

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
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- 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
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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
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- 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)
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Economy (2)

- 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
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- 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)
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IR/Diplomacy (3)

- 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)
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- 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)
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- 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
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Defence (5)

• 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

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• 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

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• 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)

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• 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

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• 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

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Environment (3)

• 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

Sci/Tech (4)

• 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

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• 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

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• 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 Chess Championship 2023 = Ding Liren won / FIDE HQ = Lausanne / India Chess Olympiad 2022 = double gold / Anand = 5-time world champion

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• 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

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