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- Static GK boxes are written for one-liner questions in SSC / Banking / State PSC.
- Finish Rapid Fire + Firsts tables the night before the exam.
- Tap the green WhatsApp bar on every page for daily MCQs and PDF updates.
- Source month: events of late June–July 2026 compiled for August 2026 revision.

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01 NATIONAL NEWS

Government Established Bureau of Port Security (BoPS)

- Gol set up BoPS under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways as the apex regulator for ship, port and related infrastructure security.
- Modelled on the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). Tasks: regulation, inspections/audits, standards compliance, inter-agency coordination and maritime cybersecurity.
- Initially placed under Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA), formerly DG Shipping. Shyam Jagannathan oversaw the transition.
- CISF designated Recognised Security Organisation for port facilities — assessments and training of private security personnel.

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Alang is India's largest ship-breaking yard. India coastline $\approx$ 7,516 km. UNCTAD is a permanent UN intergovernmental body.

India Became the World's Top Ship Recycling Nation in 2025

- UNCTAD: India recycled 2.99 million GT in 2025 — 35.4% of global recycling (up from 30.1% in 2024).
- Maritime India Vision 2030 target met nearly five years early.
- Drivers: Ship-breaking Credit Note Scheme, Alang modernisation, international environmental standards.

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Ship recycling supports circular economy via material recovery and jobs. MIV-2030 aims to strengthen the maritime sector by 2030.

DIKSHA Became “One Nation, One Digital Platform” for School Education

- Designated on 28 June 2026. Launched 2017; curriculum resources from foundational stage to Class 12.
- Federated model for States/UTs. Content in 36 Indian + 7 foreign languages: QR textbooks, videos, animations, virtual labs, sign language.
- Teacher training via NISHTHA and self-paced certification; offline/downloadable and accessibility tools.

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DIKSHA = Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing. Managed by NCERT with CIET support.

India Approved Its First Offshore Airport in Maharashtra

- DPR approved for first offshore airport near Kore Beach, Palghar — third international airport for Mumbai Metropolitan Region.
- Two parallel runways; capacity 90 million passengers and 3 MMT cargo a year.
- Linked with Uttan-Virar Sea Link, Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train and Vadhavan Port. Construction from 2026; operations early 2030s.

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CSMIA is Mumbai's main airport. Offshore airports sit on reclaimed land/marine structures. Vadhavan is a major planned Maharashtra port.

SUMAN Roadmap 2030 Launched for Maternal Health

- Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda launched it on 29 June 2026 in New Delhi.
- Aims: zero maternal deaths, zero infant deaths, universal ANC, institutional deliveries, full immunisation — SDG-aligned life-cycle approach.
- Focus: 130 districts in 13 high-focus states; digital monitoring, high-risk pregnancy care, community participation.

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MMR per 1,00,000 live births. NMR = deaths in first 28 days. IMR = deaths before age 1. ASHAs are community health workers.

Akashvani Launched Swar Prerna Veethika (90 Years of Musical Heritage)

- Permanent photo gallery of legendary musicians; inaugurated by Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia at Akashvani Rang Bhavan, New Delhi.
- Phase-1: 20 portraits including Bharat Ratna awardees M.S. Subbulakshmi, Ravi Shankar, Lata Mangeshkar, Bismillah Khan, Bhimsen Joshi, Bhupen Hazarika.
- Digital push: 24×7 channels Raagam and Aaradhana on YouTube, News-on-Air App and WAVES OTT. Radio broadcasting centenary in 2027.

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Akashvani = All India Radio, under Prasar Bharati (Prasar Bharati Act, 1990).

Indian Business Leaders Joined the AI for Good Global Commission

- Launched by ITU and Salesforce on 3 July 2026 for responsible, inclusive AI.
- Founding Indian members: Mukesh Ambani, Sunil Bharti Mittal, Lakshmi N. Mittal, Vishal Talwar. 40+ global leaders.
- Announced by Rwanda President Paul Kagame (Co-Chair), Marc Benioff and ITU SG Doreen Bogdan-Martin (Vice-Chair).
- Inaugural meeting at AI for Good Global Summit, 7-10 July 2026, Geneva.

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ITU = UN specialised agency for ICTs; HQ Geneva. Salesforce HQ: San Francisco.

Microsoft and Lightstorm to Build I-2SEA Undersea Cable

- Partners: Tata Communications, Singtel, ASEAN Cables, NEC. 3,600-km India-2-Southeast Asia cable to Malaysia and Singapore.
- Landing station at Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Operational Q4 2029.
- Lightstorm network to expand from 19 to 29 AI/cloud zones in India.

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Submarine cables carry ~95% of international internet traffic. India has ~17 active submarine cable systems. NEC HQ: Tokyo.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs Launched TribeX

- India's first dedicated digital learning platform for tribal arts, culture, languages and traditional knowledge.
- Launched by Union Minister Jual Oram at National Workshop on Tribal Research Institutes, Bhubaneswar.
- 20 free certificate courses; plans for 100+ courses. UGC-recognised one-year hybrid PG diplomas in tribal studies with Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi.

India's First Greenfield Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex

- PM Modi inaugurated it at Pachpadra, Balotra, Rajasthan on 4 July 2026.
- JV: HPCL 74% + Rajasthan Govt 26%; investment over ₹79,450 crore. Refining 9 MMTPA; petrochemicals 2.4 MMTPA.
- Anchor for a Petrochemical and Plastic Park. CDU fire on 20 April 2026 delayed inauguration; petrochemical units targeted Q4 2026.
- Same visit: projects worth ~₹1.06 lakh crore including Jodhpur Airport terminal and Jaipur Metro Phase 2.

Kamarajar Port Got 18-Metre Operational Draft

- Second major Indian port after Visakhapatnam to achieve 18 m draft after ₹440 crore Capital Dredging Phase VI.
- Can handle fully loaded Capesize vessels up to 1,70,000 DWT — now a Cape Compliant Port.

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Location: Ennore, Tamil Nadu. Capesize ships are among the world's largest dry bulk vessels.

Navi Mumbai Airport Notified as a Drug Import Port

- MoHFW notification on 8 July 2026 after DTAB consultation; amendment to Rule 43A of the Drugs Rules, 1945.
- Notified drug import ports rose to 42 (air, sea, road, rail). Issued under Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

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Drugs Act 1940; Drugs Rules 1945. DTAB is the highest statutory technical advisory body on drugs/cosmetics.

India Launched LoA Regime for High-Seas Fishing

- Letter of Authorisation regime launched by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar for sustainable EEZ and high-seas fishing.
- India: coastline over 11,000 km (magazine figure), EEZ ~24 lakh sq. km. World's 2nd-largest fish producer (~8% of global output); seafood exports ~₹73,000 crore.
- Odisha Deep Sea Fishing Mission 2026–2036: outlay ₹2,295.45 crore.

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EEZ extends 200 nautical miles under UNCLOS. India signed UNCLOS 1982, ratified 1995. Fisheries Ministry created 2019.

Centre Renamed Central Vista as Kartavya Bhawan Area

- Union Minister Manohar Lal: use "Kartavya Bhawan Area/Complex" in official documents instead of Central Vista.
- Includes Kartavya Bhawans, Kartavya Path, Common Central Secretariat and other redeveloped offices.

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Rajpath renamed Kartavya Path in 2022. Redevelopment includes 10 Common Central Secretariat buildings.

India Launched Campaign for UNSC Non-Permanent Seat (2028–29)

- EAM S. Jaishankar unveiled campaign and SHANTI vision at UN HQ, New York.
- Contests Asia-Pacific Group seat against Tajikistan; election June 2027.
- SHANTI = Securing Holistic Advancement through Norms, Trust and Integrity — peacekeeping, maritime security, terror financing, responsible AI, SDGs, institutional reform.
- India has served 8 non-permanent terms; last 2021–22.

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UN founded 1945; UNSC has 15 members (5 permanent + 10 non-permanent, 2-year UNGA terms). P5: China, France, Russia, UK, US.

Bharat Tex 2026 Textile Trade Exhibition

- 14–17 July 2026 at Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhoomi, New Delhi. 3rd edition; Ministry of Textiles support.
- Over 1.6 million sq ft; 20,000+ products; 7,000 buyers and 1,30,000 visitors from 20+ countries expected.
- Sponsor states: MP, Bihar, UP, Punjab, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu.

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5F Vision: Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign. Bharat Mandapam at Pragati Maidan; Yashobhoomi is IICC, New Delhi.

GSI Discovered Thorium and Rare Earth Deposits in Karnataka

- Thorium-bearing minerals in Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagar; mapped ~700 acres around Koothanur and nearby villages.
- Reserve: monazite (phosphate of Th, U and REEs). 20-acre core zone for possible commercial mining auctions.

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GSI HQ: Kolkata. Established 1851. Functions under Ministry of Mines.

India's First Immersive Language Museum Opened in Kolkata

- Shabdlok (Museum of Word) inaugurated July 2026 at National Library campus, Belvedere House; Ministry of Culture.
- Nearly 380 languages including 121 Census-2011 languages; 9 galleries with AI, AR, VR, holograms, sensors.

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National Library is India's largest library (Kolkata). Census 2011 recorded 121 languages.

Digital Monthly Toll Pass on RajmargYatra App

- NHAI Local Pass for residents within 20 km of an eligible plaza — monthly unlimited travel through that plaza.
- Verification via DigiLocker, VAHAN and GIS. First site: Mundka-Bakkarwala plaza on UER-II, Delhi.
- AI-enabled MargMitra Help Centre also launched on the app.

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FASTag = RFID e-toll. DigiLocker under MeitY. VAHAN = national vehicle registry.

India's First 100 MWh Flow Battery Project Approved

- 100 MWh Vanadium Redox Flow Battery BESS at Khavda Solar Park, Gujarat.
- NTPC REL awarded contract July 2026; deployment 2027, 10-year O&M.; EPC: Bondada Engineering; tech: Delectrik Systems.
- First and largest grid-scale VRFB in India; first non-lithium utility-scale BESS fully designed/made in India.

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VRFB stores energy in vanadium liquid electrolytes. Khavda planned 30 GW by 2029.

50% Quota for Ex-Agniveers in CAPFs

- 50% reservation in Constable (GD) CAPFs and Rifleman, Assam Rifles. Separate Ex-Agniveer category by MHA.
- 3 years age relaxation; first batch gets 8 years. Exempt from PST, PET and written exam.
- No recruitment yet — first Agniveer batch has not completed 4-year tenure.

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CAPFs under MHA. Agnipath launched 2022 (4-year service).

Former ISRO Chief Dr S. Somanath Joined Agnikul Cosmos

- Joined as Observer on the Board ahead of Mission 02 — orbital-class booster recovery and on-orbit upper stage on two-stage Agnibaan.
- Will demo indigenous semi-cryogenic propulsion and 3D-printed engine. As ISRO chief he led Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya-L1.

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Agnikul HQ: Chennai. Aditya-L1 = India's first solar observatory. Chandrayaan-3: first soft landing near lunar south pole.

PM Flagged Off India's First Indigenous Hydrogen-Powered Train

- From Jind Railway Station, Haryana. Built by ICF Chennai; 89-km Jind-Sonapat section.
- 2,400 kW hydrogen fuel cell; emits only water vapour. 10 coaches; 2,600+ capacity; max 75 km/h. Green Rail Mission / Make in India.

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ICF Perambur established 1955. Germany launched world's first hydrogen train in 2018. IR has 19 zones.

India Commissioned First Geothermal Wells in Puga Valley

- Eastern Ladakh; inaugurated by LG V.K. Saxena; executed by ONGC Energy Centre.
- Two wells to 1,000 m at >14,000 ft altitude — core for India's first 1 MW pilot geothermal plant.

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Puga is in Changthang, eastern Ladakh. ONGC established 14 August 1956; HQ New Delhi.

UN Chief Launched Global Methane Action Plan

- António Guterres launched a Call to Action on Methane in London; warned temperatures ~1.37°C above pre-industrial and may cross 1.5°C this decade.
- Focus: fossil fuel, agriculture, waste; landfill management, methane-capture, circular economy.
- Strengthens Global Methane Pledge: 159 countries + EU to cut methane 30% by 2030 vs 2020.
- Flagged AI energy demand; Global Urban Data Centres Pact launched — 36 cities, six continents.

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Global Methane Pledge launched at COP26. UN HQ: New York. Guterres SG since 2017.

India's Operation Amistad for Venezuela Earthquakes

- Quakes of 7.2 and 7.5 on 24 June 2026 near Montalbán and Yumare, west of Caracas.
- At least 32 dead, 700+ injured. Acting President Delcy Rodríguez declared emergency on 25 June 2026.

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Venezuela: northern South America; capital Caracas; language Spanish; currency Bolívar.

PM Modi Visited Prambanan Temple, Indonesia

- 8 July 2026 with President Prabowo Subianto during a 3-day state visit; prayers at the Trimurti Hindu temple.
- ASI to support conservation (2025 Joint Statement). 2026–27 designated Tagore-Dewantara Year.

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Largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia; 9th century; UNESCO WHS; famous Ramayana reliefs; Yogyakarta.

2,000-Year-Old Indian Gold Rings Found in Thailand

- Don Yai Thong site, Phetchaburi. One ring has Brahmi inscription “pusarakhitasa” — “protected by Pushya”.
- Found with skeletal remains; evidence of Iron Age India-SE Asia maritime trade. Now at Phra Nakhon Khiri Museum.

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Brahmi is the parent of most modern Indian scripts. Pushya is one of 27 Nakshatras.

India-Kyrgyzstan ‘Manas and Mahabharata’ Centre

- International Centre for Civilizational Studies opened in Bishkek by Manas National Academy and CSIR, New Delhi.
- Trilateral MoUs with seven Kyrgyz universities. First Hindi translation of epic Manas by Hem Chandra Pande and Ramakant Dwivedi released.

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Manas is Kyrgyzstan's national epic. Mahabharata attributed to Ved Vyasa. Bishkek is capital. Independence: 31 Aug 1991.

US, UK and 12 Nations Reaffirmed 2016 Hague South China Sea Ruling

- 14 countries marked 10th anniversary of 12 July 2016 award (Philippines vs China). Called it final and binding under UNCLOS; rejected China's “historic rights”.
- China called the award “null and void”. Statement opposed force/coercion and backed FON.

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Case filed 2013. Claimants: China, Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, Taiwan.

Nine European Countries + Ukraine Formed Missile Defence Coalition

- Integrated Anti-Ballistic Missile Coalition, Paris, July 2026.
- Members: Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, UK.
- Core project: Ukraine's Freyja system as a cheaper Patriot alternative.

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ABM defence detects, tracks, intercepts incoming ballistic missiles. Patriot is a SAM system.

Andy Burnham Became UK Prime Minister

- July 2026; invited by King Charles III. Succeeded Keir Starmer after local-election pressure.
- Uncontested Labour leadership. 7th UK PM in a decade. Mayor of Greater Manchester since 2017 (re-elected 2021, 2024).

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UK is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system. Commons is the lower house.

China Suspended Rare Earth Exports to Japan

- From January 2026 after PM Sanae Takaichi's Nov 2025 Taiwan remarks.
- June 2026 customs: no gallium, dysprosium, terbium or yttrium to Japan. Japan-US Critical Minerals Action Plan (March 2026).

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17 REEs = lanthanides + Sc + Y. China >90% of RE magnet refining. Similar 2010 Senkaku/Diaoyu curbs.

UK Appointed Kanishka Narayan as First AI Minister

- Cabinet-level AI Minister, July 2026. Indian-origin Labour MP (Vale of Glamorgan) born Muzaffarpur, Bihar.
- Earlier PUSS for AI and Online Safety (Sep 2025-Jul 2026). DSIT dissolved; functions to Business & Trade and Culture.

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Whitehall is the UK administrative centre. Google DeepMind is a UK AI lab.

Khalil al-Hayya Elected Hamas Political Bureau Chief

- Elected after death of Yahya Sinwar. Born Gaza, 1960; with Hamas since 1987.
- Lead negotiator in indirect ceasefire/hostage talks via Qatar, Egypt and the US.

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Hamas founded 1987 (First Intifada); roots in Muslim Brotherhood (Egypt, 1928). Earlier PB chiefs: Ismail Haniyeh, Khaled Meshaal.

03 STATE AFFAIRS

Odisha Launched GO-EAST Policy

- Government of Odisha Eastern Investment Accelerator and Special Task Force — announced by CM Mohan Charan Majhi at CII Eastern Region meeting, Bhubaneswar.
- Faster approvals, single window, real-time tracking. IPR 2022 revised for 15 backward districts and non-mineral industries.
- MoUs with 7 firms, proposed investment ≈ ₹24,823 crore (chemicals, power, green energy, textiles, steel).

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Capital: Bhubaneswar. CM: Mohan Charan Majhi.

Rajasthan-Haryana Yamuna Water Project Pact

- Signed 29 June 2026 in New Delhi in presence of Amit Shah; ends ~30-year dispute.
- Rajasthan's 1994 Upper Yamuna share to move from Western Yamuna Canal via 3 large underground pipelines (~580 MCM).
- Benefits Sikar, Churu, Jhunjhunu (Raj.) and Bhiwani, Fatehabad (Har.). CWC technical support.

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Yamuna is Ganga's largest tributary. Capitals: Jaipur / Chandigarh.

Delhi EV Policy 2026 & Mission Kayakalp

- Cabinet under CM Rekha Gupta: policy 1 July 2026–31 March 2030, battery EVs only. Road tax/registration exemptions; incentives for 2W/3W/goods EVs; 30,000+ chargers planned.
- Mission Kayakalp: modernise govt school buildings, labs, sanitation, water, accessibility, green campuses via districts, CSR and communities.

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N1 = goods vehicles GVW $\leq$ 3.5 t. CSR is statutory social spend by eligible companies.

West Bengal ₹313.3 Crore PMCSKY Package for Tea Workers

- Pradhan Mantri Cha Shramik Protsahan Yojana for 3 lakh+ tea garden workers.
- ₹177 cr education, ₹72 cr healthcare, ₹63 cr welfare infra including 321 rest sheds. Implementing agency: NBDD.

UP Mahila Samarthya Yojana & Mahila Udyam Nidhi

- Samarthya (UPSRLM): free skill training, ₹15,000 revolving fund, enterprise and market support; priority BPL/SC-ST/PwD/Aspirational Districts.
- Udyam Nidhi: loans ₹50,000–₹10 lakh at ~4%; no collateral up to ₹2 lakh. Age 18–60, family income < ₹3 lakh, Aadhaar-linked account.

Four States Signed Narmada Project Payment Pact

- MP, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra settled cost-sharing on Sardar Sarovar and Indira Sagar under NWDT Award.
- Signed in New Delhi before Amit Shah and Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil.

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NWDT under Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956. Narmada flows MP–Maharashtra–Gujarat into Arabian Sea.

Assam Began Commercial Matcha Tea Production

- First Indian state to commercially produce Matcha (July 2026) at Chota Tingrai Tea Estate, Tinsukia.
- First lot sold via Guwahati Tea Auction Centre to Sheosons Chai Co. Automated Japanese facility after ~10 years of collaboration.

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Matcha = powdered shade-grown green tea (Japan). Major Assam districts: Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Sivasagar.

Delhi ₹8,300-Crore “Clean Air, Healthy Delhi”

- Seven-year project Sep 2026–Aug 2033 with World Bank support: monitoring, sensors, multi-sector emission control.

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World Bank HQ Washington D.C.; President Ajay Banga. NCAP launched 2019. CPCB manages AQI.

Gujarat's First Air-Filled Rubber Dams

- Rajvasana (Heran, Chhota Udepur) and Pathakwadi (Ambika, Tapi); South Korean tech; combined cost > ₹162 crore.
- Irrigation: 3,420 ha / 25 villages and 650 ha. Rubber bladder life ~30 years; SCADA; deflatable in floods.

Karnataka Announced India's First Government-Driven AI University

- Announced July 2026 in Bengaluru at Google I/O Connect India 2026; linked to an AI Hub.
- UG/PG/research in AI, ML, robotics, data science. Two green data centres proposed at Hoskote and near Mangaluru.

Uttarakhand Became India's Sixth Fully Literate State

- Adult literacy >98.7% in 2026 (from 83.8% in 2023-24) under NEP 2020 and ULLAS (95% threshold).
- Joined Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

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Capitals: Dehradun (winter), Gairsain (summer). ULLAS = Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society. First fully literate state: Kerala. Literacy Day: 8 Sep.

Killai Became Tamil Nadu's First Climate-Resilient Village

- Cuddalore district; implemented by TNGCC. Focus: cyclones, sea-level rise, erosion, renewables, Pichavaram mangroves.

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TNGCC = Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company. TNSAPCC is the State Climate Action Plan.

Mission Golden Spice for Lakadong Turmeric

- DoNER mission, July 2026; outlay ₹175.45 crore (2026-30). Area 2,500 → 7,000 ha; output 49,400 MT by 2030.
- Target farmer income ~₹80/kg; 17,500 farmers (~99% women). DoNER funds 50%. Export push: US, EU, Japan, Gulf.

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Lakadong (Meghalaya, Jaintia Hills) is GI-tagged; 7-12% curcumin. GI Act, 1999.

04 BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

India's External Debt Rose to \$762.8 Billion in FY26: RBI

- Up \$26.3 bn from FY25; debt-to-GDP 19.8% → 20.8%. Valuation effects cut the rise by \$24.6 bn.
- USD share 55.5%. Long-term debt \$613.5 bn; short-term 19.6% of total; ST-debt/forex reserves 20.1% → 21.6%.

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RBI established 1935; HQ Mumbai.

ADB \$42.2 Million SEFF for NE Bamboo Economy

- June 2026 Small Expenditure Financing Facility for cultivation, processing, MSMEs/FPOs/artisans; aligned with Act East.

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ADB est. 1966; HQ Manila. India is a founding member. Bamboo = "Green Gold".

RBI Revamped Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (from 1 July 2026)

- Replaces IOS 2021. "One Nation, One Ombudsman" for SCBs, eligible NBFCs, PPI issuers, CICs.
- Approach Ombudsman if no resolution in 30 days / unsatisfactory reply; file within 90 days.
- Awards: up to ₹30 lakh financial loss + up to ₹3 lakh for time/harassment.

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NBFC = finance company without a bank licence. PPI = stored-value instrument. CIC = credit information company.

NPCI + HSBC India + JP Morgan: Real-Time FX for Cross-Border UPI

- Instant FX conversion and settlement for international UPI, routed via participating banks.

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NPCI is the retail payments umbrella under RBI/IBA guidance. UPI is NPCI's real-time payment system.

First Services Production Index Released

- MoSPI trial Index of Services Production for April 2026, released 14 July 2026. Complements IIP.
- 19 formal services sub-sectors; base 2024–25; ~60% of formal services. 14/19 sub-sectors had double-digit YoY growth; air and rail transport declined.

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MoSPI is nodal for official statistics. TAC on ISP set up May 2025. Monthly indices on the 29th.

NABARD-NSDC Gramodyam Programme

- Launched 13 July 2026 on NABARD's 45th Foundation Day. Pilot: ~4,000 rural entrepreneurs in 3 years.
- Digital-first hybrid training, assessment, registration and bank credit linkage.

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NABARD: 12 July 1982; HQ Mumbai. NSDC formed 2008.

FTP Amended to Prohibit Forced-Labour Imports

- DGFT inserts Para 2.20B in FTP 2023; in force 30 days after Gazette. Suo motu or complaint-based probes.
- Adopts ILO Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) definition. Comes amid US Section 301 scrutiny.

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DGFT = Directorate General of Foreign Trade. ILO HQ: Geneva.

Windfall Tax on Petroleum Exports Revised (16 July 2026)

- Diesel: ₹8.50 → ₹15.50/L. ATF: ₹7.50 → ₹14.50/L. Petrol: ₹4 → ₹2.50/L.
- Triggered by higher crude on US-Iran tensions and Hormuz risk. Fortnightly review.

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Windfall tax applies to diesel/ATF/petrol exports, not domestic sales. Hormuz links Persian Gulf to Gulf of Oman.

Anti-Abuse Rule in India-Sri Lanka Tax Treaty

- Principal Purpose Test: deny treaty benefits if tax advantage was a principal purpose (treaty shopping).
- Covers dividends, interest, royalties, business profits.

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DTAA avoids double taxation. PPT is a standard BEPS anti-abuse rule.

NPCI Offline Tap-to-Pay UPI

- NFC tap-to-pay at merchant PoS even if both phone and terminal are offline. Limit ₹2,000/txn.
- Needs UPI Lite wallet preload while online. Useful on aircraft and metro.

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UPI Lite X (Sep 2023) was phone-to-phone offline. USSD *99# works without internet up to ₹5,000.

India Joined WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement

- 123rd WTO member to accept (July 2026). Bans subsidies for IUU fishing and those causing overfishing/overcapacity.
- Applies to marine wild capture, not aquaculture/inland. India seeks 25-year transition in Phase II and exemption for small-scale fishers.
- India's subsidy ~USD 15 per fisher family per year — among the lowest globally.

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Adopted at MC12 Geneva, June 2022; in force 15 Sep 2025 after 2/3 acceptance.

NITI Aayog 10-Year Bioeconomy Roadmap

- Target: \$691 bn bioeconomy by 2035 and \$2.6 tn by 2047; top-3 biotech economy; 30 million high-value jobs.
- Six National BioMissions: gene/cell therapy, climate-resilient agri, synthetic biology, marine biotech, disease surveillance, biopharma.
- ₹50,000-crore BioEconomy Growth Fund (2026–35); PLI-style incentives and engineering-biology courses.

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NITI Aayog: 1 Jan 2015 (replaced Planning Commission). PM is Chairperson. HQ New Delhi.

RBI Draft Foreign Investment Rules 2026

- Draft FEMA (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2026 to replace Non-Debt Instruments Rules, 2019 (Budget 2026–27 announcement).
- Splits procedural FEMA (RBI) and policy (Centre). Comments till 31 August 2026.

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FEMA in force 1 June 2000, replaced FERA 1973.

05 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

World's First Nuclear Heat-Based Hydrogen Facility

- Inaugurated 26 June 2026 at IGCAR, Kalpakkam — hydrogen via high-temperature thermo-chemical use of reactor heat.
- Supports National Green Hydrogen Mission; potential for steel, fertilisers, refineries, transport, power.

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IGCAR focuses on Fast Breeder technology. NGHM launched 2023. H₂ combustion yields water.

ISRO Hot-Tested Semi-Cryogenic Engine Power Head

- 24 June 2026 at Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu. LOX + refined kerosene; for future booster stages / higher payload.

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IPRC at Mahendragiri. ISRO: 15 Aug 1969; HQ Bengaluru.

New Exotic Quantum State: Fractional Fermi Sea

- University of Innsbruck: ~70,000 ultracold cesium atoms in 1-D tubes at a few nK. Beyond Tomonaga-Luttinger theory (Physical Review Letters).

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Cesium Z=55 (alkali). T-L theory describes 1-D interacting particles.

Indian Scientists Built a Placenta-on-Chip

- IIT Bombay + ICMR-NIRRH Mumbai. Microfluidic organ-on-chip mimics nutrient/O₂ transfer and toxin blocking.
- Photolithography + soft lithography. For preeclampsia, GDM, drug testing; reduces animal use. Funded under SERB IMPRINT II-C.

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Placenta is a temporary pregnancy organ. Organ-on-chip simulates organ function for research.

Earth-like Exoplanet GJ 3378 b Re-analysed

- Around red dwarf Gliese 3378, ~25 ly, Camelopardalis. Mass revised 5.3 → 2.3 Earth masses; period 21.45 days; habitable zone; ~90% of Earth's insolation.
- Detected by radial velocity (HPF on Hobby-Eberly + NEID on WIYN). Atmosphere not confirmed.

STATIC GK

Habitable zone = region where liquid water can exist. NASA Habitable Worlds Observatory planned for 2040s.

Cyclospora Outbreak in the United States

- CDC: 1,645 domestically acquired cases in 34 states (July 2026). Parasite *Cyclospora cayetanensis* via contaminated food/water; focus on bagged salad/lettuce.

STATIC GK

Cyclospora is a protozoan parasite, not a bacterium/virus. CDC is the US public-health agency.

Helium Detected in Atmosphere of LHS 1140 b

- Super-Earth 48–49 ly in Cetus; 5.6 Earth masses, 1.73 Earth radii; habitable-zone red-dwarf planet.
- Helium seen in 2024 but not 2025 (Magellan Clay / WIRED). Atmosphere retained ≥ 3.1 bn years. No atmosphere on nearby LHS 1140 c.

STATIC GK

Super-Earth: larger than Earth, smaller than Uranus/Neptune. Goldilocks zone = habitable zone.

Yantur 4.5 kN Turbofan Engine Programme

- Paninian India (Bengaluru/Hyderabad) unveiled engine for long-range autonomous systems, combat drones and cruise missiles.
- Scalable to 12.5 kN for Svayatt CCAV / Svayatt L1 Make-I cruise missile. Five patent claims; seeking \$3 million.

STATIC GK

kN measures thrust. Digital twin = virtual replica for monitoring. Make-I is an indigenous defence procurement category.

World's Second-Oldest Orbicular Rock in Madhya Pradesh

- Pichhore orbicular granite, Shivpuri, dated ~2.56 bn years (U-Pb zircon); inherited zircons to 3.5 bn years. Bundelkhand Craton.

STATIC GK

Orbicular granite has rounded orbicules. Craton = stable continental crust. Journal: Geosystems and Geoenvironment.

CDSCO Approved Wegovy for MASH

- Novo Nordisk's Wegovy (semaglutide 2.4 mg) — first GLP-1 agonist in India for non-cirrhotic MASH with moderate-to-advanced fibrosis (ESSENCE trial).

STATIC GK

CDSCO under MoHFW. DCGI heads CDSCO. MASH = metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis.

06

DEFENCE

HELINA Strengthened Indigenous Anti-Tank Capability

- Helicopter-launched Nag by DRDO; tandem HEAT warhead; fire-and-forget; IIR seeker; range ~7–10 km; integrated with LCH Prachand.

STATIC GK

DRDO est. 1958; HQ New Delhi. Prachand is India's first indigenous combat helicopter.

RIMPAC 2026 Began in Hawaii

- 30th edition, 24 June–31 July 2026. 30 nations, ~30 ships, 5 subs, 206+ aircraft, 30,000+ personnel.
- World's largest US-led multinational maritime drill. Chile deputy commander; Japan vice; ROK maritime; Canada air.

STATIC GK

RIMPAC = Rim of the Pacific; biennial.

Project BRAHMANK 16th Raising Day

- BRO project (2011) marked Raising Day on 29 June 2026 in Arunachal. Maintains ~811 km roads and ~86 bridges.
- FY 2025–26: 13 bridges; 61 km upgraded to NHDL.

STATIC GK

BRO est. 1960. Arunachal borders Bhutan, China, Myanmar.

Indian Army Raised 'Baaz Battalions' for Drone Warfare

- Specialised units under Army Aviation Corps for RPA operations and ISR.
- Lessons from Russia-Ukraine, LAC and Operation Sindoor. Army Chief Gen. Upendra Dwivedi: drones from a few hundred to 50,000+ in two years.

STATIC GK

LAC is the de facto India-China border. RPA = remotely piloted aircraft.

Tiger Lightning 2026: Bangladesh-US Exercise

- 13-day drill till 31 July 2026 at Para Commando Brigade, Jalalabad Cantonment, Sylhet. Jungle warfare, CT, TCCC.
- Started 2017; paused in COVID. Conducted by Bangladesh Army and USARPAC.

Indian Navy Hosted Operation Southern Readiness 26-2

- 20–23 July 2026, Southern Naval Command, Kochi, with Combined Maritime Forces under India-led CTF 154.
- Training: maritime law, MDA, counter-narcotics, force protection, uncrewed systems, boarding, damage control.

STATIC GK

CMF has 40+ countries. SNC is at Kochi.

07 APPOINTMENTS**Mahesh Dixit — Director, Intelligence Bureau**

- Appointed 25 June 2026. 1993-batch IPS, Andhra Pradesh cadre. Heads internal intelligence, CI, CT and internal security coordination.

STATIC GK

IB est. 1887; under MHA; among the world's oldest intelligence agencies. DIB is generally an IPS officer.

Dr U.P. Rajeev — Director, VSSC

- June 2026. VSSC leads launch-vehicle design/test; Gaganyaan, RLV and advanced propulsion.

STATIC GK

VSSC: Thiruvananthapuram; named after Vikram Sarabhai.

Ravi Agrawal Reappointed CBDT Chairman

- Six-month contract, 1 July–31 Dec 2026, after ACC relaxed rules. 1988-batch IRS; first appointed June 2024.

STATIC GK

CBDT under Dept of Revenue, MoF; powers from Income-tax Act, 1961.

General Dhiraj Seth — 31st Chief of Army Staff

- Took charge 30 June 2026 succeeding Upendra Dwivedi. Earlier 49th VCOAS.
- First Armoured Corps COAS since 1997. Tenure till 31 August 2028.

Anurag Jain — CEO, NITI Aayog

- July 2026, two-year term (ACC). 1989-batch IAS, MP cadre; former CS of Madhya Pradesh. Succeeded B.V.R. Subrahmanyam.

STATIC GK

Planning Commission functioned 1950–2014. CEO is NITI's senior administrative head.

08 MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING**Ministry of Tourism-Google India Digital Tourism MoU**

- Signed in New Delhi before Tourism & Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- AI and data to boost Incredible India discoverability. Non-commercial, non-binding, no financial commitment.

Agnikul Cosmos-ICEYE Sovereign SAR Missions

- MoU to develop, launch and operate SAR Earth-observation systems from India (disaster, security).
- Agnibaan (3D-printed engines) + ICEYE SAR tech.

STATIC GK

SAR images Earth in all weather. Agnikul incubated at IIT Madras. ICEYE HQ: Espoo, Finland.

India-Japan \$1 Billion Green Methanol Supply Deal

- ACME Green Molecules to supply 100,000 tpa green methanol to Mitsubishi Gas Chemical from Paradip, Odisha.
- RFNBO-compliant; meets EU and IMO carbon-intensity norms.

STATIC GK

Paradip is a major deep-water port. IMO HQ: London. NGHM launched Jan 2023. Japan currency: Yen.

DoP-TRAI Village Telecom Survey MoU

- Largest village-level network survey: 5.68 lakh+ villages. Operators: Airtel, Jio, Vi, BSNL. App + India Post field data. Led by Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.

STATIC GK

TRAI est. 1997; HQ New Delhi. India Post is the world's largest postal network.

09 SUMMITS**16th India-Japan Annual Summit**

- PM Sanae Takaichi in India 1–3 July 2026 (first visit as PM). Defence, economy, infra, tech, clean energy, climate, QUAD/G20/UNSC reform.
- Followed Modi's Tokyo visit for the 15th Summit (Aug 2025).

STATIC GK

Japan capital Tokyo; currency Yen. Both in QUAD and G20.

5th BIMSTEC National Security Advisers' Meeting

- 16 July 2026, New Delhi. Cyber, terrorism, trafficking, transnational crime, satellites. Bangladesh is current chair.

STATIC GK

BIMSTEC est. 1997 as BIST-EC. 7 members: BD, BT, IN, MM, NP, LK, TH. Secretariat: Dhaka.

12th BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting

- Hyderabad, 15–16 July 2026 under India's BRICS Chairship. Chaired by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya.
- Social security, women's workforce, skills mapping, gig-worker digitalisation. India showcased e-Shram and NCS.

STATIC GK

BRICS formed 2009; first summit Yekaterinburg. NDB HQ: Shanghai.

5th BRICS Geospatial Meeting at IIT Tirupati

- 20–22 July 2026 under DST. Expected outputs: Tirupati Recommendations 2026, Action Plan 2026–27, Geodesy framework, interoperable data framework.

STATIC GK

GNSS includes GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, BeiDou. PNT supports aviation, telecom and emergencies.

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REPORTS

FAO SOFIA 2026: India 2nd Largest Aquatic Animal Producer

- After China. Growth from inland aquaculture + marine fisheries; PMMSY support. India a leading seafood exporter.

STATIC GK

FAO est. 1945; HQ Rome. Fisheries under MoFAHD. Coastline ~7,500 km.

Unemployment Fell to 8-Year Low of 3.1% in 2025: NSO

- Urban female unemployment 10.8% (2017–18) → 6.4% (2025). Highest urban female UR: Arunachal 18.4%, HP 18.3%, Bihar 16.8%, Nagaland 15.7%, Rajasthan 14.6%.
- Gujarat urban female UR down to 1.5%. Supports SDG-8 (decent work by 2030).

STATIC GK

NSO under MoSPI.

Global Passport Index 2026: India 125th

- 197 countries; slipped one rank but score 45.1 (5-year high). Weights: Mobility 50%, QoL 25%, Investment 25%.
- Sub-ranks: Mobility 136, QoL 118, Investment 94. Visa-free/VoA ~26 destinations. Top: Sweden, Switzerland, Finland.

STATIC GK

Henley Index ranks mainly by visa-free access.

RBI Financial Stability Report, June 2026

- FSDC Sub-Committee assessment. Global risks: public debt, bond fragility, stretched valuations; West Asia conflict.
- SCBs and NBFCs: strong capital/liquidity, better asset quality. Stress tests: capital stays above regulatory minima.

STATIC GK

FSR is half-yearly. FSDC chaired by Union Finance Minister. RBI HQ Mumbai.

Sustainable Development Report 2026

- 11th edition by UNSDSN. None of 17 SDGs on track for 2030; only ~16% of targets on pace.
- India highest-ever rank: 94/167, score 68.3 (from 99th in 2025). Still behind Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka.
- Global lag worst on SDG 2, 11 and 15.

STATIC GK

SDGs adopted 2015 (17 goals, 169 targets). UNSDSN est. 2012.

Happy City Index 2026: Jaipur 6th Globally

- Only Indian city in top 10. London 1st, then New York and Paris.

STATIC GK

Index by Institute for Quality of Life. Jaipur = Pink City, capital of Rajasthan.

AISHE 2023-24: Record Higher Education Enrolment

- 4.5 crore students (+31.5% vs 2014-15). GER 30 (23.7 in 2014-15). Female enrolment 2.24 cr; female GER 31.2; GPI 1.08.
- STEM crossed 1.02 crore (women 44%). Faculty 17.32 lakh (women 7.78 lakh).

STATIC GK

AISHE is annual, Ministry of Education; used for NEP 2020 monitoring.

IAF Ranked World's 3rd Strongest Air Force

- WDMMA 2026 Global Air Power Rankings — 5th straight year ahead of China's PLAAF. USAF 1, Russia 2, IAF 3.
- 129 air arms, 103 countries. TVR method (not just fleet size). IAF: 1,716 aircraft (542 fighters, 498 helos, 374 trainers, 20 special mission).

STATIC GK

IAF raised 8 Oct 1932 (IAF Day).

MeitY Digital Threat Report 2025-26 (BFSI)

- 2nd edition with CERT-In, CSIRT-Fin and SISA. 18-month cyber roadmap. 6/7 prior predictions materialised.
- Flags AI asymmetry and introduces Cyber Failure Anatomy Framework.

Indian Railways: World's 2nd-Most Electrified Large Network

- 99.6% BG electrified as of 22 July 2026 (UIC). 48,072 RKM electrified 2014-26 vs 21,801 before 2014.
- Diesel for operations: 293 cr L (2015-16) → 108 cr L (2024-25). RE commissioned >1,260 MW (1,161 solar + 103 wind) by June 2026.

STATIC GK

Switzerland 100% (1st). China 82%, Spain 67%, Japan 64%, France 60%, UK 39%. Rail CO₂ ~89% lower per t-km than road.

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SPORTS

India Gold in Women's 4×100 m Relay (Asian Relays)

- Gold at 2nd Asian Relays Championships, Shangyu; India finished with 3 medals.

STATIC GK

Relays governed by World Athletics. Baton 28-30 cm.

Ben Stokes Retired from International Cricket

- England all-rounder; key to 2019 World Cup win; Test captain of "Bazball" with coach Brendon McCullum.

STATIC GK

Born Christchurch. Plays for Durham. ECB HQ at Lord's.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi: India's Youngest International

- T20I debut vs England, Old Trafford, 4 July 2026, aged 15 years 99 days — younger than Tendulkar's 16y 205d (1989 Test vs Pakistan).
- Youngest Indian men's T20I debutant (prev. Washington Sundar 18y 80d, 2017). Youngest Full-Member men's T20I debutant (world record: Marian Gherasim, Romania, 14y 16d, 2020).

Neymar Jr Retired from International Football

- After Brazil 1-2 Norway, WC 2026 R16 at MetLife Stadium (same venue as debut).
- 16 years, 130 caps, 80 goals, 59 assists — Brazil's all-time leading men's scorer. Won 2013 Confederations Cup and 2016 Olympic gold.

STATIC GK

Brazil has 5 World Cups. WC 2026 hosted by three nations. MetLife: East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Indian Soldiers Won First World Rowing Cup Gold

- Lakshay and Ujjwal Kumar Singh, Lightweight Men's Double Sculls, WR Cup Stage 3, Lucerne, 27 June 2026 (6:26.09). Army Rowing Node, Pune.

STATIC GK

Sculling = two oars/rower; sweep = one oar. World Rowing governs the sport.

'Mayur' Mascot for Commonwealth Table Tennis 2026

- 22nd CTTC, 27 July–2 August 2026, Thyagraj Stadium, New Delhi; ~35 countries. Unveiled by CM Rekha Gupta. Delhi Govt + TTFL.

Jannik Sinner Retained Wimbledon Men's Title

- Beat Alexander Zverev 6-7(7), 7-6(2), 6-3, 6-4 on 12 July 2026. 5th Slam, 2nd straight Wimbledon. Beat Djokovic in SF.
- First in 48 years to win Wimbledon after a five-setter earlier in the fortnight.

STATIC GK

Wimbledon founded 1877, London. Federer holds most men's singles titles.

Spain Won FIFA World Cup 2026

- Spain 1-0 Argentina (AET), MetLife Stadium. Ferran Torres 106' (MoM). Enzo Fernández sent off; Argentina played extra time with 10.
- Spain's 2nd title (after 2010); first country to hold men's and women's WC titles together. First 48-team WC; 308 goals (record). Rodri: Golden Ball.

STATIC GK

FIFA est. 1904; HQ Zürich. WC every 4 years.

Pakistan to Host 2027 South Asian Games

- 14th SAG, 23–31 March 2027, Lahore–Islamabad–Faisalabad; 3,500+ athletes, 8 countries, 27 sports. Third Pakistan hosting (1989, 2004); first multi-city.

STATIC GK

Organised by South Asian Olympic Council. OCA 46th GA 2026: Tashkent.

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AWARDS AND HONOURS

Green Oscars 2026: Two Indian Women Won Whitley Awards

- Parveen Shaikh (Indian Skimmer, Chambal) and Dr Barkha Subba (Himalayan Salamander, Darjeeling).
- Royal Geographical Society, London; presented by Princess Anne (WFN). £50,000 each.

STATIC GK

Whitley Awards = "Green Oscars"; WFN London.

India: 7 Schools in World's Best School Prizes 2026 Top 10

- Highest national shortlist since the awards began. Winners in November 2026. Organised by T4 Education (UK).

Dr Florence Rabier Won 71st IMO Prize

- WMO's highest meteorology honour (June 2026) for NWP, satellite data assimilation and cooperation.

STATIC GK

WMO UN agency since 1950; HQ Geneva. World Meteorological Day: 23 March. IMO Prize est. 1955.

PM Modi Received Seychelles' Highest Civilian Honour

- "Guardian of the Blue Horizon", 28 June 2026 — IOR maritime security, capacity building, SAGAR partnership.

STATIC GK

Capital Victoria; currency SCR. IORA member. SAGAR launched 2015.

Sunil Bharti Mittal: 2026 USISPF Leadership Award

- IX USISPF Summit, Washington D.C. Also awarded: Christopher T. Calio (RTX) and V. Prem Watsa (Fairfax).

International Booker Prize Renamed Bukhman International Booker Prize

- From 2027; 10-year Bukhman Philanthropies funding (2027–36). Winner purse doubled to £100,000 (author + translator equal). Shortlist £5,000 each title.
- 2027 chair: Katie Kitamura. Eligible: translated fiction published UK/Ireland 1 May 2026–30 April 2027.

STATIC GK

Began as Man Booker International 2005; annual from 2016; International Booker from 2019.

ICMR-MINDS Won Gold at National e-Governance Awards 2026

- AI mental-health platform for frontline workers. Category: AI/new-age citizen services. 29th National e-Gov Conference, Jaipur.

STATIC GK

Awards by DARPG, Ministry of Personnel. ICMR is India's apex biomedical research body.

PM Modi Received Indonesia's Bintang Adipurna

- Highest civilian honour from President Prabowo Subianto, Jakarta, 7 July 2026. Dedicated to the people of India.

STATIC GK

Indonesia capital Jakarta; currency Rupiah.

DoT's Samridhh Gram Won WSIS Prize 2026

- Global winner, Action Line C6 – Enabling Environment, WSIS Forum Geneva.
- Phygital Samridhhi Kendras on BharatNet (>2.17 lakh Gram Panchayats) for health, education, skills, agri, finance, governance.

STATIC GK

WSIS Forum organised by ITU (HQ Geneva). BharatNet is among the world's largest rural broadband projects.

Sourav Ganguly Inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

- 8 July 2026; 12th Indian. 113 Tests, 308 ODIs; led India to 2003 WC final.

STATIC GK

Hall launched 2009. First Indians: Bedi, Kapil, Gavaskar (2009). First Indian woman: Diana Edulji (2023). Dhoni inducted 2025.

R. Vairamuthu Received 60th Jnanpith Award (2025)

- Tamil literature; presented by Dr Karan Singh, New Delhi. Third Tamil Nadu winner after Akilan (1975) and Jayakanthan (2002).
- ₹11 lakh + citation + bronze Vagdevi statue. Kallikattu Ithikasam won Sahitya Akademi 2003.

STATIC GK

Highest Indian literary honour; Bharatiya Jnanpith, 1961. First award 1965: G. Sankara Kurup (Malayalam). For 8th Schedule languages.

Acharya Ranchhodlalji Goswami: Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar

- Ahmedabad; 16th-generation Goswami Haveli Acharya; first Haveli Sangeet practitioner to win it. Pushtimarg / Ashtachhap (Surdas).

STATIC GK

Award for artists below 40; instituted 2006. SNA est. 1953.

Dr Nandini Azad Received Bharat Samman 2026

- Women's cooperatives; President, Working Women's Forum (India) and ICNW, Chennai — 6.15 lakh women, 4 southern states. Presented in Dehradun.

STATIC GK

WWF founded 1978. ICA HQ Brussels.

72nd National Film Awards (films certified 2024)

- Announced 18 July 2026, New Delhi. Best Feature: Article 370. Best Actor (joint): Mammooty (Bramayugam) & Kartik Aaryan (Chandu Champion).
- Best Actress: Yami Gautam (Article 370). Best Director: Rajkumar Periasamy (Amaran). Best Popular: Kalki 2898 AD. Best Hindi: Srikanth.

STATIC GK

NFA instituted 1954. Dadasaheb Phalke is highest cinema honour. CBFC est. 1951. First Best Actor: Uttam Kumar (1967).

James Gray Chosen for Locarno Career Pardo

- Pardo alla Carriera at 79th Locarno Film Festival, 9 August 2026, Piazza Grande. Film Paper Tiger (Hathaway, Driver).

STATIC GK

Locarno since 1946. Top prize: Golden Leopard. Switzerland capital Bern; currency CHF.

NSA Ajit Doval Selected for Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026

- National security, borders, CT. ₹1 lakh + citation + memento. To be presented Pune, 1 August 2026 (106th death anniversary of Tilak).
- Cited: Operation Black Thunder, Balakot, Doklam talks.

STATIC GK

Award instituted 1983 by Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust. Slogan: "Swaraj is my birthright and I shall have it."

13**GOVERNMENT SCHEMES****Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK)**

- Launched by J.P. Nadda at 16th CCHFW. Unified home/community care from birth to 36 months; merges HBNC + HBYC.
- Risk-stratified extra visits for LBW, preterm, malnutrition, recurrent illness, delay. ASHAs, ANMs, CHOs, AWWs.
- Well-Baby Sessions and monthly Shishu Shivirs; digital tracking on national platforms.

DISHA 2.0 for Digital Justice Delivery

- Approved June 2026 by Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal. Paperless courts, e-filing, virtual hearings, AI case management, inter-operability with police/prisons/forensics. Supports e-Courts Phase III.

STATIC GK

Article 39A: equal justice. Supreme Court est. 1950. e-Courts under Department of Justice.

VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 in Force from 1 July 2026

- Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin). Statutory workdays 100 → 125 per eligible rural household.
- Focus: durable assets, water, NRM, agri, village infra, SHGs, tech transparency. Interim allocation ₹95,692.31 crore.
- Old e-KYC job cards valid till new Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Cards. National launch 2 July 2026, Mukkavaripalli, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

STATIC GK

Implemented by Ministry of Rural Development.

Nationwide Rollout of PM-SETU

- ₹60,000-crore scheme across 200 ITI clusters: 200 hub + 800 spoke ITIs to modernise 1,000 Govt ITIs.
- Immediate SIP ₹1,237.58 crore for Odisha, Gujarat, Telangana. Partners: Jindal Naveen Avasar, AM/NS, Apollo MedSkills. Five National Centres of Excellence.

STATIC GK

MSDE est. 2014. DGT governs ITIs. Skill India launched 2015.

Cabinet Approved Semicon 2.0

- Outlay ₹1,27,500 crore for full value chain: design, machines/materials, fabs, ATMP/OSAT, R&D, talent.
- Semicon 1.0: 12 projects, ~₹1.64 lakh crore — 2 fabs, 1 Si wafer, 1 SiC wafer, 1 micro-LED, 9 assembly units.

National Investment Policy for Urea-2026

- CCEA, July 2026. Close 10 MT gap (demand ~40 MT vs production ~30 MT) via 8–9 new units (~10 MT).
- Regulated RoE 12–16%; FX adjustment in construction; fixed-cost conversion after 4 years of operation.

STATIC GK

Urea is the main N fertiliser. India is 2nd-largest consumer and largest importer. Earlier NIP 2012. Dept of Fertilizers.

PRAGATI Scheme for Farmers

- Launched by Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Train 20,000 rural youth as agri-entrepreneurs in 8 states.
- Target 20 lakh farmers; ~30% income rise; focus paddy, maize, potato via regenerative agri.

STATIC GK

National Farmers Day: 23 December.

EPFO VISHWAS, 2026 Scheme

- Six-month one-time settlement of penalty/damages disputes, 29 June–29 Dec 2026 (Sec. 14B EPF Act / Social Security Code).
- Pre-14 June 2024 default penalties cut to 0.25–1% per month. Clear PF + interest and withdraw appeals. Fully digital on Employer Portal.

STATIC GK

EPFO est. 4 March 1952; under Labour Ministry; HQ New Delhi.

14**OBITUARY****Girish Bharadwaj — “Bridge Man of India” (76)**

- Died 7 July 2026, Sullia, Karnataka. Padma Shri 2017. Built 140+ low-cost suspension bridges in KA, KL, TG, OD.
- First bridge 1989 across Payaswini at Arambur, Dakshina Kannada. PESCE Mandya mechanical engineer.

Teejan Bai — Pandavani Exponent (70)

- Died in Raipur after prolonged illness. Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan. Mahabharata storytelling of Chhattisgarh.

STATIC GK

Pandavani narrates Pandava tales. Raipur is Chhattisgarh's capital.

S. Janaki — “Nightingale of South India” (88)

- Died 11 July 2026, Mysuru. ~48,000 songs in 18–20 languages over 6 decades. 4 National Awards, 33 State Awards; declined Padma Bhushan 2013.
- Retired 2016; last concert Mysuru 2017. State honours funeral.

STATIC GK

First National Award 1977 for Tamil “16 Vayathinile”. NFA instituted 1954.

India Observed National Mourning for Sheikh Hamad of Qatar

- One-day mourning 13 July 2026 for Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani. Flag at half-mast; official events suspended.

STATIC GK

Qatar capital Doha; currency Riyal. Current Emir: Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

Moozhikkal Pankajakshi — Puppetry Artist (90)

- Died in Kottayam. Revived Nokkuvidya Pavakali (stringless Kerala puppetry). Padma Shri 2020. Eight decades of Ramayana/Mahabharata performances.

STATIC GK

Padma Shri is India's 4th-highest civilian award. Kerala Folklore Academy HQ: Kannur.

15 BOOKS AND AUTHORS**The Second Orbit: Belief of a Man... Dreams of 1.4 Billion Hearts**

- Memoir by astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla; released by CAS Amar Preet Singh, New Delhi.
- IAF fighter pilot to ISS via Axiom-4 (launched 25 June previous year). Marks first anniversary of the mission.

STATIC GK

ISS is a multinational LEO laboratory. IAF HQ New Delhi.

RSS @ 100: A Century of Service, Unity & Sacrifice

- Released by Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan at Uprashtrapati Bhavan. Authors: Shyam Jaju and Anupam Trivedi.
- Attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and IGNC President Ram Bahadur Rai.

STATIC GK

RSS founded 27 September 1925 by Dr K.B. Hedgewar; HQ Nagpur.

16 IMPORTANT DAYS**World Music Day — 21 June**

- Also Fête de la Musique. Observed in 100+ countries with free public performances.

STATIC GK

Originated France 1982; initiated by Jack Lang. Annual on 21 June.

World MSME Day — 27 June

- Recognises MSMEs in jobs, innovation and exports; digital adoption, women entrepreneurship, Atmanirbhar Bharat.

STATIC GK

UNGA designated 2017. India classification by investment + turnover. Ministry of MSME.

International Day of the Tropics — 29 June

- UNGA 2016; marks first State of the Tropics Report (29 June 2014). Tropics: ~40% land and ~40% population.

STATIC GK

Tropic of Cancer crosses 8 Indian states. Amazon is the largest tropical rainforest.

International Asteroid Day — 30 June

- Awareness of NEOs and planetary defence. Commemorates 1908 Tunguska event (Siberia; ~2,000 sq km forest flattened).

STATIC GK

UNGA 2016 after ASE proposal. Asteroid Belt lies between Mars and Jupiter.

World Zoonoses Day — 6 July

- Marks Pasteur's first rabies vaccine, 6 July 1885. WHO: ~60% known and ~75% emerging human infections are zoonotic. One Health approach.

World Rural Development Day — 6 July

- 2026 theme: "Financing the First Mile of Food Systems". Marks CIRDAP founding anniversary.

STATIC GK

CIRDAP HQ Dhaka (1979). IFAD HQ Rome.

3rd NAMASTE Day — 14 July

- Honours sanitation workers; main event Rabindra Sadan, Kolkata (MoSJE + ULBs).
- NAMASTE promotes mechanised sanitation and dignity of sewer/septic/waste workers and former manual scavengers.

STATIC GK

Scheme launched FY 2023-24, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

World Youth Skills Day — 15 July

- 2026 theme: "Skills for a Shared Future" — AI, digital, green and vocational skills.

STATIC GK

First observed 2015; annual 15 July.

World Emoji Day — 17 July

- 2026 theme: "Universal Expressions, One Digital World". Date matches the calendar emoji. Founded by Jeremy Burge (Emojipedia).

World Chess Day — 20 July

- 102nd anniversary of FIDE. 2026 declared "Year of Chess in Education" with International School Chess Federation.

STATIC GK

FIDE founded 20 July 1924, Paris; HQ Lausanne. First official World Champion: Wilhelm Steinitz (1886). President: Arkady Dvorkovich.

World Brain Day — 22 July

- 2026 theme: "Brain Health: Access for All". Neurological disorders affect 3.4 billion+ people. Led by World Federation of Neurology.

STATIC GK

WFN est. 1957; HQ London.

National Broadcasting Day — 23 July

- First radio broadcast 23 July 1927 from Bombay Station of Indian Broadcasting Company. AIR 1936; Akashvani 1956.

STATIC GK

Prasar Bharati autonomous from 1997. First FM service: Chennai, 23 July 1977.

RF PRELIMS RAPID FIRE — MUST MEMORISE

Read this sheet the night before the exam. Each line is a probable one-liner.

NATIONAL

- BoPS — Ministry of Ports; modelled on BCAS; CISF is Recognised Security Organisation; overseen in transition by Shyam Jagannathan.
- Ship recycling 2025 — India No.1 (UNCTAD), 2.99 mn GT, 35.4% global share.
- DIKSHA = One Nation, One Digital Platform (28 June 2026); launched 2017; NCERT+CIET; 36 Indian + 7 foreign languages.
- First offshore airport — Kore Beach, Palghar; 90 mn pax + 3 MMT cargo; third MMR airport.
- SUMAN Roadmap 2030 — J.P. Nadda, 29 June 2026; 130 districts / 13 high-focus states.
- Swar Purna Veethika — Akashvani 90 years; inaugurated by Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia.
- AI for Good Commission — ITU + Salesforce; Indian founders Ambani, both Mittals, Vishal Talwar; Co-Chair Paul Kagame.
- I-2SEA cable — 3,600 km India-Malaysia-Singapore; landing Machilipatnam; live Q4 2029.
- TribeX — first tribal digital learning platform; Jwal Oram; Bhubaneswar.
- Pachpadra complex — first greenfield refinery+petchem; HPCL 74% : Raj 26%; ₹79,450 cr; 9 + 2.4 MMTPA.
- Kamarajar (Ennore) — 2nd 18 m draft port after Vizag; Capesize 1.7 lakh DWT.
- Drug import ports — 42 after Navi Mumbai Airport added (Rule 43A).
- LoA high-seas fishing — launched by VP Dhankhar; India 2nd fish producer (~8%).
- Central Vista renamed Kartavya Bhawan Area (Manohar Lal).
- UNSC 2028-29 campaign — SHANTI vision; vs Tajikistan; poll June 2027; 8 previous terms.
- Bharat Tex 2026 — 14-17 July; Bharat Mandapam + Yashobhoomi.
- GSI Th/REE — Gundlupet, Chamarajanagar (monazite).
- Shabdlok — first immersive language museum; Belvedere House, National Library, Kolkata.
- Local Pass — 20 km radius; first Mundka-Bakkarwala (UER-II).
- First 100 MWh VRFB — Khavda, Gujarat; NTPC REL; Bondada + Delectrik.
- Ex-Agniveers — 50% CAPF GD / Assam Rifles; 3-yr age relax (8 yr first batch); no PST/PET/written.
- Somanath — Observer, Agnikul Board; Mission 02 on Agnibaan.
- First H2 train — ICF; Jind-Sonapat 89 km; 2,400 kW; 75 km/h.
- First geothermal wells — Puga Valley, Ladakh; ONGC Energy Centre; 1 MW pilot.

INTERNATIONAL + STATE

- Global Methane Pledge — 30% cut by 2030 vs 2020; 159 countries + EU; launched COP26.
- Op Amistad — Venezuela quakes 7.2 & 7.5 (24 June 2026).
- Prambanan — 9th c. Trimurti temple, Yogyakarta; UNESCO; Tagore-Dewantara Year 2026-27.
- Thai gold rings — Brahmi “pusarakhitasa”; Phetchaburi.
- Manas-Mahabharata Centre — Bishkek; first Hindi Manas translation.
- Hague award 2016 — 10th anniversary reaffirmed by 14 countries; China rejects.
- Missile coalition — 9 EU states + Ukraine; Freyja system; Paris.
- UK PM — Andy Burnham (Labour) succeeded Keir Starmer.
- China RE ban to Japan — from Jan 2026 after Takaichi Taiwan remarks.
- UK first AI Minister — Kanishka Narayan (born Muzaffarpur).
- Hamas PB chief — Khalil al-Hayya (after Yahya Sinwar).
- Odisha GO-EAST — CM Mohan Charan Majhi; MoUs ₹24,823 cr.
- Yamuna pact — Raj-Har; 580 MCM; 1994 Upper Yamuna share.
- Delhi EV Policy — 1 Jul 2026 to 31 Mar 2030; 30,000+ chargers.
- Assam — first Indian commercial Matcha (Chota Tingrai, Tinsukia).
- Uttarakhand — 6th fully literate state (>98.7%); ULLAS 95% bar.
- Killai (Cuddalore) — TN's first climate-resilient village (TNGCC).
- Mission Golden Spice — Lakadong turmeric; ₹175.45 cr; DoNER 50%.
- Karnataka — first govt-driven AI University (Bengaluru).

ECONOMY + S&T; + DEFENCE

- External debt FY26 — \$762.8 bn; 20.8% of GDP.
- ADB SEFF — \$42.2 mn NE bamboo.
- IOS 2026 — from 1 July; award ₹30 lakh + ₹3 lakh.
- ISP trial — MoSPI; base 2024-25; 19 sub-sectors.
- Gramodyam — NABARD 45th FD; 4,000 rural entrepreneurs / 3 yrs.
- FTP 2.20B — ban forced-labour imports (ILO C29).
- Windfall (16 Jul) — diesel ₹15.50, ATF ₹14.50, petrol ₹2.50 /L.
- Offline UPI tap — NFC; ₹2,000; UPI Lite preload.
- WTO fisheries subsidies — India 123rd acceptor; in force 15 Sep 2025.
- Bioeconomy — \$691 bn by 2035; \$2.6 tn by 2047; ₹50,000 cr fund.
- Nuclear-heat H2 — IGCAR Kalpakkam, 26 June 2026 (world first).
- Semi-cryo power head — ISRO Mahendragiri, 24 June 2026; LOX+kerosene.
- Placenta-on-chip — IITB + ICMR-NIRRH; SERB IMPRINT II-C.
- GJ 3378 b — 2.3 Earth masses; 21.45 days; ~25 ly.
- LHS 1140 b — helium escape; super-Earth in Cetus.
- Yantur 4.5 kN — Paninian India turbofan; Make-I Svayatt.
- Pichhore granite — 2.56 bn yr; 2nd oldest orbicular rock; Shivpuri.
- Wegovy — first GLP-1 in India for MASH (CDSCO).
- HELINA — Nag heli version; 7-10 km; LCH Prachand; IIR; fire-and-forget.
- RIMPAC 2026 — 30th edition; Hawaii; 30 nations.
- BRAHMANK — BRO Arunachal; 16th Raising Day; 2011.
- Baaz Battalions — Army Aviation Corps drone units; 50,000+ RPAs.
- Tiger Lightning — BD-US; Sylhet; till 31 July 2026.
- Southern Readiness 26-2 — Kochi; CMF CTF 154.

PEOPLE, MOUS, SUMMITS, REPORTS

- IB Director — Mahesh Dixit (1993 IPS AP).
- VSSC Director — Dr U.P. Rajeev.
- CBDT — Ravi Agrawal reappointed till 31 Dec 2026 (1988 IRS).
- COAS — Gen. Dhiraj Seth, 31st; first Armoured Corps since 1997; till 31 Aug 2028.
- NITI CEO — Anurag Jain (1989 IAS MP) succeeds B.V.R. Subrahmanyam.
- Tourism-Google MoU — Gajendra Singh Shekhawat; non-commercial.
- Agnikul-ICEYE — sovereign SAR from India.
- ACME-MGC — 1,00,000 tpa green methanol from Paradip; ~\$1 bn.
- DoP-TRAI survey — 5.68 lakh villages.
- 16th India-Japan Summit — PM Sanae Takaichi, 1-3 July 2026.
- 5th BIMSTEC NSA meet — 16 July 2026, New Delhi; chair Bangladesh.
- 12th BRICS Labour meet — Hyderabad; Mansukh Mandaviya.
- SOFIA 2026 — India 2nd aquatic animal producer (after China).
- UR 2025 — 3.1% (8-year low).
- Passport Index 2026 — India 125/197; Sweden 1st.
- SDR 2026 — India 94/167, score 68.3.
- Happy City — Jaipur 6th; London 1st.
- AISHE 2023-24 — 4.5 cr enrolment; GER 30; STEM 1.02 cr.
- WDMMA 2026 — IAF 3rd (US, Russia, India).
- IR electrification — 99.6% BG; 2nd among large networks (Switzerland 100%).

SPORTS, AWARDS, SCHEMES, DAYS

- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi — India debut 15y 99d (4 July 2026, Old Trafford).
- World Rowing Cup gold — Lakshay & Ujjwal Kumar Singh, LM2x, Lucerne.
- Wimbledon 2026 men — Jannik Sinner d. Zverev; 5th Slam.
- FIFA WC 2026 — Spain 1-0 Argentina AET; Ferran Torres; Rodri Golden Ball; 48 teams; 308 goals.
- SAG 2027 — Pakistan (Lahore, Islamabad, Faisalabad), 23-31 Mar.
- Whitley 2026 — Parveen Shaikh & Dr Barkha Subba.
- IMO Prize 71 — Florence Rabier (France).
- Seychelles honour — Guardian of the Blue Horizon (PM Modi).
- Indonesia honour — Bintang Adipurna (7 July 2026, Jakarta).
- Booker — Bukhman International Booker Prize from 2027; £1,00,000.
- WSIS 2026 — Samriddh Gram / BharatNet (DoT).
- ICC HoF — Sourav Ganguly (12th Indian), 8 July 2026.
- 60th Jnanpith — R. Vairamuthu (Tamil).
- 72nd NFA — Best Film Article 370; Best Actor Mammooty + Kartik Aaryan; Best Actress Yami Gautam.
- Tilak Award 2026 — NSA Ajit Doval (Pune, 1 Aug).
- VB-G RAM G — 125 days work; in force 1 July 2026; launch Tirupati.
- PM-SETU — ₹60,000 cr; 200 hub + 800 spoke ITIs.
- Semicon 2.0 — ₹1,27,500 cr.
- NIPU-2026 — close 10 MT urea gap; RoE 12-16%.
- EPFO VISHWAS — 29 Jun-29 Dec 2026; Sec. 14B settlement.
- Bridge Man — Girish Bharadwaj (76), Sullia; Padma Shri 2017.
- S. Janaki died 11 July 2026, Mysuru, 88.
- Second Orbit memoir — Shubhanshu Shukla; released by CAS Amar Preet Singh.
- RSS @ 100 — Shyam Jaju & Anupam Trivedi; released by VP C.P. Radhakrishnan.
- NAMASTE Day — 14 July; scheme FY 2023-24; MoSJE.
- World Youth Skills Day theme 2026 — Skills for a Shared Future.
- World Brain Day theme 2026 — Brain Health: Access for All.
- National Broadcasting Day — 23 July (first broadcast 1927, Bombay).

FT FIRSTS, SUPERLATIVES AND KEY NUMBERS
INDIA / WORLD FIRSTS THIS MONTH

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First World Rowing Cup gold	Lakshay & Ujjwal Kumar Singh
IAF global rank	3rd (WDMMA 2026)
IR electrification	99.6% BG; 2nd large network
UK first AI Minister	Kanishka Narayan
UK Prime Minister	Andy Burnham (Labour)

KEY NUMBERS FOR PRELIMS

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Offline UPI tap limit	₹2,000
Bioeconomy 2035 / 2047	\$691 bn / \$2.6 trillion
BioEconomy Growth Fund	₹50,000 crore (2026–35)
Semicon 2.0 outlay	₹1,27,500 crore
PM-SETU outlay	₹60,000 crore

VB-G RAM G days / outlay	125 days; ₹95,692.31 crore interim
NIPU urea gap	10 million tonnes
Unemployment 2025	3.1%
AISHE enrolment / GER	4.5 crore / GER 30
Passport rank / score	125 / 45.1
SDG Index rank / score	94 / 68.3
Happy City Jaipur	6th in the world
IAF fleet (WDMMA)	1,716 aircraft
FIFA WC 2026	Spain champions; 48 teams; 308 goals
Jnanpith cash prize	₹11 lakh
Booker winner purse (from 2027)	£100,000
Lakadong mission outlay	₹175.45 crore
Delhi clean-air project	₹8,300 crore (to 2033)
GO-EAST MoUs	₹24,823 crore

APPOINTMENTS AT A GLANCE

Post	Person	Note
Director, IB	Mahesh Dixit	1993 IPS, AP cadre
Director, VSSC	Dr U.P. Rajeev	June 2026
Chairman, CBDT	Ravi Agrawal	Till 31 Dec 2026
COAS (31st)	Gen. Dhiraj Seth	Till 31 Aug 2028
CEO, NITI Aayog	Anurag Jain	1989 IAS, MP
UK Prime Minister	Andy Burnham	After Keir Starmer
UK AI Minister	Kanishka Narayan	Cabinet rank
Hamas PB Chief	Khalil al-Hayya	After Yahya Sinwar

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