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Important Personalities

- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN)? **Mukesh Dangol.**
- Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the High-Level Committee on Demographic Change constituted by the Centre in 2026? **Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar**
- Who has been approved as the Prime Minister of Slovenia by the Slovenian Parliament? **Janez Janša.**
- Who recently assumed charge as the 48th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) of the Indian Navy in May 2026? **Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar.**
- Who was appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Protean eGov Technologies in June 2026? **Ajay Rajan.**
- Who has been appointed to lead Bank of America's investment banking business in India in 2026? **Anshul Gupta.**
- Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in June 2026? **Vipul (IFS, 1998 batch).**
- Which retired IAS officer received a one-year extension as Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June 2026? **Tarun Kapoor (IAS, 1987 batch, Himachal Pradesh cadre).**



- Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in June 2026? **Lokhande Prashant Sitaram**
- Who was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Karnataka in June 2026? **D.K. Shivakumar.**
- Which Sikkim High Court judge was appointed as the 48th Chief Justice of the Patna High Court in June 2026? **Justice Meenakshi M. Rai.**
- Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)? **Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth.**
- Who has been appointed as the CEO of Cipla's One India Business from July 2026? **Shivam Puri.**
- Who was appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Bata India in June 2026? **Sanjay Rao.**
- Who has recently been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the General

- Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)? **Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi.**
- Who has recently been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC)? **Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay.**
 - Who has recently been elected as the Vice-President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)? **Vivek Aggarwal.**
 - Who has received RBI approval for extension as interim Chairman of HDFC Bank till September 2026? **Keki Mistry.**
 - Who has been given the additional charge of MD & CEO of UCO Bank? **Rajendra Kumar Saboo.**
 - Who was reappointed as the Solicitor General of India for a further term of three years in June 2026? **Tushar Mehta.**
 - Who served as the second Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India and retired in May 2026 after over four decades of military service? **General Anil Chauhan.**
 - Who stepped down as CEO of BigBasket in June 2026? **Hari Menon.**
 - Who announced his resignation as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in June 2026? **Keir Starmer.**
 - Which Union Minister of State resigned in June 2026 after the end of his Rajya Sabha term? **George Kurian.**
 - Who resigned as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IRCTC in June 2026? **Sanjay Kumar Jain.**
 - Which Padma Shri awardee and renowned Urdu poet, known for the famous line "Ujaale Apni Yaadon Ke", passed away in May 2026? **Dr. Bashir Badr.**
 - Who was the first Chairman of the Competition Commission of India (CCI), who passed away recently following a fire incident at his Delhi residence? **Dhanendra Kumar.**
 - Which renowned playback singer passed away at the age of 89 in May 2026? **Suman Kalyanpur.**
 - Which noted constitutional expert and former Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha passed away at the age of 97 in 2026? **Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap.**
 - Which former CBFC Chairperson and Bollywood producer passed away at the age of 76 in 2026? **Pahlaj Nihalani.**
 - Which Malayalam actor, known for winning the National Film Award for Best Actor for Adaminte Makan Abu, recently passed away at the age of 56? **Salim Kumar.**
 - Which National Award-winning filmmaker, popularly known as "Iyakkunar Imayam", passed away at the age of 84 in Chennai in 2026? **Bharathiraja.**
 - Who was the former Exxon chief who passed away at the age of 87 in June 2026? **Lee Raymond**
 - Lee Raymond was the former CEO of which global energy company? **ExxonMobil**
 - Which Indian shooting coach and former Asian Games gold medallist, who mentored Manu Bhaker, passed away in June 2026 at the age of 49? **Jaspal Rana.**
 - Which Thai princess, known for her legal work and advocacy for women prisoners, passed away at the age of 47? **Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol.**
 - Gavri Devi, who recently passed away, was associated with which folk music tradition? **Mand Folk Singing.**
 - François Englert, who passed away in 2026, was associated with which major concept in particle physics? **Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism / Higgs boson theory.**
 - Francisco "Lu Olo" Guterres was the former President of which country? **Timor-Leste (East Timor).**



National & International News

- Which company discovered new natural gas reserves in Rajasthan's Dandewala Field? **Oil India Limited (OIL).**
- Which state inaugurated its first private medical museum in 2026? **Kerala.**
- Which Act forms the basis of the National Sports Board Rules, 2026? **National Sports Governance Act, 2025.**
- Which Act related to nuclear liability is under challenge before the Supreme Court in 2026? **SHANTI Act, 2025.**
- Which state became the first Northeastern state to pass the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill in 2026? **Assam**
- the resignation of the Chief Minister of a state? **Article 164.**
- Which digital platform was recently launched by the Government of India to monitor implementation of tobacco-free norms in educational institutions? **Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI) App.**
- The Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, which regulates sugarcane pricing and procurement in India, was issued under which Act? **Essential Commodities Act, 1955.**
- What is the name of the AI-enabled voice chatbot launched for CPGRAMS? **Samadhan Didi.**
- Which section of the Indian Evidence Act deals with the presumption of legitimacy of a child? **Section 112.**
- The Agasthyamalai Ecological Landscape, recently seen in the news, is located in which mountain range of India? **The Western Ghats.**
- Which ministry has launched the Prime Minister Research Chair (PMRC) Scheme 2026? **Ministry of Education (Department of Higher Education).**
- Which authority imposed penalties on a coaching institute and a software company for adopting dark pattern practices in 2026? **Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA).**
- Under which rules has the Government introduced standard pack sizes for edible oils and fats? **Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.**
- Which organization supported the first export of Assam's GI-tagged Tezpur Litchi to Dubai? **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).**
- Which mobile application was launched to provide smart digital guidance to visitors at the National Zoological Park, New Delhi? **NZP Saathi App.**
- Which organization compiles and releases the All-India Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in India? **National Statistics Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).**
- Which digital platform was launched by Amit Shah to modernize cargo and passenger processing at India's land ports? **Land Port Management System (LPMS) 'VINIMAY'.**
- Which new rural employment framework will replace MGNREGA from July 1, 2026? **Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) – VB-G RAM G**
- Which Article of the Constitution empowers the Governor to appoint the Chief Minister and accept



- Which Prime Minister became India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister in uninterrupted tenure in June 2026? **Narendra Modi.**
- What is the composition of E85 fuel used in Flex-Fuel Vehicles? **85% ethanol and 15% petrol (gasoline).**
- What is the name of the India-designed server platform launched by Zoho as its entry into the hardware sector in 2026? **Nathu La.**
- Which military transport aircraft recently completed its maiden test flight as the first Made-in-India aircraft manufactured at the Tata-Airbus facility in Vadodara? **Airbus C-295.**
- Which government organisation is primarily responsible for operating nuclear power plants in India? **Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL).**
- According to the Delhi Bird Atlas 2025, which city ranks as the second most bird-diverse national capital in the world after Nairobi? **Delhi.**
- Recently, legal approval was granted in India for the use of which fuel in its pure form (E100)? **Ethanol.**
- Which four products from Jharkhand received the GI Tag in June 2026? **Bhagaiya Silk, Kuchai Silk, Munda Jewellery, and Jharkhand Bamboo Craft.**
- Bhagaiya Silk is associated with which district of Jharkhand? **Godda District.**
- Munda Jewellery is associated with which tribal community? **Munda Tribe.**
- Which institution played a key role in facilitating GI recognition for these products? **NABARD.**
- Where is the GI Registry of India located? **Chennai.**
- Which Act governs GI Tags in India? **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.**
- Which was the first product in India to receive a GI Tag? **Darjeeling Tea.**
- Which organization has launched the Technology Adoption Fund (TAF) to support private space startups in India? **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE).**
- Which city hosted the BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting where the Indore Declaration was adopted? **Indore**
- The Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project is being constructed on which river? **Tons River.**
- Which traditional musical instrument of Tripura received the GI Tag in 2026? **Tripura Sarinda.**
- Which four products from Assam received GI Tags in June 2026? **Karbi Anglong Handloom**

Products, Assam Bihu Pepa, Assam Bamboo Craft, and Deuri Handloom Products.

- In which city was the Yoga Park Portal launched? **Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh.**
- Which state recently approved a ₹300-crore High-Energy Medical Cyclotron Project for cancer research and treatment? **Maharashtra.**
- Which department recently removed the domicile certificate requirement for SC and OBC scholarship schemes? **Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE).**



- Which long-pending railway project in Punjab was recently revived after nearly 100 years? **Qadian-Beas Railway Line Project.**
- Which state is associated with the GI-tagged Queen Pineapple? **Tripura.**
- Which country became the world's top ship recycling nation in 2025? **India.**
- Which organization maintains the national registry for organ donation and transplantation in India? **NOTTO (National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization).**
- Which product from Madhya Pradesh recently received a GI Tag? **Khurasani Imli of Mandu.**

- Which company was recently granted Navratna status by the Government of India in 2026? **Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL).**
- Which new economic indicator will India launch in July 2026 to track services-sector output? **Index of Services Production (ISP).**
- Which state recently formed a 5-member committee to draft a Uniform Civil Code in 2026? **Rajasthan.**
- Under the 2026 FCRA Rules amendment, NGOs must now choose their activities from how many approved purposes? **105 permissible purposes**
- Which country chaired the inaugural BRICS 2026 Tourism Working Group Meeting? **India.**
- Which four countries are members of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad)? **India, Australia, Japan, and the United States.**
- Which country is set to join the WTO after 22 years of negotiations? **Ethiopia.**
- Which region's ongoing conflict is raising concerns about India's fuel and fertiliser security? **West Asia (Middle East).**
- Which country was elected to the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member for the first time for the 2027–2028 term? **Latvia.**
- Which island in the Chagos Archipelago hosts the strategically important joint U.S.-UK military base? **Diego Garcia.**
- Which two countries received approval from the European Union in June 2026 to open the first cluster of accession negotiations for EU membership? **Ukraine and Moldova.**
- Which strategic maritime chokepoint is expected to reopen following the US–Iran peace agreement? **Strait of Hormuz.**
- Why is the Strait of Hormuz important for India? **A significant portion of India's crude oil imports passes through it.**
- Which Indian connectivity project is located in Iran and provides access to Central Asia? **Chabahar Port Project.**
- The United Kingdom recently announced a ban on social media access for children below which age? **16 years.**
- Which country is hosting the 52nd G7 Summit in 2026? **France.**
- Which five countries account for more than 99% of India's bitumen imports? **Iraq, UAE, Iran, Oman, and Bahrain.**
- Which convention is popularly known as the "Constitution for the Oceans"? **United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), 1982.**
- The Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf with which water body? **Gulf of Oman.**
- Which organization recently framed a special evaluation policy for students affected by Gulf exam cancellations? **CBSE.**
- Which country recently unveiled a 70-ton giant statue of Lionel Messi? **Argentina.**
- Which international organisation is expected to resume nuclear inspections in Iran under a preliminary US–Iran understanding? **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).**



- Which country recently established a National Intelligence Council to strengthen coordination against overseas threats and espionage activities? **Japan**
- How much financial assistance did the IMF approve for Sri Lanka under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme in May 2026? **US\$695 million.**
- Which country's armed and security forces were reportedly added for the first time to the UN's blacklist on conflict-related sexual violence in 2026? **Israel.**
- Which is the only ASEAN country that shares a land border with India? **Myanmar.**

Important Projects & Schemes

- Which ministry is launching the PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App for Scheduled Caste welfare? **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.**
- Under which flagship programme was PM-WANI launched? **Digital India Programme.**
- What does CHIRAG stand for in Indian Railways? **Centre for HR Information Systems, Research and Analytics in Governance.**
- across India? **Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA)**
- What is the full form of Project GANGA launched by the Uttar Pradesh Government in 2026? **Government Assisted Network for Growth and Advancement (GANGA).**
- What is WT-MARUT, launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in 2026? **India's first dedicated Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management Portal.**
- Under which mission has the Government of India recently approved ₹22 crore financial support for nine startups? **National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).**
- Which Haryana project has received a ₹4,000 crore World Bank loan to improve water security and management? **Jal Sanrakshit Haryana Project.**



- Which recently approved scheme aims to modernise India's Public Distribution System using advanced digital technologies? **SARTHAK-PDS Scheme**
- Which state became India's 5th Fully Literate State under the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram? **Sikkim**
- PM SVANidhi is a Central Sector Scheme for which group? **Street vendors.**
- BHASHINI, recently seen in news, is associated with which mission? **National Language Translation Mission (NLTM).**
- Which RBI scheme enables NRIs and OCIs to invest in Indian stock markets? **Portfolio Investment Scheme (PIS).**
- What is the full form of BHAVYA, the scheme under which 100 industrial parks will be developed



Banking & Economy

- What is the maximum continuous tenure allowed for a director on a UCB board under the new RBI norms? **10 years.**
- What does QE stand for in economics? **Quantitative Easing.**
- Which index is proposed to gradually replace the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in India? **Producer Price Index (PPI).**
- Project Shikhar, launched by Meesho and BSE, is designed to help which category of businesses access capital markets through the BSE SME Platform? **MSMEs and digital sellers.**
- Which Indian company recently secured a 10-year marine services contract for Argentina's first LNG export project? **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ).**
- What does FCNR(B) stand for in the Indian banking system? **Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) Deposit.**
- Which two public sector power financing companies are set to be merged following presidential approval in June 2026? **REC Limited and Power Finance Corporation (PFC)**
- Which organization will absorb REC under the approved merger plan? **Power Finance Corporation**
- Which investment fund recently exited Capital Small Finance Bank by selling its entire stake? **Oman India Joint Investment Fund**
- What percentage stake did the Oman India Joint Investment Fund sell in Capital Small Finance Bank? **7.97%**
- Which bank's stake was sold by the Oman India Joint Investment Fund in June 2026? **Capital Small Finance Bank**
- Which Indian bank is known as the country's first Small Finance Bank? **Capital Small Finance Bank**
- Which fintech company recently received NPCI's Bharat BillPay certification as a Bharat BillPay Operating Unit (BOU)? **Viyona Fintech**
- Which organization awarded the Bharat BillPay Operating Unit (BOU) certification to Viyona Fintech? **National Payments Corporation of India**
- What does BOU stand for in the Bharat BillPay ecosystem? **Bharat BillPay Operating Unit**
- Bharat BillPay is operated and managed by which organization? **National Payments Corporation of India**
- Which payment system provides a unified platform for utility and recurring bill payments in India? **Bharat BillPay**
- A Bharat BillPay Operating Unit (BOU) is authorized by which organization? **NPCI**
- Which two payment systems were recently linked to enable real-time cross-border remittances between India and Nepal? **India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Nepal's National Payments Interface (NPI).**



- Which Cambodian bank partnered with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) to launch UPI payments in Cambodia? **ACLEDA Bank Plc.**
- In the June 2026 Monetary Policy Review, at what level did the RBI keep the repo rate unchanged? **5.25%.**
- Which country did India surpass to become the world's second-largest solar growth market? **United States of America (USA).**

- Which organization provides guarantee cover under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions 2.0 (CGSMFI-2.0)? **National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC).**
- Which cooperative bank was placed under six-month restrictions by the Reserve Bank of India in June 2026, with a withdrawal limit of ₹1 lakh per depositor? **Mogaveera Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai.**
- Which port authority signed an MoU with AM Green in June 2026 to develop a ₹2,000 crore Green Ammonia Production and Marine Bunkering Hub? **V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOCPA), Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.**
- Thailand is an important partner of India under which foreign policy initiative? **Act East Policy.**
- Which two multilateral institutions are being approached by India for \$2.5 billion in infrastructure funding in 2026? **World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB).**
- Under which Act does RBI regulate and cancel banking licences? **Banking Regulation Act, 1949.**
- Which country is currently one of India's largest suppliers of crude oil? **Russia.**
- Which two countries reaffirmed cooperation for a prosperous Indo-Pacific region in 2026? **India and Japan.**
- Which two countries signed a framework agreement on critical minerals in 2026? **India and the United States.**
- Which state government recently signed an MoU with Intel and 3DGS to establish an Advanced Packaging Glass Core Substrate Manufacturing Facility in India? **Odisha.**
- Which two countries recently signed a Joint Declaration on Enhanced Security and Defence Cooperation that includes military aid and Gripen fighter jet cooperation? **Ukraine and Sweden.**
- The Reserve Bank of India recently signed an MoU on digital payments and financial innovation with the central bank of which country? **Vietnam (State Bank of Vietnam).**
- The Indian Air Force recently signed three contracts with which institution to develop predictive maintenance systems for the Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft fleet? **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay.**
- Which Navratna PSU recently signed an MoU with CRISIL to provide data-driven infrastructure consultancy and advisory solutions? **BITES Limited.**
- Which Gulf country signed a CEPA with India that came into force in June 2026? **Oman.**
- Under the India–Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), India has secured duty-free access to what percentage of Oman's tariff lines? **98.08% of Oman's tariff lines.**
- Which country was described by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh as having scientific collaboration that forms the strongest pillar of India's bilateral engagement? **Germany**

JUNE 12 ANTI-CHILD LABOR DAY
• Every Child Deserves A Childhood •

STOP CHILD LABOUR LET THEM DREAM

IMPORTANCE
In 2002, the International Labour Organization (ILO) launched this day to bring attention and join efforts to fight against child labour.
And also marks the 20 years since the adoption of the ILO's Worst Forms of child Labour Convention, 1999.
This day mainly focus on the children development and it protects the right of education and dignified life for the children.

INCEPTION
2002

EDITION
25th

MOTTO
To raise awareness and activism to prevent child labour.

ORGANISATION INVOLVED
ILO
UNICEF

NOTE: INDIA
Earlier: Child below 18 years
Now: Child below 14 years

The child below 14 will not be allowed to work in any industry except a 'Family Enterprise'

END CHILD LABOUR. BUILD A BETTER FUTURE.

PROTECT CHILDREN | EDUCATE CHILDREN | EMPOWER CHILDREN | RESPECT THEIR RIGHTS

TOGETHER, WE CAN END CHILD LABOUR AND
CREATE A WORLD WHERE EVERY CHILD CAN LEARN, GROW AND DREAM.

collaboration in manufacturing, innovation, and skill development? **Thuringia.**

- Which company signed an AI computing infrastructure agreement with Google worth about \$920 million per month in 2026? **SpaceX**
- Which company signed a ₹449 crore contract with the Ministry of Defence in June 2026 to supply 20 ECGNSS Jammers to the Indian Navy? **Accord Software and Systems Private Limited (ASSPL), Bengaluru.**

JUNE 14
WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY
DONATE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES

Every Drop Counts. Every Donor Matters.

IMPORTANCE
To mark the birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner (a scientist who won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of the A, B, O blood group system) on June 14, 1958.

INCEPTION
1868

EDITION
59th

2026 THEME
Normalizing Voluntary Blood Donation

MOTTO
To raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products, and to thank blood donors for their voluntary, life-saving gifts of blood.

ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED
WHO, IFBDO, ISBT, ISBT

IMPORTANCE OF BLOOD DONATION

- GOOD HEALTH**
Good health and reduced risk of cancer and hemochromatosis.
- LIVER & PANCREAS PROTECTION**
Reducing the risk of damage to liver and pancreas.
- HEART & WEIGHT MANAGEMENT**
Improving cardiovascular health and reducing obesity.

BE A HERO. DONATE BLOOD. GIVE HOPE. GIVE LIFE.

SAFE BLOOD SAVES LIVES

- Which two northeastern states signed a tripartite MoU with the Central Government in June 2026 for exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas? **Assam and Nagaland.**
- Which country recently elevated its relations with India to a Comprehensive Partnership? **Slovakia.**
- Venezuela recently signed an MoU with which company to improve its electricity supply system? **General Electric (GE)**
- Adani Ports has partnered with which company to invest up to \$100 million for boosting port automation? **Kaleris**

- India and Japan recently adopted Rules of Implementation for which climate cooperation mechanism? **Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM).**
- Which two countries signed a 14-point peace agreement in June 2026 aimed at ending the West Asia conflict? **United States and Iran.**
- From which date will the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) come into force? **15 July 2026.**
- Which two entities signed an MoU in June 2026 to expand access to government procurement? **Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC-SPV).**
- Which company recently signed a ₹425 crore contract with the Ministry of Defence for Marine Gas Turbine Generators? **Bharat Forge Limited.**
- Which technology company has partnered with ArcelorMittal to automate its global operations using cloud and AI capabilities? **Amazon Web Services (AWS).**
- Which artillery system is covered under the recently announced \$230 million US sustainment package for India? **M77A2 Ultra-Light Howitzer.**
- Which organisation has signed an MoU with NCAER to establish a centre for transportation economics? **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).**
- Which Indian fintech startup recently received a \$900 million investment from Meta? **CRED.**

JUNE 15
GLOBAL WIND DAY
HARNESSING WIND. POWERING OUR FUTURE.

IMPORTANCE
It is a day for discovering wind energy, its power and the possibilities it holds to reshape our energy systems, decarbonise our economies and boost jobs and growth.

ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED
WindEurope (WindEurope), GWEC (Global Wind Energy Council)

INCEPTION
2007 (In Europe), 2009 (Globally)

MOTTO
To make people aware about the wind energy, its uses, power and the possibilities to change the world.

WHAT IS WIND?
Wind is the movement of air, caused by the uneven heating of the Earth by the sun and the Earth's own rotation.

Two factors are necessary to specify wind:
SPEED & DIRECTION

CLEAN ENERGY, **SUSTAINABLE PLANET**, **GREEN JOBS & GROWTH**, **A GREENER TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**

Awards & Recognitions

- Which Malayalam actor received the Padma Bhushan in 2026? **Mammootty**.
- Which Indian cricketer received Padma Shri in 2026? **Rohit Sharma**.
- Which state police force received the President's Police Colour (Nishaan) from President Droupadi Murmu? **Sikkim Police**.
- Which prestigious UN award will be conferred posthumously on Indian peacekeepers Lance Havildar Harbhajan Singh and Naib Subedar Sujit Kumar Pradhan in 2026? **Dag Hammarskjöld Medal**.
- Which British actor was knighted by King Charles III in 2026 for services to young people? **Sir Idris Elba**.
- Which Indian Army officer won two top honours at the US Army Command and General Staff College in 2026? **Major Prabhat Mishra**.
- Which award did Major Prabhat Mishra receive for the best military research thesis? **Birrer-Brookes Award**.
- Which award was conferred on Major Prabhat Mishra for excellence in military leadership writing? **General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Award**.
- J&K Bank received the Gold Award at the Fincle Innovation Awards 2026 for which platform? **Data Insights and Analytics Platform**.
- Who received the Safdar Hashmi Award for 2024 at the Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards? **Shubhdeep Raha (Lucknow)**.
- Which authority confers India's gallantry awards such as the Kirti Chakra, Vir Chakra and Shaurya Chakra? **The President of India**.
- Under which category did e-Jagriti win the Silver Award at the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026? **Government Process Re-engineering by Use of Technology for Digital Transformation**.
- Which new Grammy category was introduced in 2026 to recognize Asian music? **Best Asian Pop Music Performance**.
- What is the highest award presented at the Shanghai International Film Festival? **Golden Goblet Award**.
- Who became the first Indian-origin physicist to receive the Wolf Prize in Physics? **Jainendra K. Jain**.
- Who were named the Best Male and Best Female Athletes of the Year at the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards? **Neeraj Chopra and Parul Chaudhary**.
- Which film won the Golden Conch Award at the 19th Mumbai International Film Festival 2026? **Silver (Poland)**.
- Which former tennis player received the Padma Bhushan in 2026? **Vijay Amritraj**.



Sports

- Which Indian athlete won the gold medal at the 2026 IAU 24-Hour Asia & Oceania Championships? **Amar Singh Devanda.**
- Which Indian wrestler won gold at the Asian Under-23 Wrestling Championships 2026? **Sumit Dalal.**
- Which Indian para-athlete recently broke the world record in Men's Javelin Throw F64 with a throw of 74.82 metres in Bengaluru? **Sumit Antil**
- Which Indian city will host the 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships? **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**
- Who was the first Indian shooter to win a gold medal at the Asian Games? **Raja Randhir Singh**
- Which Indian shooter won the women's 25m pistol gold medal with a world record score of 43 at the ISSF World Cup Munich 2026? **Esha Singh.**
- Who won India's first gold medal at the 2026 Asian Under-20 Athletics Championships? **Mogali Venkatram Reddy.**
- Which Indian pair won the Singapore Open 2026 men's doubles title? **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**
- Which team won the IPL 2026 title? **Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB).**
- India finished at which position in the medal tally at the 22nd Asian U-20 Athletics Championships 2026 held in Hong Kong? **Second Position (Runner-Up).**
- Which country's cricket board was suspended by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in June 2026 due to breaches of membership obligations, while its national teams remained eligible for ICC events? **Cricket Canada (Canada).**
- Which footballer became the first individual player to receive the Princess of Asturias Award for Sports in 2026? **Lionel Messi (Argentina).**
- Who became the first Indian to win the Norway Chess Tournament in 2026? **R Praggnanandhaa.**
- Which Indian women wrestlers won gold medals at the Ulaanbaatar Open Ranking Series 2026? **Manisha (57kg) and Neha (59kg).**
- Who won the Women's Singles title at the 2026 French Open, securing her maiden Grand Slam championship? **Mirra Andrejeva (Russia).**
- Which country won the SAFF Women's Championship 2026 by defeating Bangladesh in the final? **India.**
- Which country topped the medal tally at the inaugural World Yogasana Championships 2026? **India, with 114 medals including 102 gold medals.**
- Which former New Zealand captain and World Test Championship-winning skipper announced his retirement from international cricket in June 2026? **Kane Williamson.**



- Who became the first Indian to win the Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026? **Sudarsan Pattnaik.**
- Who became the first footballer to appear in six FIFA World Cups in 2026? **Lionel Messi.**
- Which Indian sportsperson was named in TIME's 100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026 list? **Smriti Mandhana.**
- Which Indian cricketer recently became the leading wicket-taker in Women's Twenty20 Internationals (WT20Is), surpassing Megan Schutt? **Deepti Sharma.**
- Who became the first cricketer in history to play 200 T20 International matches? **Harmanpreet Kaur.**
- Which country is hosting the ISSF Junior World Championship 2026? **Germany.**

Science & Technology

- Which country launched the Shenzhou-23 crewed space mission as part of its Moon mission programme? **China.**
- What is the full form of CLEAR technology developed by Indian scientists? **Cleavable Light-Erased Antibody Reporter.**
- Which company launched India's first indigenous Super Pressure Balloon platform? **Red Balloon Aerospace.**

JUNE 21 WORLD MUSIC DAY
MUSIC UNITES US ALL

ORIGIN
In France (as "Fête de la Musique", meaning "festival of music")
1982

EDITION
44th

MOTTO
To promote peace and spread goodwill through music.

NOTE
The word music derived from the Greek word "Mousike" which means "art of the Muses".

★ IMPORTANCE

- ✓ The idea was conceived in the 1970s by American musician Joel Cohen—then working for a French radio station—as he wanted bands to play on the evening of June 21 to welcome the first day of summer.
- ✓ It was finally adopted by France's Ministry of Culture in 1982.

MUSIC HAS THE POWER TO:

- INSPIRE CREATIVITY
- BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER
- PROMOTE PEACE
- HEAL MINDS & SOULS
- BUILD A BETTER WORLD

Music is the voice of the soul and the language of the heart.

- Which IIT has developed the portable arsenic detection device 'ArsenSafe' for rapid on-site testing of drinking water? **IIT Bhubaneswar.**
- Which two Indian organizations are collaborating to develop advanced lunar lander technology capable of surviving lunar nights? **ISRO and the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).**
- Which company launched India's first approved Radioligand Therapy for advanced prostate cancer in 2026? **Novartis.**
- What is the name of the radioligand therapy launched by Novartis for prostate cancer? **Pluvicto (177Lu-PSMA-617).**
- Which radioactive isotope is used in Pluvicto therapy? **Lutetium-177.**
- What does RLT stand for in cancer treatment? **Radioligand Therapy.**
- What is the full form of mCRPC? **Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer.**
- Which organisation successfully tested the Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) in June 2026? **DRDO.**
- What is the scientific name of the brain-eating amoeba? **Naegleria fowleri.**
- Which disease is caused by brain-eating amoeba "Naegleria fowleri"? **Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM).**
- Bitumen commonly called "Black Gold" in the pavement industry, is primarily obtained from which source? **Residue from crude oil refining.**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned which three indigenously built naval ships at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata? **INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak and INS Agray.**
- What is the name of the first indigenously manufactured hovercraft inducted into the Indian Coast Guard? **H-561.**
- What is the maximum power generation capacity generally associated with Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)? **Up to 300 MWe.**
- Which aircraft will become the first Made-in-India military transport aircraft to be delivered to the Indian Air Force in September 2026? **Airbus C-295.**
- Which indigenous air-to-surface missile was successfully flight-tested by DRDO and the Indian Air Force in June 2026? **RudraM-II Air-to-Surface Missile.**
- Which NASA mission is planned to return humans to the Moon for the first time since Apollo 17? **Artemis III Mission.**
- Which organisation successfully conducted three consecutive flight tests in June 2026 to demonstrate India's multi-layered Ballistic Missile Defence capability?

Miscellaneous

- Which book became the first Mandarin Chinese novel to win the International Booker Prize in 2026? **Taiwan Travelogue**
- Which Indian model was included in the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2026 list? **Bhavitha Mandava.**
- Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) is associated with which sector? **Assessment and performance ranking of Gram Panchayats and rural local governance.**
- Which two countries conducted a joint maritime search and rescue exercise after a gap of nine years in 2026? **South Korea and Japan.**
- Which global bond benchmark is currently reviewing the inclusion of Indian government securities and could attract significant foreign investment inflows into India? **Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index.**
- Which international institute reported that India may have deployed 12 nuclear warheads and increased its estimated nuclear arsenal to 190 warheads in 2026? **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).**
- Which Indian company emerged as the highest-ranked Indian firm in Wood Mackenzie's Global Solar PV Module Manufacturer Ranking 2026? **Adani Solar.**
- India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has recently fallen to what level, below the replacement rate of 2.1? **1.9**
- What is considered the replacement-level fertility rate for a stable population? **2.1 children per woman**
- Which country was ranked as the second most peaceful nation in South Asia in the Global Peace Index 2026? **Sri Lanka.**
- Which Indian port was ranked as the country's best-performing container port and 22nd globally in the Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) 2025? **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), Maharashtra.**
- Which AI company was directed by the US government in June 2026 to suspend foreign access to its advanced AI models Fable 5 and Mythos 5 due to national security concerns? **Anthropic.**
- Who became the world's first trillionaire following SpaceX's record IPO in June 2026? **Elon Musk.**
- Which Indian institution topped the QS World University Rankings 2027 among Indian universities? **IIT Delhi.**



- Which country is hosting the multinational military exercise 'KHAAN QUEST 2026', in which an Indian Army contingent is participating? **Mongolia.**
- The famous "Dancing Girl" statue belongs to which civilization? **Indus Valley (Harappan) Civilization.**
- Who will chair the BRICS National Security Advisers Meeting being held in New Delhi? **Ajit Doval**
- What does E20 petrol mean? **Petrol blended with 20% ethanol and 80% petrol.**
- According to the recent HelpAge India report, what percentage of elderly respondents faced at least one climate-related hazard in the last three years? **78%.**

Important Days of the Month

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
July 1	Doctor's Day	To mark the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, the legendary physician and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal.
July 2	World UFO Day	It commemorates the date on which the famous Roswell incident was exposed to the public.
July 6	World Zoonoses Day	To commemorate the discovery of 1st vaccination against a zoonotic disease that can be spread between humans and animals.
July 11	World Population Day	To focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues.
July 12	National Simplicity Day	To mark the birth anniversary of Henry David Thoreau in 1817.
July 17	World Day for International Justice	To mark the adoption of the Rome Statute in 1998. With the help of this treaty, International Criminal Court (ICC) was established.
July 18	International Nelson Mandela Day	To recognise the former South African President, Nelson Mandela's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom.
July 26	Kargil Vijay Diwas	To commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the conflict that took place in the mountains above Kargil
July 28	World Hepatitis Day	Let's Break It Down
July 29	International Tiger Day	This day was established in 2010 at Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia to raise awareness about the decline of wild tiger numbers.

Let's Recap

- 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**
- Which organization approved the world's first malaria drug specifically for newborns and infants in 2026? **World Health Organization (WHO)**
- Which Article of the Indian Constitution empowers the Supreme Court to ensure "complete justice"? **Article 142**
- Which fintech company recently received RBI approval to operate as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)? **MobiKwik**
- Which organization did the International Chess Federation (FIDE) recently join in 2026? **International World Games Association (IWGA).**
- Which report highlighted that 266 million people faced acute food insecurity in 2025 across 47 countries? **Global Report on Food Crises (GRFC) 2026.**
- 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).**
- Under which Article of the Indian Constitution is the Right to Education guaranteed? **Article 21A**
- Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships are generally held in which years? **Non-Commonwealth Games years**
- Which organization operates the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in India? **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**
- Which country announced its exit from OPEC in 2026, weakening the global oil cartel? **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**
- According to SIPRI, what is India's rank in global military expenditure in 2025? **5th**
- What is the name of the first multilateral military exercise to be hosted by the Indian Army in 2026? **Exercise Pragati**
- RBI's Mission SAKSHAM is related to which sector? **Urban Cooperative Banking sector**
- What milestone did India achieve in naval missile capability recently? **Maiden salvo launch of Naval Anti-Ship Missile (NASM-SR)**
- Which organisations conducted the NASM-SR test? **Defence Research and Development Organisation and Indian Navy**
- Which regulator approved the change of control in RBL Bank? **Securities and Exchange Board of India**
- 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)**
- 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 report placed India on the Priority Watch List for IP issues? **USTR Special 301 Report 2026**
- 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**
- Who has taken charge as Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)? **Anugraha Narayana Das**
- 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**
- 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**

- Khalistani extremists have been termed a threat to which country's national security? **Canada**
- Which country launched Project Freedom? **United States**
- From which country is Israel buying F-35 & F-15IA fighter jets? **United States**
- What is a key feature of the F-15IA? **Long-range strike capability**
- Kimi Antonelli belongs to which country? **Italy**
- OPEC+ is a grouping of OPEC countries along with which major non-OPEC country? **Russia**
- Mission Drishti satellite was launched aboard which rocket? **Falcon 9**
- Corporatisation of major ports in India is governed under which Act? **Major Port Authorities Act, 2021**
- What is the main aim of the ODOC scheme? **Promote local food culture with a unique district identity**
- Which sector is gaining momentum with the debut of KAL drone and JWALA system in India? **Private defence sector**
- What is the JWALA system? **Indigenous short-range missile system**
- Which company has chosen Charlie Shamieh as successor to Ajit Jain? **Berkshire Hathaway**
- Ajit Jain is associated with which sector in Berkshire Hathaway? **Insurance business**
- Who has been named as the successor to Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in Biocon? **Claire Mazumdar**
- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw is the founder of which company? **Biocon**
- India's first barrier-free tolling system is based on which technology? **Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF)**
- What is the total financial outlay of the Cotton Productivity Mission? **₹5,600 crore.**
- By how many judges has the Union Cabinet proposed to increase the strength of the Supreme Court? **By four judges.**
- Which organisation co-hosted the Brain-Computer Interface conference with HQ IDS? **Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS).**
- Which company signed a ₹1,400 crore defence contract with the Ministry of Defence for Army systems? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).**
- Sky Map is developed by which country? **Ukraine**
- Which court expanded the definition of acid attack under disability law? **Supreme Court of India**
- What major recognition has been given to acid attack survivors? **Recognised as persons with disabilities**
- Vietnam is strategically important to India in which region? **Indo-Pacific region**
- What is the main aim of the Swasth Bharat Portal? **Integrate multiple digital health systems**
- Which two countries signed agreements on health research and quantum technologies in May 2026? **India and Japan.**
- Which media pioneer and founder of CNN passed away at the age of 87 in 2026? **Ted Turner.**
- Ted Turner founded which broadcasting company that later became a media giant? **Turner Broadcasting System (TBS).**
- Which company signed a deal with Anthropic to provide access to the "Colossus 1" AI supercomputer? **SpaceX**
- "Colossus 1" is mainly designed for what purpose? **AI training and large-scale data processing.**
- What does CBFC stand for? **Central Board of Film Certification.**
- For how many years has Shashi Shekhar Vempati been appointed as CBFC Chairperson? **Three years.**
- India and Algeria discussed cooperation in which major defence areas? **Military training, joint exercises, defence industry, maritime security, and medical cooperation.**
- In which year did India and Algeria sign their first major Defence MoU? **2024.**
- Which Act may be amended to provide legal protection to "Vande Mataram"? **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971.**
- What is the National Anthem of India? **Jana Gana Mana.**
- "Vande Mataram" was originally published in which novel? **Anandamath.**
- Which Indian PSU signed an agreement with EDF France to explore nuclear projects in India? **NLC India Limited**
- According to the World Migration Report 2026, which country became the world's top remittance recipient in 2024? **India.**
- Which organization publishes the World Migration Report? **International Organization for Migration (IOM).**
- Jio Payments Bank collaborated with which fintech company for rural banking access? **Ezeepay**
- Which state launched the "100 Days Ayushman Student Coverage Mission" in 2026? **Nagaland.**
- What is the maximum annual health coverage provided under PM-JAY? **₹5 lakh per family per year.**

- Which IPL franchise did Amanpreet Singh Gill represent in the inaugural IPL season of 2008? **Punjab Kings (formerly Kings XI Punjab).**
- Which Indian-origin company received the 'Erth Dubai Award'? **Uncle's Shop Building Material Trading.**
- Which university became India's first Institution of Eminence to receive DASCA accreditation? **O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU).**
- The 61st International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia is held in which country? **Italy.**
- Which IIT recently launched a centre in California for deep-tech startups? **IIT Madras.**
- The recent hantavirus outbreak reported by WHO was linked to which cruise ship? **MV Hondius.**
- Suwendu Adhikari belongs to which political party? **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).**
- How many Lok Sabha seats does West Bengal have? **42 seats.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India in 2026? **Lieutenant General N. S. Raja Subramani.**
- 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.**
- Who was sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica in May 2026? **Laura Fernández.**
- Which Union Territory set Guinness World Records for underwater events in 2026? **Andaman and Nicobar Islands.**
- 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)**
- Where is the headquarters of the Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy located? **Mumbai**
- The term "MIRV", recently seen in the news, is related to? **Multiple warhead ballistic missile system**
- Which Indian city will host the upcoming Asian Weightlifting Championships? **Ahmedabad.**
- The National Panchayat Awards are linked to which Centrally Sponsored Scheme? **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).**
- Which state's Chief Minister is Himanta Biswa Sarma? **Assam**
- Which new rural employment law will come into force from 1 July 2026? **VB-G RAM G Act, 2025**
- Which scheme is being replaced by the VB-G RAM G Act? **MGNREGA**
- How many days of employment were guaranteed under MGNREGA? **100 days**
- Why is Oman strategically important for India? **Due to its location near the Strait of Hormuz and Arabian Sea**
- How many nursing professionals received the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026? **15**
- When is International Nurses Day celebrated? **12 May**
- What is the main objective of India-Japan cooperation in strategic sectors? **Strengthening resilient and trusted supply chains**
- Which South African organisation received the IUCAA banner? **SAAO (South African Astronomical Observatory)**
- Which franchise in the ETPL is owned by Rahul Dravid? **Dublin Guardians**
- Which organisation signed the second MoU with the Odisha Government for football development? **All India Football Federation (AIFF)**
- Which state government partnered with AIFF for football development? **Odisha**
- What type of company is SAIL? **Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)**
- Which organisation commissioned ICGS Achal? **Indian Coast Guard**
- Which company built ICGS Achal? **Goa Shipyard Limited**
- Neale Fraser belonged to which country? **Australia**
- What is the nickname of the Davis Cup? **World Cup of Tennis**
- Which party was founded by N. Rangasamy? **All India NR Congress (AINRC)**
- Which company is R. Mukundan associated with? **Tata Chemicals.**
- Who was popularly known as "Tutu Bose"? **Swapan Sadhan Bose.**
- Which NBA player passed away at the age of 29? **Brandon Clarke**
- Which country conducted its first-ever joint military exercise with NATO? **Serbia.**
- Under which programme is the Serbia-NATO exercise being conducted? **Partnership for Peace.**
- What is the purpose of the 'One Case One Data' initiative? **To create a unified digital case management system across courts in India.**
- Which two organisations jointly launched the Sehat Mission? **Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Indian Council of Medical Research.**

- Who has been appointed Chairman of BRISEC CCI? **Harvansh Chawla.**
- Which two indigenous drone systems were inducted by the Indian Army? **ULPGM and AGNIKAA VTOL-1.**
- Which company raised India's FY27 GDP forecast to 6.7%? **Morgan Stanley.**
- Under which Act is the appointment and tenure of the CBI Director governed? **Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946.**
- Which two organizations signed an MoU to curb mule accounts in India? **I4C and RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH).**
- Which African leader was sworn in for a seventh consecutive term in 2026? **Yoweri Museveni.**
- What is the total outlay of the coal gasification scheme approved by the Union Cabinet? **₹37,500 crore.**
- Who has been named as the next Chief Minister of Kerala? **VD Satheesan**
- Aparna Dahiya, who won gold at the 11th Sanda World Cup in 2026, is associated with which sport? **Wushu (Sanda).**
- The proposed ₹40,000 crore subsea gas pipeline being planned by India aims to connect Gujarat with which Gulf country? **Oman.**
- Which country's Prime Minister resigned after a political crisis linked to a drone incident in May 2026? **Latvia**
- Latvia is part of which regional group in Northern Europe? **Baltic States**
- What type of missile is the RS-28 Sarmat? **Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)**
- The Sarmat missile is designed to replace which Soviet-era missile system? **R-36M missile**
- Which country recently pledged an additional \$1.8 billion in humanitarian aid at a UN meeting? **United States**
- Who was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly in May 2026? **Rathindra Bose**
- Which constitutional provision deals with the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of State Legislative Assemblies? **Article 178**
- The Anti-Defection Law was added to the Constitution through which Schedule? **Tenth Schedule**
- What is the main objective of Mizoram's Ginger Mission? **To boost ginger farming and exports**
- The Ginger Mission in Mizoram is supported by which government? **Central Government**
- Which institution recently eased rules for outward remittances in India? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
- 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 organisation, along with Vertis Foundation, launched 'Project Saksham' to promote women-focused skill development in 2026? **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).**
- 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).**
- Who was unanimously elected as the President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation (SAWF) in 2026? **Sahdev Yadav.**
- What was India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2026? **78th**
- 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**
- How many medals did India win at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 held in Gandhinagar? **10 medals**
- Which company under the TVS Venu Group will directly acquire 4.9% stake in Jana Small Finance Bank? **TVS Motor Company**
- Who was sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Kerala in May 2026? **V D Satheesan**
- Which alliance formed the new government in Kerala under V D Satheesan? **United Democratic Front (UDF)**
- Which Indian company signed an agreement with Druk Green Power Corporation for Bhutan's clean energy framework? **Tata Power**
- Which Indian company partnered with France's Exail for mine warfare solutions for the Indian Navy? **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**
- What does MCMV stand for in naval terminology? **Mine Counter Measure Vessel**
- Su-57 is a fifth-generation stealth fighter developed by which country? **Russia**

- RBI imposed restrictions on which Uttar Pradesh-based cooperative bank in May 2026? **Nagar Sahakari Bank Ltd., Etawah.**
- From which date will the Anand Marriage Act, 1909 come into force in Sikkim? **1 June 2026.**
- What is the new total sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court including the CJI? **38 judges.**
- Which institution removed the Maratha Empire map from the Class 8 textbook? **NCERT.**
- 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.**
- Which company partnered with Indian governments and UNICEF for AI education initiatives in India? **Google.**
- Power of Siberia 2 is primarily a pipeline for transporting which resource? **Natural gas**
- Which football club won the UEFA Europa League title in 2026? **Aston Villa**
- Which business group announced acquisitions linked to Jaypee Group assets in May 2026? **Adani Group**
- The Churk Thermal Power Plant is located in which state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which media executive is set to acquire New York Magazine and Vox Media's podcast network? **James Murdoch**
- Rupert Murdoch is associated with which major global media company? **News Corp**
- Which regional organization recently signed a major Free Trade Agreement with the United Kingdom?: **Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).**
- Which Indian state became the first to establish a dedicated Artificial Intelligence Ministry in 2026? **Kerala.**
- Which state is the focus of the ₹167 crore "Arunachal Kiwi Mission" launched to develop a global organic kiwi brand? **Arunachal Pradesh.**
- Cyprus is located in which region? **Eastern Mediterranean region**
- Which two countries recently reaffirmed the principle of "zero tolerance towards terrorism" during a Joint Working Group meeting in New Delhi? **India and Egypt**
- The "Anti-Weaponization Fund" is mainly intended to compensate whom? **People claiming unfair targeting by government agencies**
- 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).**
- 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.**
- 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 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).**
- 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.**
- Which Indian state became the first to establish a dedicated department for senior citizens' welfare? **Kerala.**
- What is the name of India's first 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System flagged off by Rajnath Singh in Shirdi? **Suryastra.**
- Which two women MPs from Maharashtra were selected for the Sansad Ratna Awards 2026? **Dr. Medha Kulkarni and Smita Uday Wagh.**

Quick Bytes

- Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan Assumes Charge as Chief of Western Naval Command
- Admiral Krishna Swaminathan Takes Charge as India's 27th Chief of Naval Staff
- General N.S. Raja Subramani Assumes Office as India's New Chief of Defence Staff
- Royal Challengers Bengaluru Defend IPL Title with Victory Over Gujarat Titans in Final
- IPL 2026 Awards: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Wins MVP and Orange Cap Honours
- Satwik-Chirag Become First Indian Pair to Win Singapore Open Men's Doubles Title
- Veteran Playback Singer Suman Kalyanpur Passes Away at the Age of 89
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan Launches Khet Bachao Abhiyan for Soil Conservation and Sustainable Farming Across India
- Bhavitha Mandava Becomes First Indian Chanel Ambassador in Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2026
- Meesho and BSE Launch Project Shikhar to Help MSMEs Access Capital Markets
- Indian Teacher Soma Mandal Wins Global Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Award 2026
- Tamil Nadu Farmer Valluvan Recognised as UN FAO Soil Farmer Hero
- Air Marshal Tarun Chaudhry Assumes Charge as Chief of Central Air Command
- Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty Takes Charge as Chief of Andaman and Nicobar Command
- ICC Suspends Cricket Canada Membership Over Governance and Compliance Violations
- RBI Extends Ketan Merchant's Tenure as Interim CEO of Fino Payments Bank
- Indian Astrophysicist Discovers 12.6-Billion-Year-Old Loktak Galaxy Protocluster Using Advanced Space Telescopes
- Five-Time Olympian and Former IOC Member Raja Randhir Singh Passes Away
- P.T. Usha Launches Book 'India's First Olympic Gold' by Historian K. Arumugam
- IIT Madras Develops Low-Cost Injectable Hydrogel for Treatment of Fibrosis and Degenerative Diseases
- Indian-Origin Teen Shrey Parikh Wins 2026 Scripps National Spelling Bee Title
- First Competition Commission of India Chairman Dhanendra Kumar Passes Away
- Odisha Signs Semiconductor Manufacturing Pact with Intel and 3D Glass Solutions
- Russia to Build Kazakhstan's First Nuclear Power Plant Under \$16.5 Billion Agreement
- India Reaches 100 Ramsar Sites with Inclusion of Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary
- J&K Bank Wins Gold at Finacle Innovation Awards for AI Analytics Platform
- Neelkanth Mishra Appointed India's Executive Director at the World Bank
- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed Next Vice Chief of Air Staff
- Former Lok Sabha Secretary General Subhash C. Kashyap Passes Away at 97
- Arjuna Awardee Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal Passes Away at 67
- Eminent Odia Writer and Former IAS Officer Jagannath Prasad Das Dies at 90
- Persepolis Creator Marjane Satrapi Passes Away at 56
- RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan Janakiraman Gets Two-Year Extension
- Tarun Kapoor Receives One-Year Extension as PM Modi's Advisor
- UIDAI Chief Saurabh Vijay Takes Charge as CEO of IndiaAI Mission
- Panchayat Advancement Index Wins Gold at National e-Governance Awards 2026
- Praggnanandhaa Becomes First Indian to Win Norway Chess Title
- Malayalam Poet A.C. Sreehari Passes Away at 56
- Kerala Launches HAWK, India's First Judiciary-Integrated Wildlife Crime Management System
- West Bengal Joins Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY, Becomes 36th Implementing State/UT
- SIPRI Report Says India Expands Nuclear Arsenal to 190 Warheads
- India Crowned Men's U18 Asia Cup 2026 Champions After Defeating Japan
- India Win SAFF Women's Championship 2026, Clinch Record Sixth Title
- Kimi Antonelli Wins Monaco Grand Prix 2026 to Extend Championship Lead
- Zverev and Andreeva Capture Historic French Open 2026 Singles Titles
- National Award-Winning Actor Salim Kumar Passes Away at 56

- APEDA Facilitates First Export of Fresh Amrapali Mangoes from Jharkhand to the UK
- Kumar Shanker Appointed Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Limited
- Banwarilal Purohit Elected President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan
- Lt Commander Suraj Prashar Awarded Shaurya Chakra for Operation Chuntawadi Bravery
- Indore Hosts BRICS Agriculture Meeting 2026 on Food Security and Smart Farming
- PM Modi Becomes India's Longest Continuously Serving Elected Prime Minister
- APEDA Facilitates First Export of GI-Tagged Tezpur Litchi from Assam to Dubai
- Amit Shah Launches LPMS 'VINIMAY' to Strengthen Smart Border Management
- Uttar Pradesh Launches Project Ganga to Expand Rural High-Speed Internet Access
- APSEZ Wins 10-Year Marine Services Contract for Argentina's LNG Export Project
- Government Announces ₹95,692 Crore Allocation for VB-G RAM G Rural Employment Scheme
- Rapido Partners with MoRTH to Promote Road Safety Through Rahveer Scheme
- Savitha Shri Baskar Wins Asian Women's Chess Championship 2026 Title
- National Award-Winning Director Bharathiraja Passes Away at 84
- Operation Milap Helps Gujarat Police Trace 1,470 Missing Persons in One Month
- President Approves REC-PFC Merger to Strengthen Power Sector Financing
- MoD Signs ₹449 Crore Deal for Indigenous GNSS Jammers for Indian Navy
- AIIMS and ICMR Validate Indigenous HPV Screening Test for Cervical Cancer Detection
- ICAR Launches Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra, India's First WhatsApp AI Advisory for Oilseed Farmers
- Donald Trump Nominates Jay Clayton as Next US Intelligence Chief
- India and Nepal Launch UPI-NPI Cross-Border Remittance Service
- Rudra Gaurav Shresth Appointed India's New Ambassador to Türkiye
- Iceland Retains Top Spot in Global Peace Index 2026 Rankings
- US Activates SOLAR-I Satellite for Continuous Space Weather Monitoring
- IIT Bhubaneswar Develops ArsenSafe Device for Rapid Arsenic Detection in Water
- Japan Launches Low-Cost H3-30 Rocket to Strengthen Commercial Space Missions
- Indian Shooting Legend Jaspal Rana Passes Away at the Age of 49
- Elon Musk Becomes World's First Trillionaire Following SpaceX Surge
- Sanjay Lohiya Appointed Director on RBI and SBI Central Boards
- President Approves Merger of REC Limited with Power Finance Corporation
- Made-in-India C295 Military Aircraft Completes Maiden Test Flight Successfully
- Global Peace Index 2026: Iceland Retains Top Spot, India Ranked 127th
- Indian Railways Introduces GPS-Enabled Body Cameras for RPF Personnel
- Sudarsan Pattnaik Wins Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026 Title
- India Leads Global Digital Wallet Downloads; PhonePe Tops Worldwide
- BRICS Adopts Indore Declaration for Agricultural Cooperation and Food Security
- Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth Appointed Next Chief of Army Staff
- Dr P. L. Gautam Appointed Chairperson of NBA Agrobiodiversity Committee
- India Post Launches Drone-Based Mail Delivery Service in Himachal Pradesh
- Veteran American Critic Gene Shalit Passes Away at Age 100
- Jharkhand's Bhagaiya Silk, Kuchai Silk and Munda Jewellery Receive GI Tags
- Odisha Launches Free KG-to-PG Education and CM Annapurna Yojana
- CBRE Wins Leading IPC of the Year Award at ETNow Realty Awards
- Novartis Launches India's First Radioligand Therapy for Prostate Cancer
- Pankaj Tripathi Appointed Brand Ambassador of MBG Card
- Kerala Launches Priyadarshini Free Bus Travel Scheme for Women
- UP Launches ₹5 Lakh Mukhyamantri Shikshak Cashless Chikitsa Yojana
- Indian Army Introduces Bandi Jacket Under New Uniform Code
- Indian Army Selects MEPRO X6 Sights for Negev Light Machine Guns
- Swiss Voters Reject Proposal to Cap Population at 10 Million

- PM Modi Receives Slovakia's Highest Civilian Award, Order of the White Double Cross
- India and Japan Adopt Joint Crediting Mechanism Rules Under Paris Agreement
- Smriti Mandhana Named Only Indian in TIME's 100 Most Influential Sportspersons
- Sarpreet Singh Becomes First Indian-Origin Player to Start FIFA World Cup Match
- African-Origin Usutu Virus Detected in Scotland for the First Time
- Indian Navy Retires Sea King 42B Helicopter Squadron INAS 330
- Arunava Das Appointed CEO of InCred Capital North America
- ASI and Denmark Sign MoU for Underwater Survey of Oresund Shipwreck
- Indian Army Receives 106 Peacekeeper Agniveg Kamikaze Drones from SMPP
- Deepti Sharma Equals Jhulan Goswami's Record of 355 International Wickets
- IIT Delhi Emerges as India's Highest-Ranked University in QS Rankings 2027
- INST Mohali Develops Electrolyte Additive for Advanced Zinc-Ion Batteries
- Saibal Chattopadhyay Appointed Chairperson of National Statistical Commission
- BRICS Agriculture Ministers Adopt Indore Declaration at 16th Meeting in Indore
- India Ranks 70th in WEF Energy Transition Index 2026
- RBI Extends Keki Mistry's Tenure as Interim Chairman of HDFC Bank
- RBI Cancels Licence of Shree Mahalaxmi Urban Co-operative Credit Bank
- Indian Jurist Bimal N. Patel Elected ITLOS Judge for 2026–2035 Term
- Scientists Discover New Lynx Spider Species Hamataliwa mawlyngot in Meghalaya
- Dev Kumar Meena sets national pole vault record at 5.45m in Ranchi, surpassing previous 5.41m mark.
- China launches Shenzhou-23 mission; astronaut to spend 365 days in orbit, longest Chinese human spaceflight attempt.
- Major Abhilasha Barak wins 2025 UN Military Gender Advocate Award for peacekeeping service in Lebanon mission.
- Odisha launches Bomkai weave revival project in Ganjam to preserve GI-tagged traditional cotton handloom heritage.
- Fintech app jUMPP receives IRDAI licences to distribute health, life, motor and home insurance products.
- NCB chief Anurag Garg gets tenure extension till July 2027, continuing leadership of anti-drug enforcement.
- Vice President releases "The Library Man of India" book on PN Panicker, Kerala's library movement pioneer.
- RBI approves ICICI Bank CEO Sandeep Bakhshi's reappointment for two years till October 2028.
- India and Canada Accelerate CEPA Talks Targeting \$50 Billion Bilateral Trade and Stronger Economic Cooperation by 2030
- Indian Scientists Develop CLEAR Technology Enabling Advanced Multi-Protein Imaging for Precision Medicine and Disease Research
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan Launches 'Apnapan' Book Highlighting Personal Experiences and Political Journey with PM Modi
- Indian Army Launches Kautilya and Q-FORCE Platforms to Enhance AI-Based Decision Making and Military Logistics
- India Wins Two Gold Medals at Asian U23 Wrestling Championships in Men's Freestyle Events at Da Nang
- India Chairs First BRICS Tourism Working Group Meeting Focusing on AI, Sustainability and Seamless Travel Facilitation
- Ministry of Social Justice Launches PM-AJAY Portal and App for Digital Monitoring of Welfare Schemes
- CSIR-NIScPR and NIAS Sign MoU to Promote Science Communication, Research Collaboration and Capacity Building
- ONGC Begins Development of India's First Commercial Geothermal Power Project at Ladakh's Puga Valley
- Department of Posts Partners with Flipkart to Expand Last-Mile Delivery Services Through India Post Network
- RBI Introduces New Governance Norms Limiting Urban Co-operative Bank Directors' Continuous Tenure to Ten Years
- Gujarat Launches Jal-Parab Campaign to Provide Water Support for Wildlife in Little Rann of Kutch
- P. Jawahar Assumes Charge as Chairman of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)
- South Korea Launches Jangbogo-N Project to Develop First Indigenous Nuclear-Powered Submarine by Late 2030s

- Kerala launched Project Zero, a zero-tolerance anti-corruption initiative aimed at ensuring bribery-free public services.
- Swara Lakshmi Nair became Bengaluru's first woman to achieve the Woman International Master (WIM) title in chess.
- The Indian Olympic Association appointed Rohit Rajpal as India's Chef de Mission for the Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow.
- Mercedes driver Kimi Antonelli won the 2026 Canadian Grand Prix, securing his fourth consecutive Formula One victory.
- Elias George was appointed Part-time Chairman of Federal Bank for a three-year term with RBI approval.
- Justice Prakash Navlekar will chair a high-level committee to study demographic changes and issues related to illegal immigration.
- IAS officer Piyush Singla was appointed Director of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission under the National Health Authority.
- Sikkim became India's fifth fully literate state under the ULLAS initiative, advancing adult education and lifelong learning.
- Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the ₹236 crore Mission Queen Pineapple in Tripura to boost exports, processing, and farmer incomes.
- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi set a new IPL record with 65 sixes in a season, surpassing Chris Gayle's long-standing achievement.
- Veteran Urdu poet Bashir Badr passed away at the age of 91, leaving behind a rich legacy of accessible and popular ghazals.
- Sikkim Police Honour: President Murmu awards prestigious Police Colour recognizing 125 years of service, reforms, and citizen-centric policing.
- Slovenia Politics: Janez JanÅa elected Prime Minister for fourth term, securing majority coalition, strengthening nationalist politics in Europe.
- CDSL Leadership: SEBI approves Amit Mahajan and Nayana Ovallekar as Executive Directors overseeing operations, compliance, and investor grievances.
- GAIL Extension: Deepak Gupta's additional charge as Director (Projects) extended six months while continuing CMD responsibilities.
- Bellatrix-TelePIX Collaboration: India-Korea partnership develops advanced VLEO satellite mission combining optical payload and propulsion for sharper Earth observation.
- Esha Singh Triumph: Indian shooter wins ISSF World Cup gold in Munich with world record 43 points in women's 25m pistol.
- UN Peacekeepers Honoured: Dag Hammarskjöld Medal awarded posthumously to Harbhajan Singh, Sujit Pradhan; Abhilasha Barak receives Gender Advocate Award.
- Shyam Lal Meena: Veteran Olympian archer passes away at 61, remembered for 1988 Seoul Olympics and pioneering archery achievements.
- Delhi Airport Launches India's First SkyCast System for Advanced Weather Forecasting
- Odisha, Intel and 3DGS Sign \$3.3 Billion Semiconductor Manufacturing Agreement
- RBI and Vietnam Central Bank Sign MoU on Digital Payments Cooperation
- Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar Assumes Charge as 48th Vice Chief of Naval Staff
- Rajesh Kumar Singh Takes Additional Charge as DRDO Chairman


JUNE 26

**INTERNATIONAL DAY
AGAINST
DRUG ABUSE
AND
ILLICIT TRAFFICKING**




TOGETHER FOR A HEALTHY, SAFE AND DRUG-FREE WORLD

1ST OBSERVED	EDITION	MOTTO	ORGANISATION INVOLVED	NOTE
1989	37 th	To raise awareness to fight against substance abuse as well as the unlawful trade of drugs.	UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	- The term "illicit trafficking" can be defined as illegal "trading, selling or dealing" in specified goods. - This day also known as "World Drug Day".

IMPORTANCE

- To mark the proclamation by General Assembly on 7 December 1987 for this day to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.
- This date was chosen to commemorate Lin Zexu's dismantling of the opium trade in Humen, Guangdong, ending in June 25, 1839, just before the First Opium War in China.



JUNE 25, 1839
LIN ZEXU
Destroyed opium at Humen, Guangdong

WHY THIS DAY MATTERS

- Drugs destroy health.
- Families suffer.
- Communities weaken.
- Together, we can end drug abuse and build a better future.


**AWARENESS TODAY, A BETTER TOMORROW
LET'S STAND TOGETHER
AGAINST DRUGS**




AWARENESS


PREVENTION


REHABILITATION


COOPERATION


HOPE

A HEALTHY SOCIETY IS A DRUG-FREE SOCIETY.

Trending Topics of the Month

G7 Summit 2026: What is the G7 and What Was on the Agenda at the Évian-les-Bains Summit?



Introduction

The G7 Summit is one of the world's most influential gatherings of advanced economies, where leaders discuss major global challenges ranging from security and trade to climate change and emerging technologies. In 2026, the summit was held in Évian-les-Bains, France, bringing together leaders from the world's leading industrialized democracies along with invited partner countries.

What is the G7?

The Group of Seven (G7) is an informal forum of seven advanced economies that coordinate on global economic, political, and security issues. The members are:

- United States
- United Kingdom
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- The European Union (EU) also participates in G7 meetings.

The group was created in the 1970s to address global economic challenges. Over time, its agenda expanded to include international security, climate change, energy, health, technology, and geopolitical issues. Unlike many international organizations, the G7 does

not have a permanent headquarters or secretariat. The presidency rotates annually among member countries, with the host country setting the summit agenda.

The 2026 Évian-les-Bains Summit

The 52nd G7 Summit was hosted by France from 15–17 June 2026 in the lakeside town of Évian-les-Bains, located near the French-Swiss border. The venue is historically significant because it previously hosted the G8 Summit in 2003.

French President Emmanuel Macron chaired the summit and invited several partner nations and international organizations to participate in discussions on key global issues.

Major Issues on the Summit Agenda

1. Russia–Ukraine War

The ongoing Russia–Ukraine conflict remained one of the most important topics at the summit.

G7 leaders discussed:

- Continued military, financial, and humanitarian support for Ukraine.
- Efforts to strengthen Ukraine's long-term security.
- Measures to maintain pressure on Russia through sanctions.
- Possibilities for achieving a sustainable peace.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy participated in summit discussions and sought continued international backing.

2. Middle East Tensions and Iran

The deteriorating security situation in West Asia received significant attention.

Leaders discussed:

- Rising tensions involving Iran.
- Regional stability and conflict prevention.
- Protection of critical maritime trade routes.
- Ensuring uninterrupted global energy supplies.

The issue was particularly important because instability in the region can affect global oil markets and international trade.

3. Global Economy and Trade

Amid slowing economic growth and persistent inflationary pressures in many countries, leaders focused on strengthening economic resilience.

Key discussions included:

- Promoting sustainable economic growth.
- Securing global supply chains.
- Addressing trade distortions.
- Enhancing investment and industrial competitiveness.

The summit also examined the impact of excess industrial production and state subsidies on global markets.

4. Critical Minerals and Supply Chain Security

Critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, and rare earth elements are essential for electric vehicles, renewable energy technologies, semiconductors, and defense industries.

The G7 explored ways to:

- Diversify sources of critical minerals.
- Reduce dependence on a limited number of suppliers.
- Strengthen strategic mineral partnerships.
- Build more resilient supply chains for clean-energy technologies.

5. Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Artificial Intelligence emerged as a major theme of the summit.

Leaders discussed:

- Responsible development and use of AI.
- AI governance and regulatory frameworks.
- Risks related to misinformation and cybersecurity.
- Protection of children and vulnerable groups online.
- Balancing innovation with ethical safeguards.

The discussions reflected growing concerns about the rapid expansion of AI technologies and their societal impact.

6. Debt Challenges in Developing Countries

Many developing nations continue to face rising debt burdens and financing difficulties.

The G7 considered:

- Debt restructuring mechanisms.
- Financial assistance for vulnerable economies.
- Reforms to international financial institutions.
- Support for sustainable development and infrastructure projects.

The aim was to prevent debt crises from undermining economic growth in low- and middle-income countries.

7. Global Health Cooperation

Health security remained an important issue following lessons learned from recent global health emergencies.

Leaders discussed:

- Strengthening preparedness for future pandemics.
- Improving international disease surveillance.
- Expanding cooperation on vaccine development.
- Coordinating responses to outbreaks such as Ebola.
- Advancing global efforts in cancer research and treatment.

Participation of Partner Countries

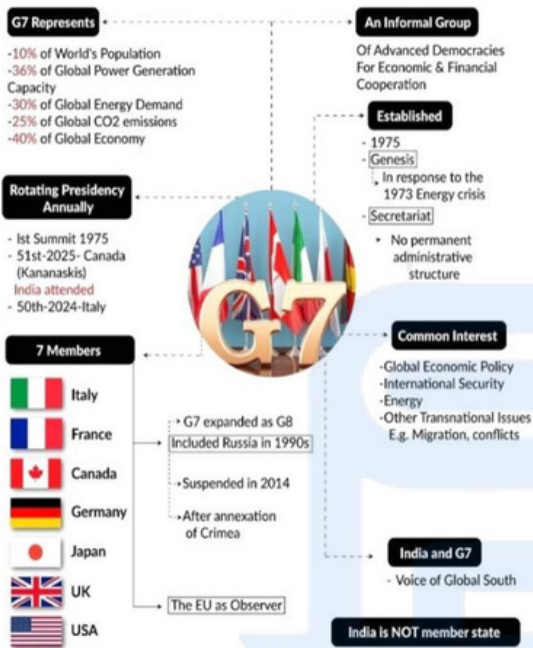
Although not a G7 member, India was invited as a partner country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the summit and participated in discussions on:

- Global economic cooperation.
- Emerging technologies and AI.

- Energy security.
- Development partnerships.
- Reform of global governance institutions.

India's repeated participation reflects its growing importance in global economic and geopolitical affairs.

The Group of G7 Countries



Why the G7 Summit Matters

The G7 countries collectively account for a significant share of the world's economic output, technological innovation, and financial influence. While the group cannot make legally binding global decisions, its discussions often shape international policies, economic strategies, and diplomatic initiatives.

As global challenges become increasingly interconnected, the G7 Summit serves as a key platform for coordinating responses to issues such as wars, economic uncertainty, technological change, climate challenges, and global development.

Conclusion

The 2026 Évian-les-Bains Summit focused on some of the most pressing issues facing the world today—ranging from the Russia-Ukraine war and Middle

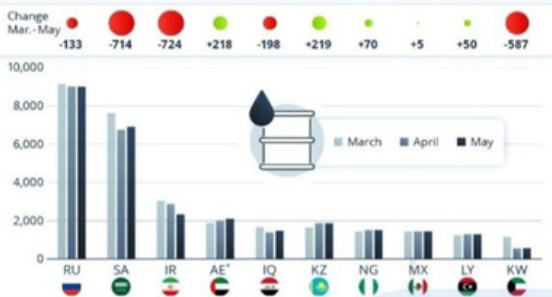
East tensions to AI governance, critical minerals, economic resilience, and global health. The summit highlighted the G7's continued role as a forum for addressing major international challenges and fostering cooperation among leading economies and partner nations.



Infographics

Major Oil Producers See Output Fall

Total crude oil production of (former) OPEC/OPEC+ countries from March–May 2026 (in million barrels per day)



* Exited OPEC in April
Source: Secondary sources via OPEC

Bad News Overload? News Avoidance on the Rise

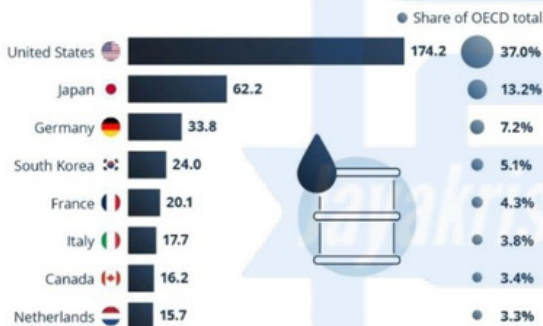
Share of respondents in selected countries who sometimes/often actively avoid the news



~2,000 people surveyed per country Jan.–Feb. 2017/2026
Source: Reuters Institute Digital News Report 2026 | YouGov

U.S. Leads OECD Oil Reserves

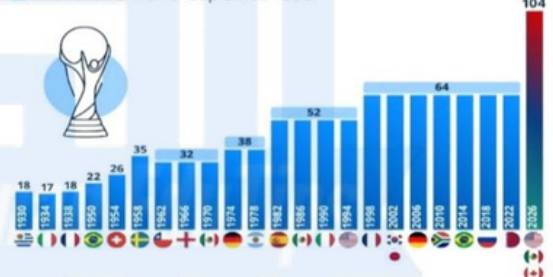
OECD countries with the biggest strategic oil reserves* as of March 2026 (in millions tons)



* Extracted and stocked reserves, government & industry
Source: IEA

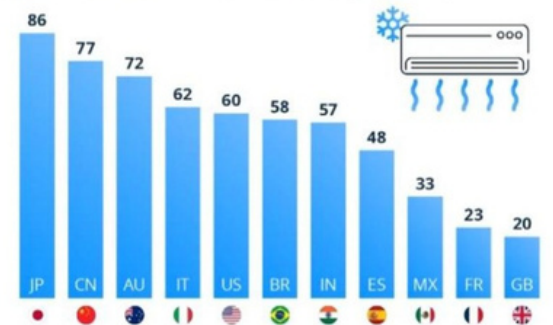
The Biggest World Cup of All Time

Number of matches played at every FIFA Men's World Cup since 1930



Who Has Access to AC?

Share of respondents in selected countries who have an air conditioner in their household (in percent)

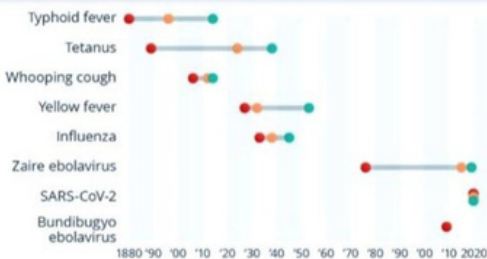


1,700–8,600 respondents (18–64 y/o) per country surveyed Jan. 2025–Dec. 2025
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

How Long Does It Take To Make a Vaccine?

Timeline of vaccine development for selected diseases/pathogens

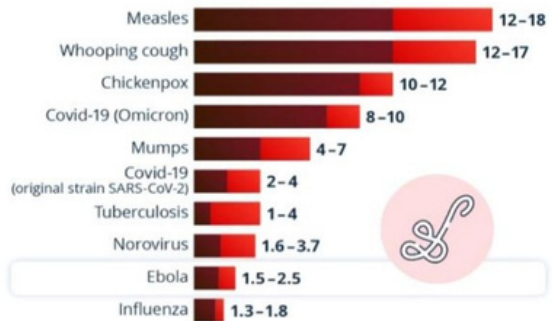
● Bacterium/virus that causes disease first isolated in humans
● Initial vaccine developed ● First vaccine for the disease licensed in the U.S.



Sources: CDC, Gavi, WHO, Statista research

How Contagious Is Ebola?

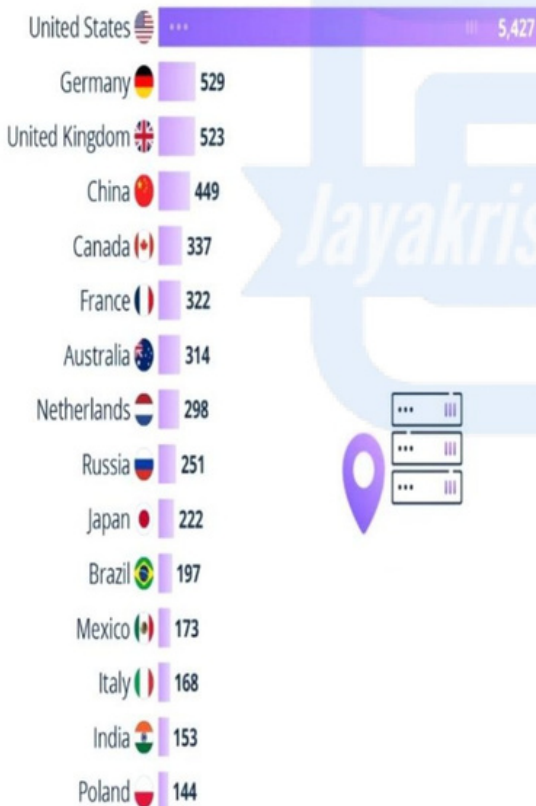
Average number of people infected by an individual with the following



Source: Encyclopædia Britannica

Which Countries Have The Most Data Centers?

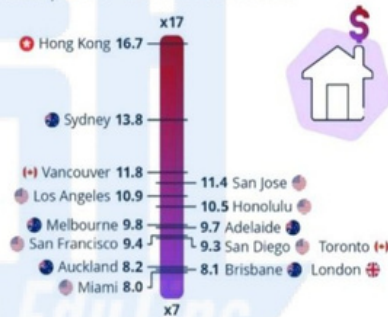
Number of data centers by country in 2026



Source: Cloudscene

Where It Is Hardest to Afford a Home

Least affordable cities for housing ranked by median home price-to-income ratio in 2026



Price reflects the main dwelling type. Income is based on median pre-tax household earnings.
Source: Forbes

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



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