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Reservation in recruitment to the Supreme Court

- ❖ For the first time, the policy of reservation for SC and ST category people has been formally implemented in the direct recruitment of officers and employees in the Supreme Court.
- ❖ This reservation will be based on the 200 point roster system which was notified by the Central Government on the basis of the decision given by the Supreme Court bench of Justice R.K. Sabharwal on July 19, 1997.
- ❖ It is noteworthy that this benefit has been given in the light of the decision given by the Constitution Bench of 9 judges of the Supreme Court in the Indra Sawhney case in 1992, under which provision of 27% reservation was made for the people of the most backward class in government jobs.
- ❖ It is clear that this decision has been implemented now after 33 years.
- ❖ This decision has been taken by CJI Justice Gavai who is the second Dalit Chief Justice of the country.
- ❖ For this purpose, the Supreme Court amended Rule 4A of the Supreme Court officers and servants (Conditions of service and conduct) Rules, 1961, in exercise of powers conferred by Article 146(2) of the Constitution of India.
- ❖ These decisions, implemented after 33 years, did not include reservation for EWS, which has been provided through the 103rd Constitution (Amendment) Act 2019. This Act added Articles 15 (6) and 16 (6) to the Constitution. This Act came into force after the signature of the President on 12 January 2019.
- ❖ The 103rd Constitutional Amendment was challenged through about 20 petitions.
- ❖ A 5-judge bench headed by the then CJI U.U. Lalit, in a 3:2 majority decision on 7-11-22, removed the reservation for EWS as unconstitutional. (Majority - Dinesh Maheshwari, Bela M. Trivedi and J-13. Pardiwala; Minority -CJI + S.R. Bhatt)



Hike in Railway fares

- ❖ By Indian Railways. Railway fares have been increased from July 2025.
- ❖ This increase in railway fares has kept the unreserved class in ordinary passenger class trains separate, that is, no increase has been made in it.
- ❖ There has been no increase in fares for local passenger trains and monthly-quarterly season ticket passengers.
- ❖ There has also been no increase in the fares of AC second class up to a distance of 500 km.
- ❖ Earlier, a partial increase was made in 2019 and a large-scale increase was made in 2014.
- ❖ In 2014, fares of all classes were increased by 14.2% and freight charges by 65%

National Doctors' Day

- ❖ It is observed on 1st July of each year Since 1991.
- ❖ The day is celebrated to honour the birth and death anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, a Physician and Second CM of west Bengal.
- ❖ Theme of 2025 (For National Doctors Day) is “Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers”.
- ❖ He was awarded the Bharat Rating in 1961

GST Collection: Anniversary Special

- ❖ GST collection in 2024-25 is Rs 22.08 lakh crore. It was Rs 11.37 lakh crore in 2020-21.
- ❖ GST collection is equal to 44% of the country's total budget (Rs 50.65 lakh crore for 2025-26).
- ❖ Since its implementation on 1 July 2017, GST collection has recorded an annual growth of 9.4%.
- ❖ Currently, the GST structure is in four slabs – 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%.



Association for Democratic Reform (ADR) Report on Income and Expenses of Political Parties

- ❖ According to the ADR report, a difference line was found on the basis of income and expenditure of national political parties and regional parties in the Lok Sabha general elections in the year 2024 and the assembly elections of four states.
- ❖ National parties spent only one third of their income while regional parties spent double their income.
- ❖ In the above mentioned elections, 32 political parties including 6 national parties participated and spent a total of Rs. 3,352.81 crores. Out of this, 65.75% i.e. Rs. 2,204.318 crores was spent by only 6 national parties
- ❖ In the year 2024, BJP, Congress, AAP, CPI and BSP raised a total of Rs 6,930.246 crores but spent only Rs 2,204.318 crores in the elections.
- ❖ While 27 regional parties including RJD, SP, JDU, TMC raised Rs 515.32 crores but spent Rs 1148.492 crores in the elections.

MY Bharat 2.0

- ❖ Features of the integrated My Bharat Portal:-
 - (1) Career services hosted on the portal
 - (2) Opportunities to connect youth with relevant programs and jobs
 - (3) Real-time chat for instant support and updates
 - (4) Expert mentoring and quizzes to promote skill development
 - (5) Multilingual web and mobile interfaces to ensure fair opportunities



IIP in May 2025

- ❖ Growth in IIP reached to a 9 month Low of 1.2% in May 2025.
- ❖ IIP data released on 30 June by the Mospi

Union Carbide waste

- ❖ Toxic waste weighing 337 tonnes from the defunct union carbide factory has been Completely incinerated
- ❖ Bhopal gas tragedy took place on 3rd December 1984 in which 5479 People lost their lives and thousands suffered Physical disabilities due to the leak of toxic methyl isocyanate gas

SBS-III Programme

- ❖ Space Based Surveillance (SBS), Phase 3 involves launch of 52 Surveillance dedicated Satellites for armed forces.
- ❖ SBS-III was approved by the PM Led Cabinet Committee on security in Oct 2024.
- ❖ It involves the construction and Launch of 21 Satellites by ISRO and 31 by three private companies
- ❖ The 52 satellites shall be deployed by 2029-end
- ❖ This Project works by the Defence space Agency under the Integrated Defence staff (IDS)

Prime Minister's visit to five countries

- ❖ The Prime Minister visited five countries between 2 and 9 July. These five countries are-
- ❖ (1) Ghana (2) Trinidad and Tobago (3) Argentina (4) Brazil (5) Namibia
- ❖ During the visit to these countries, the main issues were defense agreements, rare earth elements (REE), terrorism issues and South-South cooperation.
- ❖ This visit started from Ghana and ended in Namibia.



India added in its flora and fauna

- ❖ India, in 2024, added 683 new species to its fauna and 433 taxa to its flora.
- ❖ The maximum number of new discoveries of fauna in 2024 was recorded from Kerala, with 101 species, followed by Karnataka (82 species).
- ❖ In terms of Plant discoveries, the highest number of flora discovered were from Kerala (58), followed by Maharashtra (45) and Uttarakhand (40)
- ❖ The hot spot regions such as western Ghats, and North-Eastern regions have Contributed 35% of total discoveries.

Manufacturing PMI of India

- ❖ Manufacturing PMI of India reached its last 14 months highest level to 58.4 in June 2025.

Chromium in the blood from the leather industry

- ❖ Blood samples of people living in the leather industry area of Kanpur were studied on the orders of NGT. The result revealed that the amount of chromium in their blood was more than the prescribed standard of 1.4 ug/litre.
- ❖ The amount of mercury in it was also found to be more than the set standard of 20ug/litre.
- ❖ Proposal to remove Justice Verma
- ❖ Events related to this case
 - (1) Incident of fire in several sacks of currency notes in the store room of Justice's residence on 14 March
 - (2) Formation of a three-member in-house inquiry committee by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on 22 March
 - (3) On 28 March, Justice Verma was transferred to Allahabad High Court and the Chief Justice of that court recommended not to assign him any judicial work.



(4) On 4 May, the investigation report signed by the investigation committee on 3 May was submitted to the Chief Justice of India.

(5) In a statement issued by the Supreme Court on May 8, it was said that the report of the Inquiry Committee and the statement/reply transmitted by Justice Verma on May 6 have been submitted to the Prime Minister and the President.

RSS demands review of secularism and socialism

- ❖ RSS General Secretary has demanded a review of secularism and socialism included in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution by the 42nd Amendment Act 1976.
- ❖ Socialism is reflected in the Indian Constitution in addition to the Preamble, Social Justice and Directive Principles of State Policy in Articles 38, 39 and 42, 43.
- ❖ Secularism is also given in Article 25(2)(a) of the Constitution. Apart from this, articles 25 to 28 and 29, 30 also establish the viewpoint of secularism.
- ❖ The decision in the Kesavananda Bharati case also established socialism and secularism as part of the basic structure of the Constitution.
- ❖ These two philosophies are clearly reflected in the speech given by Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly on 25th November, 1949.

Nirav Modi's co-accused brother arrested

- ❖ Nehal Modi, brother of Nirav Modi, Co-accused in the 13,578 crore PNB Scam case has been arrested in the USA.

India's first co-operative University

- ❖ India's first national Cooperative University is Tribhuvan Bank Sahkari University, Anand, Gujarat.
- ❖ It's foundation stone was laid by Union Home Minister
- ❖ It was Mr. Tribhuvan das who had sent Dr. Verghese Kurien to the Netherlands for advanced dairy studies



❖ The University will train 20 lakh cooperative Society personnel-across primary agricultural credit Societies, dairy, fisheries and others-over five year's and meet the capacity-building needs of 40 lakh Cooperatives workers and 80 lakh board members.

Property case of Saif Ali Khan

- ❖ In an order dated June 30, 2025, MP High Court has set aside 25 year old order a Subordinate Count (of the year 2000 AD) that upheld the ownership of Saif Ali Khan and his family over properties which has been declared as every property.
- ❖ The High Court order asks the district Court to decide the matter afresh, expeditiously, preferably within a year
- ❖ The order, however, was challenged by Begum Suraiya Rashid, grand daughter of Hamidullah Khan's elder brother. Obaidullah khan and and Rabia Sultan through separate Petitions in the High Court.
- ❖ They claimed that after Hamidullah Khan death in 1960, the property should have been divided among the Petitioners and the defendants - the Pataudi family as per the Muslim Personal Law.
- ❖ They also challenged a 1962 order of the Union Govt. that recognised Sajida Sultan Who was declared the Nawab of Bhopal after her father's death, as the sole Successor of the Properties.

Ministry of Statistics Report: 51.7% employed

- ❖ A survey report conducted by the Ministry of Statistics has made it clear that the percentage of people employed even if one-hour employment is included is 51.7%. This survey was conducted in May 2025.
- ❖ For cities it is 46.9% and for rural areas it is 54.1%.



Poverty in India 28.1%

- ❖ According to the World Bank, the poverty rate in India in 2022 is 28.1%
- ❖ This report of the World Bank has been released in April 2025. It has been published by the Central Government through a press release on July 5.
- ❖ According to this, India's Consumption based Gini co-efficient of inequality fell to 25.5 in 2022-23 from 28.8 in 2011-12
- ❖ The central government has concluded on the basis of this report that India has become the "Fourth most weak country in the world" after three countries Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Belarus.
- ❖ However, the World Bank report talks about high wage inequality and consumption inequality in India.
- ❖ This report says about wage inequality that in India, the average earnings of the top 10% are 13 times more than the bottom 10% in 2023-24.
- ❖ A similar report released by the World Bank in 2017-18 was rejected by the Government of India, which showed a decline in consumption in rural areas of India.
- ❖ The yardstick for measuring poverty is appropriate for a lower middle-income country like India.
- ❖ Based on this criterion, the World Bank has reported 28.1% poverty in India.
- ❖ Both high poverty and high inequality persist in this report.
- ❖ The world Bank's findings was based on official Household consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) data for 2022-23
- ❖ This data is collected using the modified mixed reference period" (MMRP) method
- ❖ The problem with this HCES data is that it does not include the data (of their consumption) of the top 5%; these data are of the bottom 95% of the population.



India's claim to host COP-33

- ❖ India has claimed to host the 33rd summit of the Conference of Parties to be held in 2028.
- ❖ India's bid to host the BRICS summit has been supported.

SIR reached SC

- ❖ The SIR originating from Bihar has now reached the Supreme Court.
- ❖ Head of the Division Bench (J) Sudhanshu Dhulia, citing the 1977 decision of the SC in the case of M.S. Gill versus Chief Election Commissioner, said that "The Constitution does not exalt the Election Commission as a "low unto itself"
- ❖ This judgment states that "little, Laye Indian shall not be hijacked from the course of free and fair elections.... A free and free election based on universal adult franchise is the basic"
- ❖ According to the Judgment the Constitution under Article 324 gives powers of superintendence, direction and control over "all elections"
- ❖ The judgment says an Election Commissioner was still subject to the "norms of fairness and cannot act arbitrarily" According to it, unchecked power is alien to our system.... It is well established that when a high functionary like the commissioner is vested with wide powers, the law expects him to act fairly and legally. Discretion vested in a high functionary may be used properly, not perversely. If misused, certainly the the court has power to strike down that act
- ❖ It was a five Judge constitution Bench.
- ❖ The petition filed by various organizations, politicians in the Supreme Court on SIR started from 25 June in Bihar was heard on 10 July 2025.
- ❖ This hearing was done by the vacation bench of SC Sudhanshu Ghulia and Justice Jaymalya Bagchi.
- ❖ Vacation Benches were constituted through a notification issued on May 15 for the summer vacation i.e. from May 26 to July 13. The number of benches will be 2-5 which will have CJI and other judges.



Starlink gets permission for satellite communication

- ❖ India's space regulator IN-SPACE has approved Elon Musk's company Starlink Satellite Communication Private Limited (SSCPL) to arrange for a group of Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites i.e. 'STARLINK GEN 1'.
- ❖ 'SSCPL will be able to provide satellite communication services in India only through the Starlink Gen 1 group of satellites.
- ❖ This service approval was valid for a period of 5 years from 8 April till the end of the operational life of the 'Gen 1' group, whichever is earlier.
- ❖ Internet service speeds ranging from 100mbps to 1 gbps can be availed through Starlink's RaaS service
- ❖ To use it, consumers will have to buy Starlink dish and router.
- ❖ Starlink has partnered with Airtel and Jio.

The country's first semiconductor plant

- ❖ The country's first semiconductor plant is located in Gholera, Gujarat, which was approved on 29 February 2024 under the 'India Semiconductor' Mission.
- ❖ This plant has been started by Tata Electronics in collaboration with Taiwanese company 'Power-Chip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation'.
- ❖ Chip production is expected to start here from December 2026.
- ❖ 6 semiconductor plants have been approved in India so far.

India- Namibia

- ❖ In July, during the last leg of his five-nation visit to Namibia, under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister of India, India and Namibia signed agreements on the following subjects –
 - (1) Cooperation in health and medicine
 - (2) Establishment of Entrepreneurship Development Centre in Namibia
 - (3) Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure
 - (4) Global Biofuels Alliance Framework.



❖ Four of these five countries - Brazil, Trinidad & Tobago, Ghana, Argentina and Namibia honoured the Indian Prime Minister with their country's highest honour.

Brazil - Grand colour of the National Order of the southern cross.

Trinidad and Tobago :- Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Ghana- Officer of the order of the Star of Ghana

Namibia - Order of the most Ancient welwitschia Mirabilis

New CEO of the "Apple"- Sabih Khan

❖ PIO Sabih Khan has been appointed as the new CEO of the Apple company.

❖ He will replace Jeff Williams

Germination of fenugreek and green gram in Axiom-4

❖ Shubhanshu Shukla germinated fenugreek and moong seeds on ISS.

Death of 1209 elephants

❖ 1209 elephants have died in Assam between 2000-2023 due to conflict between humans and elephants.

❖ This figure has been given by the Wildlife Institute of India.

Visa-free entry to 74 countries in China

❖ The Chinese government has decided to allow visa-free entry to citizens of 74 countries in China to promote tourism.

India in WTO on reciprocal tariff

❖ The US had imposed a 25% duty on imports of aluminium, steel and its products, which was increased to 50% on June 3.

❖ This decision affected India's steel and aluminium exports worth about \$7.6 billion (Rs 63,000 crore).

❖ The US is expected to recover taxes worth \$3.82 billion (Rs 32,000 crore) due to this decision.

❖ India has filed a proposal against this in the WTO and has also said that it will impose retaliatory tariffs.



tesla electric vehicle

- ❖ The first showroom of Tesla electric vehicles opened in Bandra, Mumbai, India.

Astra BVRAAM (Beyond visual Range Air-to-Air Missile)

- ❖ Astra BVRAAM is an indigenous missile which has been successfully tested on Chandipore coast in Odisha by the DRDO and IAF From Sukohi 30 MK-1 platform on 11 July, 2025,
- ❖ It is equipped with indigenous Radio Frequency seeker

One Nation-one Election

- ❖ The Parliamentary Committee (Panel) constituted under the chairmanship of BJP MP P. P. Choudhary is reviewing the 129th Constitution Amendment Bill 2024 and the Union Territory Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
- ❖ Two former judges of the Indian Supreme Court, J. S. Kehar and D-Y Chandrachud appeared before the committee on 11 July.
- ❖ According to him, one Nation-one Election does not violate the basic structure of the Constitution.
- ❖ Earlier, former Chief Justice Gogoi Ranjan had also commented on this aspect
- ❖ Justice Kehar suggested that Parliament or the Union Council of Ministers should have the power to decide on holding elections to the Assembly as envisaged in Section 82 A (5) of the proposed 129th Constitutional Amendment Bill.

International Manuscript Heritage Conference

- ❖ India will host the first International Manuscript Heritage conference from 11 to 13 September, 2025 in New Delhi.
- ❖ It will be a part of the launch of the "Gyan Bharatans mission"
- ❖ The conference will also commemorate Swamiji Vivekananda's Chicago address (September 11, 1893, symbolising India's intellectual and spiritual global
- ❖ Gyan Bharat mission was announced by the GoI in the Union Budget 2025-26 for reviewing and expanding the vision of the National Mission for Manuscripts launched in 2003.
- ❖ There will be numerous side events Such as an exhibition on Indian manuscripts, one on manuscripts inscribed in the UNESCO Memory of the world, live demonstrations and workshops.



Ahmedabad plane crash: Preliminary report

- ❖ The Aircraft Accidents Investigation Bureau (AAIB), which is investigating the Ahmedabad plane crash, has submitted its preliminary report.
 - ❖ According to this report, the accident occurred due to the fuel switch being turned off.
 - ❖ This conclusion is based on cockpit voice recordings in which one pilot asks the other pilot why he cut off the fuel?
 - ❖ The other pilot replies that he did not do that.
 - ❖ It is not clear which pilot asked the question and who answered it.
 - (1) The following points are important after the take-off of the aircraft
 - (2) After take-off, the aircraft achieved maximum air speed at 13.38 hrs
 - (3) After this, the fuel cut off switches of the engines were turned off one by one within a second.
 - (4) After a few moments, the pilot sent a Mayday message
 - (5) There was no response when the control room inquired
 - (6) The exhaust gas temperature of both engines was found to be high in the fifth.
 - (7) After this, the speed of both engines slowed down.
 - (8) After this, attempts were made to gain speed again but were unsuccessful.
 - ❖ The aircraft was being operated by two pilots – (1) Captain Sumit Sabharwal, 56, and (2) Clive Kunder, 32.
 - ❖ The AAIB did not recommend any action against the Boeing 787-8 and GE-Gen X-1B engine operator and manufacturer in the report.
 - ❖ Air India has accepted this investigation report of AAIB.
 - ❖ The investigation report of the recent plane crash in Ethiopia also held the pilots responsible. Later it was accepted that the accident happened due to software problem
 - ❖ Events over time
- UST IST
- Started Rolling on runway 08.07.37 13.37.37
- Lift-off 08.08.39 13.37.39



UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese

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She was appointed in May 2022 for a period of three years, which was again extended for another three years in 2025. She is from Italy and is the first woman to be appointed to this post. However, she is the second citizen of Italy to be appointed to this post.

Why in discussion?

❖ On July 9, 2025, she came into special discussion when the Trump administration designated her as a "specially designated national" under Executive Order 14203. In the US administration, the list of "specially designated nationals" (SDN) refers to a method of sanctions that includes terrorists and drug traffickers on one hand, and authoritarian regimes, officials and even rulers on the other hand, and sanctions are imposed on them. Under this ban, the property of that person is confiscated in America and its friendly countries and the bank accounts are also frozen. Action is taken against the violator under the US Patriot Act.

❖ In this SDN list, the ban still remains in place on Belarus' current President Alexander Lukashenko, several of its ministers, several key members of China's Polit bureau, Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, as well as Russian President Vladimir Putin and several members of his cabinet.

why this ban

❖ US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, while announcing the sanctions, said that "the sanctions were imposed because of the illegitimate and shameful efforts by the Special Rapporteur, in collaboration with the ICC (International Criminal Court), to promote action against the United States and Israel. Rubio said that Albanese's political and economic warfare against the United States and Israel will not be tolerated.



Albanese and their work

- ❖ Albanese has studied Law from the University of London. She has done a lot of work and study on Human Rights.
- ❖ She reported to the UN Human Rights Council on 26 March 2024 in which she said that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.
- ❖ In June 2025, the UN published a report by Albanese, which said that Gaza genocide is ongoing because there are many big business corporations for whom it is very lucrative. He named Microsoft, Alphabet and Amazon among these companies.
- ❖ Albanese said that the USA was subjugated by the Jewish lobby and Europe by a sense of guilt about the Holocaust
- ❖ Albanese accused Israel of turning the West Bank into an open-air-prison

First woman D.G. of R.P.F.

- ❖ Sonali Mishra, IPS has been appointed as Railway Protection Force (RPF) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet of the Central Government.
- ❖ She is the first woman to be appointed to the post.

78%. Thermal Plant exempted from FGD

- ❖ On 12 July 2025, the Union Environment Ministry exempted 78% of Thermal Power Plants or Category C from installation of Flue Gas desulphurisation (FGD) systems
- ❖ FGD systems are designed to cut Sulphur dioxide (SO₂) emissions. Flue Gas is a residue from burning fuels in thermal Power Plants, emits SO₂ which can mix in the atmosphere and create secondary Particulate matter, linked to air Pollution.
- ❖ There are about 180 thermal Power Plants in India. In a Single Plant, there can be multiple units which are 600 in total.
- ❖ The Thermal Power Units are categorised in Category A, B and C. 11% units are in category A, 11% are in category B and rest 78% are in category C.
- ❖ The category A are the ones located within a 10 km radius of the NCT or cities within with a population of at least a million as per 2011 census.
- ❖ The Category B are the ones which are located within 10 km radius of Critically polluted areas (CPA) or non-attainment. Cities (NAC)
- ❖ Rest units have been placed in the Category C
- ❖ The Plants/units in category A were to have but in place FGD Systems by 2017 but have been given multiple extensions. The latest as per a gazette notifications in July 2025 is 30 December 2027.
- ❖ Category B Plants that comply with the EAC norms have a deadlines of 30 Dec. 2028 to install FGD.
- ❖ The remaining 78% are exempted.
- ❖ These exemptions are based on the recommendations of an expert committee Constituted by Principal science Advisor Ajay Sood



Chinese refugees in Mizoram

- ❖ Although the movement of people between Mizoram and Myanmar is old.
- ❖ Free movement regime was started in 1968 under which movement of up to 40 km was allowed from the 1643 km border between the two countries. However, in 2004, this distance of 40 km was reduced to 16 km. In 2024, under a new protocol regarding this, the distance of 16 km was reduced to 10 km.
- ❖ A large number of people entered Mizoram from Myanmar in February 2024 when there was a military coup there. The local people of Mizoram helped and sheltered these visitors a lot.
- ❖ In 2022, about 2000 Bawm People came to Mizoram from Chatgaon Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.
- ❖ On the other hand, due to ethnic conflict in Manipur, Kuki-20 people reached Mizoram in large numbers.
- ❖ Thus, about 40,000 people from Myanmar, Bangladesh and Manipur live as refugees in Mizoram.
- ❖ The Mizos, the main community of Mizoram, share ethnic, familial and cultural ties with all these people. All of them belong to the greater zo ethnic group.
- ❖ Young Mizo Association, Church and other resourceful people have been providing help to these refugees.
- ❖ However, at the local level, for example, Farkawn village Council in Champhai district, these refugees were prohibited from going out of the camps and doing business etc.
- ❖ The Chief Minister of Mizoram has written a letter to the Central Government requesting to obtain the President's assent on the Mizoram (Maintenance of Household Registers) Bill sent to identify foreigners in the state.

4 persons nominated in Rajya Sabha

- ❖ 4 persons have been nominated by the President as members of Rajya Sabha under Article of the Constitution of India -
 - (1) Ujjwal Nikam - Lawyer who played a key role in getting Mumbai terror attack convict Kasab hanged



(2) Harsh Vardhan Shringla - Former Foreign Secretary (2020 to 2022)

* Former US Ambassador (2019-20)

* Former Prime Minister of Bangladesh and Thailand

(3) C. Sadanandan Master - Social worker

(4) Meenakshi Jain - Historian

❖ Ujjwal Nikam

→ Full name Ujjwal Deorao Nikkam (born 30 March 1953)

→ law scholar

• 1993 Bombay bombings

• Gulshan Kumar murder case

• Pramod Mahajan case

• 2008 Mumbai attacks

→ He will replace Ram Jethmalani in Rajya Sabha

→ Padma Shri in 2016.

→ Contested 2024 Lok Sabha elections from Mumbai North Central on BJP ticket, lost

❖ Harshvardhan Rigla

→ Chief coordinator for India's G-20 Presidency in 2023

❖ C. Sadanand Master

→ Nominated from the field of social work.

→ Vice President, Kerala unit of BJP.

❖ Meenakshi Jain

→ Historian

→ Gargi College, Delhi में History की Professor रही

→ 2020 में पद्म श्री -

→ Literature and Education in Rajya Sabha

→ Written Medieval India for NCERT Which replaced Romila Thapar and Satish chandra books for NCERT

11% of India's population is migrant labourers (in their own country)

❖ According to the 2020-21 Periodic Labour force Survey, 11% of the population in India has migrated for employment in their own country.

❖ In this way, if these migrants are counted as voters, then this number is 15 crores.



World Day to combat Desertification and Draught

- ❖ 17 June of every year is Celebrated as the world Day to combat Desertification and Draught.

Fuel Switch

- ❖ Fuel Switches are guarded by a brackets (made up of metals) and feature a spring-loaded locking mechanism in order to prevent accidental activation.
- ❖ To move at Switch from RUN to CUTOFF a pilot has to perform a two step action lift the switch over a metal stop before pulling it down
- ❖ The USA aviation Safety regulators-Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had issued "Special Airworthiness Information. Bulletin (SAIB) dated December 17, 2018.
- ❖ In this advisory the FAA had cautioned its counterparts around the world about the Potential of the lock on the Switch that supplies fuel to the engine getting disengaged.
- ❖ The number of Boeing 787 aircraft is 1189 in 77 airlines around the world.
- ❖ AAIB report said that Air India did not Carry out the recommendations made in the FAA's 2018 advisory that required inspections of aircraft as well as replacement of the switches carrying specific serial members with "an improved locking feature".
- ❖ Air India explained that it was so because the FAA bulletin was an advisory and not mandatory.

Shubhanshu Shukla's space journey

- ❖ Shubhanshu Shukla conducted seven microgravity experiments during his 18-day stay on the ISS under Axiom-4.
- ❖ These seven experiments were designed by ISRO and other partner organizations which were mainly based on Space Biology and Human Physiology.
- ❖ These seven experiments are
 - (1) Myogenesis - It is related to the investigation on muscle loss in microgravity and potential therapies to counteract it. (muscle loss)
 - (2) Crop seeds in space. → 6 different crop varieties Rice, Horse gram, Sesame, Brinjal, Tomato
 - (3) Voyager Tardigrades → Examination of the survival mechanisms of tardigrades (water bears) in microgravity
 - (4) Space microalgae → Study of the growth and metabolism of three strains of microalgae in Space. (Dept of Biotechnology)
 - (5) Sprouting Seeds Moong, Methi
 - (6) Cyanobacteria on Iss Photosynthesis activity and growth of cyanobacteria in space with Potential for closed-loop life support System.
 - (7) Voyager Displays To Analyse Human interaction with Electronic Displays in microgravity.



Exercise Talisman Sabre

- ❖ It was started in 2005.
- ❖ It is a major military exercise between Australia and the United States held every two years in which 19 countries participate and more than 35000 soldiers take part.
- ❖ In 2025, it is being organized between 13 July to 4 August in Papua New Guinea.
- ❖ In 2025, it is its 11th edition.

Appointment of new governors

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- ❖ The following persons have been appointed as Governors of the following States by the President

Newly appointed Governors of States

- (1) Asim Kumar Ghosh Haryana
- (2) Pushpapati Ashok Gajapati Raju Goa
- (3) Kavindra Gupta Ladakh

77 Month low Inflation

- ❖ The retail inflation in June 2025 came down at 2.1%. a 77 month low (Since January 2019)

India's Tea Export

- ❖ India's tea exports totaled 250.70 million tons in 2023-24, worth 776.0 million dollars.
- ❖ The largest tea export destination was the United Arab Emirates (UAE) where 123.3 million tons were exported.
- ❖ USA is at second place (70.9 million tons), Iraq is at third place (61.2 million tons), UK is at fourth place (51.4 million tons).

Execution of Nimisha Priya Postponed

- ❖ Execution of Indian Nurse Nimisha Priya scheduled to take place on 16 July 2025, has been postponed.



- ❖ She is from kerala who had been working in Yemen since 2008 and she had been on death row since 2018 following her conviction for the 2017 murder of her business partner.
- ❖ Mr. Priya was tried in Sana'a the capital of Yemen, which is under the control of the Houthi group.
- ❖ The Internationally recognised Government of Yemen operates from Aden
- ❖ The Yemeni embassy in India had previously issued a statement that Mr. Priya had not been sentenced to death by the Govt. of Yemen.

India's Trade @Q-1 FY'26

- ❖ India's trade deficit contracted 9.4% to 20.3 billion in the first quarter (Q1) of the FY 2025-26

Q1 (2024-25)

Q1 (2025-26)

Import

220.64 b.USD

230.62 b.USD

Export

198.52 b.USD

210.31 b.USD

Source : DG of foreign Trade.

- ❖ India's Total exports stood at an all-Time high of 825 billion USD in the FY 2024-25

Export

Q1 (2025-26)

Q1 (2024-25)

Merchandise

112.2 b.USD (2% growth)



Service

98.1 b.USD (11% growth)

88.5 b.USD

Imports Q1 (2025-26)

Q1 (2024-25)

Merchandise

4.2%

Service

49 11%

❖ During the Q1 (2025-26), the electronics sector saw the highest growth in exports, rising 47.1% to 12.4 billion USD.

❖ After electronic sector, second highest growth was recorded in the exports of marine products. Which grew by 19% to 1.9 billion USD

❖ Growth in export of

Tobacco = 19%

Tea = 16%

❖ Growth in imports in Q 1

Sector

Growth

1. Sulphur and unroasted pyrites

284%

2. Silver

216%

3. Chemical materials and products

142%

4. Raw & waste cotton

73.%



❖ India's top exports destination (Q1)

Country

Value of exports

Growth

1. USA

22.5 b.USD

22.1%

2. UAE

09.04 b.USD

3. The Netherlands

05.65 b.USD

4. China

04.4 b.USD

5. UK

03.3 b.USD

❖ India's top Import source (during Q1)

Country

Value of exports

Growth

1. China

29.7 b.USD

16%

2. UAE

16.8 b.USD

3. Russia

16.77 b.USD

4. USA

12.56 b.USD

5. Iraq

7.26 b.USD



India's Domestic Passengers' Vehicle Sales 21

- ❖ During April-June 2025 (Q1 of FY 2025-26) the sales of domestic Passenger vehicle sales reduced to 10,11,882 from 10,26,006 in the Q1 of 2024-25.

Zero dose Children is India

- ❖ India constitutes 6.4% of the global Population of children who didn't receive a single dose of Vaccine in 2024
- ❖ This data was released by the WHO and UNICE, organs of the UN.

ONE-LINERS

- ❖ Unemployment Rate in India in June 2025 5.6%.
- ❖ Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST) Mohali, Punjab

Indians in foreign jails.

- ❖ Largest number of Indians are in jails of
- ❖ Saudi Arabia = 2633
- ❖ UAE = 2518
- ❖ Nepal = 1317
- ❖ Qatar = 611
- ❖ Malaysia = 338
- ❖ Source - Ministry of External Affairs, march 2025.

World Snakes Day

- ❖ 16 July 2025

India's Power Generation

- ❖ India's total installed generation capacity = 484.8 GW
- Out of this, Renewable energy capacity

Ninth Sanitation Survey-2024-25

- ❖ 9th Swachhta Survey 2024-25 is a part of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U).



❖ This year's awards are divided into 4 categories-

(1) Super Swachh League (SSL) cities:- 23 awards

(2) Top three cleanest cities in five different population categories:- 15 awards

(3) Special categories including Ganga Nagar, Cantonment Board, Sanitation, Security and Maha Kumbh:- 6

(4) State Level Awards for Promising Clean Cities for States/Union Territories:- 34 awards

❖ A total of 78 awards were given

❖ There are five categories based on population –

प्रथम द्वितीय तृतीय

(1) 10 लाख से अधिक जनसख्या = इंदौर सूरत नवी मुंबई

(2) 3-10 = नोएडा चंडीगढ़ मैसूर

(3) 50,000-3 लाख = नई दिल्ली तिरुपति अम्बिका पुर

(4) 20,000 से कम = Vita Sasvad Deosali Pravara

(5) 20,000 से कम = पंचगनी पाटन पनहला

❖ Indore has been declared the cleanest city of the country for the eighth time.

❖ Prayagraj is the best in Ganga Nagar

❖ Best in Cantonment Board - Secunderabad

INS Nistar

❖ India's first indigenously designed and built diving support ship INS Nistar has been inducted in Indian Navy.

EU Sanctioned Indian Refinery

❖ Based on the policy of banning the purchase of oil from Russia, the European Union imposed sanctions on Gujarat-based refinery Nayara Energy Refinery (formerly Essar Oil Ltd)

UPSC PRATIBHA Setu

❖ UPSC PRATIBHA Setu stands for PRATIBHA Stands for Professional Resource And Talent Integration-Bridge for Hiring Aspirants. It is a portal, maintained by the UPSC.

❖ It was formally known as Public Disclosure scheme (PDS), started in 2018 by DOPT (GOI)



- ❖ It is a strategic initiative that allows verified employers - including ministries PSUs, autonomous bodies and private Organisations-to access details of non-recommended willing candidates who cleared all stages of UPSC exams but didn't make it to the final merit list.
- ❖ It was launched on 20 June, 2025.
- ❖ This portal Publishes details of finally not recommended candidates froms CSE, I.Ft.S, CAPF(ACS), Engg-Services Exam, combined-Geo-Scientist Exam, Indian Economic Service Examination, Indian statistical Service Exam and combined Medical Services Examination.
- ❖ In July 2025, from the list of combined Medical Services Examination, the Employees state Insurance corporation (ESIC) has recruited 451 candidates (from the exams held in 2022, and 2023)

INS NISTAR

- ❖ INS NISTAR, India's first indigenously designed and built Diving support and submarine Rescue vessel has been inducted into the Indian Navy.
- ❖ It has been inducted into the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) headquartered in Visakhapatnam which also hosts India's nuclear Powered Submarines
- ❖ This ship can do saturation diving up to a depth of 300 meters and side diving up to 75meters.
- ❖ It is 118 meters long and weighs 10,500 tons.
- ❖ It has been built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam.
- ❖ It also has a 15-ton marine crane, which is capable of diving into the sea.
- ❖ It has medical emergency facility, in a way it is an 8 bed hospital with OT, ICU and other facilities.
- ❖ It has the capability to rescue any type of ships including submarines in deep water.
- ❖ It was a submarine rescue vessel purchased from the then USSR in 1969 and was commissioned in 1971. It was decommissioned on 3 November 1989.



Trump: Five Indian jets fell

- ❖ Speaking at a dinner with Republican. Senators at the White House, Mr. Trump said that during India-Pak armed struggle (2025) (Operation Sindoor as named by the Govt. of India), five Indian jets were shot down.

Dividend from PSUs to Government of India

- ❖ In the financial year 2024-25, the Government of India received a total of Rs 1,09,012 crore (Rs 1.09 lakh crore) as dividend from Public Sector Undertaking companies.
- ❖ Out of these, Rs 74,017 crore was received from Non-Banking PSUs and Rs 34,995 crore from Public Sector Banks.
- ❖ Apart from this, the Government of India received Rs 2.7 lakh crore as dividend from RBI.
- ❖ Out of Non-Banking PSUs, 52 PSUs declared dividend for the financial year 2024-25.
 - The highest contribution in this is from Coal India which gave a dividend of Rs 10309.9 crore (Rs 9920.9 crore in FY 2023-24)
 - After Coal India, ONGC (Rs 9075.4 crore), LIC (Rs 7324.4 crore) and NTPC (Rs 4137.4 crore) contributed.
 - The total dividend declared by Non Banking PSUs was Rs 63,749 crore in 2023-24
 - Out of this, Rs 42,908 crore was given by a fully related PSU while the remaining Rs 31,109 crore was given by other PSUs.
- ❖ Between the financial years 2020-21 to 2024-25, a total dividend of Rs 3 lakh crore was given to the central government by non-banking PSUs. Out of this, Rs 1.27 lakh crore i.e. 42.3% was given by only five fuel related PSUs (Coal India Ltd, ONGC, IOC, BPCL and GAIL).
- ❖ The amount of dividend given to the government by non-banking PSUs in 2020-21 was Rs 39,558 crore, which increased to Rs 74,013 crore in 2024-25.
- ❖ The central government had announced a disinvestment policy in PSUs during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the process of implementing it was very slow. The reason for this is probably the increasing profits made by PSUs.
- ❖ According to an office memorandum sent out by DIPAM in Nov. 2024 to all PSU, a mandatory minimum dividend of 30% of its profit After Tax (PAT) or 4% of its net worth, whichever is higher. (Infact, the govt. has pushed these PSUs to pay dividend much higher than this mandatory amount.
- ❖ The high dividend by the oil marketing PSUs may have been caused by the situation that while the price of crude oil has fallen 65% from 116 USD a barrel in June 2022 to 70 USD per barrel in July 2025, the retail price of Petrol has only reduced by 1.95 Rs. per litre of 2% over this period of 2022-23 to 2024-25.



NMC chairman

- ❖ Dr. Abhijat sheth has been appointed as the new chairman of the National Medical commission (NMC)
- ❖ His appointment under controversy due to a CBI Probe on him before his appointment
- ❖ NMC is a statutory body, established on 25 September 2020

Trump wants a deal like Indonesia with India

- ❖ According to the Indonesia-American deal, there will be a 19% tariff on goods going from Indonesia to America, but there will be no duty on goods going from America to Indonesia.
- ❖ According to this deal, Indonesia will also buy energy products i.e. oil, gas etc. worth \$15 billion from the US and will also buy agricultural products worth \$4.5 billion. Along with this, Indonesia will also buy 50 Boeing aircraft.
- ❖ As per the existing tariffs in case of US-India trade, products imported from the US to India attract a tariff of 52% while products from India going to the US attract a tariff of 26%.
- ❖ According to Trump's new tariff policy, America will impose a 10% tariff on products imported from all countries, as well as a retaliatory tariff.
- ❖ In June 2025, India's exports to America have increased by 23% while imports from America have declined by 10%.

Stolen from cryptocurrency exchange Coin DCX

- ❖ A sum of \$44.2 million (Rs. 378 crores) was stolen from India's leading cryptocurrency exchange company - Coin DCX.
- ❖ The number of Indian customers of this company is 1.6 crores.
- ❖ The company's CEO Sumit Gupta has said that the company will compensate this loss from its own funds.
- ❖ In July 2024, another Indian crypto-currency company Wazir-x was robbed of \$230million or Rs 1923 crore.
- ❖ There is no institution or law related to the regulation of crypto currency in India. However, TDS of 1% is payable on its transactions and there is a 30% tax on its profits. RBI
- ❖ It has recommended a complete ban on it.



UPI

- ❖ 85% of India's total digital transactions are done through UPI.
- ❖ 50% of the world's real-time digital payments are done through India's UPI alone.
- ❖ Currently UPI is implemented in seven countries.

India's voting behavior at the U.N.

- ❖ The percentage of "Aye" votes cast by India in the UN on more than 5500 different resolutions passed between 1946 and June 2025 has come down to 56% which is the lowest since 1955.
- ❖ The annual percentage of abstentions has gone up to 44% which is the lowest in the history of India in the UN.
- ❖ From 1946 to the late 1960s, India's voting pattern was quite unstable. During this period, the percentage of "yes" votes ranged between 20% and 100%. Abstentions also ranged from 0 to 40%
- ❖ India's voting pattern stabilized between 1970 and 1994, and during this period, the percentage of "yes" votes ranged between 74% and 96%. Annual abstentions ranged between 8% and 19%
- ❖ At present, the change in India's voting pattern in the UN is due to the following two reasons -
 - (i) Multi-polarization in the global political scenario
 - (ii) UN proposals have become more complex instead of being clear earlier

Dividend by PSBs to the Govt.

- ❖ Dividend from the Public Sector Banks to the Govt of India = 22,773.96 crore in 2024-25-
- ❖ Highest dividend was given by the SBI in which the GOI holds 57.43%. Stake the amount of the dividend is 8,149 crore rupees.
- ❖ Profit earned by the PSBs in 2024-25 was 1.78 lakh crore rupees.
- ❖ As of end-march 2025, gross NPAs of the PSBs declined to 2.8% from 5.94% as of March 2022, while net NPAs fell to 0.5% from 1.7%, as per RBI data.



Vice President of India

- ❖ The Post has been provided in the constitution in Article 63 stating "there shall be a Vice President of India"
- ❖ The Provisions regarding resignation has been provided in the constitution in Article 67 (a). This Article states that "a vice –president may by writing under his hand addressed to the President, resign his office"
- ❖ To fill vacancy in the office of vice-President the constitution Provides provisions in Article 68(2) that an election to fill a vacancy in the office of Vice President occurring by reason of... resignation..... Shall be held as soon as possible after the occurrence of the vacancy
- ❖ The Vice President thus elected will serve for a full term of five years from the date he assumes office.
- ❖ V.V.Giri (13 May 1967-3 May 1969) was first VP to resign (to contest election of the President due to a vacancy due to death of then President Zakir Hussain.
- ❖ Second VP to resign. was R. vental venkaraman
- ❖ Shankar Dayal Sharma also had resigned in 1992
- ❖ K.R. Narayanan had also resigned from the vice Presidency in 1997
- ❖ Bhairon singh shekhawats to contest the President election but was defeated. (first vp to be defeated in Presidential election).
- ❖ Hamid Ansari, Served for two terms under three Presidents
- ❖ On the first day of the monsoon session
- ❖ His term was till 10 August 2027.
- ❖ Admitted to AIIMS Delhi on 9 March 2025 complaining of chest pain, discharged on 12 March.
- ❖ Recently he was in news for criticizing the Supreme Court when he called Article 142 a Nuclear Missile

Launch of NISAR

- ❖ NISAR, the first joint Satellite of the NASA and the ISRO will be launched from the Satish Dhawan space centre in Sriharikota at 5-40 pm on July 30.
- ❖ The GSLV-F16 rocket will inject the Synthetic Aperture Radar Satellite into a 743 km Sun-synchronous orbit with an inclination of 98.4 degrees



- ❖ Weight of NISAR = 2392 kg.
- ❖ NISAR is a unique earth observation Satellite and the first to observe the earth with a dual frequency Synthetic Aperture Radar - The NASA's L-band and the ISRO's band using NASA' 12 m unfurlable mesh reflector antennae, integrated to the ISRO'S modified 13 k satellite bus.

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- ❖ NISAR, the first joint satellite of the National Aero-nautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), will be launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota at 5.40 p.m. on July 30.
- ❖ The GSLV-F16 rocket will inject the Synthetic Aperture Radar satellite into a 743 km sun-synchro-nous orbit with an inclina-tion of 98.4 degrees.
- ❖ According to the ISRO, the NISAR satellite, weigh-ing 2,392 kg, is a unique earth observation satellite, and the first to observe the earth with a dual frequency Synthetic Aperture Radar the NASA's L-band and the ISRO's S-band - using the NASA's 12m unfurla-ble mesh reflector antenna, integrated to the ISRO's modified I3K satellite bus.
- ❖ NISAR will observe earth with a swathe of 242 km and high spatial resolution, using SweepSAR tech-nology for the first time. "The satellite will scan the entire globe and provide all weather, day and night data at 12-day intervals, and enable a wide range of applications. NISAR can detect even small changes in the earth's surface, such as ground deformation, ice sheet movement, and ve-getation dynamics. Furth-er applications include sea ice classification, ship de-tection, shoreline monitor-ing, storm characterisation, changes in soil moisture, mapping and monitoring of surface wa-ter resources, and disaster response," the ISRO stated.
- ❖ It added that the launch is the result of strong technical cooperation between the ISRO and the U.S. space agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory for more than a decade.



India's nuclear energy

- ❖ India's target in nuclear energy: To install 100 gigawatts of power generation capacity by 2047. This target was announced in the budget for 2025-26.
- ❖ Private entities along with foreign partners will be required to achieve this target. Till now this work has been completely under the government machinery.
- ❖ At present India's nuclear power generation capacity is 8.8GW.
- ❖ This target will be very helpful in achieving India's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047 and achieving 'Net zero emission' by 2070.
- ❖ The Nuclear Energy Mission has set aside an allocation of Rs 20,000 crore to develop "at least five indigenously designed and operational Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)" by 2033.
- ❖ In view of all this, the government is considering making some amendments in the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act (CLNDA), 2010.
- ❖ India's nuclear program so far:
 - ⇒ India established Asia's first Nuclear Research Reactor named Apsara in 1956
 - ⇒ India established Asia's first Nuclear Power Reactors in Tarapore in 1963
 - ⇒ In 1954, Dr. Homi Bhabha had set a target of producing 8 gigawatts of nuclear power by 1980.
 - ⇒ After this many problems also arose, such as:
 - ✓ India-China war in 1962
 - ✓ Entry into the nuclear club in 1964
 - ✓ Decision to stay out of NPT in 1968
 - ✓ 1974 में Peaceful Nuclear Explosion (PNE)
 - ⇒ Due to these, India was excluded from the emerging nuclear order.
 - ⇒ International Cooperation ceased to and export controls slowed down the nuclear power programme.
 - ⇒ Due to these, India's target for nuclear power generation was increased to 10 GW by 2000.



- ❖ The design of 220 MW PHWR operating in Rajasthan was indigenised so that natural uranium could now be used as fuel (earlier low enriched Uranium (LEU) was used and it had to be procured from USA and France).
- ❖ At present 14 units of PHWR are operational in India. These have now been upgraded to 700 MW. Two of these units have been installed in Kakrapar.
- ❖ India aims to become a developed country by 2047
 - (i) India's annual per capita income must be increased from the current 2800 USD to 22,000 USD
 - (ii) India's GDP must be increased from the current 4 trillion USD to 35 trillion USD
- ❖ It is also necessary for developed countries to increase energy consumption. In 2022, India's energy consumption was 1208 Kwh while China's was 4600 kwh and USA's was 12,500 KWh.

Index of 8-core Industries

- ❖ The average growth of Index of 8 core Industries was 6.3% in 2024-25.
- ❖ It has grown at the rate of 1.7% in June 2025, but this growth was 5% in June of the previous financial year.
- ❖ Out of these eight industries, 5 witnessed a decline in June 2025. The biggest decline was in the coal sector (6.8%) (growth was 14.8% in June 2024)
- ❖ Out of the three sectors which witnessed growth, the highest growth was in the steel sector which recorded a growth of 9.3%. Cement recorded a growth of 9.2% and Refinery recorded a growth of 3.4%.

Henley Passport Index

- ❖ India's ranking in the Henley Passport Index 2025 is 77, which was released in January 2025.
- ❖ India was ranked 85th in the index.
- ❖ Singapore ranks first in this, whose citizens can travel to a total of 193 countries without a visa
- ❖ Japan is in second place and South Korea is in third place.
- ❖ Afghanistan is at the lowest place.



India-England: Free Trade Agreement

- ❖ On 24th July, in the presence of Prime Ministers of India and UK, the Free Trade Agreement between the two countries was signed by Commerce Minister and Chief Negotiator of India Mr. Piyush Goyal and UK Trade Minister Jonathan Reynolds.
- ❖ The formal name of this agreement is India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (India-UK CEAT).
- ❖ Since it covers both goods and services, this agreement is called Comprehensive.
- ❖ Under this, while on one hand the import-export of goods is kept at the lowest possible tariff, on the other hand the products and professionals of the service sector are also given concessions and facilities in such a way that the country can attract them more and more for their career development.
- ❖ The concept of free trade was first introduced to the world in 1817 by economist David Ricardo in his book "On the Principles of Political Economy and Taxation".
- ❖ Negotiations for free trade between India and Britain began 18 years ago on 28 May 2007 during the tenure of then Indian Prime Minister Mr. Manmohan Singh and then British Prime Minister Tony Blair.
- ❖ However, the concept started growing rapidly only after BREXIT on 1 February 2020.
- ❖ The then Prime Minister of Britain Boris Johnson showed enthusiasm and promised to finalize it by Diwali of that year, although this could not happen
- ❖ Formal negotiations for this agreement began with a virtual meeting on 17-28 January 2022. The final consensus between the two countries was reached in the 15th round of talks on 6 May 2025.
- ❖ Under this agreement, 99% of Indian exports to the UK will be duty free. However, India does not export in all of these categories.
- ❖ The agreement will reduce India's average tariff on 90% of UK products from 15% to 3%.
- ❖ Every year the mutual trade between the two countries can increase up to 34 billion dollars and by 2030 this trade will reach 120 billion dollars. At present it is 56.7 b.U.S.D.
- ❖ This agreement will increase the UK GDP by 6.5 b.USD annually.



❖ Objective of this agreement:-

- ✓ Increasing imports and exports of both the countries with minimum tariffs
- ✓ Promoting investment and innovation in both the countries
- ✓ Rationalizing the exchange of agricultural products
- ✓ Reducing non-tariff barriers

❖ India will benefit from the following export sectors to Britain:

1. Agricultural products

- ✓ In terms of agricultural products India exports 36.63 b.USD, UK
- ✓ imports 37.52 b.USD but UK imports only 811 million
- ✓ USD from India.
- ✓ This will help Indian farmers to access UK's 37.5 billion dollar agricultural market.
- ✓ It will have zero duty on 95% of agricultural and processed food products.
- ✓ Dairy products, edible oil and apples have not been included in this agreement by India, which is in the interest of farmers

2. Clothes, apparel

- ✓ Total imports from UK 26.95 bUSD
- ✓ Total exports from India 36.71 bUSD
- ✓ India exports only 1.79 bUSD worth of goods to UK.

3. Engineering

- ✓ Total imports of UK 193.52 bUSD
- ✓ Total exports of India 77.79 bUSD
- ✓ UK imports only 4.28 bUSD from India

4. Rafama

- ✓ UK global imports = 30 bUSD
- ✓ India global exports = 23.31 bUSD
- ✓ Indian pharma contribution to UK less than 1 bUSD

5. Chemicals

- ✓ ② UK's global imports = 35.11 bUSD
- ✓ ② India's global exports = 40.52 bUSD



6. Gems and jewelry

✓ UK's global (jewellery) imports = 3 bUSD

✓ India's jewellery exports to Britain = 400 MUSD.

6. Professionals – Professionals going to work there are exempted from social security for 3 years.

Discount will be available and four thousand crores will be saved

8. Processed food sector

✓ Tariff on 99.7% of products has been reduced from 70% to zero, which will benefit Indian exporters.

9. Marine Products:

✓ UK imports 5.4 b.USD but India's share is only 2.25%.

❖ Products/sectors exported from Britain to India on which if India reduces the import duty then all these products will be available to Indians at cheaper rates and Britain will benefit

(1) British Luxury Cars

✓ Currently, UK made cars face tariffs of over 100%. This will now be reduced to 10%. (Jaguar, Land Rover.-)

(2) Whisky, Scotch

✓ Current import duty is 150%.

✓ As per the agreement, this will be reduced to 75% first and then to 40% in the next 10 years.

✓ On brandy and rum, duty will be reduced from 150% to 110% and then to 75%)

(3) British chocolates, biscuits and fish

(4) Cosmetics and personal care products

(5) Medical equipment

❖ India is a country with a high growth rate and by 2030, around 60 million people will be in the middle class category. The demand here will reach around 1.4 trillion Ponds by 2035.



❖ Before UK, India has signed FTA like agreements with 13 countries-

(1) Switzerland(2) Norwe(3) Iceland(4) Lichtenstein (लिकटेसटीन)

(5) Srilanka(6) Malaysia(7) Japan(8) South Korea(9) UAE

(10) Australia(11) Singapore(12) Thailand(13) Mauritius.

❖ Apart from this, agreements have also been made with the member countries of organizations like ASEAN etc.

❖ No such agreement has been made with the EU yet. The EU market is 10 times bigger than the UK market.

❖ India's bilateral trade with major countries (2024-25) (all in b.USD) (including imports and exports)

America = 131.84,

China = 127.7,

UAE = 100.5

Saudi Arab = 48.32,

Russia = 44.37,

Indonesia = 35.95,

Iraq = 33.86

Singapore = 32.7,

Hongkong = 25.68,

South Korea = 25.35,

Australia = 24

❖ India exports \$37 billion worth of textiles every year while Britain imports \$27 billion worth of textiles.

❖ Tariff on Scotch will be reduced from 150% to 75%. Thereafter tariff will be reduced by 5% every year till it reaches 40%. $1000+1750=2750$

Now it will be available for 1750.

❖ But states also levy taxes which are a big source of revenue for them.

❖ Tariff reduction on vehicles is also going to happen from 100 or 120% to 10% in 15 years. Then there is also a quota on the number of cars. In the first year, tariff will be reduced by 50 to 60% and in the first year, the



quota for the number of cars will be 20000 and not beyond that. There will be many conditions in that too.

- ❖ It will not be available in hatchbacks because this reduction in tariff will be available only on cars above 2500 CC and whose price is more than Rs. 46 lakhs. (There is a separate quota of 20000 cars. Hence, it is only for luxury cars.)
- ❖ The problem is that in this way we are not making cars but promoting cars of other countries.
- ❖ Contracting will be applicable only for those above 200 crores.
- ❖ Ratify, it will take at least 1 more year
- ❖ America: - Don't hire in anger
- ❖ If the objective is to increase bilateral trade then quality will have to be increased, production will have to be increased because people like to buy their favourite things even at high prices.
- ❖ Britain can be the gateway for Indian goods to reach European markets
- ❖ This agreement will clear the way for similar agreements with USA and EU as well.
- ❖ Impact:
 1. British industrialists may prefer to invest in India because they can get a big market and cheap infrastructure (factors of production) here. And when the tariff on Indian imports in Britain will be low, they can export from here and sell the goods in the British market. Under the Rules of Origin, to get tariff exemption in the UK, the goods must be manufactured in India. If someone wants to import goods from another country like China, pack them in India and export them to the UK to avail the exemption, this will not be possible.

Hydrogen powered rail coach tested in India

- ❖ On 25th July 2025, it was informed by the Railway Minister that the country's first hydrogen-powered coach was successfully tested by the Indian Railways.
- ❖ This test was done at the Integrated Coach Factory (ICF) located in Chennai.
- ❖ This train is connected with a 1200 horsepower inch.



India Maldives

- ❖ The Prime Minister of India, at the invitation of the President of Maldives, participated as the "Guest of Honor" on the occasion of the 60th Independence Day of Maldives on July 26.
- ❖ On this occasion, 4 agreements were also signed between the two countries -
 - (1) Agreement for an Line of credit of 565 million USD (4850 crore rupees)
 - (2) Reduction of annual repayment obligation of Maldives on GOI funded Line of credit...
 - (3) Launch of India-Maldives Free Trade Agreement (IMFTA) negotiations.
 - (4) A Commemorative stamp was issued (jointly) to mark the completion of 60 years of India-Maldives diplomatic relations.
- ❖ Apart from this, Roads and Drainage System Project was inaugurated in Addu city.
- ❖ India gifted 2 BHISHM Health Cube sets to Maldives.
- ❖ Defence Building of Maldives was inaugurated.

Three new military units were formed

- ❖ On the occasion of Kargir Vijay Diwas being celebrated on 26 July, three new military units were formed -
 - (i) Rudra Brigade (ii) Bhairav Light Commando (iii) Shahiban Regiment
- ❖ Rudra Brigade – Indian army has converted two of its infantry Brigades into Rudra brigades.
 - ⇒ It includes infantry, mechanised infantry, armoured units, artillery, special forces, unmanned aerial units.
 - ⇒ It will provide logistics and combat support to the army.
- ❖ Bhairava – Bhairav light Command Battalion has been created by the army as a lehal special forces Unit
 - ⇒ Border security duty
 - ⇒ Ability to launch surprise attack
- ❖ Shaktibaan:-
 - ⇒ It has been formed into a suicide drone artillery.



- ⇒ It will be equipped with drones, anti-drone equipment and suicide drones.
- ⇒ Under this, there is a drone platoon in every infantry battalion.

NCRB data on UPA

- ❖ Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai presented NCRB data on number of persons arrested under UAPA during 2018-2022
- ❖ According to it, the number is 8947
- ❖ Only two cases filed under it, were quashed by the courts across the country.

Changes in EPFO rules

- ❖ Now if an employee dies during service, his dependents will get a minimum insurance benefit of Rs. 50,000. Earlier, it was mandatory to have a minimum balance of Rs. 50,000 in the PF account.
- ❖ A gap of up to 60 days between two jobs will not be considered a break in jobs

"Naya Savera" of Bihar Police

- ❖ Bihar Police DGP Vinay Kumar launched a new "operation Savera" campaign to mark the world Day against Trafficking in Persons.
 - ❖ This new operation aims to rescue and rehabilitate victims of human trafficking, Child labour, flesh trade and orchestra groups.
- SC upholds Nithari acquittal

Lowest value of Rupee

- ❖ Rupee closed at 87.80 against US Dollar on 30th July 2025.
- ❖ This is the lowest level ever.

President Rule in Manipur

- ❖ The proposal to extend President's rule in Manipur for another 6 months was passed in the Lok Sabha on 31 July.



CRIB: A rare blood group

- ❖ CRIB Stands for Cromer India Bangalore Which is a rarest blood group found for the first time in a woman in Kolar is Karnataka...
- ❖ This was announced at the Blood Transfusion Conference held in Milan, Italy.
- ❖ According to the lab report, this blood group has a new antigen.
- ❖ This entire report has been published after 10 months of research.
- ❖ This is so rare that if the woman needs blood for any surgery, then firstly her haemoglobin level will have to be increased by taking blood from her own body and then it will have to be made available to her.
- ❖ The blood group nomenclature is decided by the International Society of Blood Transfusion.
- ❖ It is associated with the DAF (decay-accelerating factor) protein on red blood cells and plays response a role in immune response

Fortune Global 500

- ❖ It is a list of top 500 companies of the world as per their revenues.
- ❖ It is published annually by the fortune
- ❖ Indian Company Reliance is at 88th position in its 2025 List (in 2024 it was 86th and in 2021 its ranking was 155th)
- ❖ This Company is in the list continuously since 22 years.

Trump on India : Tariff Plus Penalty

- ❖ Mr. Trump has announced that a tariff of 25% shall be imposed on imports from India Plus a penalty shall be imposed on India from 1st August 2025.
- ❖ ट्रंप ने इसका कारण बताया
 - (1) India's Purchases of energy and military equipment from Russia
 - (2) India's high tariffs
 - (3) India's strenuous and obnoxious non-monetary barriers to trade
- ❖ Trump said India has always bought a vast majority of their military equipment from Russia and India is also Russia's largest buyer of Energy, along with china, at a time when everyone wants Russia to STOP THE KILLING IN UKRAINE - ALL THINGS NOT GOOD.
- ❖ Earlier, in his "Liberation Day" announcement Trump had announced 26% imposition of tariff on India.



❖ India has become the first country to face a fine among the countries importing from Russia. China imports much more from Russia than India but Trump did not impose any fine on it.

❖ This decision of Trump is to come into effect from August 1, 2025.

❖ Tariff rates and countries imposed by Trump

Brazil = 50%, China = 30%, Philippines = 19% Indonesia = 19%, Japan = 15%, UK = 10%.

❖ Areas of India that will be adversely affected by Trump's latest decision

(1) Textiles – Garments

(2) Jewellery – Diamonds

(3) Automobiles तथा Auto parts

(4) Mobile and Electronics

❖ India's top export destinations in Q1 FY26 :-

(1) US (25.52 bUSD)

(2) VAE (9.04 bUSD)

(3) Netherlands (5.65 bUSD)

(4) China (4.41 bUSD)

(5) U.K (3.52 b.USD)

❖ Top Import Sources of India (Q1, FY26)

(1) China (29.74 b.USD)

(2) UAE (16.80 b.USD)

(3) Russia (18.36 b.USD)

(4) USA (12.86 bUSD)

(5) Iraq (7.26 b.U.SD).

❖ Impact of Trump's decision on Bihar

Previous Tariff Tariff from 1st August

(1) Makhana 3.5% 25%

25% of the total export of Makhana from Bihar goes to USA. It is followed by Nepal (14%), UAE (8%)

(2) Litchi, Mithila Painting, Sujni, Bhagalpuri Silk



NISAR

- ❖ On July 30 at 5.40 pm, the 2392 kg NISAR Satellite will be launched into space by GSLV (Geosyn-Chronous Satellite Launch vehicle (GSLV) F-16 from Satish Shawan Space Centre located at Sriharikola in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ NISAR, NASA-ISRO satellite synthetic Aperlure Radar
- ❖ यह NASA तथा ISRO का पहला joint Satellite Aperture radar
- ❖ NISAR will scan the entire globe and provide all weather, day and night dat at 12 day intervals and enasu a wide range of applications.
- ❖ NISAR will have radars installed in it, which will act as its two eyes. Both these eyes will work in different frequencies/frequency bands (as the power of both the eyes is different)
- ❖ All the Earth Observation Satellites that have been placed in space till now have only one eye (Radar). (Therefore it was the most expensive one, cost was high, time was also reduced and it took 10 years to complete)
- ❖ The spatial resolution of radar data is directly related to the ratio of the senso wavelength to the length of the Sensos'o atenna.
- ❖ For a given wavelength, the longer the antenna, the higher the spatial resolution
- ❖ If a C band radar (whose wavelength is 5 cm) is installed on a satellite in space, then to get the spatial resolution of any object of height 10 m on the earth through it, the antenna of that radar must be 4250 m long (i.e. 47 football fields together).
- ❖ Now since it is not practically possible to install such a large radar in space, therefore scientists developed the technology of Synthetic Aperture Radar.
- ❖ To see a large part of the earth, to see various types of natural and man-made structures on earth and to get high quality pictures, a high quality camera is required. This work is done by radar. The stronger and more powerful the radar is, the better its picture quality will be.
- ❖ A US government committee felt the need for a space mission to study changes in land, snow and vegetation cover in 2007 and recommended NASA to work on such a mission in the same year.



- ❖ NASA took this recommendation forward and conceived the concept of developing a state-of-the-art Earth Observation Satellite that would help in detecting earthquakes, The study of landslides and volcanoes can be advanced and glaciers and other ice covers, biomass, the global carbon cycle and climate change can be studied better.
- ❖ NASA started working on it in 2008. Four years later, in 2012, India's ISRO joined it.
- ❖ In this, by NASA - (i) L-band synthetic aperture radar (SAR) Its wavelength is 15-7.5 cm and frequency is 2-4 GHz. It cannot go very deep but can provide good data, pictures about large things like fields, crops, water bodies etc. It can monitor crops like Soyabean, mair and sugarcane and give information about their growth and maturity stage.
- ❖ (ii) 12 metre antenn (iii) Solid state Recorder (iv) Payload subsystem (v) G.P.S. Systems. इत्यादि Componentes दिए गए हैं।
- ❖ While by ISRO
 - (i) S-Band SAR
 - (ii) GSLV-F-16
 - (iii) Spacecraft/spacevehicle
 - (iv) Sub-systems of spacecraft.
 - (v) Launching Services and satellite Mission Operations.
- ❖ NASA has invested 1.16 billion USD and ISRO has invested 90 million USD for this entire mission.
- ❖ Before this, there has been cooperation and exchange between NASA and ISRO, for example, the payload on Chandrayaan belonged to NASA, but this is the first joint mission of both. This joint mission (NISAR Mission) was signed between the two in 2014. (on 30 September 2014)
- ❖ This concept of two radars on one satellite was first in the world. It took more than 10 years to arrange these two radars in a single satellite. (Special hardware, signal processing capabilities for them required sophisticated engineering to integrate them without interfering with each other)



- ❖ Two SARs on a single satellite will provide better and more comprehensive images. This is not possible by sending one SAR on each satellite.
- ❖ L Band SAR uses higher wavelength (30-15 cm) (and lower frequency 1-2 Hz). This L Band SAR can penetrate trees or vegetation, sand, and snow better. It will capture the fine details of surface waves and see through dense forest cover (for example, to map the ground beneath and measure the biomass of tree trunks, which is useful for estimating carbon stocks.) It uses NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory Mission's radar reflector and boom.
- ❖ Both these NISAR and L band SARs are designed to capture complementary images of the same place at the same time. One will see wide and the other deep.
- ❖ The life span of NISAR is 5 years.
- ❖ NISAR can provide information on overall shoreline monitoring, storm characterisation, mapping of surface water resources and disaster response.
- ❖ NISAR's swath (the width of the Earth's surface it can observe at one time) is 242 km (150 miles).

After Bihar, SIR in Manipur too

- ❖ After Bihar, the Election Commission is also starting special Intensive Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls w.r.t. 1.1.2026 as qualifying date in Manipur.
- ❖ For this, a high-level meeting was organized in Manipur on 25 July 2025 under the chairmanship of Joint chief Electoral officer of Manipur, Mr. Ramananda Nongmeikapam.

doomsday missile

- ❖ It was tested from Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam island (off coast of Odisha).
- ❖ Pralay is an indigenously developed Solid propellant quasi-ballistic missile. with advanced guidance and multiple warhead capabilities.



International Tiger Day

- ❖ Last census of Tiger in 2022 NTCA.
- ❖ Total Tigers in India 3682 (it was 1411 tigers in 2006) - 161% jump in 16 years.
- ❖ Tiger Project was started in 1973. It was implemented in 9 reserves in 9 states covering an area of 14000 sq km.

Since then, the number of Tiger Reserves has increased from 9 to 58 covering 84,487 sq. km in 18 states covering 2.5% of the geographical area of India.

- ❖ 73 people died in tiger attacks in 2024 Maharashtra - 42, UP-10, MP-6, UK-5, Assam 4

- ❖ 85 people were killed in 2023.

- ❖ No of Tiger Reserves –

MP-9, Maharashtra = 6, Karnataka, Rajasthan and TN-5 each.

Tiger Deaths

- ❖ Between 2021 and the end of 2025, 50% of the total tiger deaths, i.e. 341 tigers, have died in areas outside protected Tiger Reserves.

- ❖ Data Source: NTCA

International Big Cat Alliance

- ❖ It is an India-led global initiative to protect seven species of Big Cats.
- ❖ It' member countries are 12

Tiger Density

- (1) Bandipen Tiger Reserve is Karnataka = 19.83 tigers Per 100 sq. km. (1456 sq.km)
- (2) Corbett National Park, Uttarakhand = 19.56 Tigers Per 100 sq km in Total area of 1288 sq.km.
- (3) Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assams = 18.65 tigers Per 100 se km in total 1307.49 sq.km.

Number of tigers in VTR

- ❖ At present, the total number of tigers in VTR (West Champaran, Bihar) is 70.
- ❖ It has 54 tigers and 16 cubs.
- ❖ NTCA (National Tiger Conservation. Anttharity) officially counts the number of tigers.

→ It is a statutory body

→ It was established under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. *

→ Established – December 2005



doomsday missile

- ❖ On 29th July, DRDO successfully tested the Pralay missile.
- ❖ This missile is capable of striking up to 500 km in a few minutes.

"UN Inter-agency Group Report

- ❖ The number of zero dose children in India's total population has decreased from 0.11% in 2023 to 0.06% in 2024 i.e. from 16 lakh in 2023 to 9 lakh in 2024.
- ❖ The number of such children in the world is 1.43 crore.
- ❖ Zero dose children are those who have not been given the first dose of DTP-1, a combined vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, within one year of birth.
- ❖ Their number reflects the socio-economic inequalities and gender equality of that country-society.
- ❖ UIP (Universal Immunisation Programme) is conducted for this purpose.
- ❖ Under UIP, 2.9 crore infants are vaccinated free of cost every year in the country.
- ❖ On 15 April 2020, vaccination was declared an essential function of health services.
- ❖ Intensive Mission Indradhanush 3.0 was launched during February-March 2021 and IMI-4.0 in 2022.
- ❖ Still, the number of children deprived of vaccination doubled between 2019-21. This was also the period of Covid.
- ❖ On 9 August 2024, zero dose implementation scheme was started for 143 districts of 11 states.
- ❖ U-WIN platform was launched by PM on 29 October 2024. It has 5 major functions
 - (1) Registration of pregnant women and children by self or ASHA workers – and ranking of immunization services
 - (2) Anytime, anywhere access
 - (3) Name based recording to identify zero dose children
 - (4) Support health workers in targeted planning and efficient implementation
 - (5) Create sustainable digital vaccination documentation.
- ❖ Sustainable Development Goal 3.2 focuses on preventing deaths of newborns and children under the age of 5 years and reducing mortality rates from measles, pneumonia and diarrhoea.



8th Pay Commission

- ❖ The government is initiating the process of setting the terms of reference for the 8th Pay Commission.
- ❖ The benefits of the recommendations of this Pay Commission are likely to start getting accrued by the end of 2026 or 2027.
- ❖ Usually, the Pay Commission may take 20 to 26 months to submit its report.
- ❖ However, there is a provision to formally receive the recommendations of this commission from 1 January 2026. The salary for the gap period will be available in the form of "arrears".

IIP slowdown

- ❖ According to IIP data released on 28 July 2025, the 15% growth in IIP in June 2025 represents the lowest growth rate in the last 10 months.
- ❖ This slowdown is mainly due to (1) sharp contraction in mining activity (-8.7% in June 2025 as against a growth of 10.3% in June 2024). (2) the second reason is the fall in electricity generation (a decline of 2.6% as against a growth of 8.6% in June 2024).
- ❖ The reason for the decrease in mining activities is the flooding of mines due to monsoon.
- ❖ According to Ranchi Meteorological Department, between 1st June and 12th July, 504.8 mm (307 to 100 mm) of rain was recorded.
- ❖ Index of Industrial Production (IIP) data now be released on 28th of every month.
- ❖ If 28th is a holiday, it will be released on 29th
- ❖ 28 June 2025 was a working day so its data was released
- ❖ IIP growth rate in June 2025 was 1.5% which grew at the rate of 1.2% in May 2025

Operation Sindoor in Parliament

- ❖ Operation Sindur was debated/discussed in the Lok Sabha of India on 28-29 July.
- ❖ The debate began with the speech of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in the Lok Sabha on 28 July at 2.05 pm.

Justice verma Plea in SC

- ❖ A petition was filed in the Supreme Court by the judge challenging the procedure adopted by the in-house committee constituted by the Delhi High Court in the case of finding sacks of half-burnt notes at the house of Justice Yashwant Verma on the night of 14 March 2025.
- ❖ This petition was heard on 28 July 2025 by a bench of SC, consisting of Dipankar Datta and A.G. Masih.



- ❖ Kapil Sibal argued on behalf of Justice Verma.
 - ❖ Sibal said that the public release of visuals and audio materials of the fire in the outhouse of the judge's residence by the SC has made the judge guilty in the eyes of society and the public.
 - ❖ Sibal submitted that Article 121 of the Indian Constitution provides that no matter of alleged misconduct by a judge can be discussed in public or in Parliament unless the procedure for his removal is being conducted under Article 124(4) and in that case it can be discussed only in Parliament.
 - ❖ In-house inquiry Committee procedure was devised to enhanced the moral authority of the Judiciary.
 - ❖ The conduct of the in-house inquiry committee and its report, has been brought in the Public domain, hardly meet that objective.
 - ❖ If cash is found in an outhouse, What is the behavior of the judge to do with it? there is no "behaviors" or "misbehaviour" involved. They had to prove the cash belonged to him They never found that.
 - ❖ सिब्बल ने कहा कि "the issue of removal of the Judge has taken on Political overtones". But removal is also a political procedure."
- But inside the Parliament not Outside.
- ❖ अगली सुनवाई 30 जुलाई को होगी।

SC's comment on SIR

- ❖ Ec should focus on mass inclusion, not exclusion
- ❖ Any document on earth can be forged.
- ❖ Unclaimed deposits with Banks in According to the Reserve Bank of India, as of June 30, 2025, the total amount of unclaimed deposits in Indian banks is Rs 67,003 crore.
- ❖ Out of this, Rs 58,330.26 crore is in Public Sector Banks and Rs 8,673.722 crore is in Private Sector Banks 67,003.98

FIDE women chess world cup

- ❖ FIDE (International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation) is an acronym based on the French name of this organization (Federation Internationale des Echecs).
- ❖ FIDE women chess world cup championship was organized in a city called Batumi in Georgia, which is the second largest city of Georgia.



- ❖ It was organized from 5 July to 29 July 2025.
- ❖ It was the third Editions of the FIDE women chess world cup. It was first held in 2021 in Sochi, Russia and its Second edition was held is 2023 is Baku, Azerbaijan.
- ❖ it's winner is Divya Deshmukh who defeated Koneru Humpy.
- ❖ Divya Deshmukh became fourth woman Grandmaster and 88th Grandmaster of India
- ❖ First Grandmaster of India is Vishwanath Anand and Second was Dibyendu Barua
- ❖ The first theme woman Grandmaster are Koneru Humpy, Harika Dronavalli, and Rishiraj Vaishali Ramesh Babar

INTERNATIONAL

WHO: From Loneliness to Social Connection

- ❖ In this report by the World Bank, loneliness is affecting the physical and mental health of people.
- ❖ On an average, loneliness is the cause of 8.71 lakh deaths every year in the world.

GI Tag and cultural misuse

- ❖ Luxury brand Prada (Prada) presented a footwear in its fashion show on June 25, 2025 in Milan, Italy, which is based on the imitation of the Kolhapuri slippers of India. This G.I. Question marks also arise over the usefulness of tags.
- ❖ At present there are 658 registered G.S. i. are the objects receiving tags
- ❖ Unlike trademarks, which are owned by enterprises, GIs are public property belonging to the Producers of the concerned goods and can't be assigned, transmitted or licensed..
- ❖ Legal protection of GI received tags based on the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property 1883 and the TRIPS (Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) Agreement, 1995
- ❖ India, as a TRIPS signatory, has enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 which came into force in 2003. This Act provides for GI registration, enforcement of rights. prohibition of unauthorised use and Penalties for infringement.



- ❖ The thing of difficulty is that the case of infringement of GI remains mainly confined to one country there is no international protection available.
- ❖ One remedy for this may be to bring these products under the ambit of international law (patents etc.) by protecting and recognising/granting them at the national level I
- ❖ Successful example of this has been seen in the past –
 - (1) In 1997 the us Patent Trademark office (USPTO) issued a patent application to Ricetec Inc. had granted a patent for basmati rice to a Texas-based company named. After India tried through laws, the USPTO dissuaded the company from using the name Basmati.
 - (2) In 1995 University of Mississippi Medical Center was granted Patent for wound healing properties of Turmeric I 'Cancelled this also after protest of CSIR of India.
 - (3) In 2000 the European Patent office granted US Department of Agriculture and multinational firm W.R. Revoked the Patent granted for neem based antifungal formulations from Grace I (on the basis that it is already part of Indian medical nature)

Southern Europe in the grip of heatwave

- ❖ Paris, Spain, Portugal, Turkey are recording record temperatures and forest fires in many parts.

Solar Energy in China

- ❖ Solar power generation capacity in China is 3.9 lakh MW.
- ❖ India has 0.6 MW while India is a Sunrich country.

One Big Beautiful Bill Act

- ❖ This is a very important bill brought by the Trump government which is based on the following objectives
 - (1) It enacts permanently the Tax cuts and Jobs At enacted by Trump himself in 2017. The TCJA was set to expire in 2025.
 - TCJA, reduces taxes on individuals and corporations I
 - It increases standard deductions
 - Increases Family Tax credits.
 - Eliminates Personal Exemptions
 - Limits deductions for state and local income taxes and Property taxes.
 - Reduces/eliminates Alternative Minimum taxes.
 - This Affordable care Act known as obama care. reduces the Penalty in case of violation of



- (1) It cuts non-military gov't spending I
- (2) It will tighten the eligibility criteria for Medicaid and Supplemental Program (SNAP) Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) so that fewer people benefit and the government spends.
- (3) It would also allocate an additional 150 billion dollar for defence spending
- ❖ Extend the state and Local Tax (SALT) deduction cap, which is scheduled to expired in 2025.
- ❖ Increase the SALT deduction cap from 10,000 to 40000 dollar.
- ❖ Because of this Bill it is being said that-
 - (1) Approximately 10.9 million Americans could lose health insurance coverage.
 - (2) This law would result in the largest transfer of wealth from the poor to the rich in the United States to date.
 - (3) This law would increase the US national debt by 2.8 trillion dollars.
 - (4) This includes \$1.2 trillion in cuts to Medicaid health and food stamps.
- ❖ Through this bill, Trump wants to simplify his vision and goals, so he has called it One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ❖ OBBBA will have a negative impact on the Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

UNESCO Report on World Heritage

- ❖ UNESCO and World Resources Institute have released an analysis report of 1172 world heritage sites.
- ❖ 73% of these sites are affected by water set, flood or drought.
- ❖ 21% of these sites face the problem of excessive rainfall in one year and very less rainfall in the other year.
- ❖ It has been said about 30 heritage sites of India that they are facing water crisis.
- ❖ Mahabodhi Temple of Bihar and Nalanda Mahabihar are also included in the heritage sites facing this crisis.



World's Highest oil Reserves

- ❖ According to OPEC, Venezuela has the largest oil reserve of 303 billion barrels which is 17.3% of the global reserve
 - ❖ Saudi Arabia has the second largest oil reserve of 267 billion barrels. Which is 15.2% of the global oil reserve.
 - ❖ Iran has the third largest oil reserve of 209 billion barrel will 11.9% off the global oil reserves
 - ❖ Next comes canada, Iraq, UAE, Kuwait, Russia, USA
- QUAD foreign Minister Meet in Washington on 2 July 2024

India-Ghana

- ❖ Indian PM reached Accra, the capital of Ghana on 2nd July 2025.
- ❖ The President of Ghana Mr. John Dramani Mahama received Mr. Modi at the airport

Mega Dam on the Nile River by Ethiopia

- ❖ Ethiopia has constructed a 1.8 km long and 145 m high dam on the Nile River at a cost of \$4 billion.
- ❖ The name of this dam is Grand Ethiopians Renaissance Dam (GERD).
- ❖ It will be used to operate power and development related projects.

Highest scores in England Test cricket

- ❖ Indian Captain Shubman Gayle scored 269 runs in the Test cricket held at Edgbaston, England.
- ❖ The previous record was 221 runs made by Sunil Gavaskar in 1979.

Thailand's New PM

- ❖ Mr. Phumtham wechayachai has been appointed as the new Pm of Thailand.
- ❖ The vacancy for the Post of PM was created due to suspension of Ms. Paetongtarn shinwatra as the PM by the constitutional count of Thailand.
- ❖ However, Ms. Paetongtarn shinwatra has been inducted in the new cabinet as culture minister.

India-Ghana

- ❖ President of Ghana john Mahama



- ❖ Indian PMK has been conferred with Ghana's National Award "The Officer of the order of the star of Ghana"
- ❖ The two countries signed the 4 Mous –
 - (1) To Institutionalise high level dialogue and review bilateral Cooperation mechanism on a Regular basis.
 - (2) To double bilateral trade from the current 3 billion dollar to 6 billion in the next five years.
 - (3) To strengthen defence and security Partnership with the mantra of "Security through stability"
 - (4) Cooperation in exploration and mining critical minerals.

DALAI LAMA

- ❖ On 10 March 1959, a high ranking Chinese army officer invited the Dalai Lama as a guest to a Chinese dance troupe. The supporters of the Dalai Lama saw this as a conspiracy and surrounded his residence.
- ❖ Dalai Lama fled from there in the guise of a Chinese soldier and reached India after a journey of 15 days. According to him, he did this on divine orders.
- ❖ The Indian government gave them shelter and they made Dharamshala their headquarters. Along with them, about 80,000 exiled people from Tibet also settled here.
- ❖ He kept opposing China at diplomatic and political level for the establishment of independent power in Tibet. He also successfully pressurized the United Nations to pass resolutions for Tibetan security in 1959, 1961 and 1965.
- ❖ He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 for his efforts for peaceful reconciliation.
- ❖ The Dalai Lama continues to receive support from many world celebrities for his efforts.
- ❖ He served as the religious and political leader of Tibet until 2011. In 2011, he handed over political power to the elected government there.
- ❖ Now since he will be 90 years old in 2025, the question of his succession is becoming serious.
- ❖ China has said that the Dalai Lama's successor will have to take China's permission. 1
- ❖ The Dalai Lama has predicted that his successor will be born outside China.
- ❖ 13th Dalai Lama (15th Living) (1588 death)
- ❖ Proclamation of the People's Republic of China was made by Mao Zedong on October 1, 1949



- ❖ Gaden Phodrang Trust
- ❖ The power struggle between Tibet and China has been going on for two millenia.
- ❖ For the last five centuries, i.e. since its establishment, the Dalai Lama has played an important role in unifying Tibet and strengthening its people.
- ❖ The Dalai Lama started with the Mongol king Altan Khan (1507-1582) who first established the title of Dalai Lama for his Tibetan Buddhist associate Sonam Gyatso (1543-1588)
- ❖ In the 17th century, the Chinese dynasties established relations with Tibet
- ❖ After 260 years, the Ching army took over Tibet around 1909.
- ❖ But in 1912, the 13th Dalai Lama Thubten Gyatso liberated Tibet again.
- ❖ China took over again in 1951 when Mao's government was formed on 1 October 1949.
- ❖ In 1409 Tsikhepa founded the Gelug school through which Buddhism was taught.
- ❖ The most prominent (in the early days) student/teacher of this school was Gedun Drupa who was given the title of the first Dalai Lama after his death in 1474.
- ❖ Ever since the unification of Tibet in 1630, there has been a fight between the arms and the Tibetan leadership. This fight was fought for between the Manchu, Mongol and Oirat groups
- ❖ The 5th Dalai Lama unified Tibet. His name was Lobsang Gyatso. He unified the whole of Tibet which was divided into small groups under the leadership of his army commander Gushi Khan. Gushi Khan was a Mongol.
- ❖ Thus the fifth Dalai Lama started taking over the rule completely from 1642. The fifth Dalai Lama is also called the Great Fifth. Tibet remained under the control of the Dalai Lama from 1642 to 1959 i.e. for 317 years.

India - Argentina

- ❖ PM Modi reached Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina on 4 July
 - ❖ Argentina is India's fourth largest trade Partner with a bilateral trade of 6.4 b.USD.
- 17th BRICS Summit
- ❖ 17th BRICS Summit shall be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 6-7 July, 2025. Brazil chairs BRICS
 - ❖ Its theme is "strengthening Global south Cooperation for more Inclusive and Sustainable Governance."
 - ❖ Total GDP of BRICS Plus Countries is 84.28 trillion USD.
 - ❖ RBRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India China and South Africa



- ❖ At present it consists of 10 countries five other countries. are Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran and UAE.
- ❖ With these five new members, it is also known as BRICS Plus.
- ❖ BRICS was formed on 16 June 2009 in Yekaterinburg, Russia
- ❖ USA President has criticised BRICS on Several occasions as it is viewed as an alternative to G-7. It is termed anti-western and anti-American
- ❖ 18th BRICS shall be held in India.

India- Trinidad Tobago

- ❖ Both Countries signed six agreements
 - (1) Trinidad and Tobago will join India's global initiatives in coalition of Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and Global Biofuel Alliance (GBA)
 - (2) On Indian Grant Assistance for Implementation of Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) in Trinidad and Tobago. The GOI will provide grant funding for the implementation of short gestation QIPS which will not exceed 50,000 USD for each project. A maximum of five projects will be offered in each financial year.
- ❖ India will gift 2000 Laptops to school students in Trinidad Tobago to digitisation of education.
- ❖ India also gifted the first batch of 1 million USD in agro-chemistry to Trinidad and Tobago's National Agricultural Marketing and Development cooperation (NAMDEVCO) and declared support for millet Cultivation, Seaweed fertilizer and natural farming.
- ❖ India also gifted 20 haemodialysis units and two sea ambulances to Trinidad Tobago

Musk's "American Party

- ❖ On America's 249th Independence Day, American industrialist Elon Musk announced the formation of a political party named "American Party".

BRICS Declaration

- ❖ The 17th BRICS declaration called for concrete action against all terrorists and terrorist organizations designated by the United Nations against terrorism.
- ❖ Trump's tariffs were described as illegal and arbitrary. It has been described as harmful for the global economy.
- ❖ It condemns the attack on Iran by America and Israel and calls on Israel to withdraw its troops from the Gaza Strip.



Cento AI Model

- ❖ Germany's research institute Helmholtz Munich developed an AI model named Centaur which is based on psychological principles.
- ❖ Centaur is capable of thinking and taking decisions like humans
- ❖ Such models can prove to be beneficial for people suffering from mental illness. Currently, around 19.73 crore people in India are suffering from mental illness.
- ❖ National Mental Health Program was started in India in 1982 to make the treatment of this disease a mission.

Trump's tariff war

- ❖ 7 July 2025 Trump imposed a 25% duty on goods from Japan and South Korea imported into the US.
- ❖ Trump has also threatened to impose 25% tariffs on Malaysia, 30% on South Africa, 25% on Kazakhstan, and 40% on Myanmar and Laos.
- ❖ It has been ordered to be implemented from 1 August 2025.

Refugees from Myanmar and China arriving in India

- ❖ Due to the violence between two groups of People's Defence Force, Chin National Defence Force (CNDP) and Chinland Defence Force-Hualngoram (CCDF-H) fighting against the Military Junta ruling Myanmar, 4000 Chin people are entering Mizoram.
- ❖ This violence has erupted since 3 July 2025.
- ❖ All these refugees are entering India (Mizoram) by crossing the bridge over the Tiau river near Zokhawthar in Mizoram.
- ❖ Tiau river serves as a natural border between India and Myanmar. There is a 510 km border between India and Myanmar.
- ❖ Actually the Chin People coming from Myanmar and the Mizo People living in Mizoram are members of the same Greater 20 Community. The Kukis, Zomis, Hmars of Manipur and the Kukichins living in Bangladesh are also members of this community. For this reason, their relatives are spread throughout this region. In such a situation, they try to reach each other. Due to the conflict between Kuki and Meitei in Manipur, about 5000 Kukis have taken refuge in Mizoram.
- ❖ Around 4000 chin people have joined the present conflict.
- ❖ It is known that 30,000 refugees from Myanmar and Bangladesh are already living in Mizoram.
- ❖ About 2000 Kuki-Chin refugees entered Mizoram two years ago due to firing between Bangladesh security force and Kuki-Chin people in Bangladesh.



BRICS

- ❖ India is ready to take over the presidency of BRICS after Brazil.
- ❖ Indian PM said in BRICS Summit that under its presidency India would like BRICS to be defined as "Building Resilience and Innovation for cooperation and Sustainability".
- ❖ India will make efforts to enable BRICS in the spirit of People-centricity and Humanity first.
- ❖ During the BRICS a session on "Environment, COP-30 and Global South"
- ❖ Main takes from PM's address-
 - (1) Post Pandemic recovery of the global economy
 - (2) Global Cooperation in combating Common threats (viruses do not come Taking visas and solutions, too, are not chosen by looking at Passports") The Solutions to common challenges is possible Only through joint efforts.

Russian fired Transport Minister shot dead

- ❖ Roman starovoy, 53, the Russian Transport minister who was fired recently by mr. Putin, was found dead.
- ❖ He was hit by a bullet, it is said that he committed suicide by shooting himself, investigation is underway.

India-Namibia

- ❖ Indian PM reached Namibia on 9th July as the last leg of his 5 nation visit in July 2025
- ❖ This is the first visit by an Indian PM to Namibia after 27 years
- ❖ Diplomatic relations between the two countries were established in 1946, before Namibia's independence in 1990.
- ❖ India established its High Commission in Namibia in 1990 and Namibia established its High Commission in India in 1994.
- ❖ Namibia-India relations are important from the perspective of the Global South
- ❖ Namibia has deposits of rare minerals like terbium and dysprosium.
- ❖ Terbium is used in electronic goods and dysprosium in electric vehicles.

Trump and Tariff

Trump has sent letters to 14 countries warning them of increasing tariffs after August 1, 2025 if they do not enter into an agreement with the US to reduce tariffs.



- ❖ These countries are - Japan, South Korea, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Tunisia, South Africa, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Serbia, Cambodia, Thailand, Laos and Myanmar
- ❖ Laos has the highest tariff of all these countries (48+40=88%)

BRICS

- ❖ The BRICS nations have rejected the EU's proposed carbon border adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
- ❖ BRICS adopted the "leaders' Framework Declaration on climate finance" on 7 July 2015 in Rio de Janeiro.
- ❖ BRICS share in global GDP is 39%
- ❖ BRICS countries' expected growth rate in 2024 is 1.1 to 1.6%
- ❖ In international trade, BRICS countries have a share of about 24% in total global exchange
- ❖ The BRICS countries represent about 48.5% of the total global population and about 36% of the total geographical area.
- ❖ The BRICS countries have about 72% of the world's rare earth minerals reserves
- ❖ 43.6% of global oil production takes place in these countries.
- ❖ 36% of the world's total natural gas production takes place in BRICS countries.
- ❖ 78.2% of global coal production takes place in these countries.

Key Outcomes of the 17th BRICS Summit.

Technology and Global Governance Peace and Security

Digital Economy Reform

Financial cooperation Sustainable Development

Health and Social Development

(1) Technology and Digital Economy:

- BRICS adopted the leaders' statement on Global AI Governance
- Concluded the data Economy Governance understanding.
- Agreed to form a BRICS space council for collaborative space exploration

(2) Financial Cooperation

- Discussed the cross-Border Payment Initiative to reduce us dollar reliance
- Expansion of the New Development Bank
- Also discussed BRICS Multilateral Guarantees (BMG) pilot to de-risk investments



(3) Global Governance Reforms.

- UN Security Council Expansion into include more members from Asia, Africa and latin America for greater Global South representation
- Urged IMF and world Bank reforms to reflect Emerging Markets and Developing Countries (EMDC) role
- Discussed a rule based WTO

(4) Sustainable Development

- BRICS adopted the leaders' Frame-work Declaration on climate finance to mobilize resources for developing Countries
- endorsed an Mou on the BRICS Carbon Markets Partnership to enhance cooperation in carbon Pricing and fit emission trading.

(5) Peace and security

- BRICS reaffirmed "African Solutions to African Problems"
- Called for a Gaza ceasefire and two state solutions
- Condemned the Pahalgam attack
- India stressed that terrorism must be rejected on Principle not treated as a matter of Convenience

(6) Health and Social Development.

- BRICS Launched the Partnership for the Elimination of socially Determined Diseases (like TB) to lackle health disparities.

Trump imposes 30% tariffs on EU and Mexico

- ❖ President Trump announced a 30% tariff on the European Union and Mexico on July 12.
- ❖ This rate will be effective from August 1.
- ❖ This action has been taken against Mexico for not taking effective steps to stop North America from becoming a narco smuggling ground.
- ❖ The main reason for imposing new tariffs on the European Union is America's trade deficit with the EU.

Persons in News

- ❖ Saima Wazed, daughter of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, is currently in the news for taking a long leave from WHO.



- ❖ She was elected to WHO in February 2024 as the South-East Asian Regional Director of the World Health Organisation.
- ❖ Saima Wazed's appointment to a post was also a topic of discussion at that time.
- ❖ Saima Wazed's decision to go on a long leave is also being linked to the case filed against her by Bangladesh's Anti-corruption commission on the basis of fraud, forgery and misuse of power.

Trump and BRICS

- ❖ Trump has been calling BRICS "anti-American" since his election campaign for his second term.
- ❖ Even after the 17th BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 6-7 July 2025, he has said that he will impose a tariff of 10% on BRICS countries.
- ❖ On November 30, 2025, Trump said he would impose 100% tariffs on BRICS countries if they launched another currency to replace the dollar. He has repeated this several times since then.
- ❖ Trump's warning is in relation to the announcement made in South Africa in 2023 and in Russia in 2024 in which a BRICS Cross-Border Payments Initiative was discussed.
- ❖ This means that Trump is now talking about imposing a 10% tariff instead of the previous 100% tariff.
- ❖ Here Trump has taken many other decisions related to BRICS countries like
 - (1) 50% tariff on Brazil in the Jair Bolsonaro case (witch hunt)
 - (2) 30% tariff on South Africa
- ❖ Preparations are being made to bring a separate bill to ban Russia which is being called Sanctioning Russia Act of 2025 and through which there is a plan to impose 500% tariff on oil imported from Russia.
- ❖ The BRICS countries have taken the initiative of New Development Bank (NDB) and Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) which seems to challenge the World Bank and IMF.
- ❖ Expressing views in the context of Gaza and Iran while going against America and Western countries
- ❖ Condemnation of Pahalgam incident in India
- ❖ Expanding UNSC by including countries like India and Brazil
- ❖ Forming a new category "Partner countries" in the 17th BRICS, which is proposed to include Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Uganda and Uzbekistan
- ❖ The inclusion of these countries is a plan to have greater participation of the Global South in BRICS.
- ❖ Trade among the members of BRICS countries is increasing. In the last 20 years, trade between Brazil and China has increased by 50%.
- ❖ India is going to chair BRICS with a new theme – "Building Resilience and Innovation for Cooperation and Sustainability".



Three Parent Baby

- ❖ It is called three-parent preservation technique or mitochondrial donation treatment (MDT) or mitochondrial replacement technology (MRT).
- ❖ It uses DNA from three people to produce a child.
- ❖ It is a modified form of IVF.
- ❖ The first country to give legal recognition to this birth technique is Britain. Second country is Australia. This recognition was given in 2015.
- ❖ Children can be born using this technique in these countries.
- ❖ In the UK, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority is the authority for matters relating to the administration of this technique.
- ❖ Three-parent conception technique is a sequel to in vitro fertilisation (IVF) reproductive technique.

NASA's Perseverance Rover

- ❖ NASA's Perseverance Rover has made record to walk on a Mars of a distance of 411 metre concrete surface (longest walk by any rover)
- ❖ Rovers opportunimly hand walked for 220 metre and curiosity had waled for 214 meter.
- ❖ Perseverance Rover had reached on Mars in 2021

World's Most Expensive city

According to the Julius Baer Lifestyle Index, Singapore is the most expensive is the world while Mumbai is India.

- ❖ London replaced Hong Kong as the second most expensive city of the world.

US adds TRF to terror list

- ❖ The Deprt of state of The USA Grovernment on 17 July 2025 added The Resistance Front (TRF) as a Foreign "Foreign Terrorist Organisation" and a "Specially Designated Global Terrorist"
- ❖ It is the TRF which had taken responsibility for the Phahalgam incident on 22 April 2025. It is backed by the Pakistan based Lask lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)

Russian oil Export

- ❖ Importers of Russian oil
 1. China - 33% of Russia's oil (from 20% in 2021) (2.4 millions barrels Per day)
 2. India - 25% of Russia's oil (1% in 2021) (1.9 million Barrel Per day)
 3. EU - 5% (0.4 barrel Per day, it was 3.5 barrel Perday in 2023)



BRICS Think Tank Forum

- ❖ BRICS Think Tank Forum was organised in Rio De Jenerio on July 15-17, 2025.
- ❖ It's Purpose was to deliberate on ways to foster greater south-south cooperation, including on Joint R&D and Co-established standard, for a more equitable sharing of AI benefits across nations.
- ❖ It's Executive Chairman is Mr. Fu Hua. He is President of Xinhua News Agency, China.

China's Hyper Dam

- ❖ China started construction of the world's largest dam on the Brahmaputra river in Tibet.
- ❖ The estimated cost of building this hydropower dam is around \$167.8 billion.
- ❖ Its production capacity will be 60,000 megawatts and it is expected to generate more than 300 billion kilowatt hours of electricity every year. This will be able to meet the annual needs of 30 crore people
- ❖ India is concerned that through this dam, China can divert the river water to those areas where there is water shortage. This can lead to drought conditions in India's North East.
- ❖ Tea plantations in Assam state are dependent on water from this river. This is equal to 75% of the total geographical area of Assam. Brahmaputra river flows through Tibet and Arunachal Pradesh and brings fertile soil with it, which is necessary for agriculture.
- ❖ Its construction can also endanger the existence of the largest river island Majuli.
- ❖ Earthquake situation will be created. This will put pressure on the tectonic plates.
- ❖ It is being built in Nyingchi or Linzhi city of China.

South Syria Civil War

- ❖ The conflict between the Druze and local Bedouin groups in the Sweida province of southern Syria appears set to end on 20 July. A ceasefire was declared for this on 19 July.
- ❖ The Israeli army and the Syrian army also got involved in the conflict between these groups and
- ❖ In this one week of violent conflict, around 1000 people were killed, including 336 Druz fighters, 298 civilians of the Druz minority community, 342 Syrian security personnel and 21 Sunni Bedouins.



World Tea Production and Exports

- ❖ In 2022, total world Tea Production was 6500 million kg.
- ❖ Out of it, only 29% was exported.
- ❖ Kenya was largest exporter: 456 million kg
- ❖ Others: China = 375.2 million kg
Srilanka 247.2 million kg
India = 227.0 million kg
vietnam = 140 kg million ky
Argenina: 71 million kg.

Steps to be taken to bring developing countries ahead in the race to reduce global emissions

❖ The following 6 steps need to be taken to bring developing countries ahead in the race to reduce global emissions-

(1) Full commitment by governments to clean energy: Commitment by developing countries to the measures proposed so far at global forums is essential to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C. In this, the G-20 countries, which account for 80% of emissions, will have to take the lead.

(2) Modern energy systems need to be developed to suit the needs of the 21st century.

For this, a strong infrastructure of advanced grid and energy storage will have to be established. Currently, out of every dollar (Rs 86.38) invested in renewable energy, only 60 cents i.e. Rs 12 is spent on grid and storage whereas this ratio should be 1:1.

(3) Growing energy needs must be met through renewable energy sources.

(4) Energy distribution must be made equitable, that is, it must be made available to communities that still depend on fossil fuels

(5) Trade in renewable energy must be increased. Today, the supply of renewable energy is limited to only a few countries. Countries that want to enter this new energy era will have to reduce tariffs on renewable energy equipment.

(6) Developing countries must provide the necessary funding. Last year, Africa received just 2% of all investment in renewable energy, even though it has 60% of the world's promising solar power potential.



Britain Free Trade Agreement

- ❖ On 22 July 2025, the Union Cabinet of India approved the signing of the Free Trade Agreement during the visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Britain.
- ❖ Its formal name is "Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement".
- ❖ Through this, a target has been set to increase the bilateral trade between the two countries to \$120 billion.

Presidential reference

- ❖ A Constitution Bench has been formed by the Supreme Court to consider the 14 questions sent by the President. It consists of the following judges-
 - (1) B.R. Gavai (CJI)
 - (2) Surya Kant
 - (3) Vikram Nath-
 - (4) P.S. Narsimha
 - (5) A. S. Chandurkar
- ❖ The matter was heard on 22nd July. In this hearing, the court issued a notice to the Centre and all the states to send their response within a week on the questions sent by the President.
- ❖ Its next hearing will be on July 29.

Election of vice-President

- ❖ Elections of the vice-President is conducted according to the provisions of the Part V in the Indian Constitution, Art 324 of the Indian Constitution, Presidential and vice-Presidential Elections Act, 1952 and the Presidential and vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974
- ❖ The Vice-President serves for a term of 5 years from the date on which he assumes office.
- ❖ However, after his term, he continues in office until his successor takes office. But in the event of resignation, death or removal from office, there is provision for election "as soon as possible". There is a provision only for him to discharge his duties as Deputy Chairman to fill the vacancy caused as Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
- ❖ The Election Commission will announce the election.
- ❖ According to the rules, the nomination paper has to be subscribed by at least 20 electors as proposers and at least 20 electors as seconders. The paper has to be presented to the Returning officer between 11.00 a.m and 3.00 pm on any day appointed for the purpose, either by the candidate or by any of the proposers or seconders.
- ❖ The security deposit for the election is Rupees 1500.
- ❖ By convention, the Secretary General of Lok Sabha and or of Rajya Sabha is appointed as Returning officer, by rotation.
- ❖ In 2017. Venkaiah Naidu had won by margins of 272 votes over Gopal Krishna Gandhi. In 2022, Mr. Dhankhar had won by a margin of 346 votes over Margret Alva.



"America withdrew from UNESCO"

❖ America has decided to withdraw from UNESCO in anger due to the inclusion of the State of Palestine as a member state. This decision will be effective from 31 December 2026.

❖ During President Trump's second term, America has separated itself from two UN organizations, WHO and UNHRC.

❖ History of America's separation from UNESCO

(1) The Reagan administration also withdrew in 1984. That time too, the reason was Israel. The Reagan administration was accused of being influenced by Moscow and criticising Israel. Later in 2002, George W. Bush reinstated the United States to UNESCO in gratitude for the global cooperation provided by the international community prior to the Iraq War.

(2) In 2011, the Obama administration also pulled the US out of UNESCO. That time too, the reason was Israel.

(3) In 2018, the Trump administration withdrew the US from UNESCO, citing anti-Israel bias at the organisation. It was reinstated in 2023 by the Biden administration.

❖ On UNESCO's inclusion of Israel as a Member State, America said that this is not in the national interest of the USA!" America described this decision of UNESCO as "UNESCO's Perceived agenda to advance divisive Social and cultural causes."

❖ US and UNESCO

Leftjoined

19842003

20182023

2025

❖ On May 4, 2025, Nicaragua announced its decision to withdraw from UNESCO.

❖ Importance :-

⇒ The US pays 8% of UNESCO's total budget. The US is followed by China.

❖ Audrey Azoulay said the US exit was likely.

About UNESCO

❖ United Nations Educational, Scientific and cultural Organisation (UNESCO)

❖ Its' aim is to promote world peace and Security through international Cooperation in Education, arts, sciences and culture

❖ It has 194 member states and 12 associate members

❖ HQ = Paris

❖ 53 Regional field offices.

❖ 199 national commissions

❖ Formation 16 Nov 1945, 79 years ago.

❖ Director General – Ms. Audrey Azoulay (France)

❖ Second female head of UNESCO.



Thailand and Cambodia

- ❖ On 24 July 2025, the most fierce war of the last decade started between Cambodia and Thailand. In this, 11 civilians and 1 soldier died.
 - ❖ This deadlock had been going on for months.
 - ❖ Two temples (i) Prasat Preah Vihear and (ii) Prasat Ta Muen Thom, built on a hill located at the border between the two countries, have been in dispute.
 - ❖ Both these temples are Khmer-era Hindu Temples located at a distance of 95 km from each other.
 - ❖ This temple is equally important for the Thai and Cambodian people.
 - ❖ Visits by soldiers of both countries to these temples often create tensions.
 - ❖ In 1962, the International Court of Justice ruled that Prasat Preah Vihear was under Cambodian sovereignty. Thailand denounced the decision, citing French maps that showed the site to be in Cambodia.
 - ❖ In 2008, Cambodia declared this temple a world heritage site.
 - ❖ In 2013, the International Court of Justice again upheld Cambodia's claim and asked the Thai army to withdraw.
 - ❖ Cambodia sent F-16 fighter jets on July 24.
 - ❖ The temple was built in the 9th-10th century.
 - ❖ Thailand's PM (acting) Phumtham Wechayach warned Cambodia that cross border clashes have displaced about 1,30,000 people and it could take the form of a war.
 - ❖ The violent conflict that started between the two countries on 24 July 2025 intensified on 25 July.
- Cambodia–Thailand ceasefire talks
- ❖ Cambodia - Thailand ceasefire talks will begin in Malaysia from 28 July 2025 in which representatives of both countries will participate.
 - ❖ So far 33 people have died in this conflict.
 - ❖ 1.68 lakh people have been displaced in this.

E-3 Group

- ❖ E-3 group refers three Powerful European nations Germany, Britain and France.
- ❖ Trump partially lifted the ban after praise from Myanmar dictator.

France recognizes the State of Palestine

- ❖ According to French President Emmanuel Macron, France will recognize the State of Palestine in September 2025.
- ❖ America has opposed this. America separated itself from UNESCO in July on this issue.
- ❖ Around 140 countries of the world including India have formally recognised the Palestine state.



UN Meet on Palestine

- ❖ UN High level conference is being organised from 28th July to discuss and find a solution to the Two-nation theory related to the State of Palestine.
- ❖ This conference was to be held in June 2025 for which a resolution was also passed in UNGA last year. India had also signed this resolution. Due to the war between Israel-America and Iran, this conference could not be held in June 2025.
- ❖ This conference will be co-chaired by France and Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ The US and Israel will not participate in it.
- ❖ France has announced that it will formally recognize Palestine in July 2025. So far, no member of the G-7 has given recognition to this effect.
- ❖ In this conference, "Concrete measures" proposed by 8 working groups related to this subject were considered.

tsunami in russia

- ❖ The sixth strongest earthquake and tsunami ever occurred on 30 July in the Severo-Kurlisk region located in the Northern Kuril island in the Far East region of Russia.

Outcome of UN Conference

- ❖ At the end of the UN conference on Palestine held in New York from 28-29 July 2025 an document titled "New York Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-state Solutions" was issued
- ❖ In this 25 page outcome document, those Member States of the 193 UN members who have not yet officially recognised Palestine have been requested to do so before 21 September.
- ❖ India's ambassador to the UN Parvathaneni Harish represented India in this conference. However, the co-chairs of this conference, France and Saudi Arabia, had requested to send a minister.
- ❖ India did not agree to lead any of the 8 working groups formed for this conference.
- ❖ India expressed condolences on the humanitarian crisis in Palestine/Gaza without naming Israel in the conference.

Russophobe List

- ❖ The foreign ministry of Russia has issued a List of western officials whom it accuses of using "The language of hatred against Russia"

Myanmar mandates jail for critics

- ❖ Myanmar junta govt. announced on 30 July that it has enacted a new law dictating prison sentences for critics of their planned election.

Expulsion of Afghans

- ❖ Iran and Pakistan are expelling foreigners (mainly Afghans) at mass level with deadlines.
- ❖ Failing to leave, Afghans may face arrest or deportation.



Thailand and Cambodia

- ❖ Thailand and Cambodia announced ceasefire from 29 July.
- ❖ Before that, 43 people had died in the violence that had been going on for 5 days.
- ❖ On 30 and 31 July, both countries accused each other of breach of ceasefire.

Spain's relief supplies to Gaza

- ❖ Spain will airdrop 12 runs of food supplies to Gaza to combat food famine.

BIHAR

6 projects of Bihar approved by the Centre

- ❖ At the end of June 2025, the following 6 road projects of Bihar were approved by the Central Government –
 - (1) Extension of Patna-Purnia Expressway up to Didwara
 - (2) Muzaffarpur-Barauni
 - (3) Muzaffarpur-Sonbarsa
 - (4) Khagaria-Purnia
 - (5) Chhapra-Gopalganj
 - (6) Araria-Parsarma
- ❖ Along with this, Anisabad - Didarganj 6 lane elevated road was also approved.

Global Passport" to Makhana of Bihar

- ❖ 6 digit Harmonised System code was provided to Makhana produced in Bihar which is also known as "Global Passport".
- ❖ This code is also called H.S. code in short.
- ❖ It is used for classification of traded goods at international level.
- ❖ It is operated by the World Customs Organisation. WCO is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium.
- ❖ HS Code is of 6 digits at international level but some countries like America and India adopt 8 digit system by adding two digits.
- ❖ HS Code of three types/products of Makhana are as follows
 - (1) Popped Markhana = 20081921
 - (2) Makhana Powder = 20081922
 - (3) For other types of Markhana products = 20081929



MoU for 6 Greenfield Airports in Bihar

- ❖ Bihar government and Indian government have signed an MoU for the construction of Greenfield Airports at Madhubani, Veerapur (Supaul), Munger, Valmiki Nagar (West Champaran), Muzaffarpur and Saharsa in Bihar proposed in the Union Budget. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Government of Bihar took place at Bihar Niwas in Delhi.
- ❖ The MoU was signed by the Director of Civil Aviation Dr. Nilesh Ramchandra Devre on behalf of the Bihar Government and the acting Director of AAI, Anami Pandey.

Bihar: Gender disparity in education quality

- ❖ According to the report of U-DISE, in the academic session 2025-26, 1 crore 28 lakh 98 thousand 459 students are enrolled in classes 1 to 8 in 70 thousand government schools in Bihar, out of which the number of boys is 62 lakh 82 thousand 577 and the number of girls is 66 lakh 15 thousand 882.
- ❖ In classes 1 to 8 alone, the total enrolment in private schools is 30,24,355 out of which the number of boys is 18 lakh and the number of girls is 12.19 lakh.

GST in Bihar The number of taxpayers increased

- ❖ Before the implementation of GST from 01 July 2017, the number of taxpayers in Bihar was 12,746 which increased to 6,58,735 in 2025.
- ❖ Bihar ranks 10th in terms of GST collection in India.
- ❖ GST collection in May 2025 was Rs 1871 crore

birth registration in bihar

- ❖ In 2000, the rate of birth registration in Bihar was 3.7% while the national average for the same year was 56.2%
- ❖ In 2000, the total registered births in India were 1,29,46, 823
- ❖ In 2005, Bihar's enrolment rate was 16.9% and the countrywide enrolment rate was 62.5%.
- ❖ In 2005, excluding Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, the enrolment rate was 78.3%.

State tax / GST collection increased in Bihar

- ❖ The state's tax collection was Rs 20,000 crore in 2017-18, which reached Rs 41,623 crore in 2024-25.

Chief Minister Pratigya Yojana

- ❖ Under the Chief Minister's Seven Nischay Yojana Part-2, an internship scheme named "Mukhyamantri Pratigya Yojana" has been approved by the Bihar government with the aim of empowering the youth of Bihar with advanced skills, workplace readiness and leadership training. This approval was given on 01 July 2025.



- ❖ The full form of CM PRATIGYA is - CM Promotion of Readiness, Awareness and Technical Insights for Guiding Youth Advancement.
- ❖ Under this scheme -
 - (i) 12th pass youth will get Rs. 4000 per month
 - (ii) Diploma or ITI pass youth will get Rs. 5000 per month
 - (iii) Graduate or post graduate will get Rs. 6000 per month
 - (iv) Rs. 5000 per month will be given for doing internship abroad.
- ❖ A budget of Rs 40.69 crore has been approved to spend on this scheme for the financial year 2025-26.
- ❖ A provision of Rs 129 crore has been made for the year 2026-27 to 2030-31.

Mukhyamantri Artist Pension Scheme

- ❖ Chief Minister Artist Pension Scheme was approved by the Bihar Government on 1 July 2025.
- ❖ Under this scheme, outstanding artists aged 50 years or above will be given Rs 3 thousand per month as pension.
- ❖ In this, the annual income of the candidates should not be more than 1.20 thousand and there should not be 10 years of experience in the field of art.
- ❖ For this scheme, a provision of expenditure of Rs 1,11,60,000 has been made for the financial year 2025-26.

बिहार में इंटरनेट यूजर्स

- ❖ In Bihar, the average internet usage per month will be 38 GB in 2024-25. In 2023-24 it was 27 GB.
- ❖ The national average of internet usage in India is 28 GB.
- ❖ Maharashtra is at number one with 82 GB and Delhi is at number two with 70 GB.
- ❖ The number of internet users in Bihar has reached 5 crore 50 lakhs.
- ❖ Only 42 out of 100 people use the internet in Bihar.
- ❖ Out of this, 84 out of 100 people use the internet in urban areas and 32 out of 100 people use the internet in rural areas.
- ❖ A person from Bihar won the title of Iron Man in European Championship
- ❖ Vishwanath Tiwari of Bhagalpur won the title of Iron Man in the European Championship held in Germany.
- ❖ He has achieved this title for the fourth time.
- ❖ For this he had to complete 3.86 km swimming, 180 km cycling and 42 km running.

Chairman of Biscomaun

- ❖ Vishal Singh has been declared elected to the post of President of BISCMAUN (Bihar State Cooperative Marketing Union Limited).
- ❖ This election was held on 9 May 2025 but it was challenged in the court. This election was declared valid by the court.
- ❖ After the court's decision, on 2 July 2025, on the orders of the Election Authority, the result was officially declared by the District Magistrate, Patna-cum-District Election Officer.



Bihar in World Police Games

- ❖ Sapna Kumari of Bihar, who is employed in the Border Security Force, won three medals in archery at the 21st World Police and Fire Games held in Birmingham, USA. These medals are gold medal in field archery, gold medal in 3D archery and silver medal in target archery.
- ❖ These games start from 27th June.

Patna waste Management

- ❖ A leachate plant worth Rs 500 crore will be installed to dispose of the garbage collected at Ramchak, Bariya (Patna)
- ❖ This machine will purify the liquid containing dangerous chemicals from these garbage heaps and convert it into drinking water and make fertilizer from the solid. This will also make it possible to produce electricity.
- ❖ The waste of Patna Municipal Corporation, Danapur, Khagaul and Phulwari Nagar Parishad area is sent to Ramachak, Beriya landfill site.
- ❖ Every year around 3 lakh tons of waste is collected here.
- ❖ Currently 12 lakh tons of waste is collected there.
- ❖ In Patna, an average person produces 442 grams of waste.

Proposed deletion of Jasthit Yashwant Varma

- ❖ 50 MPs' signatures are required to bring this proposal in Rajya Sabha and 100 MPs' signatures are required to bring this proposal in Lok Sabha.
- ❖ This proposal will be conducted as per the "Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968".
- ❖ When the motion is adopted, the Speaker or Chairman, where it is first introduced, will constitute a three-member committee.

Voting Pattern in Bihar

- ❖ The 2024 polling data shows that for every 1000 male voters, 1017.5 female voters cast their vote. Whereas for every 1000 male voters, 917.5 women are registered in the voter list.

New vocational courses in Bihar

- ❖ Courses like retail operations and e-commerce operations have been approved in BA, B.Com and B.Sc.
- ❖ Students of these courses will also be given internship in the fourth year, the amount of which will be Rs. 15 to 17 thousand per month.
- ❖ It is known that the Chief Minister's Waiting Scheme has been started in the state on 1 July 2025 itself.

5 people burnt alive in Bihar on suspicion of being witches

- ❖ In Purnia, 5 people including women were burnt alive on suspicion of being witches. All of them belonged to the same family. A 70-year-old widow was also among them.
- ❖ All of them were forcibly sprinkled with petrol and burnt.



The student-teacher ratio in Bihar is 28

- ❖ Based on the report of National Education Project (NEP), the student-teacher ratio in the country is one teacher for 40 students in lower classes, and one teacher for 30 students in higher classes.
- ❖ According to this report, in Bihar
 - Class 1 to 5 = Student Teacher Ratio 32
 - Class 6 to 8 = Student Teacher Ratio 19
 - Class 9 to 10 = Student Teacher Ratio 30
 - Class 11 to 12 = Student Teacher Ratio 31
- ❖ Bihar as a whole has a student-teacher ratio of 28.

Domicile must for women job quota in Bihar

- ❖ On 8th July 2025, domicile has been made mandatory by the Bihar Cabinet to avail the benefit of 35% reservation in government jobs for women.
- ❖ With this decision, only women who are permanent residents of Bihar will get the benefit of 35% reservation in government jobs in Bihar.

Bihar State Youth Commission

- ❖ On 8 July 2025, the formation of Bihar State Youth Commission has been approved by the Bihar Cabinet.
- ❖ This commission will advise the government on all matters related to the improvement and upliftment of the status of youth in the society.
- ❖ This commission will coordinate with the departments to ensure better education and employment to the youth.
- ❖ Through this commission, the youth will become self-reliant, skilled and employment oriented.

Juvenile crime is Bihar

- ❖ In a press conference held in Patna on 10th July 2025 by ADG (Weaker Sections), CID, Bihar, it was told that in the period of 5 years between 2020 and 2024, the number of crimes committed by youth below 18 years has increased significantly.

Year

number of crimes

Number of accused youth

2020

6543

7631

2021

10,339

12,000

2022

16,299

19,075

2023

17,360

20,235

2024

17,717

21,086



Hearing on SIR

- ❖ In the first day's hearing, the court asked questions to the commission regarding its objectives, methods and constitutional powers and also made some proposals like the use of Aadhaar.
- ❖ Out of the total population of 13 crore in Bihar, Aadhaar cards of 11.4 crore people have been made till June 2025,
- ❖ In addition to Aadhaar, the use of ration card has also been proposed.
- ❖ Regarding the Matriculation Certificate, it has been said that the caste survey of 2022 clearly shows that only 15% of the people of Bihar have passed 10th.
- ❖ The National Family Health Survey 2019-21 shows that nearly 40% of women in Bihar never attended school.
- ❖ According to the 2011 census, 75% of female voters above 45 years of age were illiterate.
- ❖ 29% of men could not read even one form in 2011.
- ❖ In Bihar, only 5.8% births were registered in 2005-06.
- ❖ 24% (29% among Dalits) deliveries in Bihar take place outside hospitals.
- ❖ In the last Vidhan Sabha elections, NDA got 37.26% votes and 125 seats. Mahagathbandhan got 37.23% votes and 110 seats.
- ❖ The court has considered the petitions filed on SIR as admissible on two grounds-
 - (1) Time of review
 - (2) Papers/documents required in the review
- ❖ The court said that if decisions are not taken on time, questions will surely arise?!

UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian territories

- ❖ Francesca Albanese is the first woman to be appointed as the UN special Rapporteur on the occupied Palestinian territories.
- ❖ she is an Italian
- ❖ he is in news due to Sanctions imposed on her by the Trump Administration under the executive order 14203 in July 2025 naming her a "specially designated national."
- ❖ us has Sanctioned her due to repeated accusation on Israel of committing genocide in Gaza and has criticised us policy on the war there.
- ❖ The UN Human Rights Commissioner Mr. Volker Turk has urged US to reverse Sanctions against her.

Trump issues new tariffs on Brazil

- ❖ Trump has called the ongoing corruption proceedings in Brazil against former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, his former political ally, a "witch hunt" and has threatened to impose reciprocal tariffs of up to 50% on goods imported from Brazil.
- ❖ Trump has also talked about protecting the Israeli Prime Minister in the ongoing corruption case there



Ai-Da

- ❖ Ai-Da is an ante Ultra-realistic humanoid artist robot of UK
- ❖ इन 2024, Ai-Da portrait of English mathematician Alan Turing became the first artwork by a humanoid robot to be sold at auction, fetching over 1 million dollar.

राष्ट्रीय बाल संरक्षण आयोग तथा एन.सी.ई.आर.टी. का अध्ययन रिपोर्ट

- ❖ According to a joint study conducted by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPS) and NCERT
- (1) Lack of leadership ability
- (2) Ambiguity in mind
- ❖ This study lasted for 50 days from February to March 2025 and included 10,05,436 adolescents and youth aged between 14 to 25 years from the state.

Silt problem in Bihar

- ❖ On July 10, a meeting of the Eastern Zonal Council was held in Ranchi which was concluded under the chairmanship of the Union Home Minister.
- ❖ In this meeting, a consensus was reached on making a comprehensive silt management policy on the national stage.
- ❖ Bihar has been demanding this since 2012-13.
- ❖ Due to silt
- (1) Flooding problem increases in Bihar's rivers
- (2) Less water is available in Bihar's rivers
- (3) Due to this, Bihar does not get 5.75 million acre feet of water from Son river.

35% tariff on Canada

- ❖ Trump has decided to impose 35% tariff on goods imported from Canada to America (on July 10)
- ❖ This decision has been taken by Trump due to Canada's failure to stop the smuggling of the narcotic drug Fentangle into America.
- ❖ This 35% tariff will be separate from other regional tariffs.

Social security pension in bihar

- ❖ On 21st June 2025, the State Government increased the amount of social security pension from Rs. 400 per month to Rs. 1100 per month with effect from July 2025. In the light of the decision to increase the amount, an amount of Rs. 1227.27 crore was transferred to the accounts of more than 1 crore 11 lakh beneficiaries on July 1.
- ❖ Social Security Pension Scheme is given to three categories of candidates –
- (1) Men and Women above 60 years (conditions apply)
- (2) Disabled Persons - Men and Women
- (3) Widow Women



Varanasi - Kolkata Expressway : Bihar's first

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- ❖ Objection has been raised by the State Wildlife Board of Bihar on the construction of this first expressway passing through Bihar.
- ❖ This objection is on the Rohtas and Rohtas-Aurangabad section. In Rohtas, a tunnel has been asked to be built without blasting, the second is related to the construction of a bridge over Son in Rohtas-Aurangabad.
- ❖ 161 km of this expressway will be built in Bihar.

65 services now available at Panchayats' RTPS centres in Bihar

- ❖ 45 more services have been added to the 20 types of services already being provided at the RTPS centres operating in 8053 panchayats of Bihar, taking their number to 65.

Birth-Death Certificate in Bihar

- ❖ In Bihar, the rules for birth and death certificate have been changed in the following manner-
 - (1) Within 21 days without any permission-oath
 - (2) Within 21 days to 30 days after paying Rs. 20 fine from Registrar level
 - (3) Within 30 days to 1 year with permission of District Statistical Officer and Rs. 50 late fee
 - (4) After 1 year, with permission of SDM and Rs. 100 late fee

Fish production in bihar

- ❖ Fish production in Bihar was 9.59 lakh metric tonnes in 2024-25.
- ❖ It was 8.73 lakh metric tonnes in 2023-24.

Chief Justice of Patna High Court

- ❖ Justice Vipul M. Pancholi has been appointed as the 45th Chief Justice of Patna High Court by the President.

Education reform in Bihar

- ❖ Smart classes will be started in 28 thousand middle schools of the state in the session 2026-27, which will benefit 47 lakh children.
- ❖ Under the National Education Policy 2020, students from class 6 to 8 are to be given education through modern technology.



Cultivable land in bihar

- ❖ The national average of cultivable land is 1.08 hectares, while in Bihar it is 0.39 hectares.
- ❖ According to the Agricultural Census 2015-16, Buxar district is leading in terms of cultivable land in Bihar. The average cultivable land here is 0.72 hectares whereas in Aurangabad it is 0.60 hectares and in Purnia it is 0.59 hectares. ❏ Agricultural census is done in the country every 5 years.
- ❖ The last agricultural census was the 10th Agricultural Census with reference year 2015-16.
- ❖ The 11th Agricultural Census is the latest one with reference year 2020-21 but its data has not been published yet.

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- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the PM Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana.
- ❖ Through this scheme, agricultural productivity and sustainable farming will be promoted in 100 districts across the country at a cost of about Rs 24000 crore per year in the next 6 years
- ❖ This scheme is being started from the financial year 2025-26 in those districts where agricultural production is low and farming is backward and which is low in loan distribution.
- ❖ Under this, at least one district will be selected from every state
- ❖ This agricultural incentive scheme will help around 1.70 crore farmers.
- ❖ 36 schemes run by 1.1 ministries are being added to it.
- ❖ This scheme has been created on the lines of "Aspirational Districts".

Renewable energy in India

- ❖ The target of generating 50% of total power capacity from green energy/non-renewable sources has been achieved (in India)
- ❖ Now the target is to generate 500 GW of power from non-fossil power by 2030.

Supari Killer Task Force

- ❖ Due to increase in murders by contract killers in Bihar "Contract Killer Task Force" has been formed by Bihar Police.

Largest share of Indian exports

- ❖ The biggest share of Indian exports is Refined Petroleum Products which is 15% of the total exports
- ❖ India imports 36% of its total oil from Russia (India is the largest importer of Russian oil)
- ❖ 46% of India's merchandise exports are done in the MSME sector.
- ❖ 17.7% of India's total exports (in 2024-25) were exported to the US.



Bihar and Ninth Sanitation Survey-2024-25

- ❖ 9th Swachhta Survey 2024-25 is a part of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U).
- ❖ This year's awards are divided into 4 categories-
 - (5) Super Swachh League (SSL) cities:- 23 awards
 - (6) Top three cleanest cities in five different population categories:- 15 awards
 - (7) Special categories including Ganga Nagar, Cantonment Board, Cleanliness & Safety within the city and Maha Kumbh:- 6
 - (8) State Level Awards for Promising Clean Cities for States/Union Territories:- 34 Awards
- ❖ A total of 78 awards were given
- ❖ There are five categories based on population –
 - First Second Third
 - (1) Population more than 10 lakh = Indore, Surat, Navi Mumbai
(Bihar: Patna, Gayaji, Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Motihari, Supaul)
 - (2) 3-10 = Noida Chandigarh Mysore
 - (3) 50,000-3 लाख = New Delhi Tirupati Ambikapur
 - (4) 20,000 से कम = Vita Sasvad Deosali Pravara
 - (5) 20,000 से कम = Panchgani Patan Panhala
- ❖ Bihar
 - ODF Plus Certificate to 100 cities of Bihar
 - Ministerial Award to Patna Municipal Corporation
 - Water Plus to Patna
 - ODF Plus Plus to Gayaji
 - Patna and Gayaji got 3-star rating in Garbage free city.
 - Bhagalpur and Supaul got one star
- ❖ Patna ranked 21st among 40 cities with a population of more than 10 lakhs
- ❖ Patna ranked 4th among 88 cities situated on the banks of Ganga
- ❖ Gaya ranked 27th and Bhagalpur ranked 64th among 101 cities with a population of 3-10 lakhs

Free Bijli in Bihar

- ❖ The Gort of Bihar Shall provide free Electricity upto 125 units per month to the domestic consumers from 1 August 2025.

The problem of waste management in Patna

- ❖ There are two reasons for Patna not getting 5 stars in the cleanliness survey-
 - (ii) Segregation of waste at source
 - (iii) 100% processing of waste at dumping sites using high technology
- ❖ Ramachak Beriya is the garbage dumping site of Patna Municipal Corporation. About 4 lakh tons of old (legacy) garbage is deposited here. Every day 1200 tons of new garbage is being deposited. 100% management of this dumping yard is necessary.



Indian Open Athletics Meet 2025

- ❖ Its organisation started from 19th July in Patna.

Regional air connectivity in Bihar

- ❖ Regional air service will be started by Spirit Air connecting 6 small airports of Bihar namely Madhubani, Saharsa, Birpur (Supaul), Valmiki Nagar (West Champaran), Munger Muzaffarpur.
- ❖ Three Parents Baby
- ❖ Success has been achieved by using DNA from a woman other than the parent to produce a child free from inherited diseases related to mitochondria, the "powerhouse of the cell".
- ❖ 8 babies were born in Britain through this method, no hereditary diseases related to Funni mitochondria were found.
- ❖ Currently, one in every 5000 babies suffers from a disease related to mitochondria.

Booth for Bihar Assembly Election

- ❖ A total of 90,712 booths will be set up for the 2025 assembly elections in Bihar.
- ❖ 77,895 booths were set up for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, with a voting facility for 1,500 voters at each booth.
- ❖ Now there will be 1200 voters per booth for the assembly; hence 12,817 new booths were created.

Bihar's Ashokan Pillars in UNESCO's list

- ❖ Ashoka pillars located at Rampurva and Lauria Nandangarh in West Champaran, Bihar have been included in the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage List.

"First Supplementary Budget of Bihar for 2025–26"

- ❖ On the first day of the monsoon session of the Bihar Legislature, the government presented a supplementary budget.
- ❖ Through this, a total demand of Rs 57946.2541 crore has been made.

Six bills were passed in the Bihar Legislative Assembly during the monsoon session.

- ❖ The following 6 bills were passed in the Bihar Legislative Assembly on 22 July 2015-
 - (i) Bihar Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2025
 - (ii) Bihar Special Survey and Settlement (Amendment) Bill 2025
 - (iii) Bihar Hindu Religious Trusts (Amendment) Bill 2025 Bihar Hindu Religious Trust (Amendment) Bill 2025 (this bill was to convert the ordinance regarding establishing/Constituting a new trust to manage. the Janki temple, being reconstructed with new facilities and infrastructure Spread over 65 acres, into an Act)



- (iv) Bihar Goods and Services Tax (first Amendment) Bill 2025 (Bihar Goods and services Tax (first Amendment) Act 2025
- (v) Bihar Agricultural Land (Development of land for Non-agricultural Purposes) (Amendment) Bill 2025
- (vi) Bihar Underground Pipeline (Amendment) Bill 2025 (Bihar Underground Pipeline (Acquisition of User Rights in Land) (Amendment) Bill 2025

Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum

- ❖ The newly constructed Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum in Vaishali was inaugurated by the Chief Minister on July 29.
- ❖ It has been built on 72 acres of land at a cost of Rs 550.48 crore.
- ❖ The holy urn containing the ashes of Lord Buddha has been installed on the first floor of this museum, which was found during the excavations of 1958-62.
- ❖ Buddhists from around 15 countries will participate in its inauguration program.
- ❖ The remains of Buddha's bones kept in this museum have been recovered from the Mud Stupa of Vaishali which is quite authentic and has also been mentioned by the Chinese traveler Hieun Tsang in his book (Si Yu Ki)
- ❖ The Buddha's ashes are collected from 6 places. These include the remains of the bones found in the Mud Stupa of Vaishali. Since Hieun Tsang mentioned the Mud Stupa, it is considered to be quite authentic.

Statistics on the end of SIR in Bihar

- ❖ Under SIR in Bihar, which started from 25 June 2025, the forms submitted by 7.23 crore voters till 25 July 2025 were uploaded on ECI Net.
- ❖ Important data related to SIR (related to voters)
 - ✓ Number of voters at the time of introduction of SIR = 7.89 crore
 - ✓ Number of forms submitted = 7.23 crore
 - ✓ 22 lakh dead voters
 - ✓ 7 lakh registered at more than one place
 - ✓ 35 lakh are either permanently migrated or traceless
 - ✓ 1.2 lakh voters' forms not submitted yet
- ❖ Statistics related to BLA
 - ✓ Total number of BLA on 23rd June 2025 = 1,38,680
 - ✓ Total number of BLA on 25th July 2025 = 1,60,813
- ❖ Number of major political parties in Bihar = 12
 - (1) RID(2) BSP(3) BJP(4) JDU(5) INC
 - (6) CPI(M)(7) RLSP(8) CPI(ML) (Liberation)(9) RLJP
 - (10) LJP(RV)(11) National Peoples Party(12) AAP
- ❖ During SIR the number of BLAs increased by 16%.
- ❖ The highest percentage increase in BLAs was done by CPI(M) (from 76 BLAs to 899 i.e. an increase of 1083%)
- ❖ The highest increase in the number of BLA was done by BJP (from 51,964 to 53,338 i.e. an increase of 3%)



APEDIA Regional Office at Patna

- ❖ Regional office of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) will be established in Patna.
- ❖ APEDA is the main organization promoting the export of fresh vegetables and fruits.
- ❖ It acts as a vital link between farmers, warehouses, packers, exporters, surface transport, ports, railways, airways and other entrepreneurs engaged in export trade in the international market.
- ❖ Its job is to help in certification, quality control and making the agricultural products exportable as per global standards.
- ❖ Its establishment will help in removing major deficiencies like certification, traceability, packhouse standards.
- ❖ APEDA will boost agricultural exports from Bihar and increase the existing Potential threefold in the next three year
- ❖ In 2023, agricultural exports from Bihar were worth 17.6 million USD. Aim is to increase it three fold.
- ❖ Bihar contributes 71% of country's "Sahi litchi production, 85% of Makhana, 9% of vegetables and 7%

बिहार में सफाई कर्मचारी आयोग का गठन

- ❖ After the approval of Bihar Cabinet, Bihar Safai Karamchari Aayog was formed.
- ❖ It will have one chairman, one vice chairman and 5 members
- ❖ It will have one woman/transgender
- ❖ This commission will give suggestions to the government regarding the interests of sanitation workers and protection of their rights.
- ❖ There are more than 4 lakh sanitation workers in Bihar.
- ❖ At present there are 263 municipal bodies in Bihar which include 19 Municipal Corporations, 88 Municipal Councils and 156 Nagar Panchayats.
- ❖ The number of Panchayats in the state is 8053.

Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya

- ❖ The top of this temple is covered with 289.042 kg of gold.
- ❖ Its cleaning will be done by experts from Thailand from October 12.

MoU for Renewable Energy in Bihar

- ❖ Bihar state Power Generation Company Ltd (BSPGCL) and BREDA (Bihar Renewable Energy Development Agency) under the Energy Department of Bihar State signed two major MOUs at the launching event of Bihar Policy for Promotion of New and Renewable Energy sources 2025 and Bihar Policy for Promotion of Pumped Storage Project 2025 in the state:-



(i) Investment worth Rs 837 crore signed between BSPGCL and LET to set up 116 MW/241 MWh battery energy Storage Project at Kajra.

➤ BSPACE signs Rs 1500 crore investment agreement with NTPC Green to develop 1000 MW Battery Energy storage system (BESS)

(ii) BREDA signs MOU with Avaada Group for setting up 1000 MW round mounted and floating solar projects, subject to feasibility.

➤ BREDA has also signed with SECI (Solar Energy Corporations of India Ltd) for the same purpose.

➤ The cost of executing these two MoUs will be Rs. 3000 crores.

Piprahwa Relic of Buddha

❖ Piprahwa is a village/town located in Siddharthnagar district of Uttar Pradesh.

❖ The site was the burial place of the ashes of Lord Buddha which was given to his Shakya clan. A huge stupa has also been found here.

❖ This stupa was excavated by William Claxton Peppe in 1897.

❖ This relic was taken to England during the British period and was brought back to India through auction in July 2025.

Special guest from Bihar on Independence Day in New Delhi

❖ Total = 56 (Females: 29)

Number of tigers in VTR

❖ At present, the total number of tigers in VTR (West Champaran, Bihar) is 70.

❖ It has 54 tigers and 16 cubs.

❖ NTCA (National Tiger Conservation. Authority) officially counts the number of tigers.

→ It is a statutory body

→ It was established under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. *

→ Established – December 2005

Chariot of Determination

❖ The vehicle used by the Chief Minister for campaigning in the 2025 general elections of Bihar Legislative Assembly has been named Nishchay Rath.

❖ The Chief Minister has clarified his vision through two lists of seven resolves and has said that he will continue to work towards achieving those goals. This is his visual document.

❖ Nimisha Priya's death sentence ended



Operation Mahadev

- ❖ Under Operation Mahadev, the alleged mastermind of the Pahalgam attack, Suleman alias Asif and his accomplice in 2024 were killed by a joint team of 24 Rashtriya Rifles and 4 Para units in the forests of Harwan in the Dachigam area of Kashmir at 11.30 am. Three terrorists named Jibran and Hamza Afgami were killed in an encounter in the attack on Sonamarg tunnel project.
- ❖ One M-4 carbine Rifle, 2 AK-47 rifles and other weapons and a large quantity of ammunition were recovered from the encounter site.



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