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Important Personalities

- Who has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Bangladesh in 2026? **Dinesh Trivedi**
- Who has been appointed as the first CEO of Delhi Metro International Limited (DMIL)? **Sanjay Jamuar**
- Who has been sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court in 2026? **Justice Lisa Gill**
- Who has been appointed as the new Vice-Chairperson of NITI Aayog in 2026? **Ashok Kumar Lahiri.**
- Who has assumed charge as Secretary (Defence Finance) in the Ministry of Defence? **Vishvajit Sahay**
- Who has taken charge as Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)? **Anugraha Narayana Das**
- Recently appointed full-time members of NITI Aayog include Dr. R. Balasubramaniam and which other individual? **Dr. Joram Aniya**
- Recently appointed Chairman of Prasar Bharati, Prasoon Joshi, is also known for heading which organization since 2017? **Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)**
- Rohit Jain, recently appointed as Deputy Governor of RBI, previously held which position in the RBI? **Executive Director**
- Which company has chosen Charlie Shamieh as successor to Ajit Jain? **Berkshire Hathaway**
- Who has been named as the successor to Ajit Jain in Berkshire's insurance business? **Charlie Shamieh**
- Ajit Jain is associated with which sector in Berkshire Hathaway? **Insurance business**
- Who is the current head of Berkshire Hathaway after Warren Buffett? **Greg Abel**
- Who has been named as the successor to Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in Biocon? **Claire Mazumdar**
- Claire Mazumdar is the niece of which Indian entrepreneur? **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**
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- Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the CBFC in 2026? **Shashi Shekhar Vempati.**
- Which ministry appoints the Chairperson of the CBFC? **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.**
- For how many years has Shashi Shekhar Vempati been appointed as CBFC Chairperson? **Three years.**
- Who did Shashi Shekhar Vempati succeed as CBFC Chairperson? **Prasoon Joshi.**
- Who became the first BJP Chief Minister of West Bengal? **Suvendu Adhikari.**
- Suvendu Adhikari belongs to which political party? **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).**
- Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff of India in 2026? **Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan.**

1MAY

International Labour Day



Importance:

- To mark the proclamation by the first international congress of socialist parties in Europe on July 14th 1889 in Paris, France.
- The date was chosen due to events on the other side of the Atlantic.
- In 1884 the American Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions demanded an eight-hour workday, to come in effect as of May 1st 1886.

Motto:

- To honour the contributions of the labourers or working class people.

Note:

- Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter and labor union leader, was the person who came up with the idea for Labor Day.
- It is also known as May Day and is a public holiday in many countries across the world.

- Recently who has appointed Vice Chairman of Infosys? **Nitin Paranjpe**
- What position did K.V. Subramanian hold in the Government of India? **Chief Economic Adviser (CEA)**
- Who has been appointed as the Festival Director of the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)? **Ashutosh Gowariker**
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- Who has been appointed as the new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India in 2026? **Lieutenant General N. S. Raja Subramani.**
- Who has been approved as the new Prime Minister of Bulgaria in 2026? **Rumen Radev.**
- Who was sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica in May 2026? **Laura Fernández.**
- Who took oath as the Chief Minister of Assam for a second consecutive term? **Himanta Biswa Sarma**
- Which state's Chief Minister is Himanta Biswa Sarma? **Assam**
- Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Oman? **Prashant Pise**
- Who has taken charge as the CMD of SAIL? **Dr Ashok Kumar Panda**
- Whom did Dr Ashok Kumar Panda succeed as SAIL CMD? **Amarendu Prakash**
- Who took oath as the Chief Minister of Puducherry for the fifth time? **N. Rangasamy**
- Which party was founded by N. Rangasamy? **All India NR Congress (AINRC)**
- Who has been appointed President of CII for 2026-27? **R. Mukundan.**
- Which company is R. Mukundan associated with? **Tata Chemicals.**
- Who has been appointed President-Designate of CII? **Suchitra K. Ella.**
- Who has been appointed Chairman of BRISEC CCI? **Harvansh Chawla.**
- Which African leader was sworn in for a seventh consecutive term in 2026? **Yoweri Museveni.**
- Who has been named as the next Chief Minister of Kerala? **VD Satheesan**
- Who was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly in May 2026? **Rathindra Bose**
- Which state assembly elected Rathindra Bose as Speaker? **West Bengal Legislative Assembly**
- Who was unanimously elected as the President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation (SAWF) in 2026? **Sahdev Yadav.**
- Who was sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Kerala in May 2026? **V D Satheesan**
- V D Satheesan belongs to which political party? **Indian National Congress**
- Which alliance formed the new government in Kerala under V D Satheesan? **United Democratic Front (UDF)**
- Who took oath as Kerala's Home Affairs Minister in the new cabinet? **Ramesh Chennithala**
- Who has been appointed as the CEO of UIDAI in 2026? **Saurabh Garg.**
- Recently, Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma was in the news for becoming the Chief Justice of which country? **Nepal.**
- Who became the first woman officer in the Indian Air Force to earn the Cat-A Qualified Flying Instructor (QFI) qualification? **Squadron Leader Saanya.**
- Who has been appointed Acting Director of National Intelligence after Tulsi Gabbard's resignation? **Aaron Lukas.**

3MAY

World Laughter Day

Inception: 1998
Edition: 27th



Importance:

- To mark the importance of laughing in our lives.

Motto:

- To raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits.

Facts:

- The day was introduced by Dr Madan Kataria, the founder of the Worldwide Laughter Yoga Movement.
- The World Laughter Day was first celebrated on 11 January, 1998 in Mumbai, India.
- "HAPPY-DEMIC" was the first World Laughter Day gathering outside India. It took place on 9th January 2000, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

- Who recently took oath as Chairman of the US Federal Reserve? **Kevin Warsh.**
- Which company's CMD has stepped down recently? **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).**
- Which country's Prime Minister resigned after a political crisis linked to a drone incident in May 2026? **Latvia**
- Who resigned as the Prime Minister of Latvia in May 2026? **Evika Siliņa**
- Who was known as "Dubai's Textile King" who passed away in 2026? **Vasu Shroff.**

- Which media pioneer and founder of CNN passed away at the age of 87 in 2026? **Ted Turner.**
- Ted Turner founded which world-famous news network in 1980? **CNN**
- Ted Turner founded which broadcasting company that later became a media giant? **Turner Broadcasting System (TBS).**
- Amanpreet Singh Gill was associated with which state cricket team in domestic cricket? **Punjab.**
- Which IPL franchise did Amanpreet Singh Gill represent in the inaugural IPL season of 2008? **Punjab Kings (formerly Kings XI Punjab).**
- Which Australian tennis legend passed away at the age of 91 in 2026? **Neale Fraser**
- Neale Fraser belonged to which country? **Australia**
- Which sport was Neale Fraser associated with? **Tennis**
- Who was popularly known as “Tutu Bose”? **Swapan Sadhan Bose.**
- Which football club was Swapan Sadhan Bose associated with? **Mohun Bagan Super Giant.**
- Which NBA player passed away at the age of 29? **Brandon Clarke**
- Which NBA team did Brandon Clarke play for? **Memphis Grizzlies**
- Which former Uttarakhand Chief Minister passed away in May 2026 at the age of 91? **B.C. Khanduri.**
- Which former England cricket captain and dual international sportsperson passed away recently at the age of 92? **MJK Smith (Michael John Knight Smith).**
- Which motorsport legend and two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion recently passed away at the age of 41? **Kyle Busch.**

3MAY

World Press Freedom Day

Inception: 1993
2026 Theme:
Shaping a Future at Peace



Importance:

- To mark the proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference.
- Since then, 3 May, the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day.

Motto:

- To raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press and remind governments of their duty.

Organisation Involved:

- UNESCO

Note:

- Freedom of expression is a fundamental human right as stated in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

4MAY

Coal Miners Day



Importance:

- This day show appreciation for the sacrifices, honour the accomplishments and remember the tragedies that these hardworking individuals experience.

Motto:

- To highlight the toughest profession and the people working in coal mines. On this day several organisations, communities raises funds and awareness for other organisations in the coal mining area and workers.

Note:

- In India coal mining began in 1774 when John Sumner and Suetonius Grant Healthy of the East India Company commenced commercial exploitation in the Raniganj Coalfield along the Western bank of Damodar River.

National & International News

- Which state is launching India's first Mushroom Mission to become the largest mushroom producer? **Andhra Pradesh**
- Which Article of the Indian Constitution empowers the Supreme Court to ensure "complete justice"? **Article 142**
- What is the approximate preliminary anti-dumping duty imposed by the US on Indian solar cells? **Around 123%.**
- Under which initiative did India provide assistance to Tuvalu for cultural heritage preservation? **Quick Impact Project (QIP).**
- The Anti-Defection Law is included in which Schedule of the Indian Constitution? **Tenth Schedule**
- For how many years has the Government waived IP registration fees for the sports sector in 2026? **Three years**
- Brain death in India is legally recognised under which Act? **Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994**
- Which regulator approved the change of control in RBL Bank? **Securities and Exchange Board of India**
- Which Indian state became the first to implement a fully paperless judiciary system? **Sikkim**
- The Coastal Atmospheric Research Testbed (C-ART), recently inaugurated in India, is primarily aimed at improving which sector? **Weather forecasting and atmospheric research**
- The Supreme Court recently linked road safety to which Fundamental Right under the Indian Constitution? **Article 21 (Right to Life and Personal Liberty)**
- The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of Parliament primarily examines the reports of which authority? **Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)**
- Which country hosted the BIMSTEC Young Professionals Exchange Programme? **India**
- The Cell Broadcast System (CBS), recently seen in news, is primarily used for what purpose? **Sending real-time disaster alerts to mobile users**
- Corporatisation of major ports in India is governed under which Act? **Major Port Authorities Act, 2021**
- Which state launched the "One District–One Dish" (ODOC) scheme? **Uttar Pradesh**
- What is the main aim of the ODOC scheme? **Promote local food culture with a unique district identity**
- What is the total budget allocated for ODOC by UP Government? **Around ₹150 crore**
- India recently set a Guinness World Record at Radhanagar Beach for? **Unfurling the largest underwater national flag (Tricolour)**
- What is the total financial outlay of the Cotton Productivity Mission? **₹5,600 crore.**
- The Virli Khandar site, which is recently in news, is associated with which archaeological culture? **Megalithic culture.**
- Under which Article of the Indian Constitution is the Right to Education guaranteed? **Article 21A**
- Freedom of religion under Article 25 is subject to which three conditions? **Public order, morality, and health**



- What does OSAT stand for in semiconductor manufacturing? **Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test.**
- By how many judges has the Union Cabinet proposed to increase the strength of the Supreme Court? **By four judges.**
- What will be the new sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges excluding the CJI? **37 judges.**
- Which organisation co-hosted the Brain-Computer Interface conference with HQ IDS? **Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS).**
- Which court expanded the definition of acid attack under disability law? **Supreme Court of India**
- Acid attack victims have been included under which law? **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**
- What major recognition has been given to acid attack survivors? **Recognised as persons with disabilities**
- What is the main aim of the Swasth Bharat Portal? **Integrate multiple digital health systems**
- The Swasth Bharat Portal connects what? **Health databases, services, and platforms**
- Which patriotic song may receive legal status equal to the National Anthem under a proposed amendment by the Centre? **Vande Mataram.**
- Which Act may be amended to provide legal protection to “Vande Mataram”? **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971.**
- “Vande Mataram” is officially recognised as what in India? **National Song of India.**
- What is the National Anthem of India? **Jana Gana Mana.**
- Who wrote “Vande Mataram”? **Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay.**
- “Vande Mataram” was originally published in which novel? **Anandamath.**
- In which year was “Vande Mataram” adopted as India’s National Song? **1950.**
- Which state launched the “100 Days Ayushman Student Coverage Mission” in 2026? **Nagaland.**
- What is the main objective of the “100 Days Ayushman Student Coverage Mission”? **Expanding health insurance coverage among students.**
- What is the maximum annual health coverage provided under PM-JAY? **₹5 lakh per family per year.**
- The nationwide annual health check-up initiative for workers is implemented through which organisation? **Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).**
- Which university became India’s first Institution of Eminence to receive DASCA accreditation? **O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU).**
- Which IIT recently launched a centre in California for deep-tech startups? **IIT Madras.**
- How many Lok Sabha seats does West Bengal have? **42 seats.**
- Which Union Territory set Guinness World Records for underwater events in 2026? **Andaman and Nicobar Islands.**

First Tuesday of May

World Asthma Day

1st celebrated: 1998
Edition: 20th



• Asthma is a disease characterized by recurrent attacks of breathlessness, wheezing, chest tightness, and cough that vary over time in their occurrence, severity and frequency.

Motto:

• It aims to educate people on how best to get control over this respiratory problem and other allergic diseases.

Organisation Involved

• Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA), National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and World Asthma Foundation

Note:

• The first World Asthma Meeting held in Barcelona, Spain.

- Where is the headquarters of the Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy located? **Mumbai**
- Which regional parties are part of the NDA government in Assam? **AGP and BPF**
- Which new rural employment law will come into force from 1 July 2026? **VB-G RAM G Act, 2025**
- What type of company is SAIL? **Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)**
- Which company built ICGS Achal? **Goa Shipyard Limited**
- Who announced the launch of ‘One Case One Data’ initiative? **Justice Surya Kant**
- What is the purpose of the ‘One Case One Data’ initiative? **To create a unified digital case management system across courts in India.**

- Which mission was launched to connect agriculture, nutrition and public health? **Sehat Mission.**
- Which two organisations jointly launched the Sehat Mission? **Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Indian Council of Medical Research.**
- What is the main objective of the Sehat Mission? **To promote Healthy Food, Healthy Farms and a Healthy India.**
- Under which Act is the appointment and tenure of the CBI Director governed? **Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946.**
- Approximately how much funding has been allocated for the Ginger Mission in Mizoram? **Rs 189.79 crore**
- The Ginger Mission in Mizoram is supported by which government? **Central Government**
- Ginger is mainly considered what type of crop in Mizoram? **Cash crop**
- Which law regulates foreign exchange transactions in India? **Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)**
- Which court declared the Bhojshala complex in Dhar district as a Hindu temple dedicated to Goddess Saraswati in 2026? **The Indore Bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.**
- Which organisation, along with Vertis Foundation, launched 'Project Saksham' to promote women-focused skill development in 2026? **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).**
- Which national park hosted the 'Lion' Species Spotlight Programme ahead of the IBCA Summit 2026? **Gir National Park in Gujarat.**
- Under which Act was Delhi's Central Ridge recently declared a Reserved Forest? **Indian Forest Act, 1927.**
- The recently established advanced Shoe Testing Laboratory by National Test House is located in which city of Uttar Pradesh? **Ghaziabad**
- The recently repatriated "Leiden Plates" belong to which South Indian dynasty? **Chola Dynasty**
- From which date will the Anand Marriage Act, 1909 come into force in Sikkim? **1 June 2026.**
- By how many judges has the sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court been increased in 2026? **By 4 judges.**
- What is the new total sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court including the CJI? **38 judges.**
- Which constitutional article guarantees protection of life and personal liberty in India? **Article 21.**
- Which institution removed the Maratha Empire map from the Class 8 textbook? **NCERT.**
- Which constitutional article describes India as a "Union of States"? **Article 1.**
- The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 grants Indian citizenship to persecuted minorities from which three countries? **Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan.**
- The Churk Thermal Power Plant is located in which state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which Indian state became the first to establish a dedicated Artificial Intelligence Ministry in 2026? **Kerala.**

7 MAY

World Athletics Day

1st Celebrated: 1996
Edition: 18th



Organised By:

- IAAF (International Amateur Athletic Federation)

Motto:

- To popularize sports among the youth, to promote athletics as the primary sport in schools and institutions and to encourage and introduce new talent and youngsters in the field of athletics

Note:

- IAAF was founded on the 17 July 1912 in Stockholm (Sweden). The IAAF is the world governing body for the sport of field athletics and track.

Introduced by:

- Primo Nebiolo (Then President of IAAF)

- What is the total outlay of the coal gasification scheme approved by the Union Cabinet? **₹37,500 crore.**
- Which constitutional provision deals with the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of State Legislative Assemblies? **Article 178**
- Under which law can the Speaker decide disqualification matters of legislators? **Anti-Defection Law**
- The Anti-Defection Law was added to the Constitution through which Schedule? **Tenth Schedule**
- Which state launched a Rs 189.79 crore Ginger Mission in 2026? **Mizoram**
- What is the main objective of Mizoram's Ginger Mission? **To boost ginger farming and exports**

- Which state government launched the “ShramMitra” app to digitally connect workers and employers? **Haryana Government.**
- Which state is the focus of the ₹167 crore “Arunachal Kiwi Mission” launched to develop a global organic kiwi brand? **Arunachal Pradesh.**
- Which department is planning to establish “Vaman Van” to promote biodiversity awareness in Delhi? **Delhi Forest Department.**
- Which force’s first all-women expedition team recently scaled Mount Everest? **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).**
- Which Indian state became the first to establish a dedicated department for senior citizens’ welfare? **Kerala.**
- Which Rajya Sabha committee was recently chaired by Raghav Chadha after the panel’s reconstitution? **Committee on Petitions.**
- Which organization approved the world’s first malaria drug specifically for newborns and infants in 2026? **World Health Organization (WHO)**
- Which scientific body assesses the link between climate change and extreme weather events globally? **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**
- Which country announced its exit from OPEC in 2026, weakening the global oil cartel? **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**
- Why is the Canada–US pipeline in news? **Trump approved new oil pipeline boosting energy security and cross-border fossil fuel trade.**
- Which country Passes DHS Funding Bill, Ends Partial Shutdown? **US**
- What is the significance of India’s Aarogya Maitri deployment in Jamaica? **It marks India’s effort to extend rapid emergency healthcare support abroad under humanitarian diplomacy.**
- Which agency declared Khalistani extremists a national security threat? **Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)**
- Khalistani extremists have been termed a threat to which country’s national security? **Canada**
- What is “Project Freedom”? **A US operation to escort and assist ships in the Strait of Hormuz**
- Which country launched Project Freedom? **United States**
- OPEC+ is a grouping of OPEC countries along with which major non-OPEC country? **Russia**
- Sky Map is developed by which country? **Ukraine**
- Which country has deployed Sky Map in the Gulf region? **United States**
- The 61st International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia is held in which country? **Italy.**
- Which country will host the first International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit in 2026? **India.**
- Trinidad & Tobago, recently seen in the news, is a member of which regional organization? **CARICOM**
- Why is Oman strategically important for India? **Due to its location near the Strait of Hormuz and Arabian Sea**
- Which country hosted the Kimberley Process Intersessional Meeting 2026? **India.**
- The proposed ₹40,000 crore subsea gas pipeline being planned by India aims to connect Gujarat with which Gulf country? **Oman.**
- Latvia is part of which regional group in Northern Europe? **Baltic States**
- Which country recently pledged an additional \$1.8 billion in humanitarian aid at a UN meeting? **United States**
- How much additional humanitarian aid was announced by the US administration in May 2026? **\$1.8 billion**
- Which country conferred the ‘Royal Order of the Polar Star, Commander Grand Cross’ upon PM Narendra Modi in 2026? **Sweden**
- Exail is a defence technology company based in which country? **France**
- What is the name of the proposed gas pipeline project between Russia and China? **Power of Siberia 2**
- Power of Siberia 2 is primarily a pipeline for transporting which resource? **Natural gas**
- Which country will act as the transit route for the Power of Siberia 2 pipeline? **Mongolia**
- Cyprus is located in which region? **Eastern Mediterranean region**
- Which international organisation is Cyprus a member of? **European Union (EU)**
- Approximately how much is the proposed “Anti-Weaponization Fund” worth? **About \$1.8 billion**
- The “Anti-Weaponization Fund” is mainly intended to compensate whom? **People claiming unfair targeting by government agencies**
- Which political leader is associated with the “Anti-Weaponization Fund” proposal? **Donald Trump**
- Which organization released a consultation paper on improving the price discovery mechanism for IPOs and re-listed stocks in 2026? **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).**

Important Projects & Schemes

- What is the capacity limit for Small Hydro Power projects under India's SHP scheme? **Up to 25 MW.**
- Expand VB-G RAM G Act? **Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act**
- Which scheme is being replaced by the VB-G RAM G Act? **MGNREGA**
- How many days of guaranteed employment are provided under the VB-G RAM G Act? **125 days**
- How many days of employment were guaranteed under MGNREGA? **100 days**



GOVERNMENT SCHEMES IN INDIA



Health & Social Welfare



- **Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY)** – ₹5 lakh health insurance cover
- **Mission Poshan (Poshan Abhiyaan)** – Nutrition for women & children
- **Mid-Day Meal Scheme** – Nutrition for school children



Financial Inclusion & Insurance



- **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)** – Bank accounts for all
- **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)** – Pension for unorganized sector
- **PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)** – Life insurance
- **PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)** – Accident insurance



Agriculture & Farmers



- **PM-KISAN** – ₹6000/year income support
- **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)** – Crop insurance
- **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)** – Irrigation support



Infrastructure



- **AMRUT Mission** – Urban infrastructure
- **PM Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)** – Free LPG connections
- **Jal Jeevan Mission** – Tap water for every household



Employment & Skill Development

- **PM Mudra Yojana (PMMY)** – Loans for small businesses
- **Skill India Mission** – Skill development training
- **Start-Up India** – Support for startups



Housing & Basic Needs



- **Pradhan Mantri Awas (PMAY)** – Housing for all
- **PM Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)** – Free LPG connections
- **Jal Jeevan Mission** – Tap water for every household



Environment & Energy



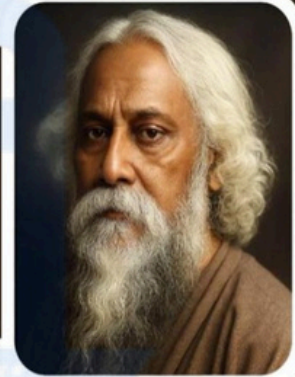
- **National Solar Mission** – Solar energy promotion
- **PM-KUSUM Scheme** – Solar pumps for farmers
- **Ujala Yojana** – LED distribution

Banking & Economy

- Which fintech company recently received RBI approval to operate as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)? **MobiKwik**
- Which organization operates the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in India? **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**
- Under the new RBI guidelines, NPA classification is done at which level? **Borrower level**
- RBI's Mission SAKSHAM is related to which sector? **Urban Cooperative Banking sector**
- Which foreign bank is acquiring a major stake in RBL Bank? **Emirates NBD**
- The African Development Bank (AfDB), recently seen in news, is primarily associated with which function? **Financing economic development and infrastructure projects in Africa**
- S&P Global lowered India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to what percentage? **6.6%.**
- Viability Plan 2.0 is associated with which banking institutions? **Regional Rural Banks (RRBs).**
- What does CEPA stand for? **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.**
- Which country became the first Caribbean nation to adopt India's UPI platform? **Trinidad and Tobago.**
- The Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR), recently seen in the news, is primarily associated with? **Customer identity verification in financial institutions**
- Which company raised India's FY27 GDP forecast to 6.7%? **Morgan Stanley.**
- What is Morgan Stanley's FY27 GDP growth forecast for India? **6.7%.**
- Which global credit rating agency revised Bangladesh's economic outlook from "Stable" to "Negative" in May 2026? **Fitch Ratings.**
- Which organisation provides insurance cover up to ₹5 lakh to bank depositors in India? **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).**
- Which institution recently eased rules for outward remittances in India? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
- RBI removed prior approval requirements for which entities in outward remittance services? **Non-bank entities**
- Outward remittance means transfer of money from which place to another? **From India to foreign countries**
- Which banks are authorised to deal in foreign exchange under RBI regulations? **Authorised Dealer (AD) Category-I banks**
- Which group recently announced plans to acquire up to 9.9% stake in Jana Small Finance Bank? **TVS Venu Group**
- Which company under the TVS Venu Group will directly acquire 4.9% stake in Jana Small Finance Bank? **TVS Motor Company**
- What is the maximum stake proposed by TVS Venu Group in Jana Small Finance Bank? **9.9%**

Rabindranath Tagore

(7 May 1861 to 7 August 1941)



Pen Name:

• Bhanu Singha Thakur (Bhonita)

Occupation: Writer

• composer, playwright, essayist, painter

Language:

• Bengali, English

Notable Works:

• Gitanjali, Gora, Ghare-Baire, Jana Gana Mana, Rabindra Sangeet, Amar Shonar Bangla

Notable Awards:

• Nobel Prize in Literature (1913)

Note:

• He was the first non-European to receive the Nobel Prize (1913) for his contribution to world literature.
• Tagore penned down "Jana Gana Mana", the national anthem of India. He also wrote the national anthem for Bangladesh.

- RBI imposed restrictions on which Uttar Pradesh-based cooperative bank in May 2026? **Nagar Sahakari Bank Ltd., Etawah.**
- Which business group announced acquisitions linked to Jaypee Group assets in May 2026? **Adani Group**
- Adani Power is set to acquire what percentage stake in Jaiprakash Power Ventures Ltd (JPVL)? **24%**

- Which Adani Group company is acquiring Jaypee Fertilizers & Industry Ltd? **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)**
- Which country recently signed a landmark FTA with India providing 100% duty-free access to Indian exports? **New Zealand**
- Which Indian company announced the largest overseas pharma acquisition by buying Organon in 2026? **Sun Pharmaceutical Industries.**
- Which country approved a major deal to purchase F-35 & F-15IA fighter jets from the US? **Israel**
- From which country is Israel buying F-35 & F-15IA fighter jets? **United States**
- Which sector is a key focus in India-Vietnam cooperation? **Defence and security**
- Which two countries signed agreements on health research and quantum technologies in May 2026? **India and Japan.**
- India and Japan signed agreements mainly in which two sectors? **Health research and quantum technologies.**
- Which company signed a deal with Anthropic to provide access to the "Colossus 1" AI supercomputer? **SpaceX**
- India and Algeria discussed cooperation in which major defence areas? **Military training, joint exercises, defence industry, maritime security, and medical cooperation.**
- What document was signed during the India-Algeria Joint Commission meeting? **"Rules of Procedure".**
- In which year did India and Algeria sign their first major Defence MoU? **2024.**
- Which Indian PSU signed an agreement with EDF France to explore nuclear projects in India? **NLC India Limited**
- Which French energy company signed an NDA with NLC India for nuclear cooperation? **EDF France**
- Which bank partnered with Ezeepay to expand last-mile banking services in India? **Jio Payments Bank**
- Jio Payments Bank collaborated with which fintech company for rural banking access? **Ezeepay**
- The Jio Payments Bank-Ezeepay partnership mainly aims to improve what? **Last-mile banking access and financial inclusion.**
- IndiaAI recently signed an MoU with which organisation to promote responsible AI adoption in healthcare? **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).**
- Which two countries signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation in shipbuilding in 2026? **South Korea and the United States.**
- Which two institutions recently signed an MoU to enhance cooperation in central banking? **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the European Central Bank (ECB).**
- Which five priority sectors were identified for India-Japan cooperation? **Semiconductors, Critical Minerals, ICT, Clean Energy, and Pharmaceuticals**
- What is the main objective of India-Japan cooperation in strategic sectors? **Strengthening resilient and trusted supply chains**

8MAY



World Red Cross Day

1st Observed: 1948
Edition: 70th

Importance:

- To mark the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross and International Committee of the Red Cross in 1828.

Motto:

- This day honours those millions of volunteers, staff and members across the world who protects human life and health.

Note:

- It is dedicated to alleviating human suffering, upholding human dignity, protecting life, and preventing emergencies and natural disasters such as flood, epidemics, and earthquakes.

- Which two institutions signed a five-year pact on cybersecurity and digital forensics? **UIDAI and National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU).**
- Which company signed a ₹1,400 crore defence contract with the Ministry of Defence for Army systems? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).**
- India and Vietnam upgraded their ties to which level? **Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**
- Vietnam is strategically important to India in which region? **Indo-Pacific region**

- Which two countries strengthened scientific ties with a focus on astronomy in May 2026? **India and South Africa**
- Which South African organisation received the IUCAA banner? **SAAO (South African Astronomical Observatory)**
- Which organisation signed the second MoU with the Odisha Government for football development? **All India Football Federation (AIFF)**
- For how many years has the new AIFF–Odisha MoU been signed? **Five years**
- Which state government partnered with AIFF for football development? **Odisha**
- Which organization signed an MoU with IndiaAI to strengthen inclusive AI in India? **Karya.**
- Which two organizations signed an MoU to curb mule accounts in India? **I4C and RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH).**
- Which treaty between India and Nepal is under discussion in Nepal's Parliament? **Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) on Criminal Matters.**
- Which company partnered with Adani Group to establish its first data centre in India? **Uber partnered with Adani Group.**
- The Memorandum of Association signed in May 2026 between the Indian Army and Indian Navy aims to promote what among the armed forces? **Greater inter-service jointness and operational integration.**
- Which country signed agreements on strategic defence partnership, petroleum reserves and LPG supply with India during PM Narendra Modi's 2026 visit? **United Arab Emirates (UAE).**
- Which Indian company signed a USD 46.3 million agreement with Afghanistan's Taliban administration for upgrading border laboratory facilities? **TCRC.**
- Tata Electronics signed an MoU with which Netherlands-based company to strengthen India's semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem? **ASML**
- Which Indian company signed an agreement with Druk Green Power Corporation for Bhutan's clean energy framework? **Tata Power**
- The agreement between Tata Power and Druk Green focuses mainly on which sector? **Clean energy sector**
- Which Indian company partnered with France's Exail for mine warfare solutions for the Indian Navy? **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**
- Which country strengthened semiconductor and AI cooperation with India in 2026? **Netherlands.**
- Which company partnered with Indian governments and UNICEF for AI education initiatives in India? **Google.**
- Which regional organization recently signed a major Free Trade Agreement with the United Kingdom? : **Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).**
- India and Cyprus decided to establish a joint task force mainly for cooperation in which sectors? **Infrastructure and shipping sectors**
- Which two countries recently reaffirmed the principle of "zero tolerance towards terrorism" during a Joint Working Group meeting in New Delhi? **India and Egypt**
- Which two organisations signed an agreement to strengthen India's e-commerce logistics ecosystem? **Department of Posts and Flipkart India.**
- Which organisation signed an MoU with NHAI for consultancy support in tunnel engineering? **Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI).**

8MAY

World Thalassaemia Day

2026 Theme:
Hidden No More:
Finding the Undiagnosed,
Supporting the Unseen



Importance:

- It is a commemoration day in honour of all patients with thalassaemia and their parents who have never lost hope for life, despite the burden of their disease.

Organisation Involved:

- Thalassaemia International Federation.

What is Thalassaemia Disease?

- Thalassaemia is an inherited blood disorder characterised by less oxygen-carrying protein (haemoglobin) and fewer red blood cells in the body than normal.

Note:

- This disease is also known as Mediterranean anemia.

Awards & Recognitions

- The Sur Jyotsna National Music Awards are associated with which field? **Indian music (especially classical music)**
- Who received the University of Chicago Alumni Award for Professional Achievement recently? **Krishnamurthy V. Subramanian**
- Who has received the 2026 Whitley Award for their work on conserving the endangered Indian Skimmer bird along the banks of Indian rivers, particularly the Chambal and Ganga-Yamuna basins? **Parveen Shaikh**
- The National Panchayat Awards are linked to which Centrally Sponsored Scheme? **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).**
- Who conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026? **Droupadi Murmu**
- How many nursing professionals received the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026? **15**
- On which occasion were the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026 presented? **International Nurses Day**
- Which Indian space mission received the 2026 Goddard Astronautics Award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)? **Chandrayaan-3.**
- Which traditional embroidery artist from West Bengal is set to receive the Padma Shri award in 2026 for promoting Kantha stitch art? **Tripti Mukherjee.**
- Who became the first father-daughter duo from India to be elected Fellows of the Royal Society? **Dr Soumya Swaminathan and Prof M. S. Swaminathan.**
- Who received the UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025? **Major Abhilasha Barak.**
- Which prestigious religious title was conferred upon Nepal's Dr. Lharkyal Lama by the Government of Myanmar? **"Mahasadhamma Jyotikadhaj".**
- Which two women MPs from Maharashtra were selected for the Sansad Ratna Awards 2026? **Dr. Medha Kulkarni and Smita Uday Wagh.**

Second Sunday of May

Mother's Day



Importance:

- To mark the celebration in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia.
- St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine.
- The day is an event to honour the contribution of mothers, acknowledge the efforts of maternal bonds and the role of mothers in our society.
- On May 8th, 1914, Anna Jarvis efforts bore fruit after President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution that designated Mother's Day USA to be celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

Motto:

- To express respect, honor, and love towards mothers

Attributed To:

- Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis

Note:

- In 1912 Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrase Second Sunday in May marked as Mother's Day.

- Indian journalists Anand RK and Suparna Sharma recently won the Pulitzer Prize for which category? **Illustrated Reporting and Commentary**
- Which Indian-origin company received the 'Erth Dubai Award'? **Uncle's Shop Building Material Trading.**
- Which state secured the highest number of National Panchayat Awards 2025? **Karnataka.**

**If you can change
your mind, you
can change
your life.**

— WILLIAM JAMES

Sports

- At the Asian Beach Games 2026, which medal did India's men's kabaddi team win? **Silver Medal**
- Which organization did the International Chess Federation (FIDE) recently join in 2026? **International World Games Association (IWGA).**
- Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships are generally held in which years? **Non-Commonwealth Games years**
- Marta Kostyuk, who won the Madrid Open 2026, belongs to which country? **Ukraine**
- Who won the Miami Grand Prix 2026? **Kimi Antonelli**
- Kimi Antonelli belongs to which country? **Italy**
- Which team does Kimi Antonelli race for? **Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team**
- Which Indian city will host the upcoming Asian Weightlifting Championships? **Ahmedabad.**
- Which former Indian cricketer became the owner of the ETPL franchise Dublin Guardians? **Rahul Dravid**
- Which franchise in the ETPL is owned by Rahul Dravid? **Dublin Guardians**
- Which franchise in ETPL is associated with Chris Gayle? **Glasgow Cosmic**
- What is the nickname of the Davis Cup? **World Cup of Tennis**
- Aparna Dahiya, who won gold at the 11th Sanda World Cup in 2026, is associated with which sport? **Wushu (Sanda).**
- Which tennis player became only the second man after Novak Djokovic to complete the Career Golden Masters after winning the 2026 Italian Open? **Jannik Sinner**
- How many medals did India win at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 held in Gandhinagar? **10 medals**
- Which football club won the UEFA Europa League title in 2026? **Aston Villa**
- Which European competition trophy did Aston Villa win for the first time? **UEFA Europa League**
- Who became the first Indian athlete to clock under 10.10 seconds in the men's 100m event? **Gurindervir Singh.**
- Who won the gold medal for India in the 63 kg Greco-Roman category at the Asian Under-23 Wrestling Championships 2026? **Sumit Dalal.**
- Which country replaced the United States as Iran's base camp location for the FIFA World Cup 2026? **Mexico.**

12MAY

International
Nurses Day

Inception: 1965
Edition: 62nd
2026 Theme:
Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered
Nurses Save Lives.



Importance:

- To mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.
- In January 1974, 12 May was chosen to celebrate the day as it is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale.

Motto:

- To raise awareness regarding the crucial role played by nurses in the society

Organisation Involved:

- International Council of Nurses

You do not find the happy
life. You make it.

CAMILLA EYRING KIMBALL

Science & Technology

- What milestone did India achieve in naval missile capability recently? **Maiden salvo launch of Naval Anti-Ship Missile (NASM-SR)**
- What does “salvo launch” mean in missile technology? **Firing multiple missiles in quick succession**
- Which organisations conducted the NASM-SR test? **Defence Research and Development Organisation and Indian Navy**
- From which platform was the NASM-SR launched? **Helicopter platform**
- What type of aircraft is the F-35? **Stealth fighter jet**
- What is a key feature of the F-15IA? **Long-range strike capability**
- Mission Drishti was launched by which Indian startup? **GalaxEye**
- Mission Drishti satellite was launched aboard which rocket? **Falcon 9**
- Which sector is gaining momentum with the debut of KAL drone and JWALA system in India? **Private defence sector**
- What is the KAL drone? **Long-range, high-endurance attack drone**
- What is the JWALA system? **Indigenous short-range missile system**
- What roles can the JWALA system perform? **Surface-to-air and surface-to-surface**
- BrahMos missile is jointly developed by which two countries? **India and Russia**
- India's first barrier-free tolling system is based on which technology? **Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF)**
- What is “Sky Map”? **Ukrainian anti-drone command-and-control software**
- What is the name of Anthropic's AI chatbot/model family? **Claude**
- “Colossus 1” is mainly designed for what purpose? **AI training and large-scale data processing.**
- Mission Mausam is implemented under which ministry? **Ministry of Earth Sciences.**
- DRDO and the Indian Air Force (IAF) recently conducted the maiden flight trial of TARA. What does TARA stand for? **Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation.**
- Scramjet technology, recently seen in the news, is primarily associated with the development of? **Hypersonic cruise missiles**
- The term “MIRV”, recently seen in the news, is related to? **Multiple warhead ballistic missile system**
- Which organisation commissioned ICGS Achal? **Indian Coast Guard**
- What is ICGS Achal? **A Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) of the Indian Coast Guard**
- Which two indigenous drone systems were inducted by the Indian Army? **ULPGM and AGNIKAA VTOL-1.**
- Which country recently test-launched the RS-28 Sarmat missile? **Russia**
- What type of missile is the RS-28 Sarmat? **Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)**
- What is the NATO codename for the RS-28 Sarmat missile? **Satan II**
- The Sarmat missile is designed to replace which Soviet-era missile system? **R-36M missile**
- Which Russian organisation developed the Sarmat missile? **Makeyev Rocket Design Bureau**
- Which indigenous fifth-generation fighter aircraft programme's facility was inaugurated at Puttaparthi in Andhra Pradesh in 2026? **Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme.**
- Which Indian AI-powered autonomous combat aircraft will be manufactured in Portugal under Operation 777? **Kaal Bhairava.**
- What does MCMV stand for in naval terminology? **Mine Counter Measure Vessel**
- Which aircraft is being considered as the quickest stealth fighter option for the Indian Air Force? **Su-57**
- Su-57 is a fifth-generation stealth fighter developed by which country? **Russia**
- Which Russian company developed the Su-57 fighter aircraft? **Sukhoi Design Bureau**
- Which disease led to the postponement of the Fourth India-Africa Forum Summit? **Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).**
- What is the name of India's first 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System flagged off by Rajnath Singh in Shirdi? **Suryastra.**
- What is the name of the Russian hypersonic intermediate-range ballistic missile reportedly used in the Russia-Ukraine war? **Oreshnik missile.**

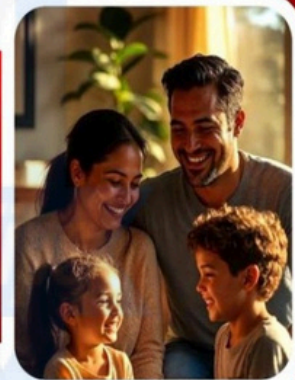
Miscellaneous

- Which report highlighted that 266 million people faced acute food insecurity in 2025 across 47 countries? **Global Report on Food Crises (GRFC) 2026.**
- According to SIPRI, what is India's rank in global military expenditure in 2025? **5th**
- Recent Multilateral Exercise by India: Exercise MILAN 2026 (Naval) with 50+ countries
- What is the name of the first multilateral military exercise to be hosted by the Indian Army in 2026? **Exercise Pragati**
- Where was IN-SLN DIVEX 2026 conducted? **It was conducted in Colombo, Sri Lanka.**
- Which report placed India on the Priority Watch List for IP issues? **USTR Special 301 Report 2026**
- CINBAX-II military exercise is conducted between India and which country? **Cambodia**
- Name one major television network launched under Turner Broadcasting? **Cartoon Network.**
- What does CBFC stand for? **Central Board of Film Certification.**
- According to the World Migration Report 2026, which country became the world's top remittance recipient in 2024? **India.**
- Which report stated that India remained the largest remittance-receiving country in 2024? **World Migration Report 2026.**
- Which organization publishes the World Migration Report? **International Organization for Migration (IOM).**
- The recent hantavirus outbreak reported by WHO was linked to which cruise ship? **MV Hondius.**
- Pochishe Boishakh marks the birth anniversary of whom? **Rabindranath Tagore.**
- India recently became the world's third-largest country in installed renewable energy capacity according to data released by which organization? **International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)**
- When is International Nurses Day celebrated? **12 May**
- Which country conducted its first-ever joint military exercise with NATO? **Serbia.**
- What is the full form of NATO? **North Atlantic Treaty Organization.**
- Under which programme is the Serbia-NATO exercise being conducted? **Partnership for Peace.**
- What does CCI stand for in BRISEC CCI? **Chamber of Commerce and Industry.**
- What does ULPGM stand for? **Ultra Light Precision Guided Missile.**
- What was India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2026? **78th**
- Which media executive is set to acquire New York Magazine and Vox Media's podcast network? **James Murdoch**
- James Murdoch is the son of which global media businessman? **Rupert Murdoch**
- Rupert Murdoch is associated with which major global media company? **News Corp**
- Which fort in Rajasthan is known for having the second-longest continuous wall in the world after the Great Wall of China? **Kumbhalgarh Fort.**

15 MAY

International Day of Families

Inception: 1994
Edition: 33rd
2026 Theme:
Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing



Importance:

- To mark the proclamation by the UN General Assembly in 1993 that reflects the importance of families in the community.

Motto:

- To promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.

Organisation Involved:

- United Nations

Note:

- On 9 December 1989, The General Assembly proclaimed The International Year of the Family.

Important Days of the Month

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
June 1	World Milk Day	To recognize the importance of milk as a global food
June 3	World Bicycle Day	To acknowledge the uniqueness, longevity and versatility of the bicycle.
June 4	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	To make people aware about the protection of children rights and highlighting their suffering
June 5	World Environment Day	Climate Action
June 7	World Food Safety Day	From burden to solutions – safe food everywhere
June 8	World Ocean Day	Strong Marine Protected Areas for Our Blue Planet
June 8	World Brain Tumor Day	To mark the commemoration of this day by German Brain Tumour Association in 2000
June 12	Anti-Child Labor Day	To bring attention and join efforts to fight against child labour.
June 14	World Blood Donor Day	Normalizing Voluntary Blood Donation
June 15	Global Wind Day	To make people aware about the wind energy its uses & its power
June 20	World Refugee Day	To increase awareness among the people by sharing the experiences of refugees and their stories
June 21	International day of yoga	To spread awareness about the importance and effects of yoga on the health of the people.
June 26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	To raise awareness to fight against substance abuse as well as the unlawful trade of drugs

Let's Recap

- BHASHINI signed an MoU with which organization to make pension services multilingual and inclusive? **PFRDA**
- Stuti Pradhan from Sikkim has been selected to represent India at which international platform? **World Youth Parliament**
- The IVFRT Scheme in India is related to which sector? **Immigration and visa management**
- With which company did Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) sign the agreement to promote innovation? **KRAFTON India Pvt. Ltd.**
- Who was awarded the Grand Prize for Contribution to World Peace in 2026? **Jupally Krishna Rao**
- Which country signed a defence cooperation agreement with Saudi Arabia in March 2026? **Ukraine**
- Which city hosted its first International Film Festival in 2026? **Delhi**
- Which renowned actress was awarded for her contribution to Indian cinema at IFFD 2026? **Sharmila Tagore**
- Which company operationalised India's first Port of Refuge? **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ)**
- What is the minimum number of authentication factors required for digital payments as per the new RBI guidelines? **Two**
- Which former Chairman of Raymond Group passed away at the age of 87 in March 2026? **Vijaypat Singhania**
- Why is helium important for MRI machines? **It is used for cooling superconducting magnets**
- Why are cluster munitions difficult to intercept? **They split into many small bombs mid-air**
- When was the Jones Act enacted? **1920**
- Which body has introduced the new transgender policy for Olympics? **International Olympic Committee**
- Which group is mainly affected by Olympics Transgender Policy? **Transgender women athletes**
- What is the purpose of the SRY gene test? **To determine biological sex for eligibility**
- Presence of SRY gene indicates what? **Male biological characteristics**
- Which Indian athlete won the decathlon event at the David Noble Relays 2026 in Texas? **Tejaswin Shankar**
- Who won the Para Archer of the Year 2025 award? **Sheetal Devi**
- Which agency projected India's GDP growth at 6.5% for FY27? **ICRA**
- Which aircraft of IAF will be equipped with ASRAAM missiles? **MiG-29**
- What are AI tokens? **The smallest units of text (words/parts/characters) that AI models process.**
- What is another name of the IPI pipeline? **The "Peace Pipeline".**

17 MAY

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

2026 Theme:
Hidden No More:
Finding the Undiagnosed,
Supporting the Unseen



Importance:

- To commemorate the founding of the International Telecommunication Union on 17 May 1865.
- World Information Society Day was an international day proclaimed by a United Nations General Assembly resolution, following the 2005 World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis.
- Previously known as: World Telecommunication Day.

Instituted by:

- Plenipotentiary Conference in Malaga-Torremolinos in 1973.

Motto:

- To raise global awareness of societal changes brought about by the Internet and new technologies. It also aims to help reduce the digital divide.

Note:

- 17 May marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

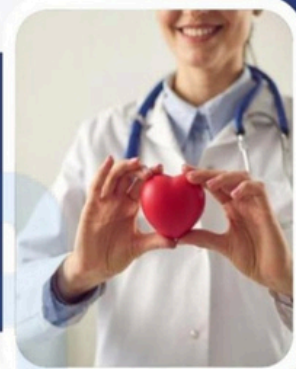
- Which organization banned transgender women from female events at the Olympics? **International Olympic Committee**
- The Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 seeks to amend which two major Acts? **Companies Act, 2013 and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Act, 2008**
- Under which Article of the Constitution is a Money Bill defined? **Article 110**
- Under the BIND Scheme, AIR FM coverage is targeted to reach what percentage of population? **80%**

- What is the Liberties Clause in shipping? **A contract provision allowing ships to change route, delay, or alter destination in emergencies.**
- Why was the Liberties Clause originally introduced? **To provide flexibility to ships facing risks like war, piracy, and bad weather.**
- What is the government's formula for implementation of Women's Reservation Bill? **Census → Delimitation → Reservation.**
- What is the main objective of Artemis II? **To test spacecraft systems and human survival in deep space.**
- Recently, CSIR-NIScPR signed an MoU with which organisation to strengthen science communication and promote research in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policy? **Science City of Andhra Pradesh (SCAP)**
- Recently, Sanjay Jaju has been appointed as Secretary of which ministry? **Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**
- Recently, Srivatsa Krishna has been appointed as Secretary of which ministry? **Ministry of Minority Affairs**
- The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹1,950 crore contract with which company? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**
- Which Indian bank topped the S&P Global CSA Rankings 2025? **YES BANK**
- Who was appointed new DGCA chief? **Vir Vikram Yadav.**
- Who was Vijaypat Singhania? **He was the former Chairman of Raymond Group and a renowned Indian industrialist and aviator.**
- Which body adjudicates corporate insolvency cases under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026? **NCLT (National Company Law Tribunal)**
- What is the maximum time limit for insolvency resolution under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026? **330 days**
- Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff in 2026? **Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth**
- Which Act is proposed to be amended by the FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026? **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010**
- How many astronauts are part of Artemis II? **Four.**
- Which country used bunker buster bombs in the Isfahan strike? **United States.**
- Which state introduced the Gig Workers Bill, 2026? **Telangana.**
- Which state signed an MoU with Starlink for satellite internet connectivity? **Meghalaya**
- RBI recently allowed exchange of INR at which places? **Forex counters at international airports**
- Which country announced a 6-month free tourist visa programme for 39 countries? **Sri Lanka**
- Which country introduced the MATCH Act to restrict China's chip access? **United States**
- Who has been appointed as the first woman Commissioner of BMC? **Ashwini Bhide**

17MAY

World Hypertension Day

1st celebrated: 2005
Edition: 22nd
2026 Theme:
Controlling Hypertension Together!



Motto:

- Increasing high blood pressure (BP) awareness in all populations around the world.
- It is designated and initiated by The World Hypertension League (WHL), which is itself an umbrella to organizations of 85 national hypertension societies and leagues.
- The WHL launched its first WHD on May 14, 2005. Since 2006, the WHL has been dedicating May 17 of every year as WHD.

Organisation Involved:

- World Hypertension League (WHL)

Note:

- In 1912 Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrase Second Sunday in May marked as Mother's Day.

- The idea of Greater Israel broadly extends between which two rivers? **Nile River and Euphrates River**
- INS Aridhaman strengthens which component of India's defence system? **Nuclear triad (land, air, and sea-based nuclear capability).**
- Which country recently passed a law to combat cybercrime scam rings? **Cambodia**
- Which country is currently facing a severe economic and energy crisis in 2026? **Cuba**
- Which Indian PSU will manufacture the RxT17 hemodialysis machine? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**
- Which company designed the RxT17 hemodialysis machine? **Renalix Health Systems**



- What does ASRAAM stand for? **Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile.**
- Which country has announced a 100% tariff on patented pharmaceutical imports in 2026? **United States**
- What type of warship is INS Taragiri? **Stealth guided missile frigate.**
- Which country topped the AIU list of ineligible athletes due to doping? **India**
- Which organization reduced India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 6%? **Moody's Ratings**
- Which stage of India's nuclear programme does PFBR belong to? **Second stage**
- Why is only one side of the Moon visible from Earth despite its continuous motion? **Due to tidal locking with Earth.**
- Which space mission first provided images of the far side of the Moon? **Luna 3 (1959).**
- What is the repo rate as per RBI's April 2026 policy? **5.25%**
- Who was elected as the President of Vietnam in 2026? **To Lam**
- Who became the first brand ambassador of Jindal Stainless? **Ranveer Singh**
- Which company won the Golden Peacock Innovative Product/Service Award 2026? **Tejas Networks**
- Which two countries vetoed the UNSC resolution on reopening the Strait of Hormuz (2026)? **Russia and China**
- What does CRAR measure as per RBI's New Policy Measures (2026)? **Bank's capital adequacy/financial strength**
- Which organization raised India's growth forecast to 6.6% for FY27? **World Bank**
- Which bank launched the AI platform 'SAMVAD'? **Bank of Baroda**
- Which Indian-origin scientist was appointed to the Governor's Chair in Tennessee? **Deep Jariwala**
- Which case is related to women's entry into a temple in Kerala? **Sabarimala Temple Case**
- Who was the Iranian leader who passed away after injuries from a Tehran attack in 2026? **Kamal Kharrazi.**
- What is Pax Silica? **A US-led initiative for secure tech and supply chains**
- When did India join Pax Silica? **February 2026**
- What type of transport initiative is India supporting in Mauritius? **E-buses (green transport)**
- Who has been appointed as India's Ambassador to Belgium and the European Union? **Pranay Verma**
- Which city hosts the headquarters of major EU institutions? **Brussels**
- Which state became the first in India to implement UCC? **Uttarakhand**
- Nitish Kumar has been elected to which house of Parliament? **Rajya Sabha**
- Yashwant Varma was a judge of which High Court? **Allahabad High Court**

18 MAY

World AIDS Vaccine Day

1st observed: 1998
Edition: 29th



Importance:

- To alarm the world against the HIV infections as no vaccine is yet developed that can be used to stem the flow of this deadly infection.

Motto:

- To raise awareness for AIDS vaccines, educate communities about HIV prevention and research for an AIDS vaccine.

Note:

- The concept of World AIDS Vaccine Day is rooted in May 18, 1997 during the commencement speech at Morgan State University made by then-U.S. President Bill Clinton.

HIV:

- Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

AIDS:

- Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome.

- Which organization releases the Renewable Capacity Statistics report? **International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)**
- Which two countries rank above India in renewable energy capacity? **China and the United States**
- How many medals did India win at the World Archery Para Series in Bangkok? **16 medals**
- Which film won the most awards at the Chetak Screen Awards 2026? **Dhurandhar (14 awards)**
- What is Mission MITRA? **A team behavioural study for human spaceflight missions**
- Which city has been given statutory status as the capital of Andhra Pradesh in 2026? **Amaravati**
- Who became the first fast bowler to take 200 wickets in IPL history? **Bhuvneshwar Kumar**

- Recently, Telangana government signed an MoU with which university to advance Artificial Intelligence (AI)? **Deakin University.**
- What was India's total medal tally in the women's category at the Asian Boxing Championships 2026? **10 medals.**
- Which organization appointed Tim White as junior women's team coach? **Hockey India**
- What does IADT stand for in the Gaganyaan mission? **Integrated Air Drop Test**
- After which mission did Artemis II become the first human lunar mission in over 50 years? **Apollo 17**
- Which port recently became India's largest automobile export hub by shipping 6,008 cars in a single vessel? **Mundra Port (Gujarat)**
- Preeti Saran was re-elected to which UN body for the term 2027–2030? **Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)**
- RBI has proposed what asset threshold for classifying Upper Layer NBFCs in 2026? **₹1 lakh crore**
- In which year was Exercise DUSTLIK first conducted? **2019.**
- The 7th edition of Exercise DUSTLIK (2026) is hosted by which country? **Uzbekistan.**
- Asha Bhosle is associated with which field? **Playback singing**
- Which is the highest civilian award received by Asha Bhosle? **Padma Vibhushan (2008).**
- Iraq follows which type of political system for power-sharing? **Ethno-sectarian power-sharing system.**
- In Iraq, the Prime Minister generally belongs to which community? **Shia community.**
- Djibouti is located near which important water bodies? **Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.**
- Which report ranks countries based on terrorism impact? **Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2026.**
- GTI 2026 covers how many countries? **163 countries (about 99% of world population).**
- Who has been appointed as the new head of Israel's Mossad in 2026? **Roman Gofman**
- On which occasion did India Post release stamps showcasing ISRO's space journey from Aryabhata to Gaganyaan? **International Day of Human Space Flight**
- Monte Carlo Masters belongs to which category of tournaments? **ATP Masters 1000.**
- Who won the 2026 Masters Tournament (Golf)? **Rory McIlroy.**
- Who won India's first gold medal at the US Open Pickleball Championship 2026? **Arjun Singh and Aditya Singh.**
- Myntra, recently seen in news, is a subsidiary of which company? **Flipkart**
- Under NEP 2020, how many Indian languages must be included in the three-language formula? **At least two**

18 MAY

International Museum Day

Inception: 1977
Edition: 46th
2026 Theme:
Museums Uniting a Divided World



Motto:

- To raise public awareness on the role museums play in the development of society today, on an international level.
- It is celebrated to the promotion and protection of natural and cultural heritage, present and future, tangible and intangible.

Organisation Involved:

- International Council of Museums (ICOM)

Note:

- The ICOM is a worldwide network of over forty-four thousand museum professionals at twenty thousand museums in more than 138 countries.

- Keytruda, recently in news, is associated with which type of treatment? **Cancer immunotherapy**
- The Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf with which water body? **Gulf of Oman**
- Indonesia is a member of which regional organization in Southeast Asia? **ASEAN**
- Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Bihar in April 2026? **Samrat Choudhary**
- Samrat Choudhary belongs to which political party? **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**
- To how many seats does the new Constitutional Amendment Bill propose to increase Lok Sabha strength? **Around 850 seats**
- Which famous badminton player announced retirement in April 2026 due to injury? **Viktor Axelsen**

- Which military alliance is central to Europe's defence planning? **NATO**
- Which countries are key players in Europe's new defence strategy? **Germany, France, UK, Poland, Nordic nations**
- Which country suspended its defence cooperation agreement with Israel in April 2026? **Italy**
- The Italy-Israel defence deal was renewed after how many years? **Every 5 years**
- Which organization releases the annual TIME100 list of the world's most influential people? **TIME magazine**
- Which state is the largest producer of bauxite in India? **Odisha**
- Who has been elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha for a third consecutive term? **Harivansh Narayan Singh**
- Recently India and Austria agreed to set up a Joint Working Group on which issue? **Counter-terrorism**
- The primary channel through which the West Asia conflict can impact India's Kharif crops is? **Disruption in fertiliser supply and LNG-dependent urea production.**
- Why did India slip to 6th position in global GDP rankings as per International Monetary Fund despite strong growth? **Depreciation of the Indian rupee against the US dollar**
- Which currency used by Indian refiners for Iranian oil payments to bypass US sanctions? **Yuan**
- Who was named 'Person of the Year 2026' by the Harvard South Asian Association? **Sayani Gupta**
- Under the RELIEF scheme (2026), which two countries were newly added to support Indian exporters amid the West Asia crisis? **Egypt and Jordan**
- The Supreme Court's recent directions on illegal mining are related to which river sanctuary? **National Chambal Sanctuary**
- On what principle did Hansa Mehta and Renuka Ray oppose women's reservation? **Equality, not special privilege.**
- Women's Reservation law provides reservation in which institutions? **Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies.**
- A bill introduced by a minister is called what? **Government Bill.**
- In which House can a Money Bill be introduced? **Only in Lok Sabha.**
- Who was the Prime Minister during the 1969 bank nationalisation? **Indira Gandhi.**
- What was the minimum deposit criterion for banks nationalised in 1969? **More than ₹50 crore deposits.**
- Pax Silica is mainly related to which sectors? **Semiconductors and Artificial Intelligence (AI).**
- What is the target for India-South Korea bilateral trade by 2030 as discussed in the 2026 summit? **\$50 billion**

21 MAY

National Anti Terrorism Day

Inception: 1991
Edition: 35th



Importance:

- To mark the death anniversary of India's most eminent Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi (20 August 1944 – 21 May 1991).

Organisation Involved:

- United Religions Initiative (URI) & UN

Motto:

- To raise awareness among all sections of people, about the danger of terrorism, violence and its dangerous effect on the people, the society and the nation as a whole.

Note:

- This year marks the 35th death anniversary of Late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. (Delete this line).

- Which European country recently approved an amnesty programme for undocumented immigrants to grant them legal status? **Spain**
- Which country recently announced a \$10 billion framework to help Asian nations secure oil supplies? **Japan**
- Who won the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 and earned the right to challenge for the World Chess Championship? **R. Vaishali**
- The Karnataka High Court linked menstrual leave to which Fundamental Right under the Indian Constitution? **Article 21 (Right to Life and Dignity)**

- Illiberal democracy is a combination of which two elements? **Democracy without liberalism**
- Balbir Punj, who passed away in April 2026, was associated with which political party? **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**
- Who won the Miss Sake India 2026 title? **Nishita Yogesh Antarkar**
- Which new political party led by Rumen Radev won the election? **Progressive Bulgaria**
- Which region is a major strategic focus of India-UK defence cooperation? **Indo-Pacific region**
- Which South Korean President visited India during the signing of four MoUs in 2026? **Lee Jae-myung**
- Which organization renewed Ajit Agarkar's contract as Selection Committee Chairman? **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**
- Who is stepping down as CEO of Apple in 2026? **Tim Cook**
- Who will become the new CEO of Apple from 1 September 2026? **John Ternus**
- What is the total investment value of the POSCO-JSW Steel steel plant project? **10.7 trillion won (about 7.3 billion US dollars)**
- Which country joined Balikatan 2026 as a full participant for the first time? **Japan**
- What is the meaning of the word "Balikatan"? **Shoulder-to-shoulder**
- Which South Korean company signed an MoU with TCS for AI and digital business opportunities in India? **NAVER Corporation**
- Which South Korean company signed an MoU for a joint shipyard project in India in 2026? **HD Hyundai**
- What is the main purpose of the HD Hyundai-India MoU? **To establish a joint shipyard project in India**
- Which constitutional principle is followed in delimitation? **One Person, One Vote, One Value**
- On which Census is the current Lok Sabha seat allocation among states mainly based? **1971 Census**
- Which country lifted its ban on lethal weapons exports in 2026? **Japan**
- What does Article 9 of Japan's Constitution mainly restrict? **War and military expansion**
- Who won the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award 2026? **Carlos Alcaraz**
- Where were the 2026 Laureus World Sports Awards held? **Madrid, Spain**
- The Laureus World Sports Awards are popularly known by what nickname? **Sports Oscars**
- The Goldman Environmental Prize is popularly known by what name? **Green Nobel Prize**
- How many winners are selected every year for the Goldman Environmental Prize? **6 winners**
- Borim Kim, winner of the 2026 Goldman Prize, belongs to which country? **South Korea**
- Theonila Roka Matbob, winner of the 2026 Goldman Prize, belongs to which country? **Papua New Guinea**
- Yuvelis Morales Blanco, winner of the 2026 Goldman Prize, belongs to which country? **Colombia**
- Under which Article did the Supreme Court allow restored voters to vote? **Article 142 of the Constitution**

22 MAY

International Day for Biological Diversity

1st celebrated: 2005
Edition: 22nd
2026 Theme:
Controlling Hypertension Together!



Importance:

- To mark the proclamation by UN to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues in 1993.

Motto:

- To increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

Organisation Involved:

- Convention on Biological Diversity & UN.

Also known as:

- World Biodiversity Day.

Note:

- 1st World Biodiversity Day was observed on 29 December 1993, but in December 2000, the UN General Assembly adopted 22 May for observance.

- The Defence Ministry has signed a ₹975 crore deal for procurement of which specific system for Indian Army tanks? **TRAWL systems**
- Which countries pushed for suspension of the EU-Israel trade pact? **Spain, Ireland, and Slovenia**
- Who has been re-appointed as MD & CEO of HDFC Life for another five years? **Vibha Padalkar**
- For how many years has Vibha Padalkar been re-appointed as MD & CEO of HDFC Life? **Five years**
- What is the current repo rate decided by RBI MPC in 2026? **5.25%**

Quick Bytes

- FIFA allows Afghan female players to compete internationally, supporting inclusion and rebuilding women's football ecosystem globally.
- India women's team wins sixth consecutive gold at Asian Beach Games 2026, men secure silver medal.
- Directorate General of Civil Aviation approves India's first seaplane airline to improve connectivity in Lakshadweep islands region.
- Flipkart, Axis Bank, PayU launch biometric payments replacing OTP with fingerprint and facial authentication technology.
- China launches Pakistan's PRSC-EO3 satellite using Long March-6 rocket, strengthening bilateral space cooperation and technological capabilities.
- India and Sri Lanka conduct IN-SLN DIVEX 2026 naval exercise to enhance underwater rescue cooperation capabilities.
- Visa appoints Suresh Sethi as India and South Asia head to lead regional operations.
- Telangana appoints V. Hanumantha Rao as advisor for backward class welfare and development initiatives in state.
- Government launches nationwide cell broadcast alert system to strengthen disaster warnings and emergency communication across India.
- India and Italy exchange Military Cooperation Plan 2026-27, enhancing defence ties and maritime collaboration efforts.
- Parveen Shaikh wins Whitley Award for Indian Skimmer conservation and strengthening riverine ecosystem protection efforts nationwide.
- Ashutosh Gowariker appointed Festival Director for 57th International Film Festival of India to be held in Goa.
- Bharat Khera assumes charge as MSME Secretary, bringing extensive administrative and governance experience in public sector roles.
- Mizoram launches Khuarel app for real-time disaster reporting, improving emergency response and citizen communication systems statewide.
- Indian Navy receives Mahendragiri stealth frigate under Project 17A, strengthening indigenous defence and maritime combat capabilities.
- Vishvajit Sahay assumes charge as Secretary Defence Finance, strengthening financial governance in defence sector administration.
- Nitin Paranjpe appointed Non-Executive Vice Chairman of Infosys, strengthening board leadership and strategic direction.
- Shreyas Iyer named ambassador for F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026, promoting esports and motorsport ecosystem.
- India deploys Aarogya Maitri health cube in Jamaica, strengthening disaster relief and global humanitarian assistance cooperation.
- MHA Notifies New Citizenship Rules Restricting Dual Passports For Minors And Introducing Digital OCI Framework
- Sikkim Declared India's First Fully Paperless Judiciary State Supporting Digital Court Administration And E-Filing Systems
- India Retained On USTR Priority Watch List Over Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement Concerns And Delays
- Seven-Year-Old Ishank Singh Creates World Record Swimming Across Palk Strait Between Sri Lanka And India
- Andaman And Nicobar Islands Set Guinness Record With World's Largest Underwater National Flag Display
- United States Launches Project Freedom To Escort Commercial Ships Through Strait Of Hormuz Amid Regional Crisis
- India Ranked 157th In 2026 World Press Freedom Index Published By Reporters Without Borders
- South Korea Successfully Launches CAS500-2 Earth Observation Satellite Using SpaceX Falcon 9 Rocket Into Orbit
- Adobe Appoints Manoj Nagpal As Vice President Of Global Delivery Center Operations In India
- Hazaribag Officially Designated As India's First Pearl Farming Cluster Supporting Women-Led Aquaculture Development
- Bengaluru Ranked World's Fastest-Growing Major City Through 2035 In Savills Global Growth Hubs Index
- Ukraine's Marta Kostyuk Wins 2026 Madrid Open Women's Singles Title Defeating Mirra Andreeva In Final
- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw Names Claire Mazumdar as Biocon Successor
- Cabinet Approves Increase in Supreme Court Judge Strength to 37

- Cabinet Launches Mission for Cotton Productivity with ₹5,659 Crore Outlay
- Shashi Shekhar Vempati Appointed New CBFC Chairperson By Government
- Swasth Bharat Portal Launched To Strengthen India's Digital Health Infrastructure
- China And Korea Win 2026 Thomas And Uber Cup Championships
- Kumar Mangalam Birla Appointed Vodafone Idea Non-Executive Chairman
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched JANANI platform to digitally monitor maternal and child healthcare services nationwide with integrated health records.
- Indian science teacher Soma Mandal won South Asia regional honours at Cambridge Teacher Awards 2026 for educational innovation.
- Ted Turner passed away at 87, remembered for launching the world's first 24-hour television news network CNN.
- Veteran South Indian film producer R.B. Choudary died in a tragic road accident near Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation and Indian Air Force successfully conducted maiden trial of indigenous TARA glide weapon system.
- International Olympic Committee lifted Belarus ban while continuing suspension on Russia from global Olympic participation and sporting events internationally.
- World Red Cross Day 2026 observed worldwide with theme "United In Humanity" promoting compassion and humanitarian assistance globally.
- C. Joseph Vijay sworn in as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister after TVK secured assembly election majority successfully.
- Suwendu Adhikari took oath as West Bengal's first Bharatiya Janata Party Chief Minister after historic electoral victory.
- MBDA and Indian Air Force signed agreement establishing indigenous MICA missile maintenance hub in India.
- Supreme Court Bar Association proposed reserved Vice-President position for women members beginning from 2027 elections officially.
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry appointed Priyanka Mittal as Indian Co-Chair of Saudi-India Business Council officially.
- Reserve Bank of India approved Kotak Mahindra Bank's stake acquisition proposals in AU Small Finance and Federal Bank.
- Former Indian football midfielder Mohan Singh passed away at the age of seventy-six due to illness recently.
- Kuljeet Kaur Marhas became first Indian woman elected Fellow of the Meteoritical Society internationally.
- Indian Coast Guard commissioned indigenous fast patrol vessel ICGS Achal in Goa to strengthen maritime security operations.
- Richard Lewer won 2026 Archibald Prize for portrait artwork featuring Indigenous leader Iluwanti Ken successfully.
- Government notified VB-G RAM G Mission to replace MGNREGA across rural India beginning implementation from July 2026 nationwide officially.
- N. S. Raja Subramani appointed next Chief of Defence Staff of India by central government officially.
- Rumen Radev elected Prime Minister by Bulgarian Parliament amid significant political developments in Bulgaria.
- Faustino Oro became world's second youngest chess grandmaster at age twelve with remarkable international achievements.
- Chief Justice Surya Kant launched One Case One Data and Su Sahay judicial initiatives nationally.
- Tamil Nadu government formed Singappen Special Task Force to strengthen women's safety and law enforcement measures statewide.
- India and Trinidad and Tobago signed eight agreements during diplomatic visit of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.
- Himanta Biswa Sarma appointed Assam Chief Minister for second consecutive term after electoral success.
- Atomic Energy Regulatory Board approved restart of Tarapur Atomic Power Station Unit-2 after extensive refurbishment and safety upgrades.
- Ashok Kumar Panda assumed charge as Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Limited officially.
- All India Football Federation and Odisha renewed five-year partnership for elite youth football development and training programmes.
- India handed over IUCAA banner to South African Astronomical Observatory for SALT telescope international astronomy collaboration initiatives recently.

- European Central Bank and Reserve Bank of India signed updated cooperation agreement strengthening central banking collaboration framework officially.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully tested long-duration hypersonic missile scramjet combustor technology in Hyderabad for advanced defence capabilities.
- Australian tennis legend Mal Anderson passed away at the age of ninety-one due to age-related issues.
- West Bengal launched Annapurna Bhandaar Scheme providing direct financial assistance and welfare support to women beneficiaries statewide.
- Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre and Reserve Bank Innovation Hub signed AI-based cyber fraud detection agreement officially.
- Harvansh Chawla appointed Chairman of BRISEC Chamber to strengthen global economic collaboration initiatives internationally.
- Punjab launched Meri Rasoi Yojna providing free nutritional kitchen kits to economically weaker families across the state.
- Indian Army inducted indigenous ULPGM and AGNIKAA VTOL-1 drones under emergency procurement initiative for operational strengthening recently.
- N. Ranganatham sworn in as Puducherry Chief Minister for fifth consecutive term officially recently.
- Former Mohun Bagan Athletic Club president Swapna Sadhan Bose passed away after suffering cardiac arrest recently.
- MDoNER Launches ₹189.79 Crore Mizoram Ginger Mission to Promote Organic Cultivation and Expand Global Agricultural Export Opportunities
- IndiaAI Signs MoU With Karyia to Strengthen Inclusive Artificial Intelligence Ecosystem and Expand Ethical Digital Innovation Opportunities Nationwide
- Indian Army and Navy Sign Memorandum of Agreement to Strengthen Inter-Service Cooperation and Joint Operational Coordination Across Domains
- VD Satheesan Appointed Kerala Chief Minister After United Democratic Front Secures Massive Electoral Victory in State Assembly Elections
- Assam Cabinet Approves Draft Uniform Civil Code Bill for Introduction in State Assembly to Reform Personal Laws Framework
- Yoweri Museveni Sworn In for Seventh Presidential Term as Uganda President Following National Election Victory and Political Transition Process
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan Authors 'Apnapan' Highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Leadership Journey Governance Vision and Public Service Contributions
- Akash Ambani Appointed Managing Director of Jio Platforms Ahead of Proposed Initial Public Offering and Future Expansion Strategy
- BIRSA 101 Becomes India's First Indigenous CRISPR-Based Therapy for Sickle Cell Disease Treatment and Advanced Biotechnology Innovation Success
- India and United Arab Emirates Sign Defence Energy and Investment Agreements During High-Level Bilateral Engagements in Abu Dhabi Summit
- P Kumaran Assumes Charge as India's High Commissioner to United Kingdom Strengthening Bilateral Diplomatic and Strategic Partnership Relations
- Uber Partners Adani Group to Establish First India-Based Data Centre Supporting Digital Infrastructure and Advanced Technology Service Expansion Plans
- Kaal Bhairava Combat Aircraft Manufacturing Begins in Europe Under Operation 777 Strengthening Advanced Defence Aviation and Strategic Manufacturing Cooperation
- Larsen and Toubro Partners France's Exail to Develop Advanced Unmanned Mine Countermeasure Systems for Indian Navy Modernisation Programme
- Russia Successfully Tests RS-28 Sarmat Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Capable of Carrying Multiple Nuclear Warheads Across Long Distances Globally
- Veteran CPI(M) Leader and Former Member of Parliament Sudhanshu Sil Passes Away in Kolkata at Age Eighty-One
- Bhopal Introduced India's First Solar-Powered Algae Tree to Reduce Urban Pollution and Improve Environmental Sustainability and Air Quality Measures
- Assam Inaugurated India's First Artificial Intelligence Powered Phygitel Banking Branch to Expand Inclusive and Digital Financial Services Across State Regions
- Kami Rita Sherpa and Lhakpa Sherpa Broke Mount Everest Climbing World Records Once Again Achieving Historic Mountaineering Milestones Globally
- Actor Ishaan Khatter Received Honorary Membership of Indian Army's Prestigious Forty-

- Five Cavalry Regiment Recognising Cultural and National Contributions
- Ali Falih Kadhim al-Zaidi Became Iraq's Youngest Prime Minister Following Official Swearing-In Ceremony and Formation of New Government Leadership
- Prudential plc Acquired Seventy-Five Percent Stake in Bharti Life Insurance for Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred Crore Investment Deal
- United Arab Emirates Based Emirates NBD Received Approval to Acquire Majority Stake in RBL Bank Expanding Banking Sector Presence
- India Secured Ten Medals at Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 While China Topped Overall Medal Standings Across Multiple Weight Categories
- Rajnath Singh laid foundation for Rs 15,000 crore AMCA programme facility at Puttaparthi in Andhra Pradesh.
- USA approved USD 428 million defence sustainment packages for India's Apache helicopters and M777 ultra-light howitzers.
- RBI imposed restrictions on Uttar Pradesh-based Nagar Sahakari Bank and capped withdrawals at Rs 10,000 per customer.
- Viyona Fintech secured NPCI certification for UPI, IMPS and IBMB payment infrastructure integration and digital banking services.
- V.D. Satheesan took oath as the 13th Chief Minister of Kerala leading United Democratic Front government.
- Saurabh Vijay officially assumed charge as Chief Executive Officer of Unique Identification Authority of India under MeitY.
- TVS Venu Group announced acquisition of up to 9.9% stake in Jana Small Finance Bank.
- Italy's Jannik Sinner and Ukraine's Elina Svitolina won men's and women's singles titles at Italian Open 2026.
- BIS notified E22-E30 fuel norms approving ethanol blending up to 30% in petrol for positive ignition engine vehicles.
- Union Minister Prataprao Jadhav launched Ayush Anudan Portal under Ayush Grid initiative to enhance digital governance transparency.
- CBI launched AI-based helpbot 'ABHAY' to verify fake notices and combat digital arrest cyber fraud scams.
- Bharat Forge will establish India's first private-sector marine gas turbine facility in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- RBI cancelled licence of Maharashtra-based Yashwant Co-operative Bank citing inadequate capital and regulatory violations.
- Bharat Singh Chauhan re-elected Chairman of Commonwealth Chess Association for the 2026–2030 term in Sri Lanka.
- Medha Kulkarni appointed Chairperson of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science, Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- USA-based Liberty Mutual Insurance increased stake in Liberty General Insurance to 74% after India's FDI reforms.
- DRDO successfully completed development trials of UPLGM-V3 missile in both air-to-ground and air-to-air operational modes.
- ESA and CAS jointly launched SMILE space weather satellite aboard Vega-C rocket from French Guiana spaceport.
- Former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Major General Bhuvan Chandra Khanduri passed away in Dehradun at age ninety-one.
- Former Federal Bank CEO Shyam Srinivasan launched leadership memoir-style book titled "Better Never Stops" in Bengaluru.
- International Museum Day 2026 observed globally on May 18 with theme "Museums Uniting a Divided World."
- Multinational military exercise PRAGATI 2026 began in Meghalaya with participation from 12 Indian Ocean Region nations.
- Tonbo Imaging secured Indian Navy contract for High Power Microwave system under ADITI 3.0 innovation framework.
- ICAR-CRRI developed world's first AI-designed crop gene editor platform 'Plant-OpenCRISPR1' using rice as model crop.
- NCDEX launched India's first exchange-traded weather derivatives contract 'RAINMUMBAI' for rainfall risk hedging in Mumbai.
- Tata Power and Bhutan's Druk Green signed MoU to develop 5,000 MW clean energy capacity in Bhutan.
- Taiwanese author Yáng Shuāng-zǐ and translator Lin King won International Booker Prize 2026 for 'Taiwan Travelogue'.
- HAL's K.K. Venugopal became first Indian test pilot elected Fellow of Society of Experimental Test Pilots, USA.
- GRSE launched next-generation offshore patrol vessel 'INS Sanghamitra' for Indian Navy at Kolkata shipyard in West Bengal.

- India successfully tested 'Suryastra' rockets with 300-km strike capability from Chandipur test range off Odisha coast.
- PM Narendra Modi visited Norway, elevating bilateral ties to Green Strategic Partnership and signing 12 agreements.
- ZikZuk Technologies received RBI approval to operate as Prepaid Payment Instrument issuer under PSSA, 2007 framework.
- ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 received 2026 AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award for historic Moon south pole soft landing achievement.
- South Africa honoured Indian-origin scientists Salim Abdool Karim and Keertan Dheda with Order of Mapungubwe awards.
- India successfully tested Vayu Astra-1 loitering munition with 100-km strike capability under NCNC evaluation model.
- Researchers discovered new worm-eating snake species 'Trachischium lalremsangai' during biodiversity surveys in Mizoram and Myanmar.
- World Metrology Day 2026 observed on May 20 with theme "Metrology: Building Trust in Policy Making".
- International Tea Day 2026 observed on May 21 with theme "Sustaining Tea, Supporting Communities" globally.
- SMILE Beggary Survey app launched to achieve beggary free India
- BharatGen partners L&T to build sovereign AI compute platform India
- Former Olympian Gurbax Singh Grewal passes away at age 84
- Ashok Lahiri appointed Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog India
- Guntur Municipal Corporation wins UNIDO gender equality mobilization award
- Noida International Airport appoints Nitu Samra as interim CEO
- RBI cancels Paytm Payments Bank licence over regulatory concerns
- WHO approves infant specific malaria drug Coartem Baby globally
- India, Kenya sign customs pact boosting trade and logistics cooperation
- Raghu Rai passes away, legendary Indian photojournalist remembered globally
- Andhra Pradesh launches ₹13,000 crore Mushroom Mission for production boost
- DMRC appoints Sanjay Jamuar first CEO of DMIL global arm
- Piyush Goyal announces three-year IP fee waiver boosting sports innovation nationwide.
- Reserve Bank of India launches Mission SAKSHAM for cooperative bank governance reforms.
- Indian Army hosts Exercise PRAGATI with eleven nations in Meghalaya.
- Punjab FC retains AIFF Elite Youth League title with dominant victory.
- India wins four golds at Commonwealth youth weightlifting championships.
- Bharat Kapoor passes away leaving legacy in films and television industry.
- PV Sindhu elected BWF Athletes Commission Chair strengthening representation
- RBI approves MobiKwik NBFC licence expanding digital lending access nationwide
- India becomes fifth largest military spender amid rising security challenges
- Indian Army raises 16th Bhairav Battalion enhancing rapid deployment capability
- Oxford University and Serum Institute signed agreement to develop next-generation R78C malaria vaccine targeting multiple lifecycle stages of parasite effectively.
- RBI launched Mission SAKSHAM to train cooperative bank staff, strengthen compliance, and improve risk management across urban cooperative banking sector.
- UAE exited OPEC alliance to increase oil production independently amid global energy volatility and strategic economic policy shifts in region.
- Rithika Sri became India's first transgender cricket umpire.
- Punjab FC defeated Zinc FA to retain AIFF Elite Youth League title.

Trending Topics of the Month

Is India's Chabahar Dream in Iran Fading? Strategic Port Faces Uncertain Future

For nearly two decades, Iran's Chabahar Port has been one of India's most important foreign policy and connectivity projects. Designed to give India direct access to Afghanistan, Central Asia, and Russia while bypassing Pakistan, the port symbolized New Delhi's ambition to expand its strategic footprint across Eurasia. Today, however, the future of the project appears increasingly uncertain. Renewed US sanctions on Iran, escalating tensions in West Asia, financial uncertainty, and shifting geopolitical realities have placed the Chabahar project in limbo. Analysts are now openly questioning whether India's long-standing "Chabahar dream" is slowly collapsing.



What is Chabahar Port?

Chabahar Port is located in southeastern Iran on the Gulf of Oman, outside the Strait of Hormuz. The port consists mainly of two terminals: Shahid Kalantari & Shahid Beheshti.

India has primarily invested in the Shahid Beheshti terminal and has spent at least \$120 million on equipment and infrastructure development there.

The project gained strategic importance because it allows India to bypass Pakistan for trade with: Afghanistan, Central Asia, Russia, and parts of Europe through the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC).

Why Chabahar Matters to India

1. Bypassing Pakistan

India has no direct land access to Afghanistan and Central Asia because Pakistan denies transit access. Chabahar offered an alternative maritime and land route:

Goods could move by sea from India to Iran, then by road and rail through Iran into Afghanistan and Central Asia.

This made Chabahar a key component of India's regional connectivity strategy.

2. Countering China's Gwadar Port

The port also has major geopolitical significance.

In 2016, Pakistan operationalized the Chinese-backed Gwadar Port under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Gwadar lies only about 140 km from Chabahar. India viewed Chabahar as a strategic counterbalance to growing Chinese influence in the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean region.

3. Access to Eurasian Trade Corridors

Chabahar is also linked to the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), a 7,200-km trade network connecting: India, Iran, Central Asia, Russia and Europe.

The corridor was expected to reduce transport costs and time compared to traditional sea routes through the Suez Canal.

India-Iran Cooperation on Chabahar

India and Iran first agreed to develop the port in 2003. However, repeated rounds of US sanctions on Iran slowed progress for years.

The project gained momentum after the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, which eased sanctions temporarily. In 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Tehran and announced a broader connectivity plan involving:

- Chabahar Port,
- rail links,
- and trade corridors.

India later signed a 10-year agreement to manage parts of the port through India Ports Global Limited (IPGL).

The Biggest Challenge: US Sanctions on Iran

US SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN

First phase

Starting August 7, Iran stands to lose the following business transactions because of the re-imposition of US sanctions.



The project's biggest obstacle has always been US sanctions.

Although the United States had granted India a sanctions waiver for Chabahar in 2018 — largely because the port was considered important for Afghanistan's development — the situation changed after the return of Donald Trump's "maximum pressure" policy on Iran.

In September 2025, the US reportedly decided to revoke exemptions related to Iran sanctions, including those for Chabahar. India negotiated a temporary extension until April 26, 2026.

That waiver has now expired, creating serious uncertainty over whether India can continue operations without risking US penalties.

India's Growing Dilemma

India now faces a difficult balancing act between:

- maintaining strategic ties with Iran,
- and preserving its broader relationship with the United States.

Reports suggest New Delhi has explored several options, including temporarily transferring operational control of the port to an Iranian entity to avoid sanctions exposure.

At the same time:

government-appointed officials of IPGL reportedly resigned, the company's website was taken offline, and the 2026 Union Budget did not allocate funds for Chabahar for the first time in years.

These developments intensified speculation that India may be quietly scaling back its involvement.

Impact of the Iran Conflict

The Iran War engulfs the Middle East

US, Israeli and Iranian strikes across the region as of March 5, 10:00 AM CET



The ongoing conflict and instability involving Iran have made the situation even more complicated.

India depends heavily on West Asian energy supplies and on maritime routes passing through the Strait of Hormuz. Any escalation in regional tensions directly affects India's economic and strategic interests.

The uncertainty has also made investors and policymakers cautious about long-term commitments in Iran.

What Experts Are Saying

Experts remain divided on whether the project is truly "dead."

Some analysts believe Chabahar has become a "damaged asset" because sanctions and geopolitical risks make sustained Indian investment difficult.

Others argue that India is unlikely to fully abandon the port because:

it remains India's only viable route to Central Asia bypassing Pakistan, and abandoning it could leave the region more open to Chinese influence.

Iran, meanwhile, continues to encourage India to remain engaged in the project and has described Chabahar as a “golden gateway” for regional connectivity.

Why Chabahar Still Matters Strategically

Even in its uncertain state, Chabahar remains strategically valuable because it:

- gives India access to Eurasian markets,
- strengthens ties with Central Asia,
- provides leverage against China’s regional expansion,
- and supports India’s broader Indo-West Asian strategy.



If India eventually withdraws completely, analysts fear:

China could increase influence in Iranian infrastructure, India’s regional connectivity ambitions may weaken, and Pakistan-China maritime influence could expand further.

What Are India’s Options Now?

India currently appears to have three broad options:

1. Continue Negotiations with the US: India may seek another sanctions waiver or a special arrangement allowing limited operations.

2. Temporarily Reduce Direct Involvement: New Delhi could maintain indirect engagement while waiting for geopolitical tensions to ease.
3. Exit the Project: If sanctions intensify further, India may eventually decide the economic and diplomatic costs are too high. However, most analysts believe India will try to preserve at least a minimal strategic foothold rather than abandon the project entirely.



Conclusion

Chabahar Port was envisioned as a transformative gateway connecting India with Afghanistan, Central Asia, Russia, and Europe while bypassing Pakistan and countering China’s regional influence. But renewed US sanctions, instability in Iran, and changing geopolitical realities have pushed the project into deep uncertainty. Whether India’s “Chabahar dream” survives will depend largely on:

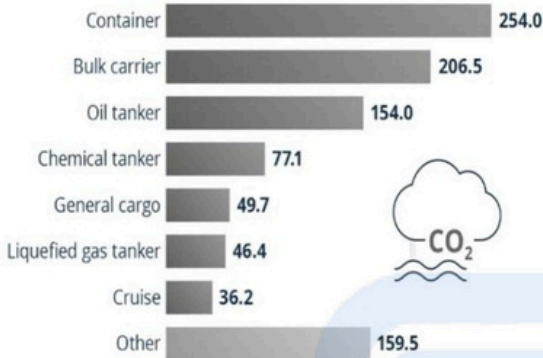
- future US-Iran relations,
- regional stability in West Asia,
- and India’s willingness to balance strategic autonomy with global diplomatic pressures.

For now, Chabahar remains less a dead project than a stalled geopolitical gamble — one whose future is still being negotiated.

Infographics

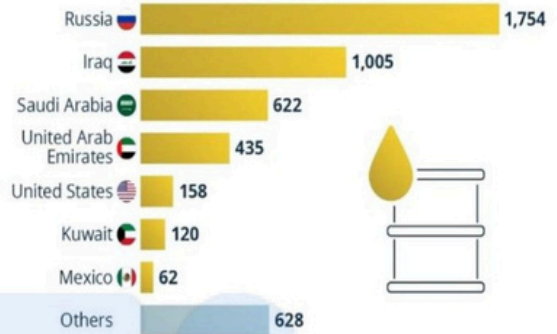
Goods Transport Accounts for Bulk of Maritime Emissions

Global maritime transport CO₂ emissions in 2025, by vessel type (in million tonnes)



Russia Is India's Biggest Supplier of Crude

India's top suppliers of crude oil in 2024 (in thousand barrels per day)



Source: Statistical Review of World Energy 2025

Fuel Prices Drive Changes in Transport Choices

Share of respondents who say fuel prices caused them to choose other forms of transportation (in percent)



750 - 8,600 respondents (18 - 64 y/o) per country surveyed Apr. 1, 2025 - Mar. 30, 2026
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

The World's Most-Visited Museums

Museums with the largest attendance worldwide in 2024 (in million visitors)



Source: Themed Entertainment Association

Where the Most Death Penalties Are Carried Out

Countries with most executions recorded globally by Amnesty International in 2025



China's government does not publish official execution data.
+ indicates that the figure is a minimum
Source: Amnesty International

The Deadliest Places for Journalists

Countries/territories where the most journalists were killed in 2025



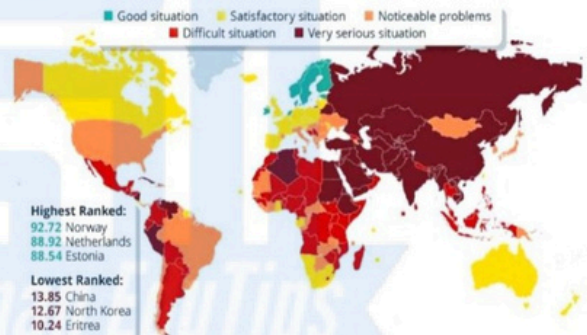
Where in the World Are All the Museums?

Countries with the highest estimated number of museums (as of 2021)



The State of World Press Freedom

Countries ranked by level of press freedom in 2026



100 = best possible score. Index based on attacks on journalists and expert interviews covering security, legal, social, economic and political aspects
Source: World Press Freedom Index/Reporters Without Borders

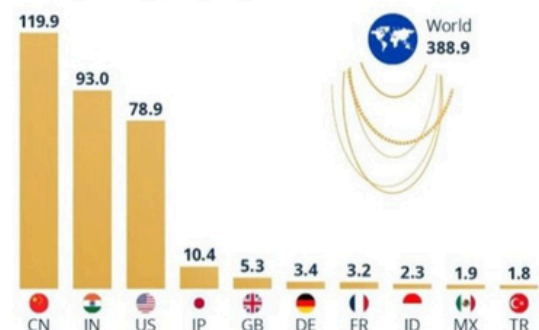
The World's Piracy Hotspots

Piracy incidents and successful hijackings of vessels between 2000 and 2024, by region*



The World's Jewelry Hotspots

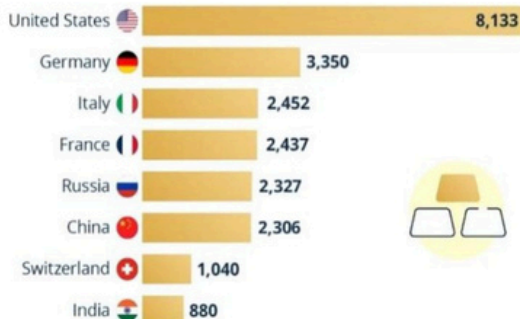
Estimated jewelry revenue in a selection of countries in 2025 (in billion U.S. dollars)



Data as of Mar. 2026
Source: Statista Market Insights

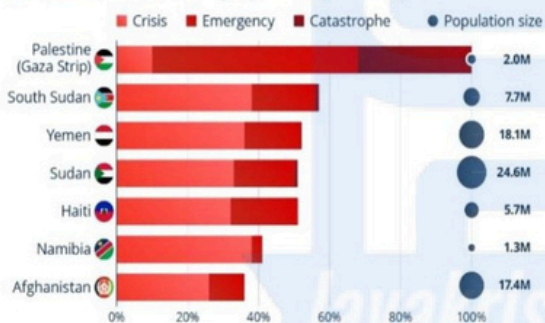
Stockpiling Gold

Countries with the largest gold reserves in the world as of December 2025 (in metric tons)



Where Acute Food Insecurity Is Highest

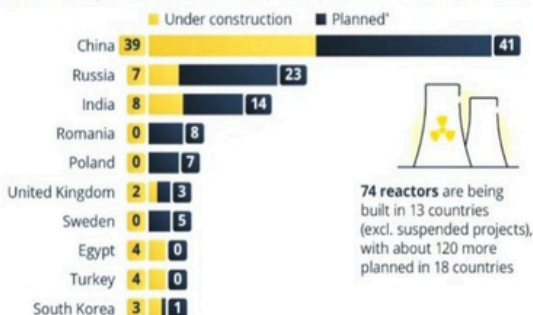
Share of the population analyzed* facing high levels of acute food insecurity, by country/territory



* Low- and middle-income countries/territories that needed external food aid from FAO/WFP/UNHCR or had 1+ million people/20% of the population forcibly displaced
Source: FAO

Nuclear Reactor Pipelines: Where Projects Are Concentrated

Countries with the largest number of nuclear reactors currently under construction and planned, as of April 2026



* Projects with approvals, funding or stated commitments in place; timelines (often ~15 years) are uncertain and subject to delay or cancellation
Source: World Nuclear Association

INDIA'S SECOND MISSION TO MOON CHANDRAYAAN-2

Launch: **July 15 at 2.51am** from Satish Dhawan Space Center at Sriharikota

Rs 978cr Total Cost (Rs 603cr for satellite, lander and rover+ Rs 375cr for the launch)

3.8 tonne Total mass of spacecraft

ORBITER

682kg	Dry Mass
1,697kg	Propellant Mass
2,379kg	Total Mass
1,000 watts	Power

LANDER (VIKRAM)

626kg	Dry Mass
845kg	Propellant Mass
1,471kg	Total Mass
650 watts	Power

ROVER (PRAGYAN)

27kg	Dry Mass
50 watts	Power

14 Total no. of payloads (scientific instruments), including one from NASA

5 No. of days spacecraft will spend transcending towards Moon
(Source: Isro | Research: Chethan Kumar)

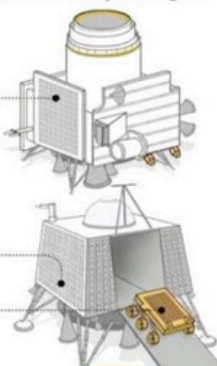
16 No. of days spacecraft will hover around Earth

27 No. of days spacecraft will spend around Moon before lander separates

4 No. of days lander will take to get separated from orbiter



World's 1st mission to Moon's south polar region



OBJECTIVES

Further studies on the extent of water molecule distribution on the lunar surface

Mapping topography, exploring minerals and chemicals on the surface





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