

NDA Monthly Compendium

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- Entries are grouped by theme; every figure is drawn from in-window PIB press releases.

Schemes (2)

- AB PM-JAY — West Bengal Becomes 36th State/UT to Join**
Body: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare / National Health Authority (NHA), 7 June 2026
Detail: West Bengal signed MoU to implement **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY** — Rs 5 lakh/year/family health insurance for secondary and tertiary hospitalisation; ~55 crore beneficiaries nationally; WB had operated own 'Swasthya Sathi' scheme; WB = 36th State/UT
Law: AB PM-JAY = Centrally Sponsored Scheme under NHA; launched September 2018; world's largest government-funded health assurance scheme
Lineage: Last holdouts: WB (joined 2026), earlier Delhi and Odisha (Odisha joined 2024); NHA → State Health Agencies (SHAs) implement at state level
Exam hook: AB PM-JAY = Rs 5 lakh/year/family / launched September 2018 / NHA = National Health Authority / WB = 36th / Swasthya Sathi = WB's own parallel scheme / ~55 crore beneficiaries
[PIB 2270056 · 2026-06-07](#)
- PM SVANidhi — Six Years of Street Vendor Credit Scheme**
Body: Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), 1 June 2026
Detail: **PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)** completes 6 years; collateral-free working capital loans: Rs 10,000 (1st) → Rs 20,000 (2nd) → Rs 50,000 (3rd tranche on timely repayment); digital transaction cashback incentive; ~60 lakh loans disbursed
Law: PM SVANidhi launched June 2020 under MoHUA; legal basis = Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014
Exam hook: PM SVANidhi = June 2020 / MoHUA / collateral-free / 3 tranches: Rs 10k → Rs 20k → Rs 50k / Street Vendors Act 2014 = legal basis / digital transaction incentive via cashback
[PIB 2267404 · 2026-06-01](#)

Polity/Bodies (2)

- Supreme Court — Five New Judges Appointed by President**
Body: Ministry of Law & Justice, 1 June 2026
Detail: President Murmu approved appointment of five judges to the Supreme Court on collegium recommendation; Supreme Court sanctioned strength = **34 judges** (1 CJI + 33 others)
Law: Article 124(2) — SC judges appointed by President in consultation with CJI and other SC/HC judges; 'consultation' = 'concurrence' since Second Judges Case 1993; removal = Presidential address after SC inquiry (Article 124(4))
Lineage: Collegium system since 1993 (Second Judges Case); NJAC (99th Amendment, 2014) struck down by SC in 2015; Third Judges Case 1998 expanded collegium to CJI + 4 senior-most SC judges
Exam hook: SC sanctioned strength = 34 / Article 124(2) = appointment / collegium = CJI + 4 senior-most / NJAC struck down = 2015 / removal = Art 124(4), Presidential address after inquiry
[PIB 2267354 · 2026-06-01](#)

UPSC Face Authentication Deployed in Civil Services Prelims 2026

Body: Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), 4 June 2026
Detail: UPSC deployed facial recognition + AI-based face authentication at CSE Prelims 2026 centres — verifies candidate identity, prevents impersonation; UPSC is an autonomous constitutional body under Article 315
Law: Article 315 — UPSC establishment / Article 316 — appointment (Chairman + members by President) / Article 317 — removal (Presidential inquiry) / Article 320 — functions (public service recruitment, disciplinary matters)
Exam hook: Article 315 = UPSC / Chairman and members = appointed by President (Art 316) / removed by Presidential inquiry (Art 317) — NOT by Parliament / UPSC = constitutional body (vs SSC, IBPS = statutory bodies)
[PIB 2268879 · 2026-06-04](#)

Economy (3)

- IIP New Series — Base Year Revised to 2022-23**
Body: MoSPI (National Statistical Office / CSO), 1 June 2026
Detail: Index of Industrial Production (IIP) series revised with new base year **2022-23** (replacing 2011-12); IIP tracks monthly industrial output across three sectors: mining, manufacturing (~77% weight), electricity; new base recalibrates product basket to reflect post-pandemic structural shifts
Lineage: IIP base revisions: 1993-94 → 2004-05 → 2011-12 → now 2022-23; released monthly with ~6-week lag
Exam hook: IIP base year = 2022-23 (new) / three components: mining, manufacturing (~77%), electricity / released by MoSPI / monthly with 6-week lag / use: measure industrial momentum, proxy for GDP manufacturing side
[PIB 2267531 · 2026-06-01](#)
- 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; services (finance, IT, trade) and manufacturing drove growth; agriculture moderated; GVA growth broadly aligned
Lineage: GDP estimation sequence: First Advance Estimate (Jan) → Second Advance (Feb) → Provisional Estimate (May-June) → First Revised (Jan next year); GDP base year = 2011-12 (unchanged despite WPI/IIP base revision)
Exam hook: GDP base year = 2011-12 (NOT 2022-23 — that's IIP/WPI) / GDP vs GVA (GDP = GVA + taxes on products – subsidies) / MoSPI releases / 6.5% = 2025-26 provisional / India's GDP rank globally = 5th by nominal (2024)
[PIB 2269282 · 2026-06-05](#)
- India's first commercial coal-to-ammonium nitrate project (Odisha)**
Body: Ministry of Coal
Detail: Rs 25,016 cr coal gasification project, Lakhanpur; syngas → ammonium nitrate (mining explosive)
Lineage: National Coal Gasification Mission (100 MT by 2030); import substitution; Coal India
Exam hook: Coal gasification = syngas; ammonium nitrate = mining explosive
[PIB 2275058 · 2026-06-19](#)

IR/Diplomacy (9)

• India-Oman CEPA — Landmark Gulf Trade Agreement

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, 1 June 2026

Detail: India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed — covers goods (~97% tariff elimination), services and investment; Oman is a key Gulf partner; India's main exports = gems/jewellery, machinery, chemicals; Oman's = petroleum, aluminium

Lineage: India's CEPA track: UAE (2022), Australia ECTA (2022), UK (under negotiation); GCC = Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE; India-GCC FTA talks ongoing

Exam hook: CEPA = Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (goods + services + investment) vs FTA (goods only) / Oman capital = Muscat / Oman currency = Rial Omani / GCC 6 members / India's prior CEPAs = UAE (2022), Australia ECTA (2022)

PIB 2267513 · 2026-06-01

• India-UK Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory

Body: Ministry of Mines + UK FCDO, 4 June 2026

Detail: Joint Observatory to track global supply chains of critical minerals (lithium, cobalt, rare earths, nickel) — critical for EV batteries, semiconductors and defence platforms; India and UK share data, research and policy analysis

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

Lineage: India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2022); India-UK FTA negotiations ongoing; critical minerals framing is geo-economic — China dominates processing of most critical minerals

Exam hook: critical minerals = lithium, cobalt, REE, nickel / India's Critical Minerals Mission 2024 / UK capital = London / India-UK FTA status = under negotiation / China dominates global critical-mineral processing (why 'friendshoring' matters)

PIB 2268900 · 2026-06-04

• India-Venezuela Energy Talks — Crude Import Diversification

Body: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, 5 June 2026

Detail: Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri held talks with Venezuela's Acting President; reaffirmed Venezuela's role in India's energy diversification strategy; West Asia (Hormuz) tensions driving Latin America crude diversification; Venezuela = world's largest proven oil reserves (~303 billion barrels)

Lineage: India resumed Venezuela crude imports 2023; PDVSA = Venezuela's state oil company; India's crude basket: Middle East ~60%, Russia ~35%, rest diversified

Exam hook: Venezuela = largest proven oil reserves globally / PDVSA / capital Caracas / Strait of Hormuz = chokepoint for ~20% global oil trade / India's crude diversification = energy security pillar

PIB 2269161 · 2026-06-05

• Bharat Innovates 2026 inaugurated in Nice by PM Modi & President Macron

Body: Ministry of Education

Detail: First-ever edition outside India; showcased 120 Indian deep-tech innovations (AI, semiconductors, space, biotech), deepening the India-France Year of Innovation 2026

Lineage: India-France Strategic Partnership since 1998; Rafale, Scorpène, Jaitapur; ATL Bridge plants first Atal Tinkering Lab abroad

Exam hook: India-France partnership year = 1998 / Bharat Innovates = Ministry of Education / Atal Innovation Mission under NITI Aayog

PIB 2272726 · 2026-06-14

• India-Nepal launch cross-border remittance mechanism

Body: Reserve Bank of India / Nepal Rastra Bank

Detail: New India-Nepal cross-border remittance system to ease low-cost money transfers and strengthen financial connectivity

Lineage: Builds on UPI's international linkages; Nepal is a 'Neighbourhood First' partner sharing an open border

Exam hook: UPI run by NPCI / Nepal capital = Kathmandu, currency = Nepalese Rupee

PIB 2271613 · 2026-06-11

• India to assume FATF Vice-Presidency (first time)

Body: Ministry of Finance

Detail: Indian official elected VP for July 2026-June 2027

Lineage: FATF (1989, G7; Paris) = AML/CFT standard-setter; grey/black lists; India joined 2010

Exam hook: FATF = AML/CFT body, 1989, Paris; India VP first time

PIB 2275528 · 2026-06-19

• India-UK CETA to enter into force 15 July 2026

Body: Min Commerce & Industry

Detail: Zero-duty on ~99% of India's exports; services across 137 sub-sectors; DCC 3→5 yrs

Lineage: India's FTAs: UAE CEPA, Australia ECTA, EFTA TEPA; deepens India-UK strategic ties

Exam hook: India-UK CETA in force 15 Jul 2026; ~99% exports zero-duty

PIB 2274280 · 2026-06-17

• Vision MAHASAGAR anchors PM's Seychelles state visit

Body: Ministry of External Affairs

Detail: SAGAR (2015, Mauritius) → MAHASAGAR (2025): 'Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions'; India as net security provider in the IOR; INS Ikshak at Port Victoria

Exam hook: SAGAR(2015)→MAHASAGAR(2025), both from Mauritius; India = net security provider in IOR

• India-Greece strategic partnership deepens with Athens business delegation

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry / MEA

Detail: Strategic Partnership since 2023 PM visit (first in ~40 yrs); Greece in EU & NATO; gateway to Europe via IMEC corridor (announced G20 New Delhi 2023); trade-doubling by 2030

Exam hook: India-Greece Strategic Partnership (2023); IMEC gateway; Greece in EU+NATO

Defence (32)

• India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue — 2nd Edition

Body: Ministry of Defence; Raksha Mantri and Australian Deputy PM/Defence Minister co-chaired, 1 June 2026

Detail: Second edition of India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue; areas: maritime security (Indian Ocean / Indo-Pacific), defence industry co-production, cyber, Malabar/AUSINDEX exercises; Australia is a Quad partner alongside India, US and Japan

Lineage: India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2020); AUSINDEX = bilateral naval exercise; Malabar = Quad naval exercise (India-US-Japan-Australia since 2020)

Exam hook: Quad members (India, US, Japan, Australia) / AUSINDEX = India-Australia navy exercise / Comprehensive Strategic Partnership year = 2020 / Malabar becomes Quad exercise from 2020

PIB 2267486 · 2026-06-01

• Field Commanders' Financial Powers Doubled for Emergency Procurement

Body: Ministry of Defence / Raksha Mantri, 4 June 2026

Detail: Two-fold increase in financial ceiling for Field Commanders (Corps Commanders and equivalent level) for emergency procurement of stores, equipment and services without referring to higher authority — faster acquisition during operational situations

Law: Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 — replaced Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2016; Atmanirbhar Bharat defence localisation framework

Lineage: Earlier delegation rounds 2018 and 2022; post-Galwan 2020 procurement acceleration; part of DAP 2020 fast-track procurement (FTP) and emergent procurement clauses

Exam hook: DAP 2020 replaced DPP 2016 / Field Commander = Corps Commander level / Galwan 2020 as trigger for faster procurement / FTP = Fast Track Procurement clause in DAP

PIB 2268807 · 2026-06-04

• INS Chilka — Passing Out Parade, 01/26 Recruit 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 01/26 batch completed basic training and passed out; INS Chilka is a 'stone frigate' (shore establishment named as warship by tradition)

Law/Lineage: INS Chilka commissioned 1978; Chilka Lake = largest coastal lagoon in Asia, India's first Ramsar site (1981); INA (Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala) = officer training; INS Chilka = rating/sailor training

Exam hook: INS Chilka = recruit (sailor) training / location = Chilka Lake, Odisha / Chilka = Asia's largest coastal lagoon + India's 1st Ramsar site (1981) / INA Ezhimala = officer training (distinguish)

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) is the **first Indian woman** to receive the **UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award** — conferred by the UN Secretary-General to military personnel in UN Peacekeeping who implement UNSCR 1325 (Women, Peace & Security) **Law:** UNSCR 1325 (2000) = landmark resolution on Women, Peace & Security; India is one of the top 3 troop/police contributors to UN Peacekeeping missions

Lineage: India's UN PKO track: MONUSCO (Congo), UNMISS (South Sudan), UNIFIL (Lebanon); India sent an all-female FPU to Liberia in 2007 (first in UN peacekeeping history)

Exam hook: UNSCR 1325 = Women, Peace and Security (2000) / Major Barak = first Indian woman to win / India = top 3 UN peacekeeping contributor / all-female FPU Liberia 2007

PIB 2269987 · 2026-06-07

• Air Marshal Tarun Chaudhry — New AOC-in-C Central Air Command

Body: Indian Air Force, 1 June 2026

Detail: Air Marshal Tarun Chaudhry assumed appointment as **Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C), Central Air Command (CAC)** — headquartered at **Bamrauli, Allahabad (Prayagraj)**; CAC covers the central sector of India's air-defence responsibility

Lineage: IAF has five operational commands: Western (Delhi), South-Western (Gandhinagar), Eastern (Shillong), Southern (Thiruvananthapuram) and Central (Allahabad); Training Command at Bengaluru; Maintenance Command at Nagpur

Exam hook: IAF = 5 operational + 2 functional commands (Training, Maintenance) / Central Air Command HQ = Allahabad / Western Air Command (Delhi) = most operationally critical / ranks: Air Marshal = 3-star / AOC-in-C = Air Marshal equivalent

PIB 2267533 · 2026-06-01

• Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth appointed next Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)

Body: Govt of India / Appointments Committee of the Cabinet

Detail: Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth (Vice Chief of Army Staff, an NDA alumnus commissioned into the Armoured Corps) to be COAS w.e.f. 30 June 2026, succeeding Gen Upendra Dwivedi

Lineage: COAS = professional head of the Army (4-star General); supreme command of Armed Forces vests in the President under Art 53(2); CDS heads the Dept of Military Affairs

Exam hook: COAS rank = General / President is Supreme Commander / first CDS = Gen Bipin Rawat (2020)

PIB 2272460 · 2026-06-13

• DRDO demonstrates next-generation defence capabilities

Body: Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)

Detail: DRDO showcased a suite of next-gen, indigenous defence technologies as part of its self-reliance push

Lineage: DRDO founded 1958, R&D wing of MoD, ~50 labs; motto 'Balasya Mulam Vigyanam'; flagship of Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence

Exam hook: DRDO founding year = 1958 / IGMDP gave Prithvi, Agni, Akash, Trishul, Nag

PIB 2272374 · 2026-06-13

• Raksha Mantri inaugurates Advanced Weapon System Complex at DRDL, Hyderabad

Body: DRDO (Defence Research & Development Laboratory, Hyderabad)

Detail: New complex to boost design and development of advanced missiles and weapon systems

Lineage: DRDL is DRDO's premier missile lab; Hyderabad is India's missile-development hub (also RCI)

Exam hook: DRDL = missile lab at Hyderabad / nodal labs vary by system

PIB 2272327 · 2026-06-12

• INS Tarkash arrives at Port Victoria, Seychelles

Body: Indian Navy

Detail: Frigate INS Tarkash made a port call at Port Victoria, Seychelles, deepening maritime cooperation in the Western Indian Ocean

Lineage: Part of India's naval diplomacy under the MAHASAGAR vision (evolved from SAGAR, 2015); Seychelles is a key Indian Ocean partner

Exam hook: SAGAR = Security and Growth for All in the Region / MAHASAGAR unveiled 2025 / Seychelles capital = Victoria

PIB 2272484 · 2026-06-13

• Indian Navy recovers unexploded missile warhead from merchant tanker off Kochi

Body: Indian Navy

Detail: Navy EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) team safely recovered an unexploded warhead from a merchant tanker off Kochi amid Gulf maritime tensions

Lineage: Reflects the Navy's 'benign' and constabulary roles; Gulf/Red Sea attacks on shipping raised threats to seafarers

Exam hook: Four roles of a navy = Military, Diplomatic, Constabulary, Benign / EOD = bomb-disposal

PIB 2271809 · 2026-06-11

• MoD signs Rs 449 crore contract for 20 GNSS Jammers for Indian Navy

Body: Ministry of Defence

Detail: Contract for 20 Enhanced-Capability Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Jammers to counter satellite-guided threats; an Atmanirbhar Bharat acquisition

Lineage: GNSS includes GPS (US), GLONASS (Russia), Galileo (EU), BeiDou (China) and India's NavIC; jammers disrupt enemy satellite navigation

Exam hook: India's regional nav system = NavIC (IRNSS) / electronic warfare basics

PIB 2271094 · 2026-06-10

• First large-scale solar power project on defence land approved (Sitapur, UP)

Body: Ministry of Defence

Detail: Raksha Mantri approved India's first large-scale solar power + battery storage project on defence land at Sitapur, UP — greening defence energy use

Lineage: Supports India's renewable-energy and net-zero-by-2070 goals while monetising idle defence land

Exam hook: Net-zero target year = 2070 / solar + BESS (battery energy storage)

PIB 2270628 · 2026-06-09

• Defence Investiture Ceremony 2025 (Phase-I): gallantry awards conferred

Body: President of India / Ministry of Defence

Detail: President conferred 07 Kirti Chakras (02 posthumous), 15 Vir Chakras (03 posthumous) and 29 Shaurya Chakras (01 posthumous)

Lineage: Wartime gallantry order: Param Vir Chakra > Maha Vir Chakra > Vir Chakra; Peacetime: Ashoka Chakra > Kirti Chakra > Shaurya Chakra

Exam hook: Highest wartime gallantry = Param Vir Chakra / highest peacetime = Ashoka Chakra

PIB 2270369 · 2026-06-08

• First batch of women cadets trained at NDA commissioned into the forces

Body: Ministry of Defence / National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla

Detail: The first batch of women cadets trained at the tri-service NDA passed out and were commissioned — a historic milestone following the 2021 Supreme Court order allowing women into the NDA

Lineage: NDA = tri-service academy at Khadakwasla (Pune); women first inducted from 2022

Exam hook: NDA location = Khadakwasla / tri-service academy / women admitted after 2021 SC verdict

PIB 2272587 · 2026-06-13

• Passing-out parades: IMA, Air Force Academy & INS Chilka

Body: Indian Army / Air Force / Navy training academies

Detail: President reviewed IMA's 158th Regular & 141st Technical Graduate Course POP (Dehradun); Raksha Mantri reviewed AFA

Combined Graduation Parade (Dundigal); sailors passed out at INS Chilka

Lineage: IMA Dehradun trains Army officers; AFA Dundigal (Hyderabad) trains IAF officers; INS Chilka (Odisha) is the Navy's sailor-training establishment

Exam hook: IMA = Dehradun / AFA = Dundigal / OTA = Chennai & Gaya / NDA = Khadakwasla

PIB 2272392 · 2026-06-13

• 24 Indian seafarers brought to safety after attack on MV near Oman

Body: Indian Coast Guard & Omani authorities

Detail: 24 Indian seafarers rescued through coordinated India–Oman effort after an attack on a merchant vessel near Oman; part of heightened Gulf maritime-security alerts

Lineage: Indian Coast Guard raised 1978, an armed force under MoD guarding the maritime zones

Exam hook: Indian Coast Guard founded 1978 / Strait of Hormuz = key oil choke point

PIB 2270723 · 2026-06-09

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

Body: Ministry of Defence

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

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

Exam hook: Defence production Rs 1.78 L cr; exports Rs 38,424 cr; OFB → 7 DPSUs

PIB 2273824 · 2026-06-17

• Indian Army contingent departs for Exercise KHAAN QUEST

Body: Ministry of Defence

Detail: Multilateral peacekeeping exercise, 20 Jun–03 Jul 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; 23rd iteration

Lineage: UN peacekeeping focus (Chapter VII); India = top troop contributor; CUNPK Delhi

Exam hook: KHAAN QUEST = Mongolia, multilateral UN peacekeeping exercise

PIB 2274656 · 2026-06-18

• Indian Coast Guard inducts first indigenous Air Cushion Vehicle (hovercraft)

Body: Ministry of Defence

Detail: First of 6 ACVs (Chowgule & Co.) inducted in Goa; for shallow-water maritime duties

Lineage: ICG (est. 1978, under MoD; motto 'Vayam Rakshamah'); EEZ = 200 nm (UNCLOS); Make in India

Exam hook: ICG = 1978, MoD; hovercraft for shallow water; EEZ 200 nm

PIB 2274642 · 2026-06-18

• Navy to commission INS Dunagiri, Sanshodhak & Agray (Kolkata)

Body: Ministry of Defence

Detail: Built by GRSE, Kolkata; Dunagiri = 5th Project 17A stealth frigate; Sanshodhak = survey vessel; Agray = ASW craft

Lineage: Designed by Warship Design Bureau; 'builder's navy' (60+ ships under construction)

Exam hook: Project 17A = Nilgiri-class stealth frigate; built by GRSE Kolkata

PIB 2275247 · 2026-06-21

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

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs

Detail: 12-year effort: security ops + development + surrenders; pillars Vishwaas-Nirman-Jan Kalyan

Lineage: Naxalism since Naxalbari 1967; forces CRPF/CoBRA/Greyhounds; MHA SAMADHAN doctrine; CPI(Maoist) banned (UAPA)

Exam hook: Naxalbari = 1967; SAMADHAN doctrine; CoBRA = CRPF jungle-warfare unit

PIB 2275082 · 2026-06-19

• MoD signs Rs 425 cr deal for Marine Gas Turbine Generators for Navy

Body: Ministry of Defence

Detail: 12 sets of 1.25 MW marine gas-turbine generators for indigenous warships

Lineage: Buy(Indian-IDDM) under DAP 2020; powers onboard electrical systems; Aatmanirbhar in propulsion

Exam hook: Marine GTG deal Rs 425 cr; Buy(Indian-IDDM) category

PIB 2274642 · 2026-06-19

• Raksha Mantri: technological agility key to preparedness (Shillong)

Body: Ministry of Defence

Detail: Flagged hybrid threats, cyber, info warfare, drones, supply-chain security; cited Operation Sindoor

Lineage: Higher-defence reforms: CDS (2020), Dept of Military Affairs, move to Integrated Theatre Commands

Exam hook: Emerging warfare = hybrid/cyber/drones; CDS since 2020; theatre commands

PIB 2275812 · 2026-06-20

• INS Tarkash arrives at Port Louis, Mauritius

Body: Ministry of Defence

Detail: Naval diplomacy port call reinforcing India's role in the Indian Ocean Region

Lineage: SAGAR vision; India as 'net security provider'; Mauritius a key IOR partner (Agalega)

Exam hook: INS Tarkash → Mauritius; SAGAR = Security & Growth for All in the Region

PIB 2276300 · 2026-06-21

• NCC celebrates IDY with 8.3 lakh+ cadets

Body: Ministry of Defence

Detail: Mass yoga participation by National Cadet Corps cadets nationwide

Lineage: NCC (1948) = tri-service youth org; motto 'Unity and Discipline'; HQ New Delhi

Exam hook: NCC = 1948; motto 'Unity and Discipline'; tri-service youth wing

PIB 2276011 · 2026-06-21

• VP visits Ladakh; lauds Armed Forces and ITBP

Body: Vice-President's Secretariat

Detail: Visited forward/heritage sites; praised forces in high-altitude frontier

Lineage: Ladakh UT (2019); ITBP guards India–China LAC; Siachen secured via Operation Meghdoot (1984)

Exam hook: ITBP = India–China border; Siachen = Op Meghdoot 1984; Ladakh UT 2019

PIB 2275970 · 2026-06-20

• Marshal Arjan Singh Memorial Hockey 2026 held

Body: Indian Air Force

Detail: Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh — the IAF's only five-star officer; led IAF in the 1965 war as Chief of Air Staff

Exam hook: Arjan Singh = sole IAF 5-star (Marshal of the Air Force); led IAF in 1965 war

• Eastern Fleet ships on naval-diplomacy deployment (Vietnam, Mauritius)

Body: Indian Navy

Detail: Mission-based deployments of the Eastern Fleet

(Visakhapatnam-based) to South-East Asia; INS Tarkash to Mauritius; port calls and exercises

Exam hook: India's 'net security provider' role; Eastern Fleet HQ Visakhapatnam; naval diplomacy

• SAIL's indigenous DMR-249A warship-grade steel powers new warships

Body: SAIL / Indian Navy

Detail: DMR-249A/249B are high-strength low-alloy naval steels developed by DRDO+SAIL; used in aircraft carriers (INS Vikrant) and destroyers; Aatmanirbhar Bharat

Exam hook: DMR-249A = indigenous warship steel (SAIL/DRDO); used in INS Vikrant

• MDL lays keel of next-generation Offshore Patrol Vessel for the Coast Guard

Body: Ministry of Defence / MDL

Detail: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders; OPVs for EEZ patrol; indigenous shipbuilding; Indian Coast Guard fleet modernisation

Exam hook: Keel-laying = formal start of ship construction; OPV for Coast Guard EEZ patrol

• IAF's indigenous 'Netra' AEW&C gets Final Operational Clearance

Body: DRDO / Indian Air Force

Detail: Netra Airborne Early Warning & Control system by DRDO's CABS, on Embraer platform; 'eye in the sky' for air surveillance; FOC = cleared for full service

Exam hook: Netra AEW&C (DRDO-CABS) gets FOC; AEW&C = airborne radar surveillance

• ICGS Akshay (Fast Patrol Vessel) commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard

Body: Ministry of Defence / GSL

Detail: Indigenously built by Goa Shipyard Ltd; Indian Coast Guard est. 18 Aug 1978 under Coast Guard Act 1978 ('fourth armed force'); coastal-security grid

Exam hook: ICG = est. 1978, under MoD, 'fourth armed force'; Akshay = FPV from Goa Shipyard

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, Bihar) becomes India's **100th Ramsar site** — an oxbow lake (Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lake), critical for migratory birds including bar-headed goose, northern pintail, Eurasian wigeon

Law: Ramsar Convention 1971 (in force 1975); India signed 1982; lists Wetlands of International Importance

Lineage: India's first Ramsar sites = **Chilka Lake** (Odisha) + **Keoladeo Ghana** (Rajasthan), both 1981; India now = most Ramsar sites globally (~100, ahead of UK); total protected area ~1.35 million ha

Exam hook: India's 100th Ramsar = JP Narayan BS, Begusarai, Bihar / first Ramsar sites = Chilka + Keoladeo, 1981 / India = most Ramsar sites globally / Ramsar Convention year = 1971 / Kanwar = oxbow lake
PIB 2269189 · 2026-06-05

• 4,000-Year Climate History from Majuli — Adaptation Insights

Body: IIT / scientific publication, 1 June 2026

Detail: Researchers extracted a **4,000-year climate record** from sediment cores at **Majuli Island (Assam)** — the world's largest inhabited **river island** (in the Brahmaputra); data on monsoon variability, flood cycles and vegetation shifts; offers adaptation insights for the Brahmaputra floodplain under climate change

Lineage: Majuli is a UNESCO-listed heritage destination (Assam's Vaishnavite satra culture); it is shrinking due to erosion — reduced from ~1,250 sq km (1950s) to ~700 sq km today; Brahmaputra carries one of the world's highest sediment loads

Exam hook: Majuli = world's largest inhabited river island / Brahmaputra (flows: Tibet→Arunachal→Assam→Bangladesh) / Majuli = Assam, UNESCO heritage bid / Brahmaputra = high sediment load river / erosion context = climate + deforestation in upper catchment
PIB 2267496 · 2026-06-01

• CAQM Enforcement — 245 Inspections in NCR, May 2026

Body: Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), 6 June 2026

Detail: CAQM's Enforcement Task Force conducted 245 inspections (11–29 May 2026) across Delhi, Haryana, UP and Rajasthan NCR districts; violations in brick kilns, construction sites, diesel generators; CAQM can issue closure orders overriding state governments

Law: CAQM Act 2021 — replaced EPCA (Supreme Court-created body); CAQM jurisdiction overrides state-level environment enforcement within NCR; GRAP (Graded Response Action Plan) is its seasonal enforcement tool

Exam hook: CAQM Act = 2021 / replaced EPCA / overrides state govts in NCR / GRAP = Graded Response Action Plan (Stage I–IV based on AQI) / NCR = Delhi + parts of Haryana, UP, Rajasthan
PIB 2269842 · 2026-06-06

• Project GIB: captive stock of Great Indian Bustard reaches 94 birds

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Detail: Three new chicks took the captive Great Indian Bustard stock to 94; 26 chicks hatched this season (18 via artificial insemination)

Lineage: GIB (*Ardeotis nigriceps*) = Critically Endangered, State Bird of Rajasthan, stronghold = Desert National Park, Jaisalmer; biggest threat = power-line collisions

Exam hook: GIB = State Bird of Rajasthan / IUCN Critically Endangered / Desert National Park (Thar)
PIB 2272725 · 2026-06-14

• National Biodiversity Authority reconstitutes Agrobiodiversity Expert Committee

Body: National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)

Detail: NBA reconstituted its Agrobiodiversity Expert Committee with Padma Shri Dr P.L. Gautam as Chair, to conserve crop/agricultural genetic diversity

Lineage: NBA (Chennai) is a statutory body under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002; implements access & benefit-sharing

Exam hook: NBA HQ = Chennai / Biological Diversity Act = 2002 / three-tier: NBA–SBB–BMC
PIB 2272377 · 2026-06-13

• Global Wind Day 2026 conference to be hosted in Goa

Body: Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)

Detail: India to host a Global Wind Day (15 June) 2026 conference in Goa to push wind-energy capacity

Lineage: Wind is a major renewable source; India is among the top wind-power nations; supports the 500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030 target

Exam hook: Global Wind Day = 15 June / 500 GW non-fossil target by 2030 / Tamil Nadu & Gujarat lead in wind
PIB 2272081 · 2026-06-12

• President reviews Project Cheetah at Kuno National Park

Body: President's Secretariat / MoEF&CC

Detail: 8 cheetahs from Botswana at Kuno (Feb 2026); project launched 17 Sep 2022

Lineage: World's first intercontinental large-carnivore reintroduction; led by NTCA; cheetah extinct in India 1952

Exam hook: Project Cheetah = 2022, Kuno NP; NTCA; cheetah extinct 1952
PIB 2276382 · 2026-06-21

• National Biodiversity Authority issues SOP for threatened species

Body: NBA / MoEFCC

Detail: NBA (Chennai) under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002; IUCN Red List categories (CR/EN/VU); Section-38 notification of threatened species

Exam hook: NBA = Chennai, under Biological Diversity Act 2002; IUCN Red List grades species

• Project Tiger marks 18 years of the Sariska reintroduction

Body: MoEFCC / NTCA

Detail: Project Tiger (1973); NTCA statutory under Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972 (2006); Sariska = world's first scientific tiger reintroduction after local extinction (2005); ~3,682 tigers (2022)

Exam hook: Project Tiger 1973; NTCA (2006); Sariska = first scientific tiger reintroduction

Sci/Tech (16)

• CSIR Novel Catalyst for Green Hydrogen Production via Electrolysis

Body: CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) / DST, 4 June 2026

Detail: CSIR researchers developed a high-efficiency, earth-abundant-material catalyst for **green hydrogen production via water electrolysis** (splitting water using renewable electricity into hydrogen and oxygen); key technical challenge solved: reducing overpotential and cost compared to platinum-group-metal catalysts

Law: National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) 2023 — targets 5 MMT of green hydrogen/year by 2030; SIGHT framework (Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition); MNRE as nodal ministry

Lineage: Green (electrolysis + renewables) vs grey (steam methane reforming, emits CO₂) vs blue hydrogen (grey + carbon capture); CSIR has 37 national labs; CSIR-NCL and CSIR-IICT relevant for catalysis

Exam hook: Green hydrogen = electrolysis using renewable energy (zero carbon) / NGHM 2023 = 5 MMT by 2030 / MNRE = nodal ministry / CSIR = 37 labs under DST / grey (fossil) vs green (electrolysis) vs blue (fossil+CCS)
PIB 2268866 · 2026-06-04

• 100 Years of Kodaikanal Solar Observatory Data — New Solar Cycle Insights

Body: Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru / DST, 5 June 2026
Detail: A century of solar observation data from **Kodaikanal Solar Observatory** (Tamil Nadu, est. 1899) revealed new clues on how the Sun's surface tracks its **11-year activity cycle (Schwabe Cycle)**; sunspot numbers as a proxy for solar output; space weather implications for satellite communications, GPS accuracy and power grids
Lineage: IIA = autonomous institute under DST (Bengaluru); Aditya-L1 = India's first solar space observatory (launched 2023, at L1 Lagrange point — 1.5 million km from Earth); Kodaikanal is the longest-running solar observatory in Asia
Exam hook: 11-year solar cycle = Schwabe Cycle / sunspots = proxy for solar activity / Kodaikanal Solar Observatory = 1899, Tamil Nadu / Aditya-L1 = India's first solar mission, L1 Lagrange point / IIA = Indian Institute of Astrophysics (Bengaluru, DST)
 PIB 2269294 · 2026-06-05

• ANRF Patent Portal + Rs 200-Crore MAHA Water Mission for Startups

Body: Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) / DST, 4 June 2026
Detail: ANRF launched a portal for training researchers in **patent filing** (IPO national + PCT international under WIPO) and research-paper writing; simultaneously announced a **Rs 200-crore MAHA Water Mission** to fund water-technology startups (purification, recycling, groundwater, smart irrigation)
Law: ANRF Act 2023 — replaced SERB (Science and Engineering Research Board) Act 2008; ANRF has a 5-year Rs 50,000 crore allocation; PM chairs the Governing Board
Exam hook: ANRF Act 2023 / replaced SERB / PM chairs ANRF Governing Board / PCT = Patent Cooperation Treaty (WIPO-administered, multi-country patent filing) / IPO = Indian Patent Office (under DPIIT, NOT DST)
 PIB 2268946 · 2026-06-04

• First Flex-Fuel Passenger Vehicle Launched — E85 Ethanol Initiative

Body: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas; Hardeep Singh Puri, 4 June 2026
Detail: India's first commercially available **Flex-Fuel Vehicle (FFV)** — runs on any blend from E20 (20% ethanol) to **E85 (85% ethanol + 15% petrol)**; E85 priced ~Rs 20/litre below petrol; FFVs mandatory in Brazil, common in USA; benefits: lower import dependence, reduced emissions, higher farmer income from ethanol procurement
Law: National Biofuel Policy 2018 (revised 2022); E20 mandated as standard automotive fuel; Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP) — target 20% blending by 2025 (achieved ~14% in 2023-24)
Exam hook: E85 = 85% ethanol (for FFVs) vs E20 = 20% (mainstream blending target) / FFV = flex-fuel vehicle / EBP target = 20% by 2025 / ethanol sources = sugarcane, maize, damaged foodgrains / National Biofuel Policy 2018
 PIB 2268889 · 2026-06-04

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

Body: Ministry of Science & Technology (Dr Jitendra Singh)
Detail: Space economy to grow from ~USD 8–9 bn to USD 40–45 bn in a decade, on 400+ startups and post-2020 reforms
Lineage: Regulator/promoter = IN-SPACe (Ahmedabad); commercial arm = NSIL; ISRO founded 1969; Chandrayaan-3 south-pole landing 23 Aug 2023 (National Space Day)
Exam hook: IN-SPACe regulates / NSIL sells / National Space Day = 23 August / Gaganyaan = human spaceflight
 PIB 2272658 · 2026-06-14

• Advanced Quantum & AI labs to be set up at MNIT Jaipur

Body: Ministry of Communications/Electronics & IT (Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw)
Detail: New Advanced Quantum and Artificial Intelligence laboratories announced at MNIT Jaipur to build research and skilled talent
Lineage: Aligns with the National Quantum Mission (2023) and the IndiaAI Mission; quantum uses qubits and superposition/entanglement
Exam hook: National Quantum Mission launched 2023 / qubit = basic unit of quantum computing
 PIB 2271711 · 2026-06-11

• Sound waves can cut energy use in next-generation computing

Body: Dept of Science & Technology (research finding)
Detail: Indian researchers showed acoustic (sound) waves can move/store data with far less energy than electronic methods — promising for low-power, next-gen computing
Lineage: Sound = a mechanical, longitudinal wave needing a medium; spintronics/acoustics explored for green computing
Exam hook: Sound is a longitudinal mechanical wave / cannot travel in vacuum
 PIB 2270690 · 2026-06-09

• Newly discovered supernova may refine the cosmic distance scale

Body: Dept of Science & Technology (ARIES/astronomy)
Detail: Study of a newly found supernova could improve the 'cosmic distance ladder' used to measure how far away galaxies are
Lineage: A supernova is the explosive death of a star; Type Ia supernovae are 'standard candles' for measuring cosmic distances and the universe's expansion
Exam hook: Supernova = exploding star / Type Ia = standard candle / Chandrasekhar limit ≈ 1.4 solar masses
 PIB 2272106 · 2026-06-12

• IndiaAI Mission launches 'Varya', an indigenous video-generating AI model

Body: IndiaAI Mission (MeitY)
Detail: 'Varya', an indigenous text/story-to-video generative-AI model, launched as an affordable, India-built alternative
Lineage: Part of the IndiaAI Mission (2024, ~Rs 10,000 cr) to build sovereign AI compute, datasets and models; generative AI creates new content from prompts
Exam hook: IndiaAI Mission approved 2024 / generative AI / large language & diffusion models
 PIB 2272090 · 2026-06-12

• New Regional Meteorological Centre launched at Lucknow

Body: Ministry of Earth Sciences / India Meteorological Department (IMD)
Detail: New Regional Meteorological Centre at Lucknow to sharpen forecasts for Uttar Pradesh; part of expanding the Doppler weather-radar network (17 to ~50, with 50 more planned)
Lineage: IMD founded 1875, headquartered New Delhi; 'Mission Mausam' modernises forecasting
Exam hook: IMD established 1875 / Doppler radar tracks rain & cyclones
 PIB 2270289 · 2026-06-08

• Tarapur (TAPS 1&2) — world's oldest operating reactors get 10-yr extension

Body: Department of Atomic Energy
Detail: Commissioned 1969; AERB cleared continued operation; run by NPCIL
Lineage: Bhabha 3-stage programme (PHWR→FBR→thorium); DAE/AEC/BARC/NPCIL/AERB
Exam hook: TAPS 1&2 (1969) = oldest operating; 3-stage nuclear programme
 PIB 2274057 · 2026-06-17

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

Body: Department of Space
Detail: Chandrayaan-3 (lunar south pole), Aditya-L1, Gaganyaan prep; start-ups 1→400+
Lineage: ISRO; IN-SPACe (regulator, 2020), NSIL (commercial); Mission Shakti ASAT 2019 (4th nation)
Exam hook: Chandrayaan-3 = south pole; Mangalyaan = Mars 1st attempt; Mission Shakti ASAT
 PIB 2276117 · 2026-06-21

• DAE commissions Prototype Sodium Cell + deuterated-compounds plant (Vadodara)

Body: Department of Atomic Energy
Detail: 24 kA sodium cell = milestone for nuclear-grade sodium for the Fast Breeder Reactor programme; VDPP for deuterated compounds
Lineage: FBR (Stage 2) uses Pu-239 fuel + liquid sodium coolant; PFBR at Kalpakkam (BHAVINI); IGCAR
Exam hook: Sodium = FBR coolant; PFBR at Kalpakkam; Stage-2 of 3-stage programme
 PIB 2276301 · 2026-06-21

• INCOIS launches El Niño bulletins for maritime sectors

Body: Ministry of Earth Sciences / INCOIS

Detail: INCOIS (Hyderabad) under MoES; El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) affects monsoon & fisheries; ocean-state forecasting

Exam hook: INCOIS = Hyderabad, under MoES; El Niño (warm ENSO phase) weakens Indian monsoon

• ISRO hosts BRICS heads of space agencies in Bengaluru

Body: ISRO / Department of Space

Detail: BRICS space cooperation; the space economy and remote-sensing data sharing; India's growing commercial-space sector (IN-SPACe, NSIL)

Exam hook: BRICS space meet at Bengaluru; space-economy; IN-SPACe/NSIL ecosystem

• DAE inaugurates world-first Cu–Cl nuclear-hydrogen plant at Kalpakkam

Body: Department of Atomic Energy

Detail: Copper–Chlorine thermochemical cycle (~530°C) using FBTR process heat (BARC+IGCAR); hydrogen colour code (grey/blue/green/pink); National Green Hydrogen Mission (2023, 5 MMT/yr by 2030)

Exam hook: World-first Cu–Cl thermochemical H₂ plant; nuclear (pink/red) hydrogen; FBTR Kalpakkam

Infra (9)

• U18 Hockey Asia Cup 2026 — Men's Gold, Women's Bronze for India

Body: Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, 6 June 2026

Detail: Indian Men's U18 hockey team won **gold** at the U18 Asia Cup 2026 (Kakamigahara, Japan) beating hosts Japan; Women's U18 team won **bronze** beating Korea; PM congratulated both teams; Sports Minister felicitated (June 8)

Lineage: India's hockey legacy: **8 Olympic gold medals** (1928–1980); Tokyo 2020 = bronze (men); Paris 2024 = silver (men); Hockey India → FIH (Fédération Internationale de Hockey, Lausanne); U18 success signals a healthy age-group pipeline

Exam hook: India's Olympic hockey gold count = 8 (1928–1980) / FIH HQ = Lausanne, Switzerland / Tokyo 2020 = bronze / Paris 2024 = silver / U18 Asia Cup = age-group tournament (not senior) / Kakamigahara = host city, Japan

PIB 2269827 · 2026-06-06

• Praggnanandhaa at Norway Chess 2026 — India's Chess Rise

Body: Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports; PM felicitated, 6 June 2026

Detail: **R. Praggnanandhaa** (Tamil Nadu, b.2005) performed strongly at Norway Chess 2026 (Stavanger) — one of the world's elite super-tournaments; youngest GM at 12 years 10 months (2018) at that time; reached World Chess Championship final in 2023

Lineage: India's chess dominance: Viswanathan Anand (5-time World Champion, 2000–2013); India won Chess Olympiad 2022 (both open & women gold) and 2024; World Chess Championship 2023 = Ding Liren beat Praggnanandhaa; FIDE = Fédération Internationale des Échecs (Lausanne)

Exam hook: Praggnanandhaa = youngest GM in 2018 (12y 10m) / World Championship 2023 = Ding Liren won / FIDE HQ = Lausanne / India Chess Olympiad 2022 = double gold / Anand = 5-time world champion

PIB 2269739 · 2026-06-06

• SAFF Women's Championship 2026 — India Champions

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

Detail: Indian Women's Football Team won the **SAFF Women's Championship 2026** — South Asian Football Federation's women's regional tournament (India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives, Pakistan); India is the dominant South Asian women's football team; AIFF (All India Football Federation) is the governing body

Lineage: SAFF HQ = Dhaka, Bangladesh; FIFA = global football body (Zurich, Switzerland); AFC = Asian Football Confederation; India's women's team ranked among top 3 in AFC

Exam hook: SAFF = South Asian Football Federation / SAFF Women's Championship 2026 = India / AIFF = All India Football Federation / FIFA HQ = Zurich / SAFF members = 7 South Asian nations / India = dominant South Asian women's football side

PIB 2269986 · 2026-06-07

• India's U-18 teams felicitated for Hockey Asia Cup performance

Body: Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

Detail: Union Sports Minister felicitated the men's and women's teams for their showing at the Under-18 Hockey Asia Cup

Lineage: Hockey is run by Hockey India; the Asia Cup is organised under the Asian Hockey Federation; India's national game heritage

Exam hook: Hockey governing body = Hockey India / Major Dhyan Chand's birthday (29 Aug) = National Sports Day

PIB 2270422 · 2026-06-08

• Obituary: shooting legend Jaspal Rana passes away

Body: National condolences (PM, Home Minister)

Detail: Veteran sport-shooter and celebrated coach Jaspal Rana passed away; a multiple Asian Games and Commonwealth gold medallist and Arjuna/Padma awardee

Lineage: Pistol shooting; mentored India's next-gen shooters; shooting is among India's strongest Olympic-medal sports

Exam hook: Highest sporting honour = Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna / Arjuna Award for athletes

PIB 2271969 · 2026-06-12

• 'Ashtalakshmi' — North-East at the heart of India's growth

Body: DoNER / PIB

Detail: 12 years of NE connectivity (road/rail/air/digital), clean energy, Act East

Lineage: Seven Sisters + Sikkim; linked via the ~22 km Siliguri Corridor; borders China/Myanmar/Bangladesh/Bhutan/Nepal

Exam hook: Ashtalakshmi = 8 NE states; Siliguri Corridor = 'Chicken's Neck'

PIB 2275554 · 2026-06-20

• 12th International Day of Yoga (21 June)

Body: Ministry of AYUSH

Detail: PM led from Kolkata's Red Road; 6 lakh+ organisations registered on Yoga Sangam

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

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

PIB 2275545 · 2026-06-21

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

Body: PMO / Hockey India

Detail: Nations Cup winner promoted to the FIH Pro League

Lineage: India Olympic hockey: 8 golds; Major Dhyan Chand → National Sports Day 29 Aug

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

PIB 2276215 · 2026-06-21

• Rakhigarhi skeletal remains handed to Anthropological Survey of India

Body: Ministry of Culture / ASI

Detail: Rakhigarhi (Haryana) is the largest Indus Valley Civilisation (Harappan) site; ancient-DNA study of its skeletons; ASI is the survey body

Exam hook: Rakhigarhi = largest IVC site (Haryana, Ghaggar plain); aDNA via Anthropological Survey of India