Zealand	15. Switzerland
6. Ivory Coast		16. Turkey
7. Morocco		
8. Senegal		
9. South Africa		
10. Tunisia		

Indian Women's Football Team Won the SAFF Women's Championship 2026-

- Edition- 8th Edition
- Date of Event- 25 May 2026 to 6 June 2026
- Organiser- South Asian Football Federation
- Host- India
- Participating Teams- India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka
- First Edition- Year 2010

Final Match-

- India versus Bangladesh
- Venue- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (Fatorda Stadium), Madgaon (Margao), Goa
- Winner- India (India defeated Bangladesh)
- Runner-up- Bangladesh
- This is India's sixth SAFF Women's Championship title.

Tehsin Mohammad Jamshed-

- He is a professional footballer of Indian origin from Qatar. He will play for Qatar in FIFA.
- Before this, in the 2006 FIFA World Cup, Vikash Dhorasoo, who was of Andhra Pradesh origin, played for France in FIFA.

Grace Dangmei-

- She is the captain of the Indian Women's Football Team who recently retired.
- She belongs to the Rongmei tribe of Manipur.

Chess

Norway Chess Tournament 2026-

- Date of Event- 25 May to 5 June 2026
- Venue- Oslo, Norway
- Winner- Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa
- In the final round of the tournament, Praggnanandhaa defeated Germany's Vincent Keymer. In this tournament, American Grandmaster Wesley So stood second, while Alireza Firouzja stood third.
- Note- R. Praggnanandhaa has become the first Indian to win this prestigious global tournament.

Tennis/Table Tennis

French Open-2026

- Date of Event- 18 May to 7 June, 2026
- Venue- Paris, France
- It was a Grand Slam tennis tournament.
- Winner-

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Alexander Zverev	Flavio Cobolli
Women's Singles	Mirra Andreeva	Maja Chwalinska
Men's Doubles	Marcel Granollers-Horacio Zeballos	Harri Heliövaara-Henry Patten
Women's Doubles	Katerina Siniakova-Taylor Townsend	Anna Danilina-Aleksandra Krunic
Mixed Doubles	Sara Errani-Andrea Vavassori	—

Divyanshi Bhowmick-

- She is a 15-year-old table tennis player from India

- She has become the youngest Indian to win the WTT Feeder Women's Singles title. Divyanshi defeated Chinese Taipei's Yeh Yi-Tian 3-2 in the final.

Wrestling

Ulaanbaatar Open-2026 Wrestling Tournament-

- Date of Event- 4 to 7 June, 2026
- Venue- Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- It was the third ranking series of the United World Wrestling season.
- **India's Performance-**
- India won a total of 16 medals.
- Gold Medal Winners-

Wrestler's Name	Weight Category	Wrestling Style
Sunil Kumar	87 kg	Greco-Roman
Nitesh Kumar	97 kg	Greco-Roman
Sagar Jaglan	74 kg	Men's Freestyle
Dinesh Dhankhar	125 kg	Men's Freestyle
Deepak	61 kg	Men's Freestyle
Manisha Bhanwala	57 kg	Women's Freestyle
Neha Sangwan	59 kg	Women's Freestyle
Kajal Dhochhak	76 kg	Women's Freestyle

Others

World Yogasana Championship 2026-

- Edition- First Edition
- Mascot- Veer the Lion
- Date of Event- 4 to 8 June, 2026
- Venue- Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Participation- Players from 79 countries participated Medal Tally-
- India secured the top position in the medal tally.
- India won 114 medals (102 gold, 9 silver and 3 bronze medals).
- Japan stood second in the medal table with 11 medals (3 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze), while Argentina secured third position.

15th Asian Senior Kurash Championship 2026-

- Date of Event- 11 to 15 June, 2026
- Venue- Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Organiser- International Kurash Association
- Kurash- It is a traditional wrestling form of Central Asia, which has now become a major global sport.

Global Skills Challenge 2026-

- Date of Event- 23 to 29 June, 2026
- Venue- Australia
- Organiser- WorldSkills Australia

- It is a large-scale international simulation of the WorldSkills Competition.
- The 30-member Indian contingent, comprising 15 competitors and 15 experts, represented the country in 15 skill categories, including advanced manufacturing, digital technology, construction trades, creative industries and service-sector skills. In this competition, Team India delivered a remarkable performance and won 5 medals-
- **Gold Medals- 3**
 - Pawan Bhagwati Suresh (Karnataka)- In Additive Manufacturing
 - Mausam Kumar Giri (Bihar)- In Cloud Computing
 - Vishnupriya Sunil (Delhi)- In Health and Social Care
- **Silver Medal- 1**
 - Harsh Ramesh Pawar (Maharashtra)- In 3D Digital Game Art
- **Bronze Medal- 1**
 - Muskan (Haryana)- In Painting and Decorating

Jaismine Lamboria

- World Champion Jaismine Lamboria has become the world's number-1 boxer in the women's 57 kg category.
- In the World Boxing Rankings, India has secured a place in the top-10 in 9 out of 10 women's weight categories and 8 out of 10 men's weight categories.

Rumesh Pathirano

- He is a javelin thrower from Sri Lanka.
- He made a throw of 92.62 metres in the Rome Diamond League.
- He became the fourth Asian athlete to throw the javelin beyond 90 metres. Before him, Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem (92.97), China's Cheng Chao Sung (91.36) and India's Neeraj Chopra (90.23) had achieved this.

List of the 100 Most Influential People in the World of Sports-

- Issuer- Time Magazine
- Place on the Cover Page- LeBron James (NBA Champion)
- Time Magazine has released the list of the 100 most influential personalities in the world of sports for the first time.

Smriti Mandhana-

- She is an Indian cricketer. She has secured a place on this list.
- She is the only Indian sportsperson to secure a place on this list.
- She has been placed in the Titans category.

Rohit Rajpal-

- He has recently been appointed the Chef de Mission for the Commonwealth Games-2026. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Indian Olympic Association, captain of the Indian Davis Cup team and Vice-President of the All India Tennis Association.
- As Chef de Mission, Rohit will play an important role in the management and coordination of the Indian contingent.

Commonwealth Games-

- Date of Event- 23 July to 2 August, 2026
- Venue- Glasgow
- Approximately 3,000 athletes from 74 Commonwealth countries and territories will participate in it.

Niharika Singhania-

- She is a 19-year-old young equestrian from Mumbai. She has secured a place in the Indian show jumping team for the Asian Games-2026.
- She is the youngest equestrian in the Indian team.

Miscellaneous

- The Indian cricket team defeated Afghanistan by an innings and 300 runs in the only Test played in New Chandigarh. This is India's biggest victory in Test history.
- Recently, the prize money of the Wimbledon Tournament has been increased by 20 per cent. In this competition, the men's and women's singles winners will receive 36 lakh pounds (approximately ₹47 crore).
- In the recently released annual ICC ODI rankings, the Indian team has remained at the top position continuously for 33 months.
- A 'Yogasana Super League' will be launched on the lines of cricket's IPL. It will be launched by the Yogasana Bharat Federation.
- India's young boxer Prachi has reached the semi-finals of the World Boxing Cup-2026 by defeating world champion Wu Shih-Yi of Chinese Taipei.
- Indian women's cricketer Smriti Mandhana has become the first cricketer in the world to hit 600 fours in T-20 cricket.
- Vaibhav Suryavanshi scored a half-century in 11 balls. He has become the cricketer to score the fastest half-century in List-A (One-Day) cricket.
- Harmanpreet Kaur has become the first player in the world to play 200 international T-20 matches. No one has achieved this milestone even in men's cricket.

- Jaipur's para-athlete Krishna Nagar won the gold medal in singles at the France Para Badminton International Tournament. In the singles, Krishna defeated Paris Paralympic gold medallist Charles Noakes in two sets, 21-19, 21-11.
 - Indian cricketer Ravi Bishnoi has been appointed the official brand ambassador of the Indian Healthcare League (IHL).
 - India's 4×100-metre women's relay team won the gold medal at the Asian Relay Championship. The quartet of Shrabani Nanda, S. S. Sneha, Sudeshna Shivankar and Tamanna won this medal by recording the season's best time of 43.85 seconds.
 - India's young shooter Pritam Kendre won the gold medal in the men's 10-metre air-rifle event at the ISSF Junior World Championship.
 - American professional golfer Wyndham Clark won the US Open title.
 - Under the new hosting model of the Commonwealth Games, 17 sports will be included in the 2030 Commonwealth Games to be held in Ahmedabad.
 - India's left-arm spinner Shri Charani has reached the top of the ICC Women's T-20 bowling rankings for the first time. In this ranking, Shri Charani has surpassed England's Linsey Smith.
 - Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo became the first player to score goals in six different World Cups.
 - Kerala long-jump athlete Ancy Sojan broke Anju Bobby George's 22-year-old record (6.83 metres) by making a long jump of 6.88 metres at the National Inter-State Championship.
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7. AWARDS AND HONOURS

29th National Awards for e-Governance (NAe-G) – 2026

- Recently, a total of 17 projects/initiatives in 7 categories have been selected to recognise and encourage excellence in the implementation of e-governance initiatives. These awards will be presented to the selected initiatives/projects during the 29th National Conference on e-Governance to be held in Jaipur (Rajasthan).
- Classification of Awards- 10 Gold, 6 Silver, 1 Jury Award.
- **Award Amount-**
 - ❑ Gold Award- ₹10 lakh, trophy and certificate
 - ❑ Silver Award- ₹5 lakh, trophy and certificate
 - ❑ Award Winners and Related Organisations-

S.	Name of Project/Initiative	Related Ministry/Organisation/State
1.	Agri Stack	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
2.	e-Jagriti	Ministry of Consumer Affairs
3.	Mahakumbh-2025	Prayagraj Mela Authority, Uttar Pradesh
4.	Blood Bag Traceability and Citizen Contact Portal	Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council
5.	AI-enabled Clinical Decision Support System in e-Sanjeevani	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
6.	District Court Case Management System	Kerala High Court
7.	ICMR-MINDS (Mental Health Screening Research)	Indian Council of Medical Research
8.	Threat Intelligence/DNS Filtering Security Product	Space Applications Centre- ISRO, Ahmedabad
9.	Cyber Security in e-Municipality	Urban Development and Housing Department, Madhya Pradesh
10.	Integrated Cyber Security Framework	Bank of Baroda
11.	e-Arogya Dhamani	Health Department, Zilla Parishad Nandurbar, Maharashtra
12.	Pune 360	Pune Municipal Corporation, Maharashtra
13.	Kodur Gram Panchayat	Sangli District, Maharashtra
14.	Bijoy Nagar Gram Panchayat	West Tripura District, Tripura
15.	Trinetra (AI-based Video Surveillance for Mahakal Temple)	Mahakaleshwar Temple Trust, Ujjain
16.	Panchayat Advancement Index	Ministry of Panchayati Raj
17.	Precise Positioning through the CORS Network (Jury Award)	Survey of India

7 Categories of the National Awards for e-Governance 2026-

1. Re-engineering Government Processes through the Use of Technology for Digital Transformation.
2. Innovation through the use of AI and other new-age technologies for providing citizen-centric services.
3. Best e-Governance practices/innovation in cyber security.
4. District-level initiative in e-Governance.
5. Grassroots-level initiatives by Gram Panchayats or equivalent traditional local bodies to deepen/expand service delivery.
6. Replication and expansion of National Award-winning and Mission Mode e-Governance projects by States/ Union Territories/Districts.
7. Digital transformation through the use of data analytics in digital platforms by Central Ministries/ States/Union Territories.

UN Military Gender Advocate Award-

- Recently, Major Abhilasha Barak, an officer in the Indian Army, was honored with the UN Military Gender Advocate Award for the year 2025. At present, Major Abhilasha Barak is serving in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) as an Engagement Team Commander and Gender Focal Point.
- With this honour, Major Barak has become the third Indian peacekeeper to receive this honour. Before this, Suman Gawani received this award in 2019 and Radhika Sen in 2023.
- Major Abhilasha Barak is also the first woman combat helicopter pilot of the Indian Army.
- UN Military Gender Advocate Award-
- Establishment- Year 2016
- Concerned Department- Office of Military Affairs (United Nations Department of Peace Operations)
- This award is presented to those military peacekeepers who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to promoting gender equality.

The President Conferred 'Gallantry Awards'-

- Recently, the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, conferred Gallantry Awards at the Defence Investiture Ceremony-2026 (Phase-I), organised at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 8 June, 2026.
- These awards were presented to those personnel who displayed indomitable courage and exceptional bravery while performing their duties.
- During Phase-I of the Defence Investiture Ceremony-2026, a total of 51 Gallantry Awards were presented, the details of which are as follows-
 - Kirti Chakra- 7 (2 Posthumous)
 - Vir Chakra- 15 (3 Posthumous)
 - Shaurya Chakra- 29 (1 Posthumous)

Kirti Chakra- 7 (2 Posthumous)-

S. No.	Name	Service
1	Lance Naik Meenakshi Sundaram	Army
2	Naib Subedar Doleshwar Subba	Army
3	Major Arshdeep Singh	Army
4	Air Commodore Prashant Balkrishnan Nair	Air Force
5	Captain Lalrinawma Sailo	Army
6	Sepoy Janjal Praveen Prabhakar, Mahar Regiment (Posthumous)	Army
7	Lieutenant Shashank Tiwari, Army Service Corps (Posthumous)	Army

Vir Chakra- 15 (3 Posthumous)-

SN	Name	Service
1	Colonel Kaushik Lamba	Army
2	Group Captain Ranjit Singh Sidhu	Air Force
3	Group Captain Manish Arora	Air Force
4	Group Captain Abhimanyu Patni	Air Force
5.	Group Captain Kunal Kalra	Air Force
6.	Wing Commander (Now Group Captain) Joy Chandra	Air Force
7.	Lieutenant Colonel Sushil Bisht	Army
8.	Squadron Leader Sarthak Kumar	Air Force
9.	Squadron Leader Siddhant Singh	Air Force
10.	Squadron Leader Shivam Malik	Air Force
11.	Flight Lieutenant Ashish Singh Thakur	Air Force
12.	Naib Subedar Satish Kumar	Army
13.	Sub Inspector (GD), Mohammad Imteyaz (Posthumous)	Ministry of Home Affairs
14.	Rifleman Sushil Kumar, 4 Jammu-Kashmir Light Infantry (Posthumous)	Army
15.	CT/GD Deepak Chingakhram (Posthumous)	Ministry of Home Affairs

Shaurya Chakra-29 (1 Posthumous)-

S. No.	Name	Service
1	Inspector, Shri Lakshman Kewat	Ministry of Home Affairs
2	Lieutenant Colonel Nitish Bharti Shukla	Army
3	Major Aditya Pratap Singh	Army
4	Major Ashish Kumar	Army
5	Constable/GD Sanjay Tiwari	Ministry of Home Affairs
6	Assistant Commandant Mohammad Shafiq	Army
7	Lieutenant Commander Suraj Parashar	Navy
8	Ram Goyal	Navy
9	Constable/GD Saddam Hussain	Ministry of Home Affairs
10	Assistant Commandant Bipin Bilson	Ministry of Home Affairs
11	Rifleman Bhoj Ram Sahu	Army
12	Wing Commander Abhimanyu Singh	Air Force
13	Major Bhargav Kalita	Army
14	Major Leishangthem Deepak Singh	Army
15	Major Anshul Baldu	Army
16	Major Shivakant Yadav	Army
17	Subedar PH Moses	Army
18	Major Vivek	Army
19	Rifleman Manglem Sang Vaiphei —	Army
20	Lieutenant Colonel Ghatage Aditya Shrikumar	Army
21	Kaman Yogendra Singh Thakur	Army
22	Subedar Shamsher Singh	Army
23	Lance Naik (Now Naik) Rahul Singh	Army
24	Rifleman Dhruva Jyoti Dutta	Army
25	Lieutenant Commander Dilna K	Navy
26	Lieutenant Commander Rupa A	Navy
27	Inspector, Shri Rameshwar Prasad Deshmukh	Ministry of Home Affairs
28	Constable/GD Feda Hussain Dar	Ministry of Home Affairs
29	Baldev Chand (Posthumous)	Army

The President of India Conferred Padma Awards-2026 at the Civil Investiture Ceremony-II- Padma Awards 2026

- Recently, the President of India conferred the Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri Awards for the year 2026 at the Civil Investiture Ceremony-II held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 23 June, 2026.
- Award Recipients-
- Padma Vibhushan- Two people were honoured at Ceremony-II-

S. No.	Name	Field	State
1	Shri K. T. Thomas	Public Affairs	Kerala
2	Shri P. Narayanan	Literature and Education	Kerala

Seven People Were Honoured with the Padma Bhushan at Ceremony-II

S. No.	Name	Field	State/Country
1	Shri Vijay Amritraj	Sports	United States of America
2	Shri S. K. M. Mailanandhan	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
3	Shri Mammooty	Art	Kerala
4	Shri Vellappally Natesan	Public Affairs	Kerala
5	Dr. Nori Dattatreyaudu	Medicine	United States of America
6	Shri Shibu Soren (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Jharkhand
7	Ms. Alka Yagnik	Art	Maharashtra

- Fifty-seven people were honoured with the Padma Shri Award at Ceremony-II.

Padma Awards 2026

- The President approved a total of 131 Padma Awards for the year 2026. These include 5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri Awards.

Padma Awards

- The Padma Awards are among the highest civilian honours of India.
- These are presented in three categories:
 1. Padma Vibhushan
 2. Padma Bhushan
 3. Padma Shri
- These awards are presented in various fields, including art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports and civil service.
- The Padma Vibhushan is presented for exceptional and distinguished service, the Padma Bhushan for distinguished service of a high order and the Padma Shri for distinguished service in any field.
- The Padma Awards were instituted in the year 1954.
- Nominations for these are accepted by the Ministry of Home Affairs through the National Awards Portal.
- No cash amount or pension is given with the Padma Awards.
- The Padma Awards are announced every year on the eve of Republic Day.
- These honours are presented by the President of India at ceremonies organised at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Wolf Prize-

- Recently, American-Indian-origin theoretical physicist Prof. Jainendra K. Jain was honoured with the Wolf Prize for the discovery of composite fermions.
- Professor Prof. Jainendra K. Jain is the first person of Indian origin to receive the Wolf Prize.
- This award is presented by the 'Wolf Foundation' and is considered the world's most prestigious honour after the Nobel Prize.
- **Connection with Rajasthan-** His primary, secondary and higher-secondary schooling was completed in Rajasthan. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Maharaja College, Jaipur.

Indian Athletics Awards 2025-

- Award Distribution Date- 20 June, 2026
- Award Distribution Venue- New Delhi
- **List of Winners of the Indian Athletics Awards 2025**
 - ☐ Male Athlete of the Year- Neeraj Chopra
 - ☐ Female Athlete of the Year- Parul Chaudhary
 - ☐ Emerging Male Athlete of the Year- Shahnawaz Khan
 - ☐ Emerging Female Athlete of the Year- Pooja
 - ☐ Best Coach of the Year- Parveer Singh
- Lifetime Achievement Award- P. T. Usha, Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, Bahadur Singh Chauhan, Anju Bobby George
- Best State Federation of the Year- Tamil Nadu Athletics Association
- State Providing the Best Support to Athletics- Government of Odisha
- Best Technical Official of the Year- Dr. Kuldeep Singh

Award Distribution Ceremony of the 36th National Youth Parliament Competition-2025-26 for Kendriya Vidyalayas-

- Recently, the Award Distribution Ceremony of the 36th National Youth Parliament Competition-2025-26 for Kendriya Vidyalayas will be organised in New Delhi on 25 June, 2026.
- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has been organising Youth Parliament Competitions in Kendriya Vidyalayas for the last 38 years.
- The objective of the Youth Parliament Scheme is to develop self-discipline, tolerance towards different opinions, impartial expression of views and other qualities of a democratic way of life among the younger generation.
- For securing first position in the competition at the national level, the 'Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Running Parliamentary Shield and Trophy' was awarded to Dr. Rajendra Prasad Kendriya Vidyalaya, President's Estate, New Delhi (Delhi Region, North Zone).
- Regional Winners-**

S. No.	Name of Kendriya Vidyalaya	Region
1.	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Mathura Cantt, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh (Agra Region)	West
2.	PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Madurai, Tamil Nadu (Chennai Region)	South
3.	PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2, Shivaji Nagar, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal Region)	Central
4.	PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Air Force Station, Borjhar, Guwahati, Assam (Guwahati Region)	East

- Winner trophies were also awarded to the 20 Kendriya Vidyalayas that secured first position in the competition at the regional level.
- Note- Winner trophies were also awarded to PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Air Force Station, Suratgarh, Rajasthan (Region-Jaipur).

Jyoti Mahajan

- She is the founder of Bright Beginnings New Dawn Welfare Foundation.
- She was honoured with the 'Woman Achiever of the Year' honour at the 'Heroes of India Awards 2026' for her notable contribution in the field of education and social service.
- Jyoti Mahajan runs various programmes through the organisation for the upliftment and skill development of underprivileged children.

Soil Farmer Hero Honour-

- Recently, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization honoured 58-year-old farmer Valluvan of Tamil Nadu with the 'Soil Farmer Hero' honour.
- Valluvan transformed a coconut farm into multi-crop farming and improved water conservation and soil quality.

Pratibha M. Singh-

- She has been inducted into the International IP Hall of Fame-2026. She has become the first Indian judge to be inducted into it. At present, she is a judge in the Delhi High Court.

Major Prabhat Mishra-

- He is a Major in the 22 Kumaon Regiment of the Indian Army. He has won two top academic awards at the US Army Command and General Staff College. He has been honoured with the **Birrer-Brookes Award** for an outstanding Master of Military Arts and Science thesis and the General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Award.
- He is the first Indian officer since the year 1948 to win the **Birrer-Brookes Award**

Bheru Singh Chauhan

- He is the person who gave recognition to the Nirgun Bhajans of Malwa across the country. The Sangeet Natak Akademi has selected him in the Nirgun category of the awards for the year 2024-25. He was also honoured with the Padma Shri in 2025.

Short - Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai has been appointed the new Chief Justice of the Patna High Court. Before this, she was a judge in the Sikkim High Court and is the first woman from Sikkim to become a High Court judge.
Short - Recently, the National Panchayat Awards 2025 were distributed in New Delhi on 3 June, 2026. These awards were presented to 42 outstanding Panchayats from across the country for the year 2025. (See the June issue for the award categories)

Elections and Appointments

National

Vivek Aggarwal Elected Vice-President of the Financial Action Task Force-

- Recently, senior Indian bureaucrat Vivek Aggarwal has been elected as the next Vice-President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for the 2026-27 term. The decision to elect him as Vice-President was taken during the FATF Plenary Meeting held from 17-19 June, 2026.
- His tenure will be from July, 2026 to June, 2027.
- In this FATF Plenary Meeting, Giles Thomson has been appointed as the next President of the FATF.
- Vivek Aggarwal is currently serving as Secretary in the Ministry of Culture. Vivek Aggarwal has previously led the Indian delegation to the Financial Action Task Force.

Financial Action Task Force (FATF)-

- Establishment- 1989
- Headquarters- In Paris
- It is an inter-governmental organisation.
- It sets global standards to prevent money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing.
- The tenure of the FATF Presidency is two years and the Vice-President assists the President in achieving the objectives of the organisation.

Shri D. K. Shivakumar-

- Recently, senior Karnataka Congress leader D. K. Shivakumar took oath as the new Chief Minister of the State. Karnataka Governor Thawarchand Gehlot administered him the oath of office and secrecy.
- Dr. G. Parameshwara also took oath as the Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka.

Neelkanth Mishra-

- He is a renowned economist of India and a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. He has been appointed as India's new Executive Director at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington. His tenure will be for three years and he will replace Parameswaran Iyer.

Dhiraj Seth-

- Recently, the Government of India appointed the current Vice Chief of the Army Staff, Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth, as the next Chief of the Army Staff with effect from 30 June, 2026.
- Dhiraj Seth will replace the current Chief of the Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi. He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, and was commissioned into the Armoured Corps in December, 1986.

Dr. P. L. Gautam-

- He is a renowned agricultural scientist of India. He has recently been appointed Chairman of the Agrobiodiversity Expert Committee. Dr. P. L. Gautam was recently honoured with the Padma Shri for his distinguished contribution to agricultural science. Agrobiodiversity Expert Committee- This committee functions as an important advisory body of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).

Ashutosh Dixit-

- He is a senior officer and Air Marshal of the Indian Air Force. The Government of India has appointed him as the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff. He will assume office on 1 July, 2026. At present, Ashutosh Dixit is serving as the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) at the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff.

Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay

- He is the former Director of the Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata. Recently, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) appointed him as the Chairman of the National Statistical Commission. Along with him, the following persons have been appointed as members of this Commission-
 1. Prof. Shubhabrata Das
 2. Shri Satyendra Bahadur Singh
 3. Dr. Madhavan Mukund

National Statistical Commission-

- Establishment- In the year 2005, this commission functions as a nodal body for all major statistical activities of the country.

Pankaj Sharma

- Recently, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed him as the General Manager of North Western Railway. He is a 1989-batch officer of the Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers.

Air Marshal Tarun Chaudhary-

- He has been appointed as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Central Air Command of the Air Force. He has replaced Air Marshal Balakrishnan Manikantan.

Rajiv Ghai Appointed as the New Military Adviser to the NSCS-

- Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai has been appointed as the new Military Adviser to the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS).
- He was the DGMO during Operation Sindoor.

- Rajiv Ghai will be the first serving officer to be appointed to the post in the NSCS.
- **National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS)-**
 - Establishment- Year 1998
 - Headquarters- New Delhi
 - It is the apex body that advises the Prime Minister's Office on matters of national security and strategic interests.

Rudra Gaurav Shresth-

- He is a 1999-batch Indian Foreign Service officer.
- The Ministry of External Affairs has appointed him as India's new Ambassador to Türkiye. He is currently India's Ambassador to Iran.

Dr. Alka Rao-

- She has been appointed Director of the Chandigarh-based CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology.
- She is the first woman scientist to hold this position since the establishment of the institution in the year 1984. Before this, she had served as an adviser in the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.

Vipul-

- He is a 1998-batch Indian Foreign Service officer.
- The Ministry of External Affairs has appointed him as the next Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. He will be the first non-Muslim Indian diplomat to be appointed to this post in Saudi Arabia.
- Vipul, currently India's Ambassador to Qatar, will replace Suhel Ajaz Khan.

Alakh N. Sharma-

- He has been appointed Chairman of the Technical Expert Committee constituted on Labour Statistics.
- This committee will assess the changes taking place in the country's labour market and work on preparing accurate data in accordance with international standards.
- Professor Alakh N. Sharma is currently the Director of the Institute for Human Development.

Harsh Pati Singhania-

- He is an Indian business leader. He has been elected as the new Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Paris.

Tushar Mehta

- The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet has approved the reappointment of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta for another term of three years. Apart from this, Vikramjit Banerjee, K. M. Nataraj, S. V. Raju, Aishwarya Bhati and N. Venkataraman have also been reappointed as Additional Solicitors General.

Vishwas Vithu Sapkal-

- He has been appointed as India's Ambassador to Slovakia. He is a 1998-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service. Before this, he had served as India's High Commissioner to Fiji.

Mahesh Dixit-

- The Government of India has appointed Mahesh Dixit as the new Director of the Intelligence Bureau. He has replaced Tapan Deka, whose tenure ended on 30 June, 2026. He is a 1993-batch Indian Police Service officer.

International

Mette Frederiksen-

- She is currently serving her third consecutive term as the Prime Minister of Denmark. She has formed a coalition government with the Social Democratic Party, the Liberal Party and the Moderates.
- She is the second woman to hold this position and the youngest Prime Minister in the history of Denmark.

Abelardo de la Espriella-

- He has won the Colombian presidential election. He is also known by the nickname "The Tiger" in Colombia.
- He has become the presidential candidate to receive the highest number of votes (2.9 million votes) in Colombia's history.

Bill Pulte-

- He has recently been appointed Acting Director of National Intelligence by the US Government. He will replace Tulsi Gabbard of Indian origin. Bill Pulte is currently the head of the Housing Finance Agency.

Han Seong-sook-

- She has assumed office as the Prime Minister of South Korea.
- She will be the first woman Prime Minister of South Korea in the past two decades.

Adrian Veștea-

- He is a Romanian politician. Romanian President Nicușor Dan has appointed him as the Prime Minister of the country.

Bimal N. Patel-

- He is an Indian jurist, a member of the International Law Commission and the Vice-Chancellor of the National Defence University. He has been elected as a judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS). ITLOS resolves disputes related to maritime law.

Miscellaneous

- **Short-** Recently, Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty assumed charge as the 20th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command at Sri Vijaya Puram on 1 June, 2026.
- **Short-** Recently, Major General Rahul Thomas assumed charge as Additional Director General of the Military Nursing Service on 1 June, 2026. She replaced Major General Lisamma P. V.
- **Short-** The Government of India appointed Sundarraj P., a 2003-batch IPS officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre, as the new Director General of the National Investigation Agency.
- **Short-** Kunal Shah, the founder of Indian fintech company CRED, has been appointed as the Global CEO of WhatsApp.
- **Short-** Prabhjeet Singh has been appointed to the post of Managing Director of OpenAI (India).

Demises

Dr. Subhash Kashyap-

- He was a renowned constitutional expert, distinguished author and former Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha, who passed away on 4 June, 2026.
- **Constitutional and Administrative Role-**
 - ❑ **Parliamentary Service-** Served the Indian Parliament from 1953 to 1990 and was Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha.
 - ❑ **Constitution Review Commission-** Chairman of the Drafting and Editorial Committee of the 'National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution'.
 - ❑ From 1990 to 2023, he was an Honorary Research Professor at CPR and played a role in the establishment of the 'Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India'.
- **Honour-** He was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in the year 2015.
- **Writings-**
 - ❑ Our Constitution (Hamara Samvidhan)
 - ❑ Our Parliament (Hamari Sansad)

Salim Kumar-

- He was a National Award-winning and veteran Malayalam actor.
- He recently passed away in Kochi due to cardiac arrest. He worked in approximately 350 films during a career spanning three decades. He received the National Film Award for Best Actor in the year 2010 for his performance in the film 'Adaminte Makan Abu'.

Bharathiraja-

- He was a film producer and director of Tamil cinema. He recently passed away at the age of 84. He was affectionately known as 'Iyakkunar Imayam'. He is credited with bringing realistic rural stories to the big screen in Tamil cinema.

Krishnaswamy Bhagyaraj

- He was an actor, director and screenwriter in the Tamil film industry, who passed away at the age of 73.

- He was known as the 'King of Screenplay'. He acted in more than 75 films and directed more than 25 films.

Jaspal Rana-

- He was an Indian shooter and a gold medallist at the Asian Games. Recently, he passed away in New Delhi at the age of 49.
- He was serving as the coach of Indian pistol shooters. He had trained Manu Bhaker in shooting.
- In February 2025, he was appointed the High-Performance Coach of the Indian Junior Team for the 25-metre pistol.
- **Medal Winner- 23 Medals**
- **Asian Games- 8 Medals**
 - ❑ Gold - 4 Medals
 - ❑ Silver - 2 Medals
 - ❑ Bronze - 2 Medals
- **Commonwealth Games- 15 Medals**
 - ❑ Gold - 9 Medals
 - ❑ Silver - 4 Medals
 - ❑ Bronze - 2 Medals
- **Honours-**
 - ❑ Arjuna Award in the year 1994
 - ❑ Padma Shri Award in the year 1997
 - ❑ Dronacharya Award in the year 2020

Pahlaj Nihalani

- He was a veteran film producer and former Chairman of the Censor Board. He passed away at the age of 76.
- He began his career as a producer with the film 'Hathkadi' in the year 1982.
- Other Films- Ilzaam, Gunahon Ka Faisla, Shola Aur Shabnam, Aankhen and Talaash.
- He served as the Chairman of the Censor Board from January, 2015 to August, 2017.

Dinyar Tirandaz-

- He was a veteran actor who passed away at the age of 69. He worked in serials such as Nukkad, Byomkesh Bakshi and Zabaan Sambhal Ke.

Robert A. F. Thurman-

- He was an eminent scholar of Buddhism, a distinguished teacher and a Padma Shri awardee. He recently passed away in Woodstock, New York, at the age of 84.
- Works Written by Him-
 - Why the Dalai Lama Matters
 - Wisdom Is Bliss

William R. Berkley-

- He was an American entrepreneur and the founder and Executive Chairman of the global insurance company W. R. Berkley.
- He passed away at the age of 80.
- South African pianist Abdullah Ibrahim passed away in Germany at the age of 91. His famous composition 'Mannenberg' was recorded in 1974. This composition had also inspired Nelson Mandela.
- Bajrakitiyabha Narendira Debyavati- She was a princess of Thailand who passed away at the age of 47.

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Meeting of the BRICS Culture Working Group (CWG)-

- Meeting- Second
- Date of Event- 4-5 June, 2026
- Venue- Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- In accordance with the theme of India's BRICS 2026, "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability", this meeting will promote practical multilateral dialogue on cultural cooperation.

India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue Meeting

- Edition of the Meeting- Second
- Date of Event- 1 June, 2026
- Venue- Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- Chairmanship- India's Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Shri Richard Marles co-chaired it.
- **Objectives-**
 - To advance the long-term vision of the Prime Ministers of both countries.
 - To renew and strengthen the Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation.
- **Note-** The first edition of the India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue Meeting was held on 9 October, 2025.

Dialogue on Advanced Livestock Technology and Feed Systems (LT&FS) in BRICS-

- Date of Event- 1 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Objective- To strengthen challenging livestock sectors in BRICS member countries.

13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum-

- Date of Event- 11-12 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Theme- "Cities for People: BRICS Cooperation for an Inclusive and Resilient Urban Future"
- **Objective-** To promote the creation of inclusive, sustainable, resilient and people-centric cities among member countries.
- This forum is an important ministerial programme under India's BRICS Presidency in 2026.

India-South Africa Meeting on MSME Cooperation-

- Date of Event- 1 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Chairmanship- Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, MSME Minister
- Objective- To explore opportunities to strengthen co-operation and partnership in the MSME sector.

Conference on Global Best Practices and Innovations for Media in Electoral Processes and Campaigns-

- Date of Event- 3-4 June, 2026
- Venue- India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), New Delhi
- Organiser- Election Commission of India
- Objective- To develop researcher-oriented global knowledge resources documenting international experiences, ideal standards and best practices in various dimensions of election management.

Investors' Camp-

- Date of Event- 5 June, 2026
- Venue- Bhopal
- Organisers- Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- **Objective-** To empower investors and simplify the processes for the redressal of their grievances and unclaimed dividends.

Organisation of the 73rd Plenary Session of the North Eastern Council-

- Recently, the 73rd Plenary Session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) was held in Shillong, Meghalaya, on 4 June, 2026.
- The session was chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The session deliberated on the comprehensive advancement of economic development, connectivity, innovation, sustainability and cultural prosperity in the North Eastern Region.
- North Eastern Council- It is the nodal agency for the economic and social development of the North Eastern Region.
- This council was constituted through an Act of Parliament in 1971.
- It includes eight States—Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

A National Workshop on the Subject of Seafood Exports-

- Date of Event- 5-6 June, 2026
- Venue- Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- Organiser- Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- Collaborating Institutions- With the support of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Government of Andhra Pradesh
- Objective- To strengthen India's seafood export ecosystem among States and stakeholders

Global Business Research Conference 2026

- Date of Event- 4 June, 2026
- Venue- Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)
- Theme- Business Management amid Global Turmoil
- Objective- To deliberate on the challenges of business management during a period of global uncertainties and geopolitical turmoil.

Meeting of the India-Indonesia Joint Commission-

- Edition- 8th
- Date of Event- 7 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Chairmanship- Dr. S. Jaishankar and Indonesian Foreign Minister Sugiono (Co-Chairmanship)
- In this meeting, an agreement was reached to increase cooperation in politics, defence, security, trade, investment, critical minerals, health, tourism and education.

City India Conference 2026

- Date of Event- 3-4 June, 2026
- Venue- Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai
- Objective- To bring global investors, corporate leaders, policymakers and entrepreneurs onto a single platform for India's economic development

Youth Viksit Bharat- MY Bharat Youth Conference

- Date of Event- 6 June, 2026
- Venue- Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi
- Organiser- Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- More than 6,000 youths from across the country participated in this conference.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone-II North Zone Conference-

- Date of Event- 8-9 June, 2026
- Venue- Haryana Legislative Assembly, Chandigarh
- Edition- Second
- Theme- 'Role of an Aware Society and Lawmakers in Realising the Goal of Viksit Bharat 2047'
- **Objective-** To strengthen parliamentary cooperation, facilitate the exchange of best legislative and parliamentary practices and promote constructive dialogue on issues of regional and national importance.

National Workshop on Seafood Exports

- Date of Event- 5-6 June, 2026
- Venue- Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- Organiser- Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- Collaborating Institutions/Departments- Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Government of Andhra Pradesh

- Objective- To establish India as a globally competitive seafood-exporting nation.

Unlocking Value- South Asian Policy Leadership Dialogue for Enhanced Nutrition and Development-2026-

- Date of Event- 9-10 June, 2026
- Venue- Ahmedabad
- Organiser- Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- Objective- To promote food processing for employment generation and sustainable development in South Asia.

National Workshop on the 'Small Hydropower Development Scheme'-

- Date of Event- 9 June, 2026
- Organiser- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- Objective- To accelerate small hydropower development throughout India.

Meeting of the BRICS Science Academies Forum 2026-

- Edition- First
- Date of Event- 9 June, 2026
- Organiser- Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi
- Theme- "Using AI for Sustainable Development and Strengthening Global South Cooperation"
- **Objective-** To use artificial intelligence for sustainable development and strengthen Global South cooperation.
- Science academies from 10 countries—Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Russia, South Africa, Belarus, Nigeria and Vietnam—participated in this forum to advance a joint declaration on responsible and equitable AI development.
- The second onsite meeting of the BRICS Science Academies Forum will be organised at IIT Hyderabad on 22-23 July, 2026.

Meeting of the India-Tajikistan Joint Commission-

- Meeting- 12th
- Date of Event- 10 June, 2026
- Mode of Event- Through video conference
- **Objective-** To strengthen cooperation between the two countries in trade, investment, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, the services sector, energy, transport connectivity and capacity building

BRICS Urbanisation Forum-

- Edition- 13th Edition
- Date of Event- 11-12 June, 2026
- Venue- Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi
- Organiser- Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

- Theme- People-Centred Cities: BRICS Cooperation for an Inclusive and Resilient Urban Future
- Objective- To provide an opportunity to give the urban-development agenda a stronger place in the global development discourse
- Ministers, senior government officials and urban-development experts from Brazil, Russia, Indonesia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and the United Arab Emirates participated in this forum.
- India is hosting the BRICS Urbanisation Forum for the fourth time.

Before this-

1. Year 2013 - In New Delhi
2. Year 2016 - In Visakhapatnam
3. Year 2021 - Through virtual mode

SARTHI (Strategic Advisory and Reform Task Force) Meeting-

- Meeting- First Meeting
- Date of Event- 12 June, 2026
- Venue- Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- Organiser- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- **Objective-** To strengthen Industrial Training Institutes and ensure that the vocational-training system remains aligned with the rapidly changing requirements of industry and the future workforce needs.
- This meeting was chaired by Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India (Independent Charge).

Meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog-

- Meeting- 11th Meeting
- Date of Event- 11 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Organiser- NITI Aayog
- Theme of the Meeting- Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047
- Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors and Administrators representing 28 States and 5 Union Territories participated in this meeting.

NITI Aayog

- Formation- 1 January, 2015
- It is the public-policy think tank of the Government of India.
- Objective- To accelerate economic development through cooperative dialogue.

Governing Council of NITI Aayog-

- Formation- 16 February, 2015

- Reconstitution- February, 2021

Membership Structure-

- Chairperson- Prime Minister of India
- Chief Ministers of all States
- Chief Ministers of Union Territories having legislatures
- Lieutenant Governors of other Union Territories
- Ex-officio Members
- Vice-Chairperson of NITI Aayog
- Full-time Members and Special Invitee Members of NITI Aayog
- Function- To develop a shared vision of national priorities and strategies with the active participation of the States in preparing the framework for national development.
- The Governing Council symbolises the objectives of cooperative federalism.

Defence Procurement and Innovation Ecosystem Seminar

- Date of Event- 11 and 12 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Organiser- Jointly by Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff and the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies
- Theme- Understanding defence procurement, iDEX, TPCR and testing processes for MSMEs and start-ups
- Objective- To strengthen industry participation in the defence-acquisition and innovation ecosystem.

RISE Conclave-2026

- Date of Event- 13-14 June, 2026
- Venue- Bengaluru
- Organiser- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- Theme- Innovation and entrepreneurship-driven development for Viksit Bharat 2047
- Objective- To bring research institutions, industry, start-ups and academicians onto a common platform
- RISE- Research, Industry, Start-up, Entrepreneurship

Meeting of BRICS Agriculture Ministers-

- Meeting Number- 16th
- Date of Event- 12-13 June, 2026
- Venue- Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- Four priorities were discussed in this meeting-
- Priority 1- Food security, nutrition and livelihood
- Priority 2- Agricultural trade and cooperation
- Priority 3- Renewable farming, climate-adaptive and sustainable agriculture
- Priority 4- Strengthening cooperation for innovation and investment to prepare agriculture and the food system for the future

Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament-2026

- Date of Event- 15 to 17 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Organiser- Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla inaugurated this Youth Parliament on 16 June, 2026. Through this event, young citizens gained a practical understanding of governance, policy deliberations and parliamentary functioning.

Drug-Free India Week

- Date of Event- 17 June to 26 June, 2026
- Organiser- Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Objective- To prevent substance abuse and promote a healthy lifestyle

Grand Conference on Empowerment of Tribal Society through Spiritual Awakening-

- Date of Event- 18 June, 2026
- Venue- Betul, Madhya Pradesh
- Organiser- Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya
- Objective- To ensure the holistic development of tribal communities by connecting them with their cultural roots and natural values of life
- The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, also participated in this conference.

BRICS Indore Declaration-



- Recently, at the meeting of BRICS Agriculture Ministers held in Indore on 12-13 June, 2026, the 'BRICS Indore Declaration' was unanimously adopted at the meeting of BRICS Agriculture Ministers.
- The farmer is at the core of the BRICS Indore Declaration.
- This declaration reflects a shared commitment to promoting food security, nutrition, agricultural trade, innovation, investment, climate-resilient farming and sustainable agricultural development.
- Four institutional initiatives were also proposed at this meeting, which are as follows-
 1. The **BRICS Network of Centres of Excellence on Agro-Ecology and Regenerative Agriculture** will be established. This network will become a platform for joint research, experience-sharing and capacity building on natural, organic and regenerative agricultural practices.

2. The **BRICS Network on Digital Agriculture** will be established. It will give a new direction to cooperation in the fields of artificial intelligence, geospatial technology, digital public infrastructure and data-based agricultural solutions.
3. The **Global Forum on Farmers' Rights in Seed Systems** will be established. Its objective is to protect farmers' seed-related rights, the diversity of indigenous seeds and traditional knowledge.
4. The **BRICS AgriN (Agro Inputs, Genetic Resources and Information Network)** will be established, which will strengthen cooperation among member countries in the fields of agricultural inputs, seeds and genetic resources.

Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2026

- Edition- 19th Edition
- Date of Event- 15 to 21 June, 2026
- Venue- Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Organiser- By the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)
- This year, 1,459 films from 47 countries, including India, were received in the competition section of the festival.

■ Golden Conch Award-

- ☐ Best Documentary Film- The Polish documentary 'Silver' received the highest honour of this festival.
- ☐ Director and Producer- It was directed by Natalia Koniarz and produced by Maciej Kubicki.

■ Silver Conch Award-

- ☐ Best Indian Documentary Film- This award was presented to Sainath M. for her film.
- ☐ Best Animation Film- The German film 'Maya's Song' received this award, which was directed and produced by Franziska Schöenberg and Jayakrishnan Subramanian.

Mumbai International Film Festival-

- It was started in the year 1990.
- It is the oldest and largest non-feature film festival in South Asia.
- It is organised by the National Film Development Corporation of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.

First BRICS MSME Forum and Third MSME Working Group Meeting-

- Date of Event- 19 June, 2026
- Venue- Agra, Uttar Pradesh
- Theme- Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- Organiser- Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

All India Fingerprint Conference-2026-

- Edition- 26th Edition
- Date of Event- 19-20 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Inauguration- By Union Minister of Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah
- Objective- To increase the conviction rate and ensure speedy justice to citizens by making maximum use of cutting-edge technology and the fingerprint database in the criminal justice system.
- Note- Four important applications were also launched by the Union Home Minister at this conference-

1. NCRB-Abhigyan-

- It is a mobile application that enables on-field police to scan the fingerprint of a suspicious person from any location with the help of a certified fingerprint scanner and search it in the national database.
- It makes field policing more capable and faster.

2. CrPI Application-

- Face, iris and DNA matching are being integrated into this system.
- It increases the reliability of multimodal biometric identification technology, reduces manual errors and makes the process more transparent.

3. e-Forensics 2.0-

- It connects the country's forensic laboratories and investigating agencies on a digital platform.

4. e-Prosecution 2.0-

- This platform establishes digital coordination among the police, prosecution and judicial process so that timely punishment can also be ensured after the identification of the criminal.

Sindhu Kumbh-

- Date of Event- 22 to 27 June, 2026 (Five-day)
- Venue- Leh-Ladakh
- Objectives-
 1. To revive the cultural heritage of the country.
 2. To promote national unity and express respect towards the Indus River.
- This is the first Sindhu Kumbh. It is being celebrated to mark the completion of 30 years of the Sindhu Darshan Yatra (year 1997).

Nirbhay Chetna Campaign/Programme

- Date of Event- 7 to 19 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Organiser- Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- Objective- To strengthen gender-sensitive governance at the grassroots level.

- The Nirbhay Chetna training module developed by Transform Rural India was also launched in this programme.
- The objective of this initiative is to prepare a group of master trainers who will train male elected representatives on gender equality, women's safety, rights and leadership within Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Nirbhay Chetna-

- It is an initiative launched under the Nirbhay Raho Initiative started on 11 March, 2026.
- Objective- To sensitise elected male representatives towards gender equality and women's safety.

BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting-2026

- Edition/Meeting Number- 11th
- Date of Event- 25-26 June, 2026
- Venue- Gurugram, Haryana
- Organiser- India
- Theme- Universal Energy (Energy for All)
- Objective- To promote cooperation on energy security, stability and innovation.
- This meeting focused on three priority areas, which are as follows-
 - Priority 1: Energy Security and Stability
 - Priority 2: Energy Access and Equity
 - Priority 3: Technology and Innovation

Meeting of the Defence Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Meeting Number or Edition- 15th
- Date of Event- 23 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Organiser- Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS)
- Goal- To adopt self-reliance and state-of-the-art equipment in information technology in a time-bound manner.

Summit on "Textiles for Global Markets"

- Date of Event- 23 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Organiser- Ministry of Textiles
- Theme- Textiles for Global Markets: Strategy to Achieve the Target of US\$100 Billion in Exports by 2030
- Objective- To prepare a coordinated action plan and increase textile and apparel exports from approximately US\$37 billion to US\$100 billion by 2030.

Vande Mataram Camp-

- Edition/Number- First
- Date of Event- 24 to 30 June, 2026
- Venue- Kolkata, West Bengal
- Organiser- Department of Youth Affairs (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports)

- Objective- To strengthen national unity, constitutional values and youth leadership.
- This camp is being organised under the 'MY Bharat' Campaign. Under this initiative, 20 camps will be organised in identified districts, each of which will include 150 young participants between the ages of 15 and 29 years.
- Each camp will have representatives from six States, and representation from the North-East will be mandatory. There will be at least 50 per cent participation of women and socially deprived sections.

National Conference on Ensuring the Quality of Blood and Blood Components through IP-2026-

- Date of Event- 24 June, 2026
- Venue- Ghaziabad
- Organiser- Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission
- Objective- To raise awareness about monographs related to blood and blood components recently included in Indian Pharmacopoeia 2026 and assist in implementing them.

Summer Fancy Food Show 2026-

- Date of Event- 28 June, 2026
- Venue- New York, United States of America
- Inaugurators- Shri Binaya Srikanta Pradhan and Vikas Khanna (Chef)
- This show is North America's most distinctive and prestigious food exhibition. Six high-quality export varieties of Indian mangoes were displayed at the India Pavilion of this show.
- Dishes made from basmati rice at the Summer Fancy Food Show-2026 also showcased the diversity of Indian rice.

10th Apex-Level Meeting of the Narco-Coordination Centre (NCORD)

- Edition/Meeting- 10th
- Date of Event- 26 June, 2026
- Venue- Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- Organiser- Narcotics Control Bureau
- This hybrid-mode meeting brings together key stakeholders from 44 Central Ministries and Departments, as well as 108 representatives from State Governments and drug-law-enforcement agencies.
- At this meeting, the Union Home Minister released the "Vijay Dashboard on Narcotics Control 2026-2029". This Vijay Dashboard provides a common roadmap for demand-reduction, supply-reduction and harm-reduction initiatives to address the drug problem.

National Workshop on "Benefits of AI in Rural Development"-

- Date of Event- 25 June, 2026
- Venue- Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

- Organiser- Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development
- Theme- Benefits of AI in Rural Development

Objectives-

- ❑ To identify scalable and high-impact AI use cases suitable for rural development.
- ❑ To showcase implementation experiences and institutional learning from industry partners and academicians.
- ❑ To assess the preparedness of the data ecosystem and institutional framework required for the adoption of technology across the country.

Textiles Summit-2026

- Date of Event- 23 to 24 June, 2026, Venue- New Delhi
- Organiser- Ministry of Textiles
- **Objective-** To ensure sustainable development, exports and global-market expansion for the textile trade.

National Cooperative Conference

- Edition- 8th
- Commencement of the Event- 25 June, 2026
- Venue- Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir
- Theme- "Prosperity through Cooperation- From Vision to Ground Reality"
- Objective- To review the initiatives undertaken in the cooperative sectors, identify grassroots-level challenges and prepare a future roadmap.

Sujal Gram Samvad-

- Edition- 8th Edition
- Date of Event- 25 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Organiser- Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Objective- To strengthen the Government's commitment to community-led water governance under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0.

National Rural Development Conference-2026

- Date of Event- 28 and 29 June, 2026
- Venue- New Delhi
- Organiser- Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
- Chairmanship- Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Objective- To ensure the holistic development of villages.

Conference of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare-2026

- Edition- 16th Conference
- Date of Event- 29 June, 2026
- Venue- Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

- **Organiser-** Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- **Objective-** To review the current initiatives being implemented in the health sector, share best practices in health, identify emerging challenges in the health sector and improve health outcomes across the country.
- **Chairmanship-** Shri J. P. Nadda (Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare)

■ **Central Council of Health and Family Welfare**

- **Formation-** Under Article 263 of the Constitution
- It is the highest advisory body of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- This Council reviews the implementation of policies and programmes related to the medical and public-health sectors and suggests measures for their effective implementation in partnership with the States and Union Territories.

India-Philippines Joint Working Group on Trade and Investment Meeting-

- **Meeting Edition-** 14th
- **Date of Event-** 5 June, 2026
- **Venue-** Manila, Philippines
- **Chairmanship-** Joint Secretary in the Department of Commerce Amit Verma and Undersecretary Allan B. Gepty of the Department of Trade and Industry's International Trade Group, Philippines
- **Bilateral trade and investment trends, identification of priority products and services and promotional activities and cooperation in various sectors were discussed at this meeting.**

International Labour Conference-

- **Edition-** 114th
- **Date of Event-** 1-12 June, 2026
- **Venue-** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Organiser-** International Labour Organization
- **Objective-** To formulate labour standards and policies at the global level and ensure safe and dignified work, fair wages and social security for workers
- **Union Minister of State for Labour, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Labour and Employment Ms. Shobha Karandlaje led the Indian delegation at this conference.**

■ **International Labour Organization (ILO)-**

- **Establishment-** In the year 1919
- **Headquarters-** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Objective-** To promote social justice and protect internationally recognised human and labour rights

WHO Expert Meeting on International Herbal Pharmacopoeia-

- **Meeting Number-** 5th Meeting, **Date of Event-** 16 to 18 June, 2026
- **Venue-** Hong Kong, China
- **Organiser-** World Health Organization (WHO)
- **Objective-** To deliberate on standards for medicines at the global level.

India-Thailand Defence Conference-

- **Edition-** 10th Edition, **Date of Event-** 16 June, 2026
- **Venue-** Bangkok, Thailand
- **Chairmanship-** Deputy Permanent Secretary for Defence of Thailand and Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, Government of India
- **All aspects of bilateral defence cooperation were reviewed at this conference and views were exchanged on regional and global security issues of mutual interest.**

International Meeting of World Pharmacopoeias (IMWP)-2026

- **Edition/Meeting Number-** 16th, **Date of Event-** 15 to 17 June, 2026
- **Venue-** Brasilia, Brazil
- **Objective-** To explore ways of working collaboratively for coordinated efforts to improve public-health outcomes.
- **Note-** The 15th IMWP was jointly organised by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission and the World Health Organization in New Delhi on 6-7 February, 2025.

Session of the India-Uzbekistan Inter-Governmental Commission

- **Edition/Session Number-** 14th, **Date of Event-** 19 June, 2026
- **Venue-** Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **Objective-** To promote trade expansion, regulatory cooperation, sectoral diversification, connectivity facilitation and effective implementation between the two countries.
- **The 15th meeting of the India-Uzbekistan Inter-Governmental Commission will be organised in India.**

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Women's Forum-2026-

- **Date of Event-** 26 June, 2026
- **Venue-** Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
- **Indian Representation-** Union Minister of Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi
- **Theme-** 'Role of Women in Economic Development'

Miscellaneous

- Recently, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 52nd meeting of 'PRAGATI' at Seva Teerth on 24 June, 2026. This ICT-based multi-modal platform was established with the objective of seamlessly integrating the efforts of the Central and State Governments to promote proactive governance and coordinated implementation.
- Recently, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation organised the 9th District Collectors' Panel Dialogue through video conferencing on 16 June, 2026.
- Birsa Lives in New Bharat Week- This week or celebration was observed from 25 May to 2 June, 2026, in memory of the inspirational legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Utsav was celebrated from 10 May to 9 June, 2026.
- Recently, the first meeting of the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group was organised in virtual mode under India's BRICS Presidency and the leadership of the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India, on 2-3 June, 2026.
- Recently, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship organised an Industry Dialogue on PM-SETU (Pradhan Mantri Skill and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs) for the Rajasthan Cluster on 3 June, 2026.
- Recently, a meeting of the National Council for Transgender Persons was organised in New Delhi on 3 June, 2026, under the chairmanship of Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar.
- Recently, the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs organised a National Conference in New Delhi on 13 June, 2026, on the theme "Reimagining India's Corporate Ecosystem: A Decade of Learning-Directions for the Future".
- On the occasion of World Environment Day (5 June), India organised a special programme during UNCTAD Trade and Environment Week-2026 in Geneva, titled "Showcasing India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme and Standardisation in Renewable Energy".
- Recently, the first meeting of the National-Level Policy Implementation and Monitoring Committee constituted under the National Cooperative Policy-2025 was held in New Delhi on 9 June, 2026.

Campaign/Operation/Military Exercise

Multinational Joint Military Exercise 'Khaan Quest'-

- Edition- 23rd
- Date of Event- 20 June to 3 July, 2026
- Venue- Five Hills Training Area, Mongolia
- Participation- It is a multinational joint military exercise in which more than one country participates.
- Objective- To prepare contingents of defence forces for peacekeeping operations in a multinational environment.
- In this exercise, military contingents from around the world gathered to cooperate in peace-support operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter and to enhance interoperability.
- The previous edition of this exercise was organised in Mongolia from 14-28 June, 2025. This exercise was first started in 2003 as a bilateral programme between the defence forces of the United States of America and Mongolia. After this, from 2006, this exercise was transformed into a multinational peacekeeping exercise.

Operation Drishti-

- It was the 9th mega free medical camp conducted by a special eye medical team of the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force.
- This camp was organised from 15 to 19 June, 2026, at the Military Hospital located at Namkum in Ranchi.
- Since the first camp in Dehradun in December, 2024, 'Operation Drishti' has expanded to Jaipur, Bagdogra, Udampur, Lakshadweep, Bhuj, Gorakhpur and Leh-Ladakh.

8. IMPORTANT DAYS

Telangana Formation Day-

- Date of Event- Every year on 2 June
- This day is celebrated in memory of the formation of the State of Telangana.
- On 2 June, 2014, Telangana was officially formed as the 29th State of India by separating the north-western part of Andhra Pradesh.

World Bicycle Day-2026

- Date of Event- Every year on 3 June
- Theme- Cycling for a Greener Future.
- Objective- To recognise the bicycle as a simple, economical, reliable and environmentally suitable means of local transport.
- In April 2018, the United Nations General Assembly declared 3 June as World Bicycle Day.

World Environment Day 2026

- Date of Event- Every year on 5 June
- Theme- Inspired by Nature. For the Climate. For Our Future.
- Azerbaijan hosted the global celebration of World Environment Day this year.
- Objective- To make people aware of environmental protection, climate change and sustainable development at the global level.

Global Wind Day

- Date of Event- Every year on 15 June
- Theme- Wind Energy: From Ambition to Development
- Objective- To promote wind energy and highlight its role in tackling climate change.
- Note- Recently, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy organised the Global Wind Day 2026 Conference in Goa on 15 June, 2026.

India's Wind Energy Scenario-

- India's estimated total wind-energy potential is 695.5 gigawatts at a height of 120 metres above the ground and 1,163.9 gigawatts at a height of 150 metres.
- At a height of 150 metres, the majority of the assessed wind-energy potential is concentrated in eight high-resource States-
 1. Rajasthan- 284.2 gigawatts
 2. Gujarat- 180.8 gigawatts
 3. Maharashtra- 173.9 gigawatts
 4. Karnataka- 169.3 gigawatts
 5. Andhra Pradesh- 123.3 gigawatts
 6. Tamil Nadu- 95.1 gigawatts
 7. Madhya Pradesh- 55.4 gigawatts
 8. Telangana- 54.7 gigawatts

- More than 900 automatic wind-monitoring stations have been installed across the country to map wind resources and identify high-potential sites for wind-energy development.
- Viability Gap Funding (VGF) of ₹6,853 crore has been approved for offshore wind projects of 500 megawatts and 1,000 megawatts located off the coasts of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought-2026

- Date of Event- Every year on 17 June
- Theme- Rangelands: Recognise, Respect, Restore
- This day is observed under the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).
- Objective- To raise awareness against desertification, land degradation and drought and promote action.

International Sickle Cell Day 2026-

- Date of Event- Every year on 19 June
- Theme- Closing the Survival Gap: Equity in Sickle Cell Disease
- Objective- To promote awareness, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of sickle cell disease.
- Miscellaneous Facts-
 - The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on 22 December, 2008, granting recognition to this day.
 - Sickle Cell Disease-
- It is a hereditary blood disorder.
- In this, human red blood cells become sickle-shaped instead of the normal round shape.

International Yoga Day-2026

- Edition/Number- 12th
- Date of Event- Every year on 21 June
- Theme- Yoga for Healthy Ageing
- This time, the main national programme of International Yoga Day-2026 in India has been organised in Kolkata.
- Miscellaneous Facts-
 - The first International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21 June, 2015.
 - The United Nations declared 21 June as International Yoga Day in the year 2014. For International Yoga Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a proposal at the 69th Session of the United Nations. This proposal was supported by 175 member countries.
 - UNESCO included Yoga in its Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in the year 2016.

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking-

- Date of Event- Every year on 26 June
- Objective- To increase global awareness about the physical, mental and financial harm caused by the consumption of narcotic substances.

World Music Day-

- Date of Event- Every year on 21 June
- Objective- To promote music, ensure the availability of free music and increase cultural exchange through music.
- This day was originally started in France in the year 1982, where it is called 'Fête de la Musique'. It was conceived by the then French Culture Minister Jack Lang.

International Olympic Day-

- Date of Event- Every year on 23 June
- Objective- To promote physical activity and encourage the adoption of sports and physical activities in daily life.
- The International Olympic Committee was established in Paris on 23 June, 1894, in memory of which the observance of this day began in the year 1948.

United Nations Public Service Day

- Date of Event- Every year on 23 June
- Theme- Transforming Public Institutions: Advancing Innovation, Participation, and Inclusion
- Objective- To provide global recognition to the contribution and role of civil services and public services in the development process.
- Through its resolution (A/RES/57/277) on 20 December, 2002, the United Nations General Assembly officially declared 23 June as 'United Nations Public Service Day'.
- It was celebrated for the first time in the year 2003.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Day- 2026

- Date of Event- Every year on 27 June
- Theme- Empowering MSMEs through Innovation and Sustainable Industrial Development
- Objective- To empower Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- Representation of MSMEs in the World-
 - ❑ Share in Businesses- 90 per cent
 - ❑ Share in GDP- 50 per cent
 - ❑ Contribution to Employment- 60 to 70 per cent employment
- Representation of MSMEs in India-
 - ❑ GDP- Approximately 31.1 per cent
 - ❑ Manufacturing Production- Approximately 35.4 per cent
 - ❑ Exports- Approximately 48.58 per cent

- ❑ Employment- Approximately 38.9 crore (the second-largest source of employment in India after agriculture)
- Importance of MSMEs- They help in sustaining the livelihoods of groups living in rural areas, women, youth and vulnerable circumstances.
- Classification of MSMEs by the Government of India-
 - ❑ The Government of India revised the definition/ classification of MSMEs with effect from 1 April, 2025. The new definitions based on investment and annual turnover are important for the growth of enterprises-

Classification of MSMEs

Category	Investment in Plant/ Machinery/ Equipment	Annual Turnover (Total Sales)
Micro Enterprise	Up to ₹2.5 crore	Up to ₹10 crore
Small Enterprise	Up to ₹25 crore	Up to ₹100 crore
Medium Enterprise	Up to ₹125 crore	Up to ₹500 crore

- Note- In June 2026, under its BRICS Presidency, India organised the First BRICS MSME Forum and the Third MSME Working Group Meeting.

National Statistics Day-2026

- Edition- 20th
- Date of Event- Every year on 29 June
- First National Statistics Day- Year 2007
- Theme- Reiterating the Power of Administrative Statistics
- Organiser- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- Objective- To increase public awareness, especially among the younger generation, about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy-making for national development.
- This day is observed every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, a pioneer in the fields of statistics and economic planning.

Miscellaneous

"Sanskriti Ratna Bhandar: Bhawaiyar Itibritto" (Bhawaiya: A Cultural Treasure and Its Historical Journey)-

- This book has been written by Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) Dr. Jayanta Kumar Roy and Ms. Sangita Roy.
- This book was released by Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan at the Vice-President's House in New Delhi on 25 June, 2026.

VIP Culture in India: Power, Privilege and the Distance from Democracy-

- This book has been written by former Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament from Arunachal Pradesh Shri Nabam Rebia and co-author Shri Sandeep Kumar.
- This book was released by Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan at the Vice-President's House in New Delhi on 24 June, 2026.
- This book exposes the roots of democratic governance and public life in India.

Gynacantha Khasiaca-

- This dragonfly species was recently sighted in Namdapha National Park in Arunachal Pradesh. It was last seen in the year 1914 in the then Abor Hills region. This dragonfly is known for its swift flight and large eyes.

Yoon Suk Yeol-

- He is a former President of South Korea who has been sentenced to 30 years in prison by a Seoul court. He has been found guilty of ordering drone incursions to increase tensions with North Korea and justify the imposition of martial law in December, 2024.

Vipin Kumar-

- He is an Indian construction worker working in Romania. He was honoured with 'Honorary Citizenship' by the Romanian city of Craiova. He had saved the life of a five-year-old girl who fell into a frozen lake in Romania in January.

Jonathan the Tortoise (Seychelles)-

- It is the world's oldest living land animal, which has completed 194 years of its life. Guinness World Records has chosen it as its official icon.

The Audit Matters: CAG's Institutional Lead Made a Difference-

- It is a book edited by former Comptroller and Auditor General of India Shri Vinod Rai. This book was released by Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan. This book challenges the perception that audit is limited only to identifying errors or ensuring compliance.

Shipokosa Paulus Mashatile-

- He is the Vice-President of South Africa.
- He recently made an official visit to India.

- **Short-** Recently, before International Yoga Day-2026, the Ministry of AYUSH created a Guinness World Record on 14 June, 2026, for the highest number of viewers of a live yoga broadcast on YouTube (435,831 viewers).
- **Short-** Recently, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy launched Green Hydrogen Certification Portal of India (GHCI). This portal, developed by the Ministry, will facilitate transparent certification and compliance with regulatory requirements under India's Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme.



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Wildlife and Biodiversity in Rajasthan

"While Rajasthan may generally be perceived by the world as an arid region, it boasts remarkable and rich biodiversity—ranging from the unique fauna of the Thar Desert to the wildlife of Keoladeo and Ranthambore. This heritage, which thrives even in a harsh climate, forms the backbone of our ecological security and the state's rural economy. Currently, its existence is threatened by the blind race for development; strengthening government policies and traditional community-based conservation efforts is, therefore, the need of the hour."

India is among the world's 12 'megadiverse' countries. It possesses a vast geographical area, and due to its location, climate, diversity, and varied ecosystems, it serves as a unique habitat for wildlife. Wildlife encompasses creatures living in natural environments, including aquatic life and terrestrial fauna. India holds a significant place globally in terms of biodiversity.

Wildlife in Rajasthan—

Wildlife inhabiting the forests is an integral part of the natural environment and a symbol of biodiversity. The diversity of Rajasthan's geographical environment—characterized by variations in climate, topography, vegetation, soil, and water bodies—provides a habitat for a wide array of wildlife. Despite having limited forest cover, Rajasthan holds a special place regarding wildlife. It is home to diverse species, including carnivores, herbivores, reptiles, and various types of birds. At present, however, wildlife faces significant challenges, and the very survival of many species is under threat.

Wildlife Conservation—

The continuous decline in wildlife populations is a global issue, and the problem is escalating daily in India. This decline is evident in Rajasthan as well, where numerous animal species have reached the brink of extinction. The main reasons for the decline in wildlife and animal populations are as follows:

1. Continuous reduction in forest cover
2. Ongoing changes in the climate
3. Conversion of forest land for agriculture, industry, and residential purposes
4. Hunting and illegal trafficking of wildlife for economic gain
5. Premature deaths of wildlife due to persistent droughts and the drying up of water sources.

Efforts to protect wildlife have been made since ancient times; the local Bishnoi community has long been dedicated to wildlife conservation. Additionally, Rajasthan took a significant and commendable

step towards wildlife and bird conservation in 1951.

Laws for the protection of wildlife were enacted through the Indian Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 and the Environment Protection Act of 1986.

- Efforts for wildlife conservation in Rajasthan began in 1955 when Sariska (Alwar), Keoladeo Ghana (Bharatpur), Darrah (Kota), Van Vihar (Dholpur), Jaisamand (Salumbar), and Kaila Devi (Karauli)—formerly hunting grounds of the erstwhile kings and maharajas—were declared reserved areas, and the hunting of wildlife within them was banned.
- There are a total of five zoos in Rajasthan, located in Jaipur (1876), Udaipur (1878), Bikaner (1922), Jodhpur (1936), and Kota (1954).
- 'Mrigvans' (deer parks) have been established in Rajasthan for the protection and propagation of deer species.
- Under the Rajasthan Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, numerous animals have been declared fully protected species, and their hunting has been completely banned. Prominent among these are the deer, cheetah, cat, chinkara, wolf, fox, jackal, peacock, sarus crane, tiger, leopard, gharial, squirrel, hawk, musk deer, and tortoise.
- 'Project Tiger' was launched in the country in April 1973 for tiger conservation; under this initiative, Ranthambore Wildlife Sanctuary was included in 1973–74 and Sariska in 1978–79, with tiger conservation projects implemented in both areas.
- To raise awareness about wildlife, the Forest and Environment Department of the Rajasthan government announced wildlife mascots for all districts in March 2016; these mascots serve as unique identifiers for their respective districts.

Importance of Wildlife:

- Humans and wildlife have shared a close relationship since ancient times.
- Human society derives numerous benefits from wildlife, as outlined below:
- **Economic benefits:** We obtain various products from wildlife—such as hides, horns, and feathers—that are used in the manufacturing of goods.
- **Tourism:** Tourists visit national parks, sanctuaries, and zoological gardens established for wildlife conservation; this generates revenue and creates employment opportunities for others.
- Enhancement of soil fertility: Waste matter from wildlife provides fertile manure for the soil.
- Wildlife aids in the dispersal of natural vegetation.
- Due to physiological similarities between wildlife and humans, various scientific experiments and research studies are conducted on wildlife.
- Wildlife plays a crucial role in maintaining the balance of nature. Through their activities, wildlife supports the growth and proliferation of natural vegetation (forests) in various ways.
- An abundant wildlife population makes forests denser and helps attract rainfall, thereby maintaining environmental balance.

Efforts for Wildlife Conservation and Management in Rajasthan:

- Funding for tiger reserves and wildlife sanctuaries in Rajasthan is provided by the Ministry of Envi-

ronment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, under the centrally sponsored schemes "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat" and "Project Tiger." Additional development works are being carried out using funds accumulated by the Ranthambore and Sariska Tiger Project Conservation Societies.

- Apart from these, wildlife conservation activities are also being undertaken through the State Plan, State CAMPA, RFBP-2, and NABARD.
- There are five zoos in Rajasthan, managed by the Central Zoo Authority.
- In accordance with the concept plans approved by the Central Zoo Authority (Government of India), satellite centers have been developed: Nahargarh Biological Park for Jaipur Zoo, Machia Safari Park for Jodhpur Zoo, and Sajjargarh Biological Park for Udaipur Zoo.
- Similarly, Abheda Biological Park and Marudhara Biological Park have been developed in Kota and Bikaner, respectively.
- Tiger Conservation Foundations have been established for the Ranthambore and Sariska Tiger Reserves to facilitate and bring transparency to the management of these areas, as well as to support eco-tourism, eco-development programs, and the conservation of tiger biodiversity. Their primary objective is to assist and streamline tiger reserve management for the purpose of tiger conservation.
- The Government of Rajasthan declared Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve in 2013 and Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve in 2023.

Project Great Indian Bustard: Rajasthan was the first state to launch 'Project Bustard' for the conservation of the Great Indian Bustard (Godawan) on June 5, 2013; the project was launched at the Desert National Park.

First Artificial Breeding Center: A tripartite agreement was signed between the Government of India, the Wildlife Institute of India, and the State Government for the conservation of the Great Indian Bustard (Godawan). Under this agreement, an artificial breeding center was established in the Sam area of Jaisalmer, where two chicks were hatched in March 2025.

Second Artificial Breeding Center: A "Great Indian Bustard Egg Collection and Hatching Center" has been established at Ramdevra (Jaisalmer). There is also a provision to set up a captive breeding center at Sorsan in the Baran district.

Butterfly Valley and Bougainvillea Park: The State Government has developed a Butterfly Valley project within Smriti Van and a Bougainvillea Park at Sylvan Park, located on Agra Road, Jaipur.

Van Dhan Yojana: The Van Dhan Yojana was launched to foster the development of communities living near forest areas, reduce their dependence on forests, provide employment, and ensure the protection of forests and wildlife. This scheme was implemented on a pilot basis in Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Desert National Park (Jaisalmer), Mount Abu, Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary, and Jawai Conservation Reserve.

Kharmor Artificial Breeding Centers: One is located in Sathana village of Beawar district, and the second is at Sorsan (Anta, Baran).

Kailana Biodiversity Park: The forest tract known as the 'Bada Bhakar' area, situated near Kailana Lake in Jodhpur, has been developed into the Kailana Biodiversity Park with the aim of conserving and cultivat-

ing medicinal plants.

Rajiv Gandhi Biosphere Reserve: A corridor is to be developed between Ranthambore and Mukundra Hills to ensure the safety and conservation of tigers that roam outside the designated Ranthambore Tiger Project areas. **Biodiversity in Rajasthan—**

- The term 'biodiversity' encompasses all biological species inhabiting the Earth; this includes all types of mammals, bird species, reptiles, amphibians, fish species, insects, plants, algae, fungi, as well as microorganisms like protozoa, bacteria, and viruses. This diversity manifests at genetic, species, and ecosystem levels, playing a crucial role in maintaining environmental balance.
- In terms of geographical area, Rajasthan is the largest state in India. Sixty percent of its landmass consists of arid and semi-arid desert regions, while the Aravalli mountain range extends across the central part. The southeastern region is a plateau, whereas the eastern plains have been formed by rivers. This geographical diversity forms the foundation of Rajasthan's biodiversity, making the state rich in biological variety.
- Rajasthan is home to approximately 2,500 plant species, 450 bird species, 50 mammal species, 58 types of reptiles, and 12 species of amphibians.
- For the purpose of studying biodiversity, Rajasthan can be divided into four distinct biodiversity zones—

1. Western Desert Region:

- The western region of Rajasthan is characterized by an expanse of arid and semi-arid desert. Key features of this area include low rainfall, high temperatures, and aridity; consequently, the local flora and fauna exhibit distinct diversity.
- The vegetation consists primarily of thorny plants, prickly shrubs, and grasses, while the fauna includes species adapted to low water requirements. Notable animals found here include the chinkara, blackbuck, desert cat, fox, wolf, hare, and mongoose.
- The region is home to 22 types of mammals and approximately 120 species of birds. Prominent among them is the Great Indian Bustard (*Godavan*), which is currently endangered and serves as the state bird of Rajasthan. Other birds found here include the partridge, peacock, demoiselle crane (*Kurjan*), and Spanish sparrow.

2. Central Aravalli Mountain Region:

- The Aravalli mountain range extends across the center of the state from the southwest to the northeast. It is an example of a relict mountain range rich in biodiversity. Extensive forests still exist in the southern part of the Aravalli range, featuring plant species such as Salar, Dhok, Mahua, Mango, Bamboo, and Chural, alongside wildlife like the leopard, sloth bear, striped hyena, spotted deer (Chital), Sambar, four-horned antelope (Chousingha), wild boar, wolf, fox, and flying squirrel.
- Deciduous forests and diverse wildlife are also found in the central and northeastern sections of the Aravalli range—specifically in the districts of Sawai Madhopur, Alwar, Ajmer, and Sikar.

3. Eastern Plain Region:

- This region lies to the east of the Aravalli mountain range and forms part of the Gangetic-

Yamunetic plains. It primarily encompasses the Bharatpur and Dholpur districts of Rajasthan. This region possesses a large number of water bodies—such as canals, ponds, and pools—which supports a significant population of resident and migratory birds.

4. South-Eastern Plateau Region:

- This region is also known as the Hadoti Plateau. Flanked by the Mukundra Hills on one side and the Chambal River basin on the other, the area exhibits rich biodiversity.
- The Chambal River is home to crocodiles, gharials, dolphins, turtles, various species of fish, and crabs.
- Mukundra Hills has been designated as a National Park; it encompasses the Darrah Wildlife Sanctuary, Jawahar Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary, and the National Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary. In addition to its wildlife, Mukundra National Park boasts diverse flora.
- Sanctuaries such as Ramgarh, Bassi, Shergarh, and the National Chambal Sanctuary have been established in this region to conserve biodiversity.

Eco-tourism Sites of Rajasthan –

Biodiversity Conservation

- Numerous efforts are being made at national and international levels to conserve biodiversity, such as designating biodiversity-rich areas as national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and reserved or protected areas.
- Biodiversity conservation is generally carried out in two ways—

National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries of Rajasthan:

- A natural area where wildlife is conserved within its natural habitat is known as a national park. India's first national park was Hailey National Park (1936), which is currently known as Jim Corbett National Park; it is also known as Ramganga National Park.

Currently, there are three national parks in the state:

1. Ranthambore National Park (Sawai Madhopur):

- It is the first sanctuary in Rajasthan to be granted the status of a national park.
- It was the first wildlife sanctuary in Rajasthan to receive that designation in 1955, and it was declared a national park on November 1, 1980. Spread around Ranthambore near Sawai Madhopur, this national park serves as a tiger conservation site. It covers an area of 282.03 square kilometers.
- The National Tiger Conservation Project has been implemented here since 1973; it is also known as the 'Land of the Tiger'.
- There is an abundance of *Sitaphal* (custard apple) and *Dhauk* forests here. Red-headed parakeets and the rare black eagle are found here.
- The main attraction here is the tiger; additionally, jackals, leopards, wild boars, badgers, wolves, sambar deer, langurs, chital (spotted deer), other deer species, and nilgai are found here. Crocodiles are another major attraction.
- The Chambal River lies to its south, and the Banas River to its north.

- A 'Special Tiger Protection Force' (STPF) has been constituted here for the protection of tigers.

2. Keoladeo National Park:

- Due to its very dense vegetation, it is also known as the 'Ghana' (Dense) Sanctuary.
- It is located in the Bharatpur district. It was declared a bird sanctuary in 1956 and granted national park status on August 27, 1981. In 1985, it was included in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage List. It was declared a Ramsar site in 1981.
- It is known as a 'paradise for birds'.
- It is the largest breeding ground for birds in Asia; it covers an area of 28.73 square kilometers, of which 11 square kilometers consist of a lake.
- The state's first wildlife laboratory is established here. More than 500 species of migratory birds—including both local and foreign migrants—can be spotted here annually.
- During the winter season, the area teems with species and subspecies such as swans, mallards, gadwalls, pochards, teals, and pintails.
- The Siberian Crane is a major attraction here; it arrives in October–November and departs in February–March.
- Kadamb trees are found here in abundance. The sanctuary receives water from the Ajan Dam, and the Banganga and Gambhiri rivers flow through the area.
- It features 'Python Point,' where pythons can be seen basking in the sun during winter.
- Situated on the 'Golden Triangle' circuit (Jaipur-Agra-Delhi), it is a major tourist attraction.
- This sanctuary was the workplace of Dr. Salim Ali.
- Wildlife found here includes blackbucks, chital (spotted deer), sambar, foxes, jackals, mongooses, jungle cats, and wild boars.
- The Salim Ali Interpretation Centre was opened here in 2006 with financial support from Austria's Sorosky and under the guidance of the WWF.
- Keoladeo Park is being developed as a WBHCC (Wetland Biodiversity and Heritage Conservation Centre); an MoU regarding this was signed with the World Wide Fund (WWF) in January 2022.

3. Mukundra Hills National Park (formerly known as Darrah Sanctuary):

- It was declared a sanctuary on November 1, 1955.
- This national park spans an area of 199.55 sq. km, encompassing the Darrah Wildlife Sanctuary, Jawahar Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary, and the National Chambal Sanctuary.
- The Mukundra hills are covered with dense forests; here, one can find rock shelters used by early humans and the rock paintings created by them.
- It extends across the Kota and Chittorgarh districts.
- Wildlife found here includes the cheetah, leopard, sloth bear, deer, sambar, wild boar, chital (spotted deer), and nilgai (blue bull).
- It is famous for the Gagrani parrot, scientifically known as **Psittacula eupatria** (Alexandrine parakeet). This parrot is renowned for its ability to perfectly mimic the human voice. It is also known as the 'Hiraman parrot' and 'Akash Lochan' (Sky-eyed) among Hindus. Currently, its exist-

ence is under threat.

Wildlife Sanctuaries of Rajasthan:

1. Desert National Park (Rashtriya Maru Udyan), Jaisalmer:

- Located in the arid western region of Rajasthan, the Desert National Park was established in 1981. Its primary objective is to conserve the local natural vegetation and fossils buried underground for millions of years; hence, it is also referred to as a fossil park.
- The Desert National Park covers an area of 3,162 sq. km, extending across the Jaisalmer (1,900 sq. km) and Barmer (1,262 sq. km) districts of Rajasthan.
- It is also known as the National Akal Wood Fossil Park. The area is characterized by a predominance of sand dunes; in addition to the conservation of fossils and vegetation, it provides protection to the chinkara, chousingha (four-horned antelope), Godawan (Great Indian Bustard), and blackbuck. It is the largest sanctuary in the state.

2. Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary:

- This wildlife sanctuary is located in Alwar and spans an area of 544.22 sq. km. It was established prior to independence and was declared a wildlife sanctuary by the state government in 1955. The central government has launched a 'Project Tiger' initiative here.
- Key wildlife species found here include tigers, green pigeons (*Hariyal*), Sambar deer, Chital (spotted deer), Nilgai, black-naped hares, wild boars, langurs, and various bird species.
- The Kraska and Kankwari plateaus are located within this area.
- Due to the negligible tiger population, tigers have been translocated here from Ranthambore National Park.
- It is famous for Rhesus macaques. It was granted the status of a National Park on January 9, 2012.
- Religious sites such as Pandupol, Bhartrihari, Neelkanth Mahadev, Talvriksh, and Garthi Kayod, as well as heritage sites like Thanagazi, Kushalgarh, Bala Quila, Ajabgarh, and Bhangarh, are located here.

3. Nahargarh Sanctuary:

- This sanctuary is spread around the Amer Fort, Nahargarh, and Jaigarh in Rajasthan and was established in 1980. It covers an area of 52.40 sq. km. Langurs, porcupines, and monitor lizards are predominantly found here. A biological park is located within the sanctuary, and the country's third bear rescue center has been established here.

4. Jamwaramgarh Sanctuary:

- The famous hunting ground of Ramgarh, located in Jaipur (the capital of Rajasthan), was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1982. This sanctuary spans an area of approximately 300 sq. km. Wildlife species such as leopards (baghera), wild boars, wild cats, wolves, Nilgai, and Sambar deer are found here.

5. Jaisamand Sanctuary (1955):

- Spread over an area of 52.34 sq. km in Salumbar, this sanctuary is situated on the hills along the

banks of Jaisamand Lake. It serves primarily as a conservation site for wildlife such as sloth bears, wild boars, nilgai, and leopards.

6. Tal Chhapar Blackbuck Sanctuary (1962):

- Located in Sujargarh (Churu), the Tal Chhapar Sanctuary is home to blackbucks and demoiselle cranes (Kuranja). It spans an area of 7.19 sq. km. It hosts one of Asia's largest populations of blackbucks.
- A rare spider species known as the "Green Lynx" is found here.
- It is Asia's largest blackbuck sanctuary; a type of nutritious grass known as **Mothiya** (Cyperus rotundus) grows here, which is a favorite of the blackbuck.

7. Bassi Sanctuary (1988):

- This sanctuary is located in Chittaur (Chittorgarh) and covers an area of 138.69 sq. km.
- It was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1988.
- Situated at the confluence of the Aravalli and Vindhyachal mountain ranges, it is home to the four-horned antelope (Chousingha), leopard (*Baghera*), sandgrouse, wild cat, and crocodile.
- The Orai and Brahmani rivers originate from this sanctuary.

8. Phulwari ki Nal:

- Established in 1983, Phulwari ki Nal is a wildlife sanctuary situated amidst the Aravalli mountain range in a remote and tranquil area of Udaipur. It spans 511.41 sq. km.
- Rivers such as the Som, Mansi, and Wakal originate from here.
- In its dense forests, one can spot wildlife such as tigers, leopards, Sambar deer, and Chital, along with numerous bird species.
- This sanctuary is famous for its teak (*Sagwan*) trees.
- The country's first Human Anatomy Park is being developed here.

9. Bhainsrorgarh Sanctuary:

- Spanning 273.54 sq. km in the hilly region of Chittorgarh, this area was declared a sanctuary in 1983. An aquatic sanctuary famous for gharials.
- Apart from hundreds of bird species, animals such as hyenas, leopards, nilgai, wild boars, chital (spotted deer), langurs, chinkaras, foxes, and jackals are found here.

10. Sajjargarh Sanctuary:

- This sanctuary is located in a dense area of the Aravalli mountain range in Udaipur district. It is Rajasthan's smallest sanctuary, having received sanctuary status in 1987. Spanning approximately 5.19 sq. km, the sanctuary is home to wildlife such as lions, nilgai, chital, langurs, wild boars, chinkaras, blackbucks, and sambar deer.

11. Bandh Baretha Sanctuary:

- Established as a sanctuary in 1985, it spans an area of approximately 170.65 sq. km. A dam was constructed on the Kakund River at a place called Baretha, creating a habitat where numerous species of wildlife and birds are protected. Known as a "home for birds," this sanctuary is also famous for its population of hyenas.

12. National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary:

- Declared a sanctuary in 1979, it covers an aquatic area of 564.03 sq. km. It extends along the flow of the Chambal River, including the waters of the Rana Pratap Sagar reservoir. Gharials and crocodiles inhabit these waters; the sanctuary serves as a habitat for gharials and a breeding ground for aquatic life. The Gangetic river dolphin (a blind dolphin species) is also found here.
- Its primary objective is to conserve the gharial species and increase their population.
- The sanctuary spans the districts of Kota, Bundi, Sawai Madhopur, Karauli, and Dholpur. Palighat (Sawai Madhopur) – The construction of a rearing center for the conservation of gharials in the National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary was announced in the 2024-25 budget.

13. Todgarh-Raoli Sanctuary:

- This sanctuary spans three districts of Rajasthan: Beawar, Pali, and Rajsamand. Covering an area of 495.27 sq. km, it was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1983. Key wildlife species found here include hyenas, sloth bears, jackals, monkeys, and nilgai (blue bulls).
- The sanctuary extends across three administrative divisions of the state (Ajmer, Jodhpur, and Udaipur). It features the Kamli Ghat and Goram Ghat mountain passes.

14. Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary:

- Located in the Bundi district, this area was declared a sanctuary in 1982. It spans an area of 303.05 sq. km. It has long been considered a habitat for tigers and leopards. Additionally, animals such as hyenas, sloth bears, jackals, nilgai, chital (spotted deer), chinkara, wolves, foxes, mongooses, and wild boars can be seen here. It has been designated as Rajasthan's fourth and the country's 52nd tiger reserve. It is also referred to as the "nursery" (breeding ground) for the tigers of Ranthambore.

15. Ramsagar Van Vihar Sanctuary:

- Located in Dholpur, this sanctuary was established in 1955 and covers an area of 34.40 sq. km. Situated along the banks of a lake, it is home to various water-associated bird species. Key wildlife found here includes wild boars, sambar deer, nilgai, chital, partridges, and peacocks.

Leopard Safari—

- 'Project Leopard' was launched in Rajasthan on October 4, 2018, for the conservation of leopards (also known as panthers).
- Locations where Project Leopard is operational: Jhalana (Jaipur), Amargarh (Jaipur), Kumbhalgarh, Rawali-Todgarh, Jaisamand (Salumbar), Shergarh (Baran), Khetri-Bansiyal (Jhunjhunu), Mount Abu (Sirohi), Jawai Dam (Pali), Bassi (Chittorgarh), and Sitamata Sanctuary (Pratapgarh).
- Jhalana Leopard Safari (Jaipur) – The country's first leopard project.
- Amargarh Leopard Safari Park – Inaugurated on May 22, 2022; located in Jaipur district.
- Jaipur is the only city in the country to have three leopard/panther safaris.
 - (1) Jhalana Panther Safari
 - (2) Amargarh Panther Safari
 - (3) Beed Papad Panther Safari/Maila Bagh (within Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary) – Launching on June 5, 2025.

- **Leopard Rescue Center:** Rajasthan's first panther rescue center will be established at Sajjangarh Sanctuary (Udaipur).
- Districts in Rajasthan that have no national parks, sanctuaries, closed areas (hunting-prohibited zones), deer parks, or zoos: Sikar, Jhunjhunu, Dungarpur, Banswara, Didwana-Kuchaman, Balotra, Hanumangarh, and Ganganagar (Total: 8).
- Jorbeer (Bikaner) – Rajasthan's first and India's third Vulture Conservation Reserve. Rajasthan's first donkey sanctuary – Dundlod (Jhunjhunu)
- Fish sanctuary – Badi Talab (Udaipur), Hi-tech Virtual World Fish Aquarium – Udaipur, Reptile Park – Udaipur
- The state's first butterfly park was established in Udaipur. It is home to 80 of the 189 butterfly species found in the state.

International efforts for biodiversity conservation—

- The IUCN was established under the United Nations in 1948 for the purpose of biodiversity conservation.
- In 1972, the IUCN published the 'Red Data Book,' which lists species facing extinction, their habitats, and their current population numbers. It categorizes various species into five groups:
 1. Extinct species – Species that no longer exist, such as the dodo bird, dinosaurs, etc.
 2. Endangered species – Species that are on the verge of extinction and likely to disappear without conservation efforts, such as the cheetah, tiger, rhinoceros, etc.
 3. Vulnerable species – Species whose populations are declining rapidly and are likely to fall into the 'endangered' category soon.
 4. Rare species – Species that exist only in very limited areas or have very sparse populations.
 5. Insufficiently known species – Species about which there is inadequate information.
- In the Red Data Book, species facing varying degrees of threat are recorded on pages colored red, yellow, white, green, and brown.

Conservation Reserves in Rajasthan

S.No.	Conservation Reserve Name	Area (sq. km.)	District
1	Shahbad	189.03	Baran
2	Shakambari	131.00	Sikar, Jhunjhunu
3	Sundha Mata	117.49	Jalore, Sirohi
4	Manasa Mata	102.31	Jhunjhunu
5	Rankhar	72.88	Jalore
6	Bansiyal Khetri	70.18	Jhunjhunu
7	Jawai Dam Leopard	61.98	Pali
8	Joharbid Gadhwala	56.47	Bikaner
9	Bisalpur	48.31	Tonk
10	Bansiyal Khetri Bagor	39.66	Jhunjhunu
11	Jawai Dam Leopard II	19.79	Pali

12	Beed Jhunjhunu	10.47	Jhunjhunu
13	Gogelav	3.58	Nagaur
14	Ummed Ganj Bird	2.72	Kota
15	Gudha Vishnoiyan	2.32	Jodhpur
16	Rotu	0.729	Nagaur
17	Wadakheda	43.31	Sirohi
18	Baghdarra Crocodile	3.69	Udaipur
19	Beed Grass Phooliyakhurd	0.857	Bhilwara
20	Shahbad Foothills	178.84	Baran
21	Jhalana-Amagarh	35.07	Jaipur
22	Baanjh Aamli	14.62	Baran
23	Hamirgarh	5.66	Bhilwara
24	Kharmor	9.31	Ajmer
25	Khichan (Kurja)	2.92	Phalodi
26	Ramgarh	38.08	Baran
27	Sorsen I	16.10	Baran
28	Sorsen II	4.27	Baran
29	Sorsen III	0.75	Baran
30	Beed Fatehpur	30.03	Sikar
31	Ganga Bherav Valley	39.51	Ajmer
32	Beed Muhana A	2.06	Jaipur
33	Beed Muhana B (Smallest)	0.10	Jaipur
34	Baleshwar (Largest)	221.69	Sikar
35	Mahaseer	2.06	Udaipur
36	Amarkh Mahadev Leopard	71.47	Udaipur
37	Asop	118.45	Bhilwara
38	Mokhla Parewar	43.122	Jaisalmer
39	Buchara	44.37	Kotputli-Behror
40	Khejarli Kalan (Latest)	1.5085	Jodhpur

- The Rajasthan Wetland Authority was constituted in Rajasthan on April 10, 2018. The total wetland area in Rajasthan is 7,82,314 hectares.
- Baran is the district with the highest number of conservation reserves (7).
- Bhilwara (6.94%) and Churu (0.08%) have the highest and lowest wetland coverage in Rajasthan, respectively.

Hunting-prohibited areas of Rajasthan

1.	Jodhpur	1- Doli 2- Gudha Bishnoi 3- Fitkashni 4- Jammeshwar 5- Saathin
2.	Phalodi	1- Lohawat 2- Denchu
3.	Barmer	1- Dhorimanna

4.	Jaisalmer	1- Ramdevra 2- Ujjala
5.	Bikaner	1- Deshnok 2- Jodbeed, '3- Bajju 4- Diyatra 5- Mukam 6- Samvatsar Kotsar
6.	Dausa	1- Sainthal Sagar
7.	Jaipur	1- Mahlan
8.	Kotputli-Behror	1- Bardod
9.	Khairthal-Tijara	1- Jodiya
10.	Tonk	Ranipura
11.	Sawai Madhopur	Kanwal Ji
12.	Bundi	1- Kanak Sagar
13.	Baran	1- Sorsan
14.	Udaipur	1- Bagdadra
15.	Ajmer	1- Sonkhaliya 2- Gangawana 3- Tilora
16.	Chittorgarh	1- Menal
17.	Nagaur	1- Rotu 2- Jaroda
18.	Jalore	1- Sanchore
19.	Pali	1- Jawai Dam

- There are a total of 33 closed areas (hunting-prohibited zones) in the state; the largest is Samvatsar Kotsar (Bikaner) and the smallest is Kanak Sagar (Bundi).
- Bikaner is the district with the highest number of closed areas.

District-wise Notified Wetlands

District		Notified Wetland(s)
Ajmer	1	Bada Talab
Banswara	2	Kuda Wetland, Temran
Baran	13	Nahargarh, Niyana, Baithli, Iklera Sagar, Garda Talab, Hinglot, Kotrapar, Lhasi, Pushkar Talab, Ramgarh Crater, Sahrol, Tejaji ki Talai, Utavali
Deeg	1	Samai Kheda
Bhilwara	1	Chavandiya
Bikaner	4	Devikund, Lakholai (Diyatra), Lunkaransar, Sursagar
Bundi	6	Abhaypura Dam, Bardha Dam, Jaitsagar, Ramsagar, Ratnasaagar, Navalsagar
Chittorgarh	9	Badwai, Bhavar Pipla Dam, Dorai Dam, Gambhiri, Kisan Kareri, Mangalwad, Orai Dam, Parsoli Dam, Rajgarh Talab
Churu	1	Charwas
Dungarpur	1	Sabela
Jalore	1	Ranodar
Jhalawar	4	Badvela, Dehlanpur Talab, Kadela Talab, Mundiya Kheri Talab
Jodhpur	2	Kaylana, Surpura
Karauli	2	Kalisil Dam, Mamacheri Dam

Kota	3	Hanutia, Kanwas Bird Sanctuary, Kishorsagar
Didwana-Kuchaman	1	Didwana
Pali	2	Lakhotia, Lordiya
Pratapgarh	1	Kesariyawad
Rajsamand	2	Raghavsagar, Rajyavas
Sikar	1	Revasa
Sirohi	1	Lakherav
Tonk	6	Budhsagar, Chandlai, Galwaniya, Moti Sagar, Tordi Sagar, Bisalpur
Udaipur	9	Barapal-Khajuri, Basdiya, Bhandra, Jhadol, Kitbori, Madri Dam, (Dandh Talab & Brahma Talab) Menar, Nagmala, Nagariya
Salumbar	2	Chavand, Digri

State Government Policies for Environmental Sustainability and Climate Adaptation:

Rajasthan Climate Change Policy - 2023

- This policy was released on June 5, 2023 (World Environment Day).
- Objective: To safeguard the state against the impacts of climate change and promote sustainable development.
- It focuses on addressing challenges such as rising temperatures, heatwaves, droughts, water crises, and desertification.

Key Features:

- Integrating climate change considerations into the plans and decision-making processes of all departments.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in alignment with national and international commitments.
- Enhancing the adaptive capacity of communities, infrastructure, and ecosystems.
- Encouraging climate-friendly technology, innovation, and green finance.
- Strengthening institutional frameworks, data systems, and monitoring mechanisms for effective climate governance.

Rajasthan Forest Policy - 2023

- Its objective is the sustainable management of forests, wildlife, and biodiversity based on scientific, traditional, and empirical knowledge.
- The policy aims to increase the vegetation cover to 20% of the state's geographical area over the next 20 years.
- This policy is based on the conservation, restoration, and management of natural forests, wildlife, and biodiversity.

Key Features:

- Conservation of natural forests and biodiversity to protect ecosystems and enhance their productive capacity.
- Expansion of forest and tree cover through reforestation, afforestation, agroforestry, and tree plantation drives.
- Promoting community participation for the sustainable use of forest and pasture-based resources.
- Combating desertification and land degradation while improving land productivity.

- Conservation of rare and endangered species of flora and fauna.

Rajasthan E-Waste Management Policy - 2023

- This policy has been issued to address issues related to e-waste and ensure its effective management.
- The objective of the policy is to ensure the safe collection, recycling, and scientific disposal of e-waste. This policy promotes the circular economy by integrating the informal sector with the formal sector.

Key features—

- Establishing an eco-friendly e-waste management system.
- Encouraging the collection, segregation, recycling, and scientific disposal of e-waste.
- Promoting the e-waste recycling industry.
- Supporting resource recovery and the circular economy.
- Ensuring compliance with e-waste management rules and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).



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Key Policies of the Government of Rajasthan

Agriculture Sector – This is a major sector comprising four sub-sectors:

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| (1) Crops | (2) Animal Husbandry |
| (3) Forestry | (4) Fisheries |

(a) Agriculture Policy – The first agriculture policy of the Rajasthan government was announced in 2013.

(1) Policies for the Crops (Agriculture) Sector

Main Objectives:

- (i) Agricultural development in arid regions.
- (ii) Improving efficiency in irrigation (water) usage (i.e., maximizing irrigation with minimal water—using water without wastage).
- (iii) Strategies to tackle the challenges posed by climate change.
- (iv) Increasing crop productivity (yield per hectare).
- (v) Ensuring food and nutritional security and a balanced diet for all, promoting social justice, and meeting the demand for animal fodder.

Remember these points primarily for the interview.

For objective-type examinations, remember the year.

(b) First Organic Farming Policy – 2017

- This policy was announced in May 2017 during the GRAM (Global Rajasthan Agri-tech Meet) held in Kota.
- The policy was formulated on the lines of the model adopted by the state of Sikkim.
- Targets under this policy were categorized into three segments: large, medium, and small.

Key Points: -

- 1. Production of organic seeds and planting material.
- 2. Regulating the use of chemical fertilizers, insecticides, and pesticides.
- 3. Providing training for the production of organic products and promoting such products.
- 4. Establishing infrastructure for organic product production, including storage, demonstration facilities, packaging, technology units, and marketing units.
- 5. Integrating relevant departments—Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Agricultural Marketing, and Forest Departments—along with agricultural universities for this purpose.

(c) Rajasthan Agro-processing, Agri-business, and Agri-export Promotion Policy 2019 – Issued on 17 December 2019.

Subsequently, amendments were made to it on 26 May 2022.

Objectives: To establish Rajasthan as a hub for the production and supply of processed agricultural products and as a preferred destination for investors, processors, and exporters.

- (1) Minimizing post-harvest losses through a cluster-based operational approach.
- (2) Increasing the participation of farmers and their organizations.
- (3) Enhancing farmers' income through value addition and the expansion of supply chains.
- (4) Generating employment by fostering skill development through training in the food processing sector.
- (5) Promoting demand-driven production.

- (6) Promoting value addition and export of crops produced in abundance in the state (such as cumin, coriander, fennel, carom seeds, sorghum, isabgol, pulses, oilseeds, henna, etc.).

Financial Provisions:

- 100% subsidy for projects wholly owned by SC/ST individuals; 75% subsidy for SC/ST farmers and their organizations; and 50% subsidy for others, subject to a maximum cap of ₹150 lakh (based on capital cost).
- An additional capital subsidy of 10% of the cost (up to ₹50 lakh) provided by the Central Government.
- 5% interest subsidy on term loans.
- Subsidy for transporting the state's horticultural produce to markets in other states: ₹10 lakh per annum for a period of 3 years for transport distances exceeding 300 km; and ₹15 lakh per annum for organic produce for a period of 5 years.
- Subsidy payable on the export of processed agricultural products: ₹15 lakh for 3 years; and on the export of processed organic products: up to ₹20 lakh for 5 years.

Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme Policy 2024 (RIPS 2024) -

- Launched on October 8, 2024.
- Objective: To promote sustainable economic growth and employment in the state.
- The scheme focuses on manufacturing, services, MSMEs, start-ups, R&D, GCCs, industrial infrastructure, and export promotion.
- Encourages innovation, environmental sustainability, and green growth in industrial development.
- Eligibility granted to 410 units by December 2024.
- Investment Incentives: 75% investment subsidy on state taxes for 7 years on investments exceeding ₹50 crore in manufacturing and ₹25 crore in the service sector (₹10 crore+ for tourism).
- Alternatively, capital subsidy or turnover-based incentives available after the commencement of commercial production.
- Additional Incentives: Employment Booster (10–15%), Thrust Booster (10%), Anchor Booster (20%).
- Key Exemptions: 100% exemption on electricity duty for 7 years; 100% reimbursement of Mandi/market fees; 75% exemption and 25% reimbursement on stamp duty and conversion charges.
- Investment promotion policy was first implemented in the state in 2003.
- Prior to 2024, a policy was implemented in 2022.
- RIPS 2024 will remain in effect until March 31, 2029.

Rajasthan Logistics Policy, 2025

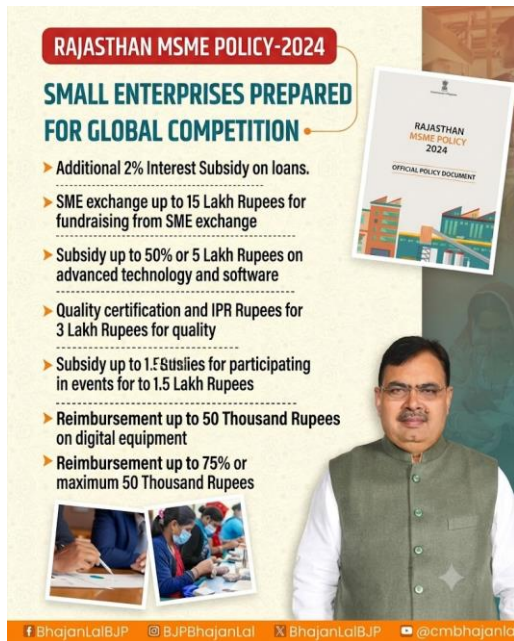
- Issued on March 31, 2025; valid until March 31, 2029.
- Objective: To strengthen logistics infrastructure, reduce costs, and attract private investment.
- Capital grant of 25% of eligible fixed capital investment for projects such as silos, cold storage, warehouses, container freight stations, etc. (disbursed over 10 years; maximum ₹5–50 crore per year). • 7% interest subsidy for projects for a period of 7 years (maximum ₹50 lakh per annum).
- Reimbursement of 50% of training costs for workers for up to 6 months (maximum ₹4,000 per month per worker).
- 75% exemption and 25% reimbursement on stamp duty and land conversion charges; 100% exemption on electricity duty and mandi (market) fees for 7 years.
- Various reimbursements/green incentives for technology adoption, including tracking equipment, logistics software, fire detection systems, and environmental projects.
- All incentives are in accordance with the provisions of RIPS-2024.

Rajasthan Data Center Policy, 2025

- Notified on 19 February 2025; aims to establish Rajasthan as a key hub for national and international data center investments.
- Promotes cloud computing, digital transformation, e-governance, AI, big data, and data localization.
- Enterprises have the option to choose between investment subsidies, capital subsidies, or turnover-based incentives; special 'Sunrise' incentives for the first three mega/ultra-mega projects.

- Flexibility in building norms—higher FAR, flexible ground coverage, modular data center units, multi-level DG stacking, and partial completion certificates.
- Data centers declared an essential service under ESMA; permission for 24x7 operations and employment of women across all shifts (subject to safety regulations); self-certification facility for labor laws.
- Encouragement of renewable energy, water conservation, and green building practices; priority given to data center development in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
- Valid until 31 March 2029.

Rajasthan MSME Policy 2024



- This policy came into effect on December 8, 2024, and will remain valid until March 31, 2029.
- Objective: To foster economic and social strengthening in Rajasthan through the balanced and inclusive growth of the MSME sector.
- It aims to facilitate the creation of a globally competitive and locally relevant MSME ecosystem. It has been designed as a "One-Stop Shop" solution for all incentives provided by the state government.
- The first MSME policy was implemented in 2015.

Key Provisions

- For the establishment of new MSMEs and the expansion of existing MSME units, an interest subsidy will be provided on loan amounts up to ₹50 crore under RIPS-2024.
- An additional interest subsidy of up to 2% will also be provided to selected units.
- One-time assistance of up to ₹15 lakh for Small and Medium Enterprise units to raise equity capital through NSE/BSE exchange platforms.
- For Micro and Small Enterprises, 50% of the expenditure incurred (up to ₹5 lakh) to acquire advanced technology or software from premier national institutions established by the government will be provided as assistance.
- Assistance in the form of reimbursement covering 50% of the expenditure (maximum ₹3 lakh) will be provided for obtaining national and international standard certifications and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).
- To market MSME products by participating in national and international trade fairs, 75% assistance (maximum ₹1.5 lakh) will be provided for stall rentals and travel expenses for two persons.
- Reimbursement of 75% of the expenditure incurred on the digitization of enterprises (maximum ₹50,000) will be provided.
- To promote the use of e-commerce, 75% of platform fees (maximum ₹50,000) will be reimbursed.

Rajasthan Export Promotion Policy 2024

राजस्थान निर्यात संवर्धन नीति-2024

उद्यमियों को निर्यातक बनने के लिए मिलेगा प्रोत्साहन

- मुख्यमंत्री निर्यात वृद्धि अभियान चला कर नये उद्यमियों को निर्यातक बनने हेतु प्रोत्साहित किया जाएगा
- निर्यातकों को दस्तावेजीकरण पर 50 प्रतिशत या 5 लाख रुपये तक सहायता
- अंतरराष्ट्रीय आयोजनों में भागीदारी पर 75 प्रतिशत या 3 लाख तक अनुदान। प्रोडक्ट टेस्टिंग पर 75 प्रतिशत पुनर्भरण (20 हजार रुपये प्रति शिपमेंट व 3 लाख तक प्रतिवर्ष)
- तकनीकी अपग्रेडेशन पर 75 प्रतिशत या 50 लाख तक सहायता
- ई-कॉमर्स प्लेटफॉर्म फीस पर 75 प्रतिशत या 2 लाख तक पुनर्भरण किया जाएगा



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- Objective: To promote sustainable and inclusive export growth; special focus on SMEs, local handicrafts, and export diversification.
- Export Documentation Assistance: 50% of annual costs (maximum ₹5 lakh).
- Marketing Assistance: Reimbursement of 75% of expenses incurred at international trade fairs and travel assistance up to ₹3 lakh (once every two years).
- Product Testing Incentive: Reimbursement of 75% of expenses (maximum ₹20,000 per shipment, ₹3 lakh per annum).
- Technology Upgradation: Reimbursement of 75% of expenditure on modern technology (maximum ₹50 lakh). E-commerce Assistance: Reimbursement of 75% of platform fees (maximum ₹2 lakh).
- Export Credit Insurance: Reimbursement of 50% of ECGC premiums (maximum ₹2 lakh per annum).
- Additional Incentive: 25% subsidy on freight costs for first-time exporting units under RIPS-2024 (maximum ₹25 lakh).

Rajasthan One District One Product (ODOP) Policy 2024

राजस्थान एक जिला एक उत्पाद नीति-2024

जिलों के विशिष्ट उत्पादों और शिल्पों को मिलेगा बढ़ावा

- जिलों की अर्थव्यवस्था को बढ़ावा मिलेगा, साथ ही कारीगरों, शिल्पकारों, कृषकों और निर्माताओं की आय भी बढ़ेगी
- नवीन सूक्ष्म उद्यमों को 25 प्रतिशत या अधिकतम 15 लाख रुपये एवं लघु उद्यमों को 15 प्रतिशत या अधिकतम 20 लाख रुपये तक मार्जिन मनी अनुदान सहायता
- सूक्ष्म व लघु उद्यमों को एडवांस्ड टेक्नोलॉजी व सॉफ्टवेयर पर 50 प्रतिशत या 5 लाख रुपये तक अनुदान
- क्वालिटी सर्विकेशन व आईपीआर पर 75 प्रतिशत या 3 लाख रुपये तक पुनर्भरण
- विपणन आयोजनों में भाग लेने के लिए 2 लाख रुपये तक सहायता
- ई-कॉमर्स प्लेटफॉर्म फीस पर 75 प्रतिशत या 1 लाख रुपये प्रतिवर्ष का 2 साल तक पुनर्भरण
- केटलॉगिंग व ई-कॉमर्स वेबसाइट विकास के लिए 60 प्रतिशत या 75 हजार रुपये तक एकमुश्त सहायता



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- Announced on December 8, 2024.
- Objective: To identify and promote products/services with export potential in each district and transform districts into potential export hubs.

- Key measures: Financial assistance for new enterprises, adoption of technology, quality certification, renewable energy initiatives, infrastructure development, marketing support, and the promotion of e-commerce.
- Incentives will be provided to top performers under the ODOP scheme.
- Goal: To showcase the unique products and cultural heritage of each district on a global platform by creating a robust ecosystem.
- It will remain in effect until March 31, 2029.

S.No.	District	ODOP Product Name
1.	Ajmer	Granite & Marble Products
2.	Alwar	Automobile Parts
3.	Balotra	Textile Products
4.	Barmer	Embroidery
5.	Banswara	Marble Products
6.	Beawar	Quartz & Feldspar Powder
7.	Baran	Garlic Products
8.	Bharatpur	Agro-based Products
9.	Bhilwara	Textile Products
10.	Jodhpur	Wooden Products
11.	Tonk	Sandstone Products
12.	Udaipur	Marble & Granite Products
13.	Bikaner	Bikaneri Namkeen (Savouries)
14.	Khairthal-Tijara	Automobile Parts
15.	Bundi	Sandstone
16.	Kota	Kota Doria
17.	Chittorgarh	Granite & Marble Products
18.	Kotputli-Behror	Automobile Parts
19.	Churu	Wooden Furniture Products
20.	Nagaur	Pan Methi & Spice Processing
21.	Dausa	Stone-based Products
22.	Pali	Textile Products
23.	Didwana-Kuchaman	Marble & Granite Products
24.	Phalodi	Senna (Sonamukhi) Products
25.	Deeg	Stone-based Products
26.	Pratapgarh	Thewa Jewellery
27.	Dholpur	Stone-based Products
28.	Rajsamand	Granite & Marble Products
29.	Dungarpur	Marble Products
30.	Salumbar	Quartz
31.	Hanumangarh	Agro-based Products
32.	Sawai Madhopur	Marble Products
33.	Jaipur	Gems & Jewellery
34.	Sikar	Wooden Furniture Products
35.	Jaisalmer	Yellow Stone Products
36.	Sirohi	Marble Products
37.	Jalore	Granite Products
38.	Sri Ganganagar	Mustard Oil
39.	Jhalawar	Kota Stone Products
40.	Tonk	Slate Stone Products
41.	Jhunjhunu	Wooden Handicraft Products

Rajasthan Trade Promotion Policy, 2025

- Effective from 7 December 2025.
- Objective: To provide institutional credit, market access, and investment opportunities to micro-trade enterprises and small traders.
- Interest Subsidy: 6% subsidy on loans up to ₹1 crore, and 4% on loans between ₹1 crore and ₹2 crore.
- Credit Guarantee Support: Reimbursement of 50% of the guarantee fee (for 5 years) on loans up to ₹5 crore under CGTMSE.
- Insurance Premium Reimbursement: 50% reimbursement (maximum ₹1 lakh per year) for micro-retail traders for five years.
- E-commerce Incentive: Reimbursement of 75% of platform fees (maximum ₹50,000 per year, for 1 year).
- Special Category Benefits: Additional 1% interest subsidy on loans of ₹1–2 crore for enterprises owned by women, SC, ST, and differently-abled individuals.
- Valid until 31 March 2029.

Rajasthan Textile and Apparel Policy, 2025

- Notified on 13 February 2025.
- Objective: To establish Rajasthan as a global manufacturing hub for the textile and apparel industry.
- Investment Incentives: Asset creation incentives (investment subsidy, capital subsidy, turnover-based incentives) for 10 years.
- Mega Project Benefits: Flexible land payment and State Tax/VAT reimbursement for Mega/Ultra-Mega projects.
- Land and Tax Concessions: 75% exemption and 25% reimbursement on stamp duty and registration fees; similar provisions for land use conversion charges.
- Energy Incentives: 100% exemption on electricity duty for 7 years.
- Environmental Incentives: Reimbursement of 50% of expenditure on environmental projects (maximum ₹12.5 crore).
- Freight Subsidy: Reimbursement of 25% of freight costs (maximum ₹25 lakh) for exports from ICDs/Air Cargo Complexes.
- Skill Development & IPR Support: Reimbursement of 50% of training expenses and patent/copyright registration costs.
- All financial incentives are in accordance with RIPS-2024.
- It will remain in effect until March 31, 2029.

Migrant Rajasthani Policy, 2025

- This policy was issued on December 10, 2025.
- Its objective is to strengthen social, cultural, and economic ties with migrant Rajasthanis settled across the globe.
- The policy aims to ensure the active participation of migrant Rajasthanis in the state's development by engaging them in investment, trade, innovation, and social development.
- The five key pillars of the policy are: Accelerate, Bridge, Celebrate, Drive, and Ensure.
- There is no fixed end date; however, the target year for achieving its goals is set for 2030.

Rajasthan Mineral Policy, 2024

- Objective: To promote sustainable and transparent mineral development while prioritizing environmental conservation and community welfare.
- The state's first mineral policy was announced in 1978.

Key Features:

- Attracting investment by promoting mineral-based industries and increasing the mining sector's contribution to the State's GSDP.
- Promoting zero-waste mining, eco-friendly technologies, and effective waste management.
- Ensuring transparency through advanced exploration techniques and AI-based monitoring.
- Curbing illegal mining activities via GPS-based tracking, geo-fencing, and real-time monitoring.

- Expanding the area under mineral concessions from the current 0.68% to 1.0% by 2029-30 and to 2.0% by 2046-47.
- Increasing the number of minerals being mined from the current 58 types to 70 by 2047.
- Increasing the mining sector's contribution to the State's GDP from the current 3.4% to 5% by 2029-30 and to 8% by 2046-47.
- Increasing state revenue threefold by 2029-30 and reaching ₹1 lakh crore by 2047.
- Targeting the creation of 50 lakh jobs by 2029-30 and 1 crore jobs by 2047.
- Encouraging private sector participation in the exploration of mineral resources.
- Establishing a 'Post-Auction Facilitation Cell' for investors.
- Emphasizing the exploration and auction of precious, strategic, and critical minerals in coordination with the Central Government.
- Designating areas as "Land Banks" to assist applicants and concessionaires with forest land diversion, ensuring the timely commencement of mineral concessions.
- Enhancing the ease of doing business by addressing regulatory and infrastructure challenges and reducing approval timelines.
- Assisting the Central Government in creating more Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) blocks for auction.
- Note – Previous state mineral policies:
 1. 1978
 2. 1991
 3. 1994
 4. 2011
 5. 04 June 2015

Rajasthan M-Sand Policy 2024

राजस्थान एम-सेण्ड नीति-2024

प्रदेश में एम-सेण्ड इकाइयों की स्थापना और बजरी के सस्ते विकल्प के रूप में एम-सेण्ड के उपयोग को मिलेगा बढ़ावा

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- ▶ एम-सेण्ड के उत्पादन में प्रतिवर्ष 20 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि
- ▶ सरकारी व सरकार से वित्त पोषित निर्माण कार्यों में 25 प्रतिशत एम-सेण्ड की उपयोगिता अनिवार्य

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- Objective: To promote the production and use of manufactured sand (M-Sand) as a sustainable alternative to river sand (gravel) in construction activities. M-Sand Policy: Key Features & Financial Incentives

Key Highlights	Incentives for M-Sand Units
• This policy encourages the establishment of M-Sand units by simplifying procedures, easing	• Financial Benefits: Royalty waiver (50%) and relief on overburden dump usage charges.

- regulations, and providing financial incentives. - It mandates BIS certification and periodic testing to ensure quality compliance. - Zero-discharge systems for water reuse will be promoted to ensure waste management and sustainability. - Phased increase in the use of M-Sand in government projects (target of 50% by 2028-29). - Incentives for on-site quality testing laboratories.	Investment Subsidy: 75% state tax reimbursement for 10 years. Electricity Duty Exemption: 100% exemption for 7 years. Stamp Duty Reduction: 75% concession on stamp duty. Employment Benefits: Reimbursement of 50% of the employer's contribution towards EPF and ESI for local employees.
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- The first M-Sand Policy was introduced in 2019.

Rajasthan City Gas Distribution (CGD) Policy, 2025

- This policy was issued on July 16, 2025.
- Objective: To promote a gas-based economy and increase the availability of clean natural gas.
- Under this policy, gas pipeline infrastructure will be strengthened, and the CGD network will be expanded. It aims to increase the availability of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for domestic and industrial consumers.

Rajasthan Employment Policy, 2026



Key Highlights

- Announced on National Youth Day, June 12, 2026.
- A comprehensive policy to address employment challenges; the state's labour force participation rate stands at 64.4% and the unemployment rate at 4.2%.
- Vision: To provide meaningful employment to every youth and establish the state as a leading hub for inclusive and sustainable employment.
- Mission: To create 15 lakh (1.5 million) employment opportunities by March 2029 through self-employment, wage employment, and entrepreneurship.
- Strategic Pillars: Revitalization of the primary sector and rural economy; promotion of manufacturing and green jobs; expansion of the service sector; and strengthening of public sector employment.
- Implementation Mechanism: EEMS 2.0 (AI-based employment portal)—connects job seekers with public and private employers; includes e-job fairs and international placement facilities.
- Regional Focus: Implementation at the district level; special emphasis on TSP (Tribal Sub-Plan) areas and Aspirational Districts.
- Data-Driven Governance: Monitoring via the Employment Outcome Index (EOI) and supervision by a high-level committee.

Rajasthan Global Capability Centre (GCC) Policy, 2025

- This policy was notified on November 27, 2025.
- Objective: To develop Rajasthan as a premier destination for Global Capability Centers (GCCs).
- GCCs serve as hubs for high-value services—such as IT, R&D, finance, analytics, human resources, risk management, and digital innovation—for multinational companies.
- The policy aims to foster high-quality employment, skill development, foreign direct investment, and export growth.
- The core mantra of this policy is "Connect – Collaborate – Contribute."

Rajasthan Skill Policy, 2025

- This policy was issued on April 16, 2025.
- Objective: To enhance the employability and income of the youth through skill training and vocational education.

Key Provisions

- Modernization and expansion of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).
- Establishment of Model Career Centres.
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL); employment-linked training through the 'Recruit-Train-Deploy' program.
- Strengthening the Rajasthan Council of Vocational Education and Training (RCVET).
- Establishment of Finishing Schools and Centres of Excellence.
- Promotion of apprenticeship and internship programs.

Rajasthan Tourism Policy 2025

- The first tourism policy was announced in 2001.
- The Rajasthan Tourism Policy 2025 was launched in Jaipur on December 10, 2025.
- This policy has been formulated in alignment with the long-term development vision of "Viksit Rajasthan@2047" (Developed Rajasthan@2047).
- Objective: To promote modern, innovation-driven, and future-oriented tourism development in the state.

Key Focus Areas

- Development of hotels, resorts, heritage properties, and homestays will be promoted by encouraging private investment.
- Tourism infrastructure will be strengthened and expanded. Along with traditional tourism, eco-tourism, rural tourism, tribal tourism, adventure tourism, and religious tourism will be incorporated.
- Employment generation and skill development will be encouraged. Incentives for Investors
- Capital subsidies, SGST reimbursement, and interest subsidies on term loans (in accordance with the prevailing RIPS) will be provided.
- Exemptions on stamp duty and electricity charges (in accordance with the prevailing RIPS) will be granted.

Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy 2025

- The first policy of this kind was announced in 2022.
- The objective of this policy is to establish the state as a global film production hub. A comprehensive film directory and an online portal have been launched to assist filmmakers.

Key Incentives and Benefits

- A subsidy of up to 30% on production costs will be provided for films, web series, TV serials, and documentaries shot in Rajasthan.
- The maximum subsidy limit for feature films is set at ₹3 crore.
- The maximum limit for web series and documentaries is ₹2 crore.
- The maximum subsidy for TV serials is up to ₹1.50 crore.



Eligibility Conditions

- A minimum expenditure of ₹2 crore in Rajasthan is required for feature films.
- A minimum expenditure of ₹1 crore is mandatory for web series and TV serials.
- No minimum expenditure limit is prescribed for documentaries.
- To qualify for the subsidy, the film or short film must have at least 5% of its screen time filmed in Rajasthan, or at least 50% of the total shooting days must have taken place in Rajasthan.
- Films in the Rajasthani language are also eligible under this policy.

Additional Benefits

- 100% reimbursement of location fees for up to 5 days will be provided for shooting at sites managed by the state or central government.
- A special incentive of ₹50 lakh will be given for National Award-winning films. A special incentive of ₹1 crore will be provided for films that have won international awards.

Rajasthan Tourism Unit Policy (RTUP) – 2024

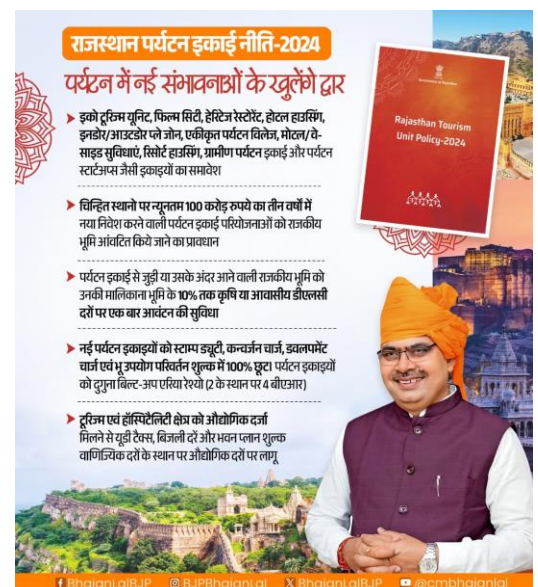
- The first tourism unit policy was issued in 2007.
- Its objective is to encourage the establishment of new tourism units in the private sector.
- The policy aims to create employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Benefits available to investors and entrepreneurs in the tourism sector have been enhanced.
- The utilization of heritage properties available in the private sector has been promoted. Licensing procedures for hotels, restaurants, and other tourism establishments have been simplified.
- Tourism units will be eligible for all financial benefits under the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS).

Benefits of the Rajasthan Tourism Unit Policy-2024

1. Benefits related to conversion charges
2. Benefits related to stamp duty
3. Building plan approval charges at industrial rates
4. Exemption from development charges and land charges
5. Electricity charges at industrial rates
6. Permission for 10% of the plinth area or 1,000 sq. meters (whichever is less) for commercial use
7. Urban Development (UD) tax at industrial rates
8. Double Built-Up Area Ratio (BAR) of four (4) without betterment levy
9. Composite bar license at concessional rates/fees as per the prevailing excise policy
10. Fire NOC – valid for 3 years at a time
11. Operational licenses (trade, hotel, and restaurant licenses) – valid for 10 years at a time
12. The first state hotel policy was implemented in 2006.

Rajasthan Integrated Clean Energy Policy, 2024

- Launch: December 4, 2024.
- Main Objective: To contribute towards achieving the national target of 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030.
- The policy sets a target to establish 115 GW of capacity by 2029-30, comprising 90 GW of solar, 25 GW of wind and hybrid renewable energy generation, and 10 GW of energy storage capacity.
- It will promote solar energy, wind energy, biomass, and green hydrogen.
- It aims to achieve a green hydrogen production capacity of 2,000 kilo-tonnes per annum (KTPA) by 2030.



- The initial 500 KTPA of green hydrogen projects will benefit from a 50% concession on transmission and wheeling charges.

- **Note:** First Solar Energy Policy: 2011

First Wind Energy Policy: 2012

- First Biomass Policy: 2010 First Rajasthan Wind and Hybrid Energy Policy (also considered the second wind energy policy): 2019
- Biomass and Waste-to-Energy Policy: 2019
- These policies were consolidated in 2023 under the name 'Rajasthan Non-Conventional Energy Policy'. This was subsequently formulated into the 'Integrated Clean Energy Policy' and launched on December 4, 2024.

Renewable Energy Park Policy

- It promotes the development of solar, wind, and hybrid parks by private park developers.
- Objective: To create common infrastructure for evacuating power into the power grid.

Rajasthan E-Waste Management Policy - 2023

- This policy has been issued to address issues related to e-waste and ensure its effective management. The policy aims to ensure the safe collection, recycling, and scientific disposal of e-waste.
- This policy promotes the circular economy by linking the informal sector with the formal sector.

Key Features

- Establishing an environment-friendly e-waste management system.
- Encouraging the collection, segregation, recycling, and scientific disposal of e-waste.
- Promoting the e-waste recycling industry.
- Supporting resource recovery and the circular economy.
- Ensuring compliance with e-waste management rules and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

Rajasthan Climate Change Policy - 2023

- This policy was released on June 5, 2023 (World Environment Day).
- Objective: To safeguard the state against the impacts of climate change and promote sustainable development.
- It focuses on addressing challenges such as rising temperatures, heatwaves, droughts, water crises, and desertification.

Key Features

- Integrating climate change considerations into the plans and decision-making processes of all departments.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in alignment with national and international commitments.
- Enhancing the resilience of communities, infrastructure, and ecosystems.
- Encouraging climate-friendly technology, innovation, and green finance.
- Strengthening institutional mechanisms, data systems, and monitoring for effective climate governance.

Rajasthan Forest Policy - 2023

- Its objective is the sustainable management of forests, wildlife, and biodiversity based on scientific, traditional, and empirical knowledge.
- The policy aims to increase the vegetation cover to 20% of the state's geographical area over the next 20 years.
- This policy is based on the conservation, restoration, and management of natural forests, wildlife, and biodiversity.

Key Features

- Conservation of natural forests and biodiversity to protect ecosystems and enhance their productive capacity.
- Expansion of forest and tree cover through reforestation, afforestation, agroforestry, and tree plantation.
- Promoting community participation for the sustainable use of forest and pasture-based resources.
- Preventing desertification and land degradation, and improving land productivity.

- Conservation of rare and endangered species of flora and fauna.

Rajasthan Electric Vehicle Policy (REVP) 2022

- It has been launched to promote sustainable transport over the next five years.
- Objective: To reduce vehicular emissions and foster a favorable environment for the EV ecosystem.
- A budget provision of ₹150 crore for SGST reimbursement for the year 2025-26 promotes the adoption of electric vehicles.
- Dedicated electric vehicle and component manufacturing parks will also be developed by RIICO.
- To encourage the development of private and public charging infrastructure, the installation of charging stations has been made license-free.

Provisions

- **Shaping the Electric Vehicle Landscape:** Establishing a robust charging network, promoting research and development, and incentivizing manufacturing within the state.
- **Responsible Departments:** Various departments—such as Transport, Energy, Industries, and Information Technology & Communication—have been entrusted with the responsibility of implementing the policy and ensuring inter-departmental coordination.
- **Incentives:** Financial incentives for electric vehicles have been determined with the aim of making them affordable for consumers.
- **IT Platform:** An application-based platform will be established to provide real-time status information on public charging stations.

Rajasthan AI/ML Policy-2026

- Launched on January 6, 2026, at the Rajasthan Regional AI Impact Conference held in Jaipur.
- Objectives: Adoption of AI in governance, AI incentives for industries, and AI skill and capacity building.
- This policy will promote the modernization of public service delivery.
- This policy will aid in achieving the goals of a developed Rajasthan by 2047 (Viksit Rajasthan@2047).

Provisions

- Special emphasis has been placed on enhancing transparency in governance.
- Equitable and inclusive access to the benefits of AI will be ensured.
- AI will accelerate development in both urban and rural areas.
- The policy has been formulated in alignment with the state's long-term development roadmap.
- A future-ready digital ecosystem will be fostered.

Child and Women Welfare Policy (Proposed in Rajasthan Government Budget 2026-27)

- An Early Childhood Care & Education Policy will be formulated.
- A Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) based policy will be introduced for the construction of *Dharamshalas* (community rest houses).
- A Digital Infrastructure Facilitation Policy and a Geo-Spatial Policy will be introduced.
- A Solid Waste Management Policy will be implemented for solid waste management.
- Under the M-Sand Policy, the usage of M-Sand in construction activities will be increased from 25% to 50%.
- Under RIPS-2024, the service sector, alongside manufacturing, will receive the benefit of interest subsidies.
- Expansion benefits will be provided to the logistics, warehousing, and Global Capability Center (GCC) sectors.
- Container manufacturing has been included as a promoted sector under RIPS-2024.
- Green employment will be promoted through the Energy Transition Skilling Cluster. Under the Rajasthan ODOP (One District One Product) Policy-2024, 10% margin money assistance will be provided for expansion.
- A new progressive policy will be introduced under the 'Mukhyamantri Jan Awas Yojana' to promote urban housing.
- A new TDR (Transferable Development Rights) policy will be implemented for urban development.

- Rajasthan Semiconductor Policy 2026
- Effective from March 18, 2026.
- Main Objective: To establish the state as a hub for semiconductor manufacturing and electronic chip production.
- Key Areas: The Jodhpur, Pali, and Marwar regions are being developed as a 'Priority Semiconductor Corridor'.
- Benefits: In addition to subsidies from the Government of India, the state government will provide additional capital assistance, a 100% exemption on electricity duty for 7 years, and a 75% exemption on stamp duty.

Rajasthan Aerospace and Defence Policy 2026

- Effective from March 18, 2026.
- Main Objective: To encourage manufacturing in the aerospace, defence, and space technology sectors.
- Benefits: To attract investment, industries in the 'Large' and 'Mega' categories will be offered additional incentives, such as a 75% reimbursement of state taxes (investment subsidy) for 7 years and 'Employment Booster' schemes.

Rajasthan Industrial Park Promotion Policy 2026

- Effective from March 18, 2026.
- Main Objective: To foster industrial development and create integrated industrial hubs.
- Facilities: Single-window clearance via the 'Raj-Nivesh' portal, benefits regarding land and lease rental subsidies, and the promotion of industrialization in less-developed areas.

Samyak Current Affairs - July 2026 Test Paper

- With reference to the recently signed Yamuna Water Project Agreement, select the correct option:
 1. Project cost — ₹34,102 crore (estimated cost)
 2. Quantity of water — 577 million cubic metres
 3. Source of water — Hathnikund Barrage, Rajasthan
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 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
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- Consider the following statements regarding the TEXCON-2026 Summit and identify the incorrect statement(s):
 1. It was organised on 12 June 2026.
 2. It was organised at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur.
 3. It was organised by the Tax Consultant Association.
 Code:
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
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- Identify the correct pair(s) with reference to the State-Level Junior Men's Hockey Tournament:
 1. Edition — 16th
 2. Venue — Pali
 3. Winner — Sikar
 Code:
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- Which edition of National Statistics Day-2026 was organised, and with which theme?
 (a) 21st edition with the theme "Harnessing the Potential of Administrative Data"
 (b) 20th edition with the theme "Harnessing the Potential of Administrative Data and Viksit Bharat"
 (c) 20th edition with the theme "Harnessing the Potential of Administrative Data"
 (d) 24th edition with the theme "Harnessing the Potential of Administrative Data"
- With reference to the World Yogasana Championship 2026, select the correct option:
 Edition — First
 Mascot — Veer the Lion
 Participation — Players from 89 countries participated
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- Consider the following statements regarding the PM Family Care Tracker Pilot Project and identify the correct statement(s):
 i. It was launched by Union Minister Amit Shah in Gandhinagar on 23 June 2026.
 ii. This tracker will strengthen maternal and child health, nutrition and family welfare.
 Code:
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- Where did the Department of Food and Public Distribution launch a Smart Warehousing System for foodgrain storage on 18 June 2026?
 (a) Rajasthan (b) West Bengal
 (c) Haryana (d) New Delhi

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