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Schemes (10)

• PM SVANidhi — Six Years of Street Vendor Credit Scheme

Body: Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, 1 June 2026.

Detail: PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) completes 6 years; provides **collateral-free working capital loans** to urban street vendors: **₹10,000** (first term) → **₹20,000** → **₹50,000** (on timely repayment); includes a **cash-back incentive** for digital transactions; beneficiaries also registered on PM SVANidhi portal for social security access.

Law: PM SVANidhi launched June 2020 under MoHUA; no specific standalone Act — implemented under the 'Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014'.

Lineage: Covid-relief origin (disrupted street vendors); ~60 lakh loans disbursed by 2025-26; Digital transactions incentivized via UPI/RuPay cashback; beneficiaries covered under PM Svanidhi se Samridhi social security survey.

Exam hook: PM SVANidhi = launched June 2020 / collateral-free / three loan tranches (**₹10k** → **₹20k** → **₹50k**) / MoHUA as nodal ministry / Street Vendors Act 2014 as legal basis.

PIB 2267404 · 2026-06-01

• West Bengal Becomes 36th State/UT to Join AB PM-JAY (Ayushman Bharat)

Body: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, 7 June 2026.

Detail: West Bengal signed the MoU to implement **Ayushman Bharat — Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)** — India's flagship health insurance scheme providing **₹5 lakh/year** per family for secondary and tertiary hospitalisation, covering ~55 crore beneficiaries nationally; West Bengal had previously operated its own 'Swasthya Sathi' scheme and resisted PM-JAY; becoming the 36th State/UT to join brings West Bengal's ~2.3 crore additional families under the scheme.

Law: AB PM-JAY is a centrally sponsored scheme under the National Health Authority (NHA); launched September 2018; NHA administers the scheme; states implement through State Health Agencies (SHAs).

Lineage: AB PM-JAY launched 2018 as the world's largest government-funded health assurance scheme; last holdout states were WB, Delhi, Odisha; Odisha joined 2024; now WB joins.

Exam hook: AB PM-JAY = **₹5 lakh/year/family** / ~55 crore beneficiaries / National Health Authority (NHA) / launched September 2018 / WB = 36th State/UT / Swasthya Sathi was WB's own parallel scheme.

PIB 2270056 · 2026-06-07

• ANRF — ₹200-Crore MAHA Water Mission for Water-Tech Startups

Body: Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), 1 June 2026.

Detail: ANRF launched the **MAHA Water Mission** with a **₹200-crore** outlay to fund water-technology startups in Maharashtra — areas: water purification, wastewater recycling, groundwater management, irrigation efficiency; ANRF provides grants and mentorship to early-stage deep-tech water startups.

Law: ANRF Act 2023; also aligned with the Jal Jeevan Mission (MoJS) and National Water Mission (one of the 8 NAPCC missions) goals on water security.

Lineage: ANRF was given a **₹50,000 crore** 5-year allocation; sectoral missions (water, defence, climate) are a new ANRF mode of funding; linked to India's water-stress challenge (India has 18% global population but ~4% freshwater resources).

Exam hook: ANRF Act 2023 / MAHA Water Mission = **₹200 crore** for water-tech startups / India's freshwater share (~4% with 18% population) / National Water Mission = one of 8 NAPCC missions / Jal Jeevan Mission = rural tap water (MoJS).

PIB 2267551 · 2026-06-01

• A decade of Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)

Body: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Detail: Nationwide celebration of 10 years of PMSMA, which provides free, assured antenatal check-ups to pregnant women on the 9th of every month

Lineage: Launched 2016; targets maternal & infant mortality; complements Janani Suraksha Yojana and Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram

Exam hook: PMSMA = free antenatal care on the 9th of each month / launched 2016

PIB 2270828 · 2026-06-09

• Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana strengthens maternal support

Body: Ministry of Women & Child Development

Detail: PMMVY provides direct cash benefit to pregnant & lactating mothers for wage loss and nutrition; extended support for the second child if a girl

Lineage: A maternity-benefit conditional cash-transfer scheme (DBT); part of Mission Shakti/Saksham Anganwadi

Exam hook: PMMVY = maternity benefit cash transfer / Ministry = Women & Child Development

PIB 2270668 · 2026-06-09

• Centre unveils ₹1.25 lakh crore rural development push from 1 July

Body: Ministry of Rural Development

Detail: New **₹1.25 lakh crore** framework for rural development to roll out from 1 July, integrating livelihoods, housing and infrastructure

Lineage: Builds on MGNREGA, PMAY-Gramin, PMGSY and DAY-NRLM (self-help groups / Lakhpati Didi)

Exam hook: PMAY-G = rural housing / PMGSY = rural roads / DAY-NRLM = livelihood mission

PIB 2270849 · 2026-06-09

• ECLGS 5.0 crosses 1 lakh guarantees; CGSMFI-2.0 limits raised

Body: Ministry of Finance / NCGTC

Detail: Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 crossed 1 lakh guarantees worth over **₹48,000 cr**; credit-guarantee scheme for microfinance extended with higher loan limits

Lineage: ECLGS began in 2020 to support MSMEs during COVID with collateral-free, government-guaranteed loans

Exam hook: ECLGS = collateral-free MSME credit guarantee (2020) / MSME definition revised 2020

PIB 2271251 · 2026-06-10

• PM-KISAN 23rd instalment (₹18,880 cr to 9.44 cr farmers)

Body: Min Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Detail: Released from Tarakeswar, West Bengal; 2.18 cr+ women farmers benefit

Lineage: PM-KISAN (2019): **₹6,000/yr** in 3 instalments via DBT; Central Sector Scheme; income support vs price support (MSP)

Exam hook: PM-KISAN = **₹6000/yr**, 3 instalments, DBT; 23rd instalment **₹18,880 cr**

PIB 2274616 · 2026-06-18

• PM disburses ~₹2,400 cr under PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana

Body: PMO

Detail: Employment Linked Incentive (ELI); one month's wage (up to **₹15,000**) to first-time EPFO registrants; manufacturing & employer support arms

Lineage: Announced Budget 2024-25 (~**₹2 lakh cr** package for jobs/skilling, ~4 cr+ youth); workforce formalisation

Exam hook: PMVBRY = ELI scheme; first-timers' wage support via EPFO; Budget 2024-25

PIB 2275407 · 2026-06-19

• PMAY-Urban 2.0 — 42,000+ houses sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh

Body: MoHUA

Detail: Grih Pravesh for ~38,000 families; part of 'Housing for All'

Lineage: PMAY-U (2015) verticals ISSR/CLSS/AHP/BLC; PMAY-U 2.0 (2024): 1 cr more urban homes; 74th Amendment urban bodies

Exam hook: PMAY-U = 2015; PMAY-U 2.0 (2024) = 1 cr urban houses; 4 verticals

PIB 2275672 · 2026-06-20

Welfare (8)

• NHRC Suo Motu: 53 Maternal Deaths in Sidhi District, Madhya Pradesh

Body: National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), 2 June 2026.

Detail: NHRC took **suo motu cognizance** of reports of **53 maternal deaths** within a year in **Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh** due to lack of adequate healthcare facilities; issued notices to MP Chief Secretary and state Health Secretary; NHRC can recommend compensation and structural remedies but cannot enforce — its recommendations are advisory to the government.

Law: Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 establishes NHRC; Chairman = retired CJI (or retired SC judge); NHRC's suo motu power = PHRA 1993 Section 12(1)(a) — can initiate on its own if public interest demands.

Lineage: India's MMR progress notwithstanding, high-MMR aspirational districts like Sidhi persist; NHRC has issued similar maternal-health notices to Bihar and UP in earlier years.

Exam hook: NHRC = Protection of Human Rights Act 1993 / Chairman = retired CJI / suo motu = self-initiated action / NHRC recommendations are advisory (not binding) / Sidhi MP = example of aspirational-district maternal-health gap.

PIB 2267786 · 2026-06-02

• National Panchayat Awards 2025 — Conferred for Excellence in Local Governance

Body: Ministry of Panchayati Raj, 2 June 2026.

Detail: Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh conferred **National Panchayat Awards 2025** recognising the best-performing gram panchayats across nine themes: poverty-free village, healthy village, child-friendly village, water-sufficient, clean, self-sufficient, good governance, women-friendly and infrastructure-equipped village; aligned with the **Localization of SDGs** agenda.

Law: 73rd Constitutional Amendment, 1992 — established Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs); 11th Schedule lists 29 functions to be devolved; Gram Panchayat is the basic unit of rural self-governance.

Lineage: National Panchayat Awards (earlier called Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme / RGPSA awards); now aligned to SDG localization; MoPR's eGramSwaraj portal is the digital governance tool for panchayats.

Exam hook: 73rd Amendment year = 1992 / 11th Schedule = 29 panchayat functions / 9 award themes / eGramSwaraj = MoPR digital tool / SDG Localization = taking global goals to village level.

PIB 2267843 · 2026-06-02

• West Bengal becomes 36th State/UT to implement Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY

Body: National Health Authority / Ministry of Health

Detail: West Bengal joined PM-JAY, making it operational across all 36 States/UTs

Lineage: PM-JAY (2018) gives ■5 lakh/family/year secondary & tertiary care cover; world's largest public health-insurance scheme; AB PM-JAY now covers all citizens aged 70+

Exam hook: PM-JAY cover = ■5 lakh/family/year / launched 2018 / run by National Health Authority

PIB 2270375 · 2026-06-08

• Garib Kalyan: 12 years of poverty-alleviation and welfare delivery

Body: Government of India (PM & Home Minister addresses)

Detail: Review highlighting a decade-plus of welfare via DBT, financial inclusion and free foodgrains; NITI Aayog data cited ~25 crore people moving out of multidimensional poverty

Lineage: Jan Dhan–Aadhaar–Mobile (JAM) trinity, PMGKAY free foodgrains, Ujjwala LPG, PM Awas

Exam hook: JAM trinity enables DBT / Multidimensional Poverty Index by NITI Aayog–UNDP–OPHI

PIB 2270144 · 2026-06-08

• Health Ministry bans 16 Fixed Dose Combinations (FDCs)

Body: Min Health & Family Welfare

Detail: Prohibited under Section 26A, Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940, on DTAB review, per Supreme Court directions

Lineage: Regulators: CDSCO & DCGI; advisory DTAB/DCC; antimicrobial-resistance & rational-use concern

Exam hook: FDC ban under Sec 26A D&C Act 1940; regulator = CDSCO/DCGI

PIB 2275595 · 2026-06-20

• 'Nirbhay Chetna' — sensitising 17.5 lakh male elected reps on gender

Body: Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Detail: First-of-its-kind under the Nirbhaya Fund; cadre of 28,500 master trainers

Lineage: Nirbhaya Fund (2013, post-2012 case); 73rd Amendment & women's reservation in PRIs; novelty = engaging men

Exam hook: Nirbhaya Fund = 2013; 73rd Amendment PRIs; engaging male reps on gender

PIB 2275588 · 2026-06-20

• DIKSHA — 'One Nation, One Digital Platform' for school education

Body: Ministry of Education

Detail: DIKSHA (2017, NCERT/CIET); component of PM e-Vidya; framed by NEP 2020 & built on NDEAR; serves FLN/NIPUN Bharat; Energised (QR) Textbooks

Exam hook: DIKSHA (2017, NCERT) under PM e-Vidya; NEP 2020; NDEAR architecture

• Anemia Mukht Bharat upgraded to AMB Abhiyaan (7×7×7, T4)

Body: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Detail: AMB (2018) under POSHAN Abhiyaan; 6×6×6 → 7×7×7 (adds LBW infants, 'Eating Right', digital M&E); T3 (Test/Treat/Talk) → T4 (+Track); WHO Hb cut-offs

Exam hook: AMB Abhiyaan: 6×6×6→7×7×7, T3→T4; under POSHAN Abhiyaan

Polity/Bodies (14)

• Supreme Court — Five New Judges Appointed by President

Body: Ministry of Law & Justice; President Murmu approved collegium recommendations, 1 June 2026.

Detail: Five judges elevated to the Supreme Court — appointments on recommendation of the **Supreme Court Collegium** (Chief Justice + 4 senior-most judges); total SC strength raised closer to the sanctioned strength of **34 judges** (1 CJI + 33 others).

Law: Article 124(2) — Supreme Court judges appointed by the President in consultation with the Chief Justice and other SC/HC judges as the President deems necessary; 'consultation' has been interpreted as 'concurrence' by the collegium post-Second Judges Case (1993).

Lineage: Collegium system since **Second Judges Case, 1993**; Third Judges Case, 1998 (advisory opinion) expanded and clarified; NJAC (99th Amendment, 2014) struck down by SC in 2015.

Exam hook: SC sanctioned strength = 34 / collegium composition (CJI + 4 senior-most) / Article 124(2) / NJAC struck down year (2015) / Second Judges Case 1993.

PIB 2267354 · 2026-06-01

• CCPA Acts Against Dark Patterns on Digital Platforms

Body: Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, 3 June 2026.

Detail: CCPA issued notices/actions against e-commerce and digital platforms for **dark patterns** — deceptive design elements that trick users into purchases, subscriptions or data sharing (e.g., hidden charges, forced enrolment, trick questions, disguised advertising); CCPA's 2023 Guidelines on Dark Patterns in e-Commerce define 13 types.

Law: Consumer Protection Act, 2019 creates the CCPA under Section 10; CCPA can issue recall/withdrawal orders, impose penalties up to ■10 lakh; dark patterns guidelines issued under the CPA 2019 framework.

Lineage: CCPA constituted 2020; first major dark-pattern enforcement action 2023; 2026 action is an escalation targeting larger platforms.

Exam hook: CCPA = statutory body under Consumer Protection Act 2019 / 13 dark-pattern types / CCPA vs NCPC (National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission — quasi-judicial) / CPA 2019 replaced CPA 1986.

PIB 2268302 · 2026-06-03

• UPSC Face Authentication Protocol — Used in Prelims 2026

Body: Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), 4 June 2026.

Detail: UPSC deployed a **face-authentication system** (facial recognition + AI matching) at Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination 2026 centres to verify candidate identity and prevent impersonation; a constitutional body under Article 315 — can set its own examination procedures.

Law: Article 315 — UPSC is a constitutional body; Article 320 — functions include recruitment to civil services; UPSC's autonomy: members' removal only by Presidential inquiry under Article 317.

Lineage: UPSC had earlier introduced OMR-based security; face-auth is the latest tech upgrade; India's Digital India framework underpins biometric authentication at national scale.

Exam hook: UPSC = constitutional body under Art 315 / UPSC chair and members removal = Art 317 (President, Inquiry) / CSE = Civil Services Examination (IAS/IPS/IFS) / face-auth as anti-impersonation measure.
PIB 2268879 · 2026-06-04

• Elections to Council of States and State Legislative Councils 2026

Body: Election Commission of India (ECI), 1 June 2026.

Detail: ECI announced schedule for biennial Rajya Sabha elections (18 seats retiring) and Legislative Council elections in states with bicameral legislatures (UP, Maharashtra, Bihar, Karnataka, AP, Telangana); Rajya Sabha members elected by State Legislative Assemblies through Single Transferable Vote (STV) with proportional representation.

Law: Article 80 — composition of Rajya Sabha; Article 171 — State Legislative Councils; Fourth Schedule — allocation of seats to states in Rajya Sabha; Representation of the People Act, 1951.

Lineage: Rajya Sabha has a maximum of 250 members (238 elected + 12 nominated by President); it is a permanent House (never dissolved).

Exam hook: Rajya Sabha election method = STV (MLAs vote) / Fourth Schedule seats / Rajya Sabha cannot be dissolved / nominated 12 = from art/science/literature/social service / states with Legislative Councils (6 states).
PIB 2267512 · 2026-06-01

• PM chairs 11th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog

Body: NITI Aayog

Detail: 11th Governing Council meeting (theme around Viksit Bharat @ 2047 and state-led development) chaired by the PM with all CMs/LGs

Lineage: NITI Aayog (2015) replaced the Planning Commission; a think-tank, not a fund-allocating body; PM is ex-officio Chairperson; has a CEO and Vice-Chairperson

Exam hook: NITI Aayog formed 2015 / Governing Council = PM + all CMs + UT LGs / replaced Planning Commission
PIB 2271043 · 2026-06-10

• First monitoring committee meets under National Cooperation Policy 2025

Body: Ministry of Cooperation

Detail: First meeting of the National-Level Policy Implementation & Monitoring Committee under the new National Cooperation Policy 2025

Lineage: Ministry of Cooperation created in 2021 ('Sahkar se Samridhhi'); cooperatives are in the State List but the Centre frames policy; 97th Amendment added Part IX-B

Exam hook: Ministry of Cooperation created 2021 / 97th Amendment (2011) on cooperative societies
PIB 2270792 · 2026-06-09

• Report on datasets for State Finance Commissions released

Body: Ministry of Panchayati Raj / RBI study

Detail: Report to standardise fiscal datasets for State Finance Commissions, improving devolution to local bodies

Lineage: State Finance Commissions are mandated by Article 243-I (panchayats) & 243-Y (municipalities) every 5 years; the 73rd & 74th Amendments (1992) created local self-government

Exam hook: State Finance Commission = Art 243-I / 73rd & 74th Amendments = 1992 / local bodies = 3rd tier
PIB 2270420 · 2026-06-08

• State 'Family ID' credentials onboarded to DigiLocker

Body: MeitY

Detail: Maharashtra Mahasarathi (~14 cr), MP Samagra, Rajasthan Jan Aadhaar, UP Family ID added; two-way integration to fetch and enrol

Lineage: DigiLocker (2015) under Digital India; part of India Stack DPI (Aadhaar + UPI + data layer); DPDP Act 2023

Exam hook: DigiLocker = 2015; India Stack DPI; Family ID enables targeted welfare/DBT
PIB 2273958 · 2026-06-17

• CCPA fines firms ■1 lakh each for misleading '100%' claims

Body: Min Consumer Affairs

Detail: Storia Foods & Mrs. Bectors penalised for unfair trade practice; '100%' is an absolute claim

Lineage: Consumer Protection Act 2019 created the CCPA; three-tier redressal (District/State/NCDRC); endorser liability

Exam hook: CCPA under Consumer Protection Act 2019; curbs misleading ads
PIB 2276133 · 2026-06-21

• DISHA 2.0 expands access to justice and free legal aid

Body: Ministry of Law & Justice / NALSA

Detail: Article 39A (DPSP) — equal justice and free legal aid; NALSA (1987 Act) and the legal-services authorities; Lok Adalats

Exam hook: Art 39A = free legal aid (DPSP); NALSA under Legal Services Authorities Act 1987

• CPGRAMS monthly reports showcase grievance-redress reform

Body: DARPG

Detail: Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System; DARPG under Ministry of Personnel; good-governance & e-governance

Exam hook: CPGRAMS = online grievance portal under DARPG; good-governance metric

• 50 years of the 1975 Emergency — constitutional provisions revisited

Body: Constitutional / Static GK

Detail: Emergency declared 25 Jun 1975 (Art 352, internal disturbance); Articles 352/356/360; 44th Amendment (1978) replaced 'internal disturbance' with 'armed rebellion' & added safeguards

Exam hook: Art 352 (National), 356 (President's Rule), 360 (Financial); 44th Amend. safeguards

• 10th NCORD meeting & Drug-Control Vision 2026–29

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs

Detail: NCB = nodal drug-enforcement agency (1986) under MHA; NDPS Act 1985 (quantity-graded penalties); NCORD = four-tier coordination forum; Golden Crescent (Afg-Iran-Pak) & Golden Triangle

(Mya-Laos-Thai)

Exam hook: NCB (1986, MHA); NDPS Act 1985; Golden Crescent vs Golden Triangle

• Bharat Taxi — a driver-owned cooperative ride-hailing platform

Body: Ministry of Cooperation

Detail: Ministry of Cooperation (2021), 'Sahkar se Samridhhi'; 97th

Amendment 2011 (Art 19(1)(c), Part IX-B, Art 43-B); cooperatives a State subject (Entry 32); gig-economy ownership model

Exam hook: 97th Amendment 2011 (Part IX-B, Art 43-B); cooperatives = State subject

Economy (22)

• IIP — New Series with Base Year 2022-23 Released

Body: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), 1 June 2026.

Detail: The **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** series has been revised with the new **base year 2022-23** (replacing old 2011-12 base); three components: mining, manufacturing (largest, ~77% weight), electricity; new base captures structural shifts in India's industrial composition post-pandemic.

Law: Base year revision is a standard statistical practice (RBI, CSO guidelines); IIP is released monthly with a 6-week lag by MoSPI.

Lineage: Previous IIP base = 2004-05 → revised to 2011-12; now revised again to 2022-23; each revision recalibrates weights to reflect current industrial structure.

Exam hook: IIP base year = 2022-23 (new) / three components (mining, manufacturing, electricity) / released by MoSPI / manufacturing has largest weight (~77%).
PIB 2267531 · 2026-06-01

• WPI Base Year Revised from 2011-12 to 2022-23

Body: Office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, 2 June 2026.

Detail: The **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** base year revised from 2011-12 to **2022-23**; WPI measures average change in prices of goods at the wholesale/factory gate; three broad groups: primary articles, fuel & power, manufactured products (largest, ~64% weight); used for GDP deflator and as indicator of inflationary pressures upstream.

Lineage: CPI (Consumer Price Index, base 2012) is the RBI's inflation targeting anchor — NOT WPI; WPI and CPI often diverge (input cost inflation vs retail price pass-through lag).

Exam hook: WPI base year = 2022-23 (new) / three groups / released by Office of EA, MoC&I (NOT MoSPI — CPI is MoSPI) / WPI vs CPI distinction / fuel & power component and its link to energy prices.

PIB 2267963 · 2026-06-02

• GDP Provisional Estimates 2025-26: 6.5% Growth

Body: MoSPI (National Statistical Office), 5 June 2026.

Detail: India's GDP (at constant 2011-12 prices) grew an estimated **6.5%** in 2025-26; GVA (Gross Value Added) growth was broadly aligned; services (finance, IT, trade) and manufacturing were key drivers; agriculture growth moderated; GDP deflator and nominal GDP also released.

Lineage: GDP Provisional Estimate is the second estimate (First Advance in Jan, Second Advance in Feb); CSO convention — the first estimate typically revised upward in subsequent releases; India's GDP growth target for 2025-26 was ~6.5-7%.

Exam hook: GDP base year still 2011-12 (even after WPI/IIP base revision) / difference between GDP (includes net taxes) and GVA (excludes taxes + subsidies) / MoSPI releases GDP / provisional estimate timing.

PIB 2269282 · 2026-06-05

• G-Sec Market Deepening and FPI Reforms in Equity Segment

Body: Ministry of Finance / RBI / SEBI, 5 June 2026.

Detail: Major reforms: (a) increase in **Voluntary Retention Route (VRR)** limit for FPI in G-Secs; (b) rationalisation of **Fully Accessible Route (FAR)** category for G-Sec investment; (c) relaxation for FPIs in equity segment — higher short-term holding limits.

Law: FEMA 1999 and RBI Master Direction govern FPI investment in debt; SEBI regulates FPI in equity; G-Secs (Government Securities) are sovereign bonds issued by RBI on behalf of GOI.

Lineage: India was included in JP Morgan GBI-EM bond index (2024) — creating structural inflow demand for G-Secs; reforms build on FAR track (introduced 2020) to accommodate index-linked foreign investment.

Exam hook: FAR (Fully Accessible Route) = FPI route for G-Secs with no investment limit / JP Morgan GBI-EM inclusion (2024) / difference between G-Sec (sovereign bond) and T-Bill (short-term sovereign instrument).

PIB 2269169 · 2026-06-05

• India-US Section 301 Proceedings — India Remains Engaged

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, 3 June 2026.

Detail: India confirmed continued engagement with the US on **Section 301** proceedings — a US trade-law mechanism (Trade Act of 1974) that allows the USTR (US Trade Representative) to investigate and impose retaliatory tariffs on countries whose trade practices are deemed 'unfair'; India was previously under Section 301 review for IP protection, market access for digital trade and data-localisation norms; India and US separately working on a 'framework agreement'.

Lineage: India was removed from the US GSP (Generalised System of Preferences) in 2019; India-US TIFA (Trade and Investment Framework Agreement) is the umbrella for bilateral trade talks; Bilateral Trade Deal negotiations ongoing.

Exam hook: Section 301 = US unilateral trade action mechanism (Trade Act 1974) / USTR = US Trade Representative / GSP (removed 2019) / TIFA framework / India-US trade in goods ~USD 200 billion.

PIB 2268256 · 2026-06-03

• Consumer Price Index released on new base year 2024=100 (May 2026)

Body: Ministry of Statistics & PI (NSO)

Detail: CPI for May 2026 released on the revised base year 2024=100 (from 2012=100), updating the consumption basket and weights

Lineage: CPI compiled by NSO/MoSPI; the RBI targets CPI inflation at 4% (±2%); WPI is being phased out in favour of a Producer Price Index

Exam hook: RBI targets CPI (not WPI) / inflation band = 4% ±2% / CPI by NSO, WPI by DPIIT

PIB 2272112 · 2026-06-12

• Coal Exchange announced to deepen India's energy markets

Body: Ministry of Coal

Detail: Proposed Coal Exchange to enable market-based, transparent coal trading for 'Viksit Bharat'

Lineage: Coal sector opened to commercial mining (2020); India is among the world's largest coal producers; Coal India Ltd is the dominant producer

Exam hook: Commercial coal mining opened 2020 / coal = a 'fossil fuel' under Fuel & Power in the new WPI

PIB 2270501 · 2026-06-09

• 96 firms approved under Textile PLI Round-III; ₹12,822 crore investment

Body: Ministry of Textiles

Detail: 96 companies approved under Round-III of the Textile Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, projecting ₹12,822 cr investment and jobs

Lineage: PLI schemes (across 14 sectors) reward incremental production to build manufacturing & exports under Atmanirbhar Bharat; textile PLI focuses on MMF & technical textiles

Exam hook: PLI = Production-Linked Incentive / textiles target man-made fibre & technical textiles

PIB 2271102 · 2026-06-10

• India secures continued EU market access for aquaculture, honey, eggs

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry / APEDA

Detail: EU extended market access for Indian aquaculture, honey, eggs and animal casings beyond September 2026, protecting key farm exports

Lineage: APEDA promotes agri-exports; the EU is among India's largest trade partners; India-EU FTA under negotiation

Exam hook: APEDA under Ministry of Commerce / India-EU FTA being negotiated

PIB 2270317 · 2026-06-08

• Foreign universities (Bristol, York, UNSW) to set up India campuses

Body: Ministry of Education / UGC

Detail: Letters of approval issued to University of Bristol, University of York and UNSW (Australia) to open campuses in India

Lineage: Enabled by UGC's 2023 foreign-campus regulations under NEP 2020; aims to retain talent and forex spent on overseas study

Exam hook: NEP 2020 / UGC regulates higher education / GIFT City already hosts foreign universities

PIB 2270836 · 2026-06-09

• Second Advance Estimates of horticulture output for 2025-26 released

Body: Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Detail: Second Advance Estimates of area & production of horticultural crops (fruits, vegetables, spices) for 2025-26

Lineage: India is the world's 2nd-largest producer of fruits & vegetables; horticulture output exceeds foodgrains; supports MIDH scheme

Exam hook: India = 2nd-largest producer of fruits & vegetables (after China)

PIB 2271770 · 2026-06-11

• India's first commercial coal-to-ammonium nitrate project (Odisha)

Body: Ministry of Coal

Detail: ₹25,016 cr coal gasification project at Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda (BCGCL); syngas → methanol, urea, ammonium nitrate

Lineage: Coal gasification = syngas (CO+H₂); National Coal Gasification Mission target 100 MT by 2030; import substitution

Exam hook: Coal gasification → ammonium nitrate; Lakhanpur, Odisha; ₹25,016 cr

PIB 2275058 · 2026-06-19

• NMDC drives digitalisation & sustainable mining (Donimalai, 100 MTPA vision)

Body: Ministry of Steel

Detail: NMDC = India's largest iron-ore producer (Navratna PSU); complexes at Bailadila & Donimalai

Lineage: Mining governed by MMDR Act 1957 (2015/2021 auctions); National Steel Policy 2017 target 300 MT by 2030

Exam hook: NMDC = Navratna, largest iron-ore producer; MMDR Act 1957

PIB 2275755 · 2026-06-20

• India becomes the world's top ship-recycling nation

Body: Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways

Detail: Alang (Gujarat) — world's largest ship-breaking yard; Hong Kong International Convention (2025 in force); Recycling of Ships Act 2019; circular economy

Exam hook: India = top ship-recycler; Alang; Hong Kong Convention; circular economy

• Index of Eight Core Industries (May 2026) released

Body: MoSPI / Office of Economic Adviser (DPIIT)

Detail: Eight Core Industries: coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement, electricity; ~40.27% weight in the IIP; a lead indicator

Exam hook: ICI = 8 sectors, 40.27% of IIP weight; refinery products have the highest weight

• Ethanol Blending Programme hits E20 ahead of schedule

Body: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

Detail: E20 = 20% ethanol-blended petrol, achieved ahead of the 2025-26 target; ethanol from sugarcane/grain; cuts oil imports & emissions

Exam hook: E20 achieved early; EBP cuts crude imports; ethanol = first-gen biofuel

• Critical Mineral Mission auctions gain pace — 56 blocks

Body: Ministry of Mines

Detail: National Critical Mineral Mission (2025); lithium, cobalt, REEs etc. vital for clean energy & electronics; reducing import dependence; KABIL

Exam hook: NCMM (2025); critical minerals = lithium/cobalt/REE; 56 blocks auctioned

• Index of Services Production (ISP) launched

Body: MoSPI

Detail: First official high-frequency index for the services sector (an 'IIP for services'); services ≈ 50%+ of GVA; by the National Statistics Office

Exam hook: ISP = services-sector counterpart of the IIP (by MoSPI/NSO)

• 20th National Statistics Day marks Mahalanobis's legacy

Body: MoSPI

Detail: Statistics Day on 29 June (P.C. Mahalanobis's birth anniversary); founder of the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI, Kolkata); 'father of Indian statistics'; Mahalanobis Distance; 2nd Five-Year Plan model

Exam hook: Statistics Day = 29 Jun (Mahalanobis b'day); ISI Kolkata; 2nd FYP model

• MSME sector — from enterprise to empowerment

Body: Ministry of MSME

Detail: Revised MSME classification (investment + turnover, composite criteria); Udyam registration; MSMEs ~30% of GDP & major employment; schemes (CGTMSE, PMEGP)

Exam hook: MSME = composite investment+turnover criteria; Udyam portal; ~30% of GDP

• First export of GI-tagged Rewa Sundarja mango to the UAE

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry / APEDA

Detail: Geographical Indications of Goods Act 1999 (in force 2003); GI Registry Chennai (DPIIT); GI = collective place-based right; first Indian GI = Darjeeling Tea; APEDA facilitates agri-exports

Exam hook: GI Act 1999 (Registry Chennai); GI = collective right; 1st GI = Darjeeling Tea

• P.V. Narasimha Rao's birth anniversary & the 1991 reforms

Body: Modern History / Economy

Detail: 9th PM (1991-96); LPG reforms with FM Manmohan Singh after the 1991 BoP crisis (gold pledged, IMF); end of the Licence Raj; Look East policy; Bharat Ratna 2024

Exam hook: 1991 LPG reforms (Liberalisation/Privatisation/Globalisation); BoP crisis trigger

• India-Oman CEPA (Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement)

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry; signed 1 June 2026.

Detail: India's bilateral CEPA with Oman — covers goods (tariff elimination on ~97% of lines), services and investment; Oman is India's largest trade partner in the Gulf Cooperation Council by share of Indian merchandise exports; India's main exports: gems/jewellery, machinery, chemicals; Oman's exports to India: petroleum, aluminium, chemicals.

Lineage: India's CEPAs so far: UAE (2022), Australia (ECTA, 2022), UK (in negotiation); Oman becomes the 4th GCC country India has a preferential trade deal with (after UAE); India-GCC FTA talks ongoing in parallel.

Exam hook: full form CEPA / what it covers / Oman = GCC nation, capital Muscat, currency Rial Omani / distinguish CEPA (comprehensive) vs FTA (goods only) vs DTAA (tax only).

PIB 2267513 · 2026-06-01

• India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue (2nd Edition)

Body: Ministry of Defence; Raksha Mantri and Australian Deputy PM & Defence Minister co-chaired in New Delhi, 1 June 2026.

Detail: Second India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue; areas covered: maritime security, defence industry co-production, cyber defence, joint exercises; Australia is a Quad partner alongside India, US and Japan.

Lineage: India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2020); Defence Cooperation Agreement; AUSINDEX (bilateral naval exercise) and Malabar (Quad naval exercise) as existing frameworks.

Exam hook: Quad members (India, US, Japan, Australia) / Comprehensive Strategic Partnership year (2020) / AUSINDEX = India-Australia naval exercise / what 2nd Dialogue signals about deepening ties.

PIB 2267486 · 2026-06-01

• India-South Africa: AI, Digital Infrastructure & Advanced Manufacturing Partnership

Body: Ministry of Science & Technology; joint statement after bilateral meeting, 3 June 2026.

Detail: India and South Africa agreed to scale up cooperation in Artificial Intelligence, digital infrastructure and advanced manufacturing; framework for knowledge exchange, co-investment in emerging tech sectors.

Lineage: India-South Africa are BRICS partners; India holds BRICS Chairship 2026; South Africa's Brics membership adds intra-BRICS tech cooperation dimension; India-Africa Forum Summit track (last held 2015, renewal expected).

Exam hook: BRICS 2026 chair = India / South Africa = founding BRICS member / capital Pretoria (executive), Cape Town (legislative), Bloemfontein (judicial) / currency Rand.

PIB 2268311 · 2026-06-03

• India-UK Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory

Body: Ministry of Mines and UK Foreign & Commonwealth Development Office; launched by Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy and UK FS Yvette Cooper, 4 June 2026.

Detail: A new joint Observatory to track and analyse global critical-mineral supply chains — cobalt, lithium, rare earths, nickel needed for EV batteries, semiconductors and defence systems; India and UK will share data, research and policy analysis.

Law: India's Critical Minerals Mission (2024) under the Ministry of Mines; UK's Critical Minerals Strategy (2022).

Lineage: India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2022); India-UK FTA negotiations ongoing as of 2026 — critical minerals framed as a strategic supply-chain cooperation.

Exam hook: which 'critical minerals' (lithium, cobalt, REE) / India-UK FTA status / Critical Minerals Mission (India 2024) / UK capital London / currency Pound Sterling.

PIB 2268900 · 2026-06-04

• India-Venezuela Energy Diplomacy — Diversification of Crude Imports

Body: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas; Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri held talks with Venezuela's Acting President, 5 June 2026.
Detail: India reaffirmed Venezuela's importance in its energy diversification strategy; West Asia tensions (Hormuz) make Latin American crude diversification strategically vital; Venezuela holds the world's largest proven oil reserves (~303 billion barrels, OPEC data).
Lineage: India resumed crude imports from Venezuela in 2023 after a gap; PDVSA (Venezuela's state oil company) is the counterpart; India's crude import basket: Middle East (~60%), Russia (~35%), rest diversified.
Exam hook: Venezuela = largest proven oil reserves globally / PDVSA / capital Caracas / Hormuz dependence context / India's crude import diversification rationale.
 PIB 2269161 · 2026-06-05

• Bharat Innovates 2026 deepens India–France deep-tech partnership

Body: Ministry of Education
Detail: PM Modi & President Macron inaugurated Bharat Innovates 2026 in Nice (first edition abroad), showcasing 120 deep-tech innovations under the India–France Year of Innovation 2026
Lineage: India–France Strategic Partnership since 1998; deepened to Horizon 2047 roadmap; France co-founder of International Solar Alliance with India
Exam hook: India–France partnership = 1998 / ISA co-founded by India & France
 PIB 2272726 · 2026-06-14

• India sends 14 workers to Mauritius under G2G Mobility Partnership

Body: Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
Detail: First batch under the India–Mauritius Government-to-Government Mobility Partnership flagged off, enabling legal, skilled migration
Lineage: Mobility/migration partnerships are a rising tool of economic diplomacy; Mauritius is a key Indian Ocean & diaspora partner (MAHASAGAR/SAGAR launched there)
Exam hook: Mauritius capital = Port Louis / SAGAR (2015) & MAHASAGAR (2025) unveiled in Mauritius
 PIB 2271236 · 2026-06-10

• INSA convenes BRICS Science Academies on AI for sustainable development

Body: Indian National Science Academy (INSA)
Detail: Landmark BRICS science-academies meeting on harnessing AI for sustainable development, under India's science diplomacy
Lineage: BRICS = Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa + new members (Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE, etc.); expanded from 2024
Exam hook: BRICS original 5 members / expanded 'BRICS+' from 2024 / New Development Bank HQ = Shanghai
 PIB 2270686 · 2026-06-09

• 13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum concludes in New Delhi with a Declaration

Body: Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (India's BRICS Chairship)
Detail: Forum adopted a Declaration on inclusive and resilient urban futures, under India's BRICS chairship
Lineage: India holds the BRICS chair; urbanisation, agriculture and finance are key tracks; links to SDG 11 (sustainable cities)
Exam hook: SDG 11 = Sustainable Cities / India chairs BRICS this cycle
 PIB 2272320 · 2026-06-12

• BRICS 'Indore Declaration' adopted at 16th Agriculture Ministers' Meeting

Body: Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Detail: Under India's chairship, the 16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting (Indore) adopted the 'Indore Declaration', a charter placing farmers at the heart of global agricultural cooperation
Lineage: BRICS agri-cooperation; food security & resilient supply chains; complements India's millets (Shree Anna) push
Exam hook: Indore Declaration = BRICS agriculture / 2023 was International Year of Millets
 PIB 2272502 · 2026-06-13

• India–UK CETA to enter into force on 15 July 2026

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Detail: Free Trade Agreement giving zero-duty access on ~99% of India's exports to the UK (~100% of trade value); Double Contribution Convention extended 3→5 years; services across 137 sub-sectors
Lineage: India's major FTAs: UAE CEPA (2022), Australia ECTA, EFTA TEPA; bilateral FTAs rising as WTO multilateralism stalls
Exam hook: India–UK CETA in force 15 Jul 2026; DCC 3→5 yrs; ~99% exports zero-duty
 PIB 2274280 · 2026-06-17

• PM Modi attends G7 Summit (France's Presidency, Evian) as outreach invitee

Body: Prime Minister's Office
Detail: Addressed sessions on inclusive growth and 'safe, rapid AI rollout'; bilaterals with UK, UAE, Germany, EU
Lineage: G7 = US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, Japan (+EU); India is NOT a member but a regular outreach invitee; India is in G20 & BRICS
Exam hook: India = G7 outreach guest, not member; G20 member (hosted 2023)
 PIB 2274143 · 2026-06-17

• First BRICS MSME Forum & 3rd SME Working Group, Agra

Body: Ministry of MSME
Detail: Theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, Sustainability'; India's BRICS Chairship 2026
Lineage: BRICS expanded 2024-25 (Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE, Indonesia + original 5); MSME ~30% of GDP, ~45% of exports
Exam hook: BRICS chair 2026 = India; MSME ~30% GDP; revised definition 2020
 PIB 2274457 · 2026-06-18

• India to assume FATF Vice-Presidency for the first time

Body: Ministry of Finance
Detail: Shri Vivek Aggarwal (IAS) elected VP for July 2026–June 2027; VP elected by FATF Plenary
Lineage: FATF (1989, G7; HQ Paris/OECD) = global AML/CFT standard-setter; grey & black lists; India joined 2010
Exam hook: FATF VP (India, 1st time); FATF founded 1989, Paris; AML/CFT body
 PIB 2275528 · 2026-06-19

• India to host 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting (Gurugram, 25–26 Jun)

Body: Ministry of Power
Detail: Energy Track theme '■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ / Energy for All'; India's 4th BRICS chairship (2012/16/21/26)
Lineage: India targets 500 GW non-fossil by 2030, net-zero 2070; BRICS = Global South energy bloc
Exam hook: BRICS Energy Ministers, Gurugram; India chair 2026; 500 GW by 2030
 PIB 2276137 · 2026-06-21

• India–US Bilateral Trade Agreement talks advance (USTR Greer in Delhi)

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Detail: Proposed India–US BTA; tariff & market-access negotiations; USTR = US Trade Representative; bilateral trade architecture
Exam hook: India–US BTA under negotiation; USTR = US Trade Representative

• India–Oman CEPA: first Varanasi biscuit export

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Detail: Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement; Oman is a Gulf/GCC partner; CEPA covers goods+services+investment (broader than a goods FTA)
Exam hook: CEPA > goods-FTA (adds services & investment); India–Oman = Gulf partner

Defence (6)

• Raksha Mantri Doubles Financial Powers of Field Commanders

Body: Ministry of Defence, 4 June 2026.

Detail: Raksha Mantri approved a **two-fold increase in the financial ceiling** for Field Commanders (Corps Commanders and equivalent) for emergency procurement — enabling faster acquisition of equipment, stores and services during operational situations without referring to higher authority; part of delegating financial authority to war-fighting formations.

Lineage: India's defence procurement reforms under Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020; prior financial delegation rounds in 2018 and 2022; enhances 'Mission Mode' operational readiness; linked to the post-Galwan reforms accelerating acquisition.

Exam hook: Field Commander = Corps Commander level and above / DAP 2020 = Defence Acquisition Procedure (replaced DPP 2016) / delegated financial authority = faster emergency procurement / context: Galwan 2020 as trigger for faster procurement reforms.

PIB 2268807 · 2026-06-04

• INS Chilka — Passing Out Parade, 01/26 Batch

Body: Indian Navy, 5 June 2026.

Detail: **INS Chilka** is the Indian Navy's premier **Recruit Training Establishment** located at **Chilka Lake, Odisha** — the largest coastal lagoon in Asia; the 01/26 batch of naval recruits completed basic training and passed out; INS Chilka trains all new naval entrants before assignment to ships and establishments.

Lineage: Commissioned in 1978; INS Chilka is a 'stone frigate' (shore establishment named as a warship by tradition); Chilka Lake is a **Ramsar site** (wetland of international importance, listed 1981 — India's first).

Exam hook: INS Chilka = Navy recruit training / location = Chilka Lake, Odisha / Chilka = largest coastal lagoon in Asia + India's first Ramsar site (1981) / 'stone frigate' = shore naval establishment.

PIB 2269289 · 2026-06-05

• Major Abhilasha Barak — UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award

Body: Ministry of Defence / United Nations, 7 June 2026.

Detail: **Major Abhilasha Barak** (Indian Army) conferred the **UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award** — awarded by the UN Secretary-General to military personnel serving in UN Peacekeeping Operations who have shown commitment to implementing UNSCR 1325 (Women, Peace and Security) and integrating gender perspective; Major Barak is the **first Indian woman to receive this award**.

Law: UNSCR 1325 (2000) — landmark resolution on Women, Peace and Security; India is one of the largest contributors to UN peacekeeping (troops + police).

Lineage: India's largest UN peacekeeping contributions include missions in Congo (MONUSCO), South Sudan (UNMISS), Lebanon (UNIFIL); Indian women in peacekeeping since 2007 (all-female FPU in Liberia).

Exam hook: UNSCR 1325 = Women, Peace and Security (year 2000) / India's UN peacekeeping rank (top 3 troop/police contributors) / Major Barak = first Indian woman to win this award / UN SG confers this award.

PIB 2269987 · 2026-06-07

• Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth named next Chief of the Army Staff

Body: Government of India

Detail: Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth (Vice Chief, NDA alumnus, Armoured Corps) to take over as COAS on 30 June 2026, succeeding Gen Upendra Dwivedi

Lineage: Service Chiefs appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet; supreme command vests in the President (Art 53)

Exam hook: Chiefs appointed by ACC / President = Supreme Commander / Army has 7 commands

PIB 2272460 · 2026-06-13

• Defence production at record ■1.78 lakh crore (FY2025-26)

Body: Ministry of Defence

Detail: Up 15.6% YoY and 110% since FY21; private sector ~24% (■42,000 cr); defence exports record ■38,424 crore

Lineage: Aatmanirbhar Bharat: DAP 2020 Buy(Indian-IDDM), iDEX, 2 corridors (UP, TN), OFB corporatisation 2021 → 7 DPSUs

Exam hook: Defence production ■1.78 L cr; exports ■38,424 cr; export target ■50,000 cr by 2029

PIB 2273824 · 2026-06-17

• India effectively free from Left-Wing Extremism (declared 31 Mar 2026)

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs

Detail: Culmination of pillars Vishwaas-Nirman-Jan Kalyan: security ops + development + surrenders

Lineage: LWE/Naxalism since Naxalbari 1967; 'Red Corridor'; forces CRPF/CoBRA/Greyhounds; MHA SAMADHAN doctrine

Exam hook: Naxalism origin = Naxalbari 1967; SAMADHAN doctrine; CoBRA = CRPF jungle unit

PIB 2275082 · 2026-06-19

Environment (9)

• India's 100th Ramsar Site — Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Bihar)

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC), 5 June 2026.

Detail: **Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary** (Kanwar Lake, **Begusarai district, Bihar**) designated as India's **100th Ramsar site** — a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention (1971); Kanwar Lake is one of Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lakes, a critical habitat for migratory birds including the bar-headed goose, northern pintail and Eurasian wigeon.

Law: Ramsar Convention — signed 1971, in force 1975; India signed 1982; sites listed under Ramsar's 'List of Wetlands of International Importance'.

Lineage: India's first Ramsar sites: Chilka Lake & Keoladeo Ghana (both 1981); India now has 100 sites — largest in the world by number (overtook UK in 2022); total Ramsar-protected area ~1.35 million hectares.

Exam hook: India's 100th Ramsar = Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary, Bihar / India's first Ramsar sites = Chilka (Odisha) + Keoladeo (Rajasthan), 1981 / India = most Ramsar sites globally / Ramsar Convention year = 1971.

PIB 2269189 · 2026-06-05

• CAQM Enforcement Review — 245 Inspections in NCR, May 2026

Body: Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM), 6 June 2026.

Detail: CAQM's Enforcement Task Force conducted **245 inspections** across NCR (Delhi, Haryana, UP, Rajasthan) between 11–29 May 2026; inspected industries, brick kilns, construction sites, diesel generator sets; significant violations in Haryana and UP districts; CAQM can direct closure of units and impose penalties under the CAQM Act 2021.

Law: CAQM Act, 2021 — statutory body replacing the EPCA (Environment Pollution Prevention & Control Authority, a Supreme Court-created body); CAQM has powers overriding state governments within NCR; penalties under Environment Protection Act 1986 also invoked.

Lineage: EPCA replaced by CAQM via the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021; first such statutory body for regional air quality management in India.

Exam hook: CAQM Act = 2021 / replaced EPCA / CAQM jurisdiction = Delhi + NCR districts of Haryana, UP, Rajasthan / CAQM > state governments on air quality in NCR (overriding power) / GRAP (Graded Response Action Plan) is CAQM's enforcement tool.

PIB 2269842 · 2026-06-06

• 18 Namoo Oxygen Parks Inaugurated in Delhi on World Environment Day

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change + Delhi Government, 5 June 2026.

Detail: Union Environment Minister inaugurated **18 Namoo Oxygen Parks** in Delhi — green lung spaces with high-density plantation, oxygen-releasing tree species, walking paths and air quality monitoring stations; Delhi's PM2.5 levels are among the worst in the world; green cover enhancement is a key CAQM mandate for NCR.

Lineage: World Environment Day = 5 June every year (UN); theme 2026: 'Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience'; India's first National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) 2008 includes the Green India Mission; Urban Forestry guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act.

Exam hook: World Environment Day = 5 June / WED theme 2026 / Namoo Oxygen Parks as a green-lungs initiative / Delhi's PM2.5 levels / Green India Mission (one of 8 NAPCC missions).

PIB 2269191 · 2026-06-05

• Project GIB captive stock of Great Indian Bustard reaches 94

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Detail: Three new chicks took captive stock to 94; conservation breeding (incl. artificial insemination) fights extinction of the critically endangered bird
Lineage: Great Indian Bustard = State Bird of Rajasthan, Desert National Park; threatened by power lines (subject of a Supreme Court case)
Exam hook: GIB = Critically Endangered / State Bird of Rajasthan / power-line threat & SC ruling
 PIB 2272725 · 2026-06-14

• Home Minister chairs review on Yamuna rejuvenation

Body: Ministry of Jal Shakti / Govt of NCT Delhi
Detail: High-level review of Yamuna cleaning — sewage treatment, drain interception and flow restoration in Delhi
Lineage: Yamuna is the largest tributary of the Ganga; cleaning falls under the National River Conservation Plan & Namami Gange-linked efforts
Exam hook: Yamuna = tributary of Ganga / originates at Yamunotri (Uttarakhand)
 PIB 2270426 · 2026-06-08

• World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought (17 June)

Body: MoEF&CC
Detail: India brought 21.76 mn ha under restoration vs 26 mn ha Bonn Challenge 2030 target; Aravalli Green Wall surpassed targets; 2nd Bonn Challenge progress report
Lineage: Observed under UNCCD — one of the three Rio Conventions (with UNFCCC, CBD); India hosted UNCCD COP14 (2019, Delhi)
Exam hook: UNCCD day = 17 June; Bonn Challenge target 26 mn ha by 2030
 PIB 2273884 · 2026-06-17

• President visits Kuno National Park; reviews Project Cheetah

Body: President's Secretariat / MoEF&CC
Detail: 8 cheetahs from Botswana reached Kuno (Feb 2026); Project Cheetah launched 17 Sep 2022
Lineage: World's first intercontinental large-carnivore reintroduction; cheetah extinct in India 1952; led by NTCA (WPA 1972)
Exam hook: Project Cheetah = 17 Sep 2022, Kuno NP (MP); NTCA; cheetah extinct 1952
 PIB 2276382 · 2026-06-21

• Global Wind Day 2026 conference (Goa, 15 June)

Body: MNRE
Detail: Theme 'Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration'; India is the world's 4th-largest wind market
Lineage: Wind target 100 GW by 2030, 155 GW by 2035; bodies SECI/IREDA/NIWE; offshore wind push
Exam hook: India = 4th wind market; wind target 100 GW by 2030; SECI auctions
 PIB 2272081 · 2026-06-15

• NMCG scales up urban River Management Plans under Namami Gange

Body: Jal Shakti / NMCG
Detail: National Mission for Clean Ganga; Namami Gange (2014); River-Centric Urban Planning / URMP; Ganga is the National River (2008)
Exam hook: Namami Gange (2014) under NMCG; Ganga = National River (2008)

Sci/Tech (9)

• CSIR Green Hydrogen Catalyst — 'Catalyst That Transforms to Perform'

Body: CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) / DST, 4 June 2026.
Detail: CSIR researchers developed a novel **catalyst for green hydrogen production** via water electrolysis — a key technical challenge in making green hydrogen (produced using renewable electricity) cost-competitive with grey hydrogen (from natural gas); the catalyst achieves higher efficiency at lower cost using earth-abundant materials.
Law: National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), 2023 — targets 5 MMT of green hydrogen production per year by 2030; MNRE as nodal ministry; SIGHT (Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition) as the implementation framework.
Lineage: India's NGHM 2023 envisions ■19,744 crore outlay; green hydrogen exports as a long-term goal; CSIR-NCL and CSIR-IIP are key labs in this effort.
Exam hook: Green hydrogen = produced via electrolysis using renewable energy (vs grey hydrogen from natural gas, blue hydrogen = grey + CCS) / NGHM 2023 target = 5 MMT by 2030 / MNRE as nodal ministry / CSIR = Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.
 PIB 2268866 · 2026-06-04

• ANRF Launches Portal for Patent Filing and Research Paper Training

Body: Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Ministry of Science & Technology, 4 June 2026.
Detail: ANRF launched a dedicated portal to train researchers in **patent filing** (both national — Indian Patent Office — and international — PCT under WIPO) and research-paper writing; aims to raise India's patent filing rate and improve quality of publications; ANRF also announced a ■200-crore MAHA (Maharashtra) Water Mission for startup support in water tech.
Law: ANRF Act, 2023 (replaced the Science and Engineering Research Board / SERB Act 2008); ANRF is a statutory body chaired by the PM and governed by a Governing Board including DST, DBT, CSIR; ■50,000 crore allocation over 5 years.
Lineage: SERB (2009-2023) → ANRF from 2023; ANRF's mandate: fund, promote and mentor S&T research across academia, industry and govt labs.
Exam hook: ANRF = replaced SERB / ANRF Act 2023 / PM chairs ANRF Governing Board / PCT = Patent Cooperation Treaty (WIPO-administered) / IPO = Indian Patent Office (under DPIIT, not DST).
 PIB 2268946 · 2026-06-04

• 100 Years of Solar Observation Data — New Clues on Sun's 11-Year Activity Cycle

Body: ISRO / Kodaikanal Solar Observatory (Centenary celebration); 5 June 2026.
Detail: A century of solar observation data from the **Kodaikanal Solar Observatory** (Tamil Nadu, operated by IIA — Indian Institute of Astrophysics) revealed new clues on how sunspot numbers at the Sun's surface track the **11-year solar activity cycle** (Schwabe Cycle); implications for space weather, satellite communications, GPS accuracy and terrestrial climate.
Lineage: Kodaikanal Solar Observatory established 1899 (British era); the IIA (Bengaluru) is a Government of India autonomous institute under DST; India's Aditya-L1 (launched 2023, at L1 Lagrange point) is India's first solar observatory satellite — ongoing parallel mission.
Exam hook: 11-year solar cycle = Schwabe Cycle / sunspot activity = proxy for solar output / Kodaikanal Solar Observatory = 1899 / Aditya-L1 = India's first solar mission (Lagrange point L1) / IIA = Indian Institute of Astrophysics (Bengaluru, DST).
 PIB 2269294 · 2026-06-05

• India's space economy set to reach USD 45 billion; 400+ startups

Body: Ministry of Science & Technology
Detail: Space economy to grow ~5x to USD 40–45 bn in a decade on private participation and 400+ startups
Lineage: Regulator = IN-SPACe; commercial arm = NSIL; 2020 reforms opened the sector; Chandrayaan-3 south-pole landing (23 Aug 2023)
Exam hook: IN-SPACe regulates private space / NSIL = commercial arm / National Space Day = 23 Aug
 PIB 2272658 · 2026-06-14

• India's bioeconomy crosses USD 190 billion; target USD 300 bn by 2030

Body: Ministry of Science & Technology / Dept of Biotechnology
Detail: Bioeconomy grew ~from USD 10 bn (2014) to over USD 190 bn, targeting USD 300 bn by 2030, driven by the BioE3 Policy
Lineage: BioE3 (2024) = Biotechnology for Economy, Environment & Employment; India = 'pharmacy of the world', largest vaccine maker
Exam hook: BioE3 = 2024, under Dept of Biotechnology / bioeconomy target = \$300 bn by 2030
 PIB 2273071 · 2026-06-13

• Tarapur reactors — world's oldest operating; 10-year life extension

Body: Department of Atomic Energy
Detail: TAPS Units 1&2 (commissioned 1969) cleared by AERB for ~10 more years; run by NPCIL
Lineage: Bhabha's 3-stage programme (PHWR → FBR → thorium); bodies DAE/AEC/BARC/NPCIL/AERB
Exam hook: TAPS-1&2 (1969) = oldest operating reactors; 3-stage nuclear programme
 PIB 2274057 · 2026-06-17

• NIXI marks 23rd Foundation Day

Body: MeitY
Detail: National Internet Exchange of India — runs Internet Exchange Points + the '.IN' registry + IRINN (IP allotment)
Lineage: IXP keeps domestic traffic local (faster, cheaper); data-sovereignty; India ~900 mn+ users
Exam hook: NIXI manages '.IN' ccTLD + IXPs + IRINN; est. 2003
 PIB 2274704 · 2026-06-18

• 'India's Space Odyssey' — a decade of space milestones

Body: Department of Space
Detail: Chandrayaan-3 (lunar south pole), Aditya-L1, Gaganyaan prep; space start-ups 1 (2014) → 400+ (2026)
Lineage: Reforms 2020: IN-SPACe (regulator), NSIL (commercial arm); Indian Space Policy 2023; up to 100% FDI
Exam hook: Chandrayaan-3 = south pole; IN-SPACe = regulator; NSIL = commercial arm
 PIB 2276117 · 2026-06-21

• Digital India at 11 — AI, semiconductors & DPI

Body: MeitY
Detail: Digital India (2015); DPI/India Stack (Aadhaar, UPI, DBT on JAM trinity); IndiaAI Mission (■10,372 cr, 45,000+ GPUs); India Semiconductor Mission (■1.64 lakh cr / 12 projects)
Exam hook: DPI=India Stack; IndiaAI Mission ■10,372 cr; semiconductors = electronics 3rd-largest export

Infra (12)

• Third Mountain Tunnel Breakthrough — Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project

Body: National High Speed Rail Corporation (NHSRCL), Ministry of Railways, 2 June 2026.
Detail: Third mountain tunnel breakthrough achieved in the **Maharashtra section** of the **Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) corridor** — the 508 km bullet-train project using **Shinkansen (E5 series)** technology from Japan, with a design speed of **320 km/h**; the Maharashtra section includes a 21-km undersea tunnel under Thane Creek (India's first, and Asia's longest undersea rail tunnel).
Lineage: MAHSR agreement signed 2017 (PM Modi and Japanese PM Abe); JICA provides 81% of cost as soft loan at 0.1% interest; target opening 2026 (delayed; revised); NHSRCL is the implementing agency.
Exam hook: MAHSR = 508 km / Shinkansen E5 technology / JICA loan (81%, 0.1%) / undersea tunnel under Thane Creek (21 km, India's first / Asia's longest undersea rail tunnel) / NHSRCL = National High Speed Rail Corporation.
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• First Flex-Fuel Passenger Vehicle Launched in India — E85 Fuel Initiative

Body: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas; Hardeep Singh Puri launched the first flex-fuel passenger vehicle, 4 June 2026.
Detail: India's first commercially available **Flex-Fuel passenger vehicle** (FFV) launched — capable of running on any blend from E20 (20% ethanol) to **E85 (85% ethanol)** without modification; E85 is priced ~■20 below petrol; FFVs are mandatory in Brazil and widely used in the US; India's Ethanol Blending Programme targets E20 by 2025 for mainstream fleet.
Law: National Biofuel Policy 2018 (revised 2022) mandates ethanol blending; E20 notified as standard automobile fuel for regular vehicles; FFVs require no engine modification for ethanol blends up to E85.
Lineage: India's EBP reached ~14% blending in 2023-24 (vs target 20%); E85 is the next step for the FFV segment; sourced from sugarcane, maize, damaged foodgrains; farmer income support is a key co-benefit.
Exam hook: E85 = 85% ethanol blend / FFV = flex-fuel vehicle (can run E20 to E85) / EBP target = E20 by 2025 / National Biofuel Policy 2018 / ethanol from sugarcane/maize/grain = farmer income link.
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• NFDC Restores 8 Ritwik Ghatak Films in 4K

Body: National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) / National Film Archive of India (NFAI), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, 3 June 2026.
Detail: NFDC-NFAI undertook 4K digital restoration of **eight iconic films** by **Ritwik Ghatak** (1925-1976) — one of India's greatest parallel-cinema directors; films include Meghe Dhaka Tara (1960), Komal Gandhar (1961), Subarnarekha (1962); restoration involves frame-by-frame digital repair, colour grading and audio remastering; films will be released for global audiences at international film festivals.
Lineage: NFAI is the national archive of Indian cinema (Pune); under the NFDC; India's film heritage preservation is aligned with UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme; Ghatak's work is considered foundational for Bengali parallel cinema and influenced Satyajit Ray era.
Exam hook: Ritwik Ghatak (1925-1976) = parallel cinema pioneer / Meghe Dhaka Tara, Komal Gandhar = iconic works / NFDC = National Film Development Corporation (MIB) / NFAI = National Film Archive of India (Pune) / 4K restoration = heritage preservation.
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• Praggnanandhaa at Norway Chess 2026 — Indian Challenge in Super Tournament

Body: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; PM felicitated, 6 June 2026.
Detail: **R. Praggnanandhaa** (born 2005, Tamil Nadu) — India's youngest Grandmaster at the time of his GM title (2018) — performed strongly at **Norway Chess 2026** (Stavanger), one of the world's elite chess tournaments; Norway Chess is rated as one of the strongest open-round-robin super-tournaments alongside Tata Steel (Wijk aan Zee) and Grand Chess Tour events.
Lineage: India's chess rise: Viswanathan Anand (5-time World Champion, first non-Russian/Soviet world champion in modern era); Praggnanandhaa reached World Chess Championship Final (2023, lost to Ding Liren); Magnus Carlsen (Norway) is the world's highest-rated player; India = dominant force in team chess (Chess Olympiad 2022 gold, 2024 gold).
Exam hook: Praggnanandhaa = India's chess prodigy, youngest GM at 12 years 10 months (2018) / FIDE = governing body of world chess (headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland) / Chess Olympiad 2022 = India won both open and women's gold / World Chess Championship 2023 = Ding Liren beat Praggnanandhaa.
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• SAFF Women's Championship 2026 — Indian Women's Football Team Champions

Body: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; PM congratulated, 7 June 2026.

Detail: Indian Women's Football Team won the **SAFF Women's Championship 2026** (South Asian Football Federation Women's Championship) — a regional tournament for South Asian nations including India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives, Pakistan; India is the dominant force in the championship; AIFF (All India Football Federation) governs Indian football.

Lineage: SAFF = South Asian Football Federation (Dhaka, Bangladesh); India has won the SAFF Women's Championship multiple times; global women's football body = FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association, Zurich); India's women's team ranked in the Asia zone by AFC (Asian Football Confederation).

Exam hook: SAFF = South Asian Football Federation / SAFF Women's Championship 2026 = India won / AIFF = All India Football Federation / FIFA HQ = Zurich, Switzerland / AFC = Asian Football Confederation / SAFF members (7 nations).

PIB 2269986 · 2026-06-07

• Historic breakthrough achieved at the Zojila Tunnel project

Body: Ministry of Road Transport & Highways / NHIDCL

Detail: Major breakthrough at the Zojila Tunnel, set to be Asia's longest bi-directional road tunnel, giving all-weather connectivity between Srinagar and Ladakh

Lineage: Crosses the Zojila Pass (NH-1) on the Greater Himalayas; strategically vital for Ladakh access year-round

Exam hook: Zojila Tunnel = Srinagar–Leh all-weather link / Zojila Pass connects Kashmir & Ladakh

PIB 2270874 · 2026-06-09

• Cabinet approves Ahmedabad Metro Rail Phase-2A

Body: Union Cabinet / Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

Detail: Approved the Koteswar Road–Airport corridor under Ahmedabad Metro Phase-2A to expand urban transit

Lineage: Metro projects support sustainable urban mobility (SDG 11) and ease congestion; funded via Centre–state SPVs

Exam hook: Metro = mass rapid transit / SDG 11 = sustainable cities

PIB 2271056 · 2026-06-10

• 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2026 announced

Body: Ministry of Information & Broadcasting / NFDC

Detail: 19th MIFF (15–21 June 2026, Mumbai) — Asia's oldest festival for documentary, short & animation films

Lineage: MIFF began in 1990; top award = the Golden Conch (Suvarna Shankh); organised by NFDC

Exam hook: MIFF = documentary/short films, Mumbai / top prize = Golden Conch

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• Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (2024 & 2025) announced

Body: Ministry of Culture / Sangeet Natak Akademi

Detail: Akademi Ratna (Fellowship), Akademi Puraskar and Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar announced for 2024 & 2025

Lineage: Sangeet Natak Akademi (1952) = India's national academy for music, dance & drama; one of three national academies (with Sahitya & Lalit Kala)

Exam hook: SNA = performing arts (1952) / Sahitya Akademi = literature / Lalit Kala = fine arts

PIB 2271371 · 2026-06-10

• ₹18,907 cr for 26,474 km rural roads under PMGSY (FY27)

Body: Ministry of Rural Development

Detail: Push on last-mile connectivity, e-MARG quality monitoring, RCPLWEA for LWE areas

Lineage: PMGSY (2000): all-weather rural connectivity; phases I–IV; complements 73rd Amendment local governance

Exam hook: PMGSY = 2000; e-MARG monitoring; RCPLWEA for LWE districts

PIB 2274391 · 2026-06-18

• 12th International Day of Yoga (21 June)

Body: Ministry of AYUSH

Detail: Yoga Sangam portal crossed 6 lakh organisation registrations; PM led from Kolkata's Red Road

Lineage: IDY since 2015 (UNGA 2014, proposed by India, 177 co-sponsors); 21 June = summer solstice; Yoga = UNESCO ICH 2016

Exam hook: IDY = 21 June since 2015; UN resolution 2014; AYUSH ministry

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• Indian women's hockey team wins FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup

Body: PMO / Hockey India

Detail: PM congratulated the team; Nations Cup winner is promoted to the FIH Pro League

Lineage: India's Olympic hockey legacy (8 golds); Major Dhyan Chand (National Sports Day, 29 Aug)

Exam hook: Women's hockey wins FIH Nations Cup; Dhyan Chand = National Sports Day 29 Aug

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