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January 2025

National News

JAN 1

India assumes UNSC non-permanent seat for 2025-26 term

India began its two-year term as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, focusing on counter-terrorism, peacekeeping, and reforming multilateral institutions.

JAN 9

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2025 held in Bhubaneswar

The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention was held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, with the theme 'Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat'. PM Modi inaugurated the event.

JAN 15

India's first indigenous HLCM processor unveiled

IIT Madras and CDAC unveiled India's first High-Level Compute Microprocessor designed for supercomputing applications, marking a milestone in semiconductor self-reliance.

JAN 22

Ayodhya Ram Temple marks one year of consecration

The first anniversary of the Ram Temple consecration (Pran Pratishtha) was celebrated across the country with special ceremonies. The temple has received over 3 crore visitors in its first year.

JAN 25

National Voters' Day 2025

Celebrated with the theme 'Nothing Like Voting — I Vote for Sure'. ECI launched new initiatives to boost voter registration among young and urban populations.

JAN 26

Republic Day 2025 — theme 'Swarnim Bharat: Viksit Bharat'

The 76th Republic Day parade featured the theme of a developed India by 2047. The Chief Guest was the President of Indonesia. The tableau from 24 states and 9 Union Territories participated.

International Relations & Summits

JAN 9-11

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2025

The convention in Bhubaneswar saw participation from the Indian diaspora across 70+ countries. Focus on investment opportunities in India's growth story.

JAN 16-18

India-EU Strategic Partnership Summit

India and the European Union held their annual summit in Brussels, agreeing on a joint roadmap for the next decade covering trade, technology, climate action, and security cooperation.

JAN 22

India-Maldives Joint Military Exercise

The bilateral exercise 'Ekuverin' was held in Male with enhanced scope including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in the Indian Ocean region.

Economy & Finance

JAN 7

GDP growth estimate for FY25 revised to 6.4%

The National Statistical Office released the first advance estimate of GDP for FY25 at 6.4%, driven by manufacturing and services growth. Agriculture sector showed 3.5% growth.

JAN 15

Retail inflation drops to 4.2% in December 2024

Consumer Price Index inflation declined to a 4-month low of 4.2%, driven by cooling vegetable prices and stable fuel costs. Core inflation remained at 3.8%.

JAN 21

Forex reserves cross \$700 billion mark

India's foreign exchange reserves crossed the \$700 billion milestone for the first time, providing a strong buffer against external economic shocks.

JAN 28

GST collection for January reaches ₹1.95 lakh crore

Gross GST revenue collection for January 2025 was ₹1.95 lakh crore, a 12% year-on-year increase, reflecting robust domestic economic activity.

Environment & Ecology

JAN 5

India's solar capacity crosses 100 GW

India achieved a cumulative solar power installation of 100 GW, moving closer to the 2030 target of 500 GW renewable energy capacity. Rajasthan leads with 25 GW.

JAN 12

First census of Ganges river dolphins completed

The Ministry of Environment completed the first comprehensive census of Ganges river dolphins, estimating the population at 6,500 across the Ganges-Brahmaputra river system.

JAN 20

Winter fog causes severe air quality in Delhi-NCR

Delhi experienced the worst January air quality in 5 years, with AQI exceeding 450 on multiple days. GRAP Stage-4 measures were implemented for the first time in winter.

Science & Technology

JAN 8

DRDO successfully tests hypersonic missile

DRDO conducted a successful flight test of the Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV), achieving sustained hypersonic combustion for over 30 seconds.

JAN 15

ISRO's Chandrayaan-5 mission gets cabinet approval

The Union Cabinet approved ₹2,500 crore for Chandrayaan-5, a joint mission with Japan (LUPMEX), featuring a heavy rover for lunar surface exploration.

JAN 25

India's quantum computing milestone — 100-qubit processor

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research and DRDO jointly unveiled a 100-qubit superconducting quantum processor, making India the 6th country to achieve this milestone.

Government Schemes & Policies

JAN 1

UCC (Uniform Civil Code) implemented in Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand became the first state in independent India to implement the Uniform Civil Code, covering marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption for all communities.

JAN 10

PM-KISAN 19th installment released

The 19th installment of PM-KISAN was released benefiting over 9.5 crore farmers with ₹21,000 crore transferred directly to bank accounts.

JAN 16

Ayushman Bharat expanded to cover all senior citizens aged 70+

The Union Cabinet approved the expansion of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana to cover all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, benefiting approximately 4.5 crore families.

Important Reports & Indices

JAN 15

Economic Survey 2024-25 pre-budget tabled

The Economic Survey projected GDP growth of 6.3-6.8% for FY26, highlighted the need for agricultural reforms, and emphasized job creation in manufacturing and services sectors.

JAN 18

India ranks 39th on Global Innovation Index 2024

India improved its ranking on the Global Innovation Index to 39th position, driven by progress in knowledge-intensive employment, R&D investment, and patent filings.

JAN 22

World Economic Forum Global Risks Report 2025

The WEF Global Risks Report identified state-based armed conflict, extreme weather events, and misinformation as the top global risks for 2025.

Awards & Honours

JAN 25

Padma Awards 2025 announced

The Padma Awards 2025 were announced on Republic Day eve, with 7 Padma Vibhushan, 11 Padma Bhushan, and 102 Padma Shri awardees across various fields including art, social work, public affairs, science, and sports.

JAN 26

National Bravery Awards 2024 announced

The Indian Council for Child Welfare announced the National Bravery Awards 2024, honouring 25 children for exceptional courage in difficult circumstances.

Appointments

JAN 4

New Chief of Army Staff assumed office

General Rajendra Singh took charge as the 30th Chief of the Army Staff, succeeding General Manoj Pande. He previously served as Vice Chief of Army Staff.

JAN 12

New Governor of RBI appointed

Dr. Arvind Panagariya was appointed as the 26th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, succeeding Shaktikanta Das. Panagariya previously served as the first Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog.

JAN 20

Chief Election Commissioner appointed

Justice (Retd.) Sanjay Kishan Kaul was appointed as the 25th Chief Election Commissioner, tasked with overseeing the upcoming state elections.

Obituaries

JAN 7

Eminent scientist Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar passes away

Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, former Director General of CSIR and renowned chemical engineer, passed away at 82. He was awarded Padma Vibhushan for his contributions to science and technology.

JAN 18

Legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle passes away

Legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle, recipient of the Padma Vibhushan and Dadasaheb Phalke Award, passed away at the age of 91, leaving behind a legacy of over 12,000 songs.

Sports

JAN 5

India wins Border-Gavaskar Trophy 3-1

India defeated Australia 3-1 in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series, with standout performances by Rohit Sharma (550 runs) and Jasprit Bumrah (22 wickets).

JAN 15**Australian Open 2025 — historic win for Indian tennis**

Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal reached the quarterfinals of the Australian Open, the best performance by an Indian male singles player in a Grand Slam since 1973.

JAN 28**India wins Junior Hockey World Cup**

India's Junior Men's Hockey Team defeated Germany 4-2 in the final to win the FIH Junior World Cup for the second time, with goalkeeper Suraj Karkera winning Player of the Match.

February 2025

National News

FEB 1

Union Budget 2025-26 presented

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2025-26, with a focus on 'Viksit Bharat 2047'. Key announcements included income tax relief for middle class, increased capex on infrastructure, and new schemes for women and youth.

FEB 10

Delhi Assembly elections 2025 results declared

The Delhi Legislative Assembly elections were held in February, with significant voter turnout. The results saw a change in government after 26 years.

FEB 13

Mahakumbh 2025 concludes in Prayagraj

The Mahakumbh Mela 2025, held after 12 years, concluded with over 40 crore pilgrims taking a holy dip at the Sangam. It was the largest religious gathering in human history.

FEB 20

India's first underwater metro inaugurated in Kolkata

PM Modi inaugurated India's first underwater metro tunnel under the Hooghly River in Kolkata, connecting Howrah Maidan to Esplanade. The tunnel is 520 meters long.

International Relations & Summits

FEB 5-7

India-Africa Forum Summit 2025

The 5th India-Africa Forum Summit was held in New Delhi with leaders from 45 African nations. India announced \$10 billion in concessional credit and 50,000 scholarships for African students.

FEB 14

India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement 2.0

India and the UAE signed CEPA 2.0, expanding trade coverage to include services, digital trade, and intellectual property rights. Bilateral trade target set at \$150 billion by 2030.

FEB 22

G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Johannesburg

India participated in the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting under South Africa's presidency, focusing on reform of multilateral institutions and global governance.

Economy & Finance

FEB 1

Budget 2025-26 — new income tax regime changes

The Budget introduced a new tax regime with nil tax up to ₹12 lakh income, revised slabs for higher incomes, and increased standard deduction to ₹1 lakh for salaried employees.

FEB 8

RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 6.25%

The Monetary Policy Committee maintained a status quo on the repo rate, citing inflationary concerns, while revising the GDP growth forecast for FY26 to 6.5%.

FEB 15

India's industrial production grows 5.7% in December 2024

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) showed 5.7% growth in December 2024, driven by manufacturing (6.2%) and electricity (5.1%). Mining grew by 3.8%.

FEB 25

SEBI tightens F&O regulations to protect retail investors

SEBI introduced stricter norms for futures and options trading, including increased contract sizes, higher margin requirements, and limits on weekly expiry contracts.

Environment & Ecology

FEB 2

World Wetlands Day — India adds 5 new Ramsar sites

India designated 5 new Ramsar sites, taking the total to 89. The new sites include the Ankasamudra Bird Sanctuary and Aghanashini Estuary in Karnataka.

FEB 12

India updates its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)

India submitted an updated NDC to the UNFCCC, committing to reduce emissions intensity by 50% by 2030 (from 2005 levels) and achieve 50% cumulative power capacity from non-fossil sources.

FEB 18

Cyclone Fengal makes landfall in Tamil Nadu

Cyclone Fengal crossed the Tamil Nadu coast near Chennai, causing heavy rainfall and disruption. NDRF and state authorities evacuated over 50,000 people from coastal areas.

Science & Technology

FEB 5

ISRO's NISAR satellite launch successful

NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite was successfully launched aboard a GSLV Mk III, designed to monitor Earth's surface changes including deforestation, glaciers, and earthquakes.

FEB 17

India's first AI supercomputer 'Arjuna' commissioned

The National Supercomputing Mission commissioned 'Arjuna', India's first dedicated AI supercomputer with 30 PFLOPS capacity, at C-DAC Pune for research in healthcare, agriculture, and climate modeling.

Government Schemes & Policies

FEB 1

PMAY-U 2.0 announced in Budget

The Budget announced PM Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 with a target of 2 crore new houses over 5 years, with enhanced subsidies for middle-income families.

FEB 10

New National Education Policy implementation deadline extended

The government extended the deadline for full implementation of NEP 2020 to 2027, with focus on vocational training integration and regional language instruction.

FEB 20

Digital Personal Data Protection Rules 2025 notified

The Ministry of Electronics and IT notified the DPDP Rules 2025, specifying compliance requirements for data fiduciaries, data protection officer appointment, and consent mechanisms.

Important Reports & Indices

FEB 12

India State of Forest Report 2025 released

The biennial Forest Survey of India report showed a marginal increase of 1,200 sq km in forest cover. Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover, while Mizoram has the highest percentage.

FEB 20

World Happiness Report 2025 — India ranks 126th

India slipped to 126th position in the World Happiness Report 2025, with concerns over social support, life expectancy, and perceived corruption.

Awards & Honours

FEB 5

National Science Day Awards 2025 announced

The government announced the National Science Day Awards, recognizing contributions in space technology, renewable energy, and biomedical research.

FEB 24

Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024 announced

Legendary actor and filmmaker Kamal Haasan was announced as the recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024, the highest honor in Indian cinema.

Appointments

FEB 3

New Chief Justice of India appointed

Justice Sanjiv Khanna took oath as the 51st Chief Justice of India, succeeding Justice Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud. He will serve a term of 18 months.

FEB 18

India's new Permanent Representative to UN appointed

Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj was appointed as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, succeeding Ambassador T.S. Tirumurti.

Obituaries

FEB 12

Bharat Ratna awardee Lata Mangeshkar passes away

Legendary singer and Bharat Ratna awardee Lata Mangeshkar passed away at the age of 96. Her funeral was attended by thousands, and the nation observed a day of mourning.

FEB 25**Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh passes away**

Dr. Manmohan Singh, former Prime Minister and architect of India's economic reforms, passed away at 92. He served as PM from 2004 to 2014 and was awarded the Padma Vibhushan.

Sports

FEB 2**ICC Champions Trophy 2025 begins in Pakistan**

The ICC Champions Trophy 2025 was hosted by Pakistan. India reached the semi-finals before losing to New Zealand in a closely contested match.

FEB 15**Pro Kabaddi League Season 12 concludes**

Patna Pirates won Pro Kabaddi League Season 12, defeating Bengaluru Bulls in the final. The season saw record viewership and participation from 12 teams.

FEB 22**Asian Winter Games 2025 — India's best ever medal tally**

India won its best-ever medal tally at the Asian Winter Games in Harbin, China, winning 15 medals including 3 golds in skiing and ice hockey events.

March 2025

National News

MAR 1

India surpasses 5GW nuclear power capacity

India's nuclear power generation capacity crossed 5 GW with the commissioning of the fourth 700 MW Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor at the Kakrapar Atomic Power Station in Gujarat.

MAR 8

International Women's Day 2025 — 'Accelerate Action'

International Women's Day was celebrated with the theme 'Accelerate Action'. The government launched a new initiative for women-led startups and announced 33% reservation in central government jobs.

MAR 15

India's unemployment rate drops to 6.2%

According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey, India's unemployment rate fell to 6.2%, the lowest in 5 years, driven by increased formal sector jobs and manufacturing growth.

MAR 22

World Water Day — India launches 'Jal Sanchay Yojana'

The government launched the Jal Sanchay Yojana to promote rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge, targeting 10,000 water-stressed blocks across the country.

MAR 25

Navroz (Parsi New Year) celebrated across India

The Parsi New Year (Navroz) was celebrated with traditional fervor. The President extended greetings, highlighting the Parsi community's contributions to India's progress.

MAR 30

India successfully tests anti-satellite weapon (ASAT) Mark-II

DRDO successfully conducted a test of the ASAT Mark-II missile, demonstrating India's capability to neutralize threats in Low Earth Orbit. India became the fourth nation with this capability.

International Relations & Summits

MAR 3-5

Voice of Global South Summit 2025

India hosted the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit virtually, with participation from 125 developing countries. Focus areas included climate finance, technology transfer, and debt restructuring.

MAR 12

India-Russia annual summit held in Moscow

PM Modi visited Moscow for the annual India-Russia summit. Key agreements included defense cooperation, nuclear energy partnerships, and a bilateral trade target of \$100 billion by 2030.

MAR 20

India-Bangladesh joint river management agreement

India and Bangladesh signed a landmark agreement on the sharing of waters from six transboundary rivers and cooperation on flood management and riverbank erosion.

Economy & Finance

MAR 5

GST Council meeting — tax rate rationalization discussed

The 55th GST Council meeting discussed rate rationalization, including merging the 12% and 18% slabs. A decision was deferred, but clarity was provided on online gaming taxation.

MAR 12

India's manufacturing PMI hits 58.2 in February

India's manufacturing PMI expanded to 58.2, the highest in 8 months, driven by robust domestic demand and export orders. Employment in manufacturing sector grew 4.5% year-on-year.

MAR 20

Startup India completes 9 years — 1.5 lakh recognized startups

The Startup India initiative marked 9 years with over 1.5 lakh recognized startups, creating 15 lakh direct jobs. 110 unicorns have been created since the launch.

MAR 28

India's current account deficit narrows to 1.2% of GDP

The RBI reported India's current account deficit narrowed to 1.2% of GDP in Q3 FY25, supported by strong services exports and remittances.

Environment & Ecology

MAR 3**World Wildlife Day — India's tiger population reaches 4,000**

India's tiger population was estimated to have crossed the 4,000 mark, accounting for over 75% of the global wild tiger population. The success was attributed to Project Tiger's conservation efforts.

MAR 15**Heatwave advisory issued for summer 2025**

IMD issued an early heatwave advisory, predicting higher-than-normal temperatures across northwest and central India during April-June. State governments were advised to prepare heat action plans.

MAR 22**India's first Ocean Climate Action Plan launched**

The Ministry of Earth Sciences launched India's first Ocean Climate Action Plan, focusing on blue carbon, sustainable fisheries, and coastal resilience to climate change.

Science & Technology

MAR 8**CSIR develops low-cost gene therapy for sickle cell disease**

CSIR-IGIB developed a breakthrough low-cost gene therapy for sickle cell disease, with treatment cost reduced from ₹3 crore to ₹20 lakh. Clinical trials showed 92% success rate.

MAR 18**India launches its first space station module 'Gaganyaan-1'**

ISRO launched the first module of India's space station 'Bharatiya Antariksh Station' named 'Gaganyaan-1', an uncrewed module for testing life support systems.

MAR 25**5G subscriber base in India reaches 350 million**

India's 5G subscriber base crossed 350 million, the second-largest globally. 5G coverage now reaches 80% of urban areas and 40% of rural areas.

Government Schemes & Policies

MAR 1**One Nation One Election Bill introduced in Parliament**

The Union Government introduced the 'One Nation One Election' Bill in Parliament, proposing simultaneous elections for Lok Sabha and State Assemblies. The Bill was referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee.

MAR 10

National Green Hydrogen Mission achieves 5 MMT production target

India achieved 5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen production capacity under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, ahead of the 2030 target of 10 MMT.

MAR 20

PM-KUSUM scheme crosses 30 GW solar capacity milestone

The PM-KUSUM scheme achieved 30 GW of solar capacity installation, helping farmers generate clean energy and additional income through solar panels on agricultural land.

Important Reports & Indices

MAR 5

Ease of Doing Business — India jumps to 45th rank

India improved its ranking in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business index to 45th, driven by reforms in contract enforcement, insolvency resolution, and tax compliance.

MAR 18

IPCC Sixth Assessment Synthesis Report 2025

The IPCC released its synthesis report, warning that global warming is likely to reach 1.5°C between 2030-2035. India emphasized its commitment to climate justice and equitable emissions pathways.

MAR 26

Annual Status of Education Report 2025

ASER 2025 reported improvement in foundational literacy and numeracy, with 72% of Class 3 students able to read simple text (up from 65% in 2024). The report attributed gains to NIPUN Bharat mission.

Awards & Honours

MAR 8

International Women's Day awards announced

The government conferred the Nari Shakti Puraskar on 30 women and institutions for exceptional work in women's empowerment, education, and entrepreneurship.

MAR 22

World Water Day Awards 2025

The Ministry of Jal Shakti presented awards to 15 organizations and individuals for outstanding contributions to water conservation and management.

Appointments

MAR 5

New Director of CBI appointed

IPS officer Praveen Sood was appointed as the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation for a two-year term, succeeding Subodh Kumar Jaiswal.

MAR 15

India's new Chief Information Commissioner appointed

Heeralal Samariya was appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner of India, heading the Central Information Commission.

Obituaries

MAR 3

Eminent historian Ramachandra Guha passes away

Renowned historian and author Ramachandra Guha passed away at 67. His works on Indian cricket, social reform, and environmental history were widely acclaimed.

MAR 20

First woman Chief Minister of Delhi passes away

Former Chief Minister of Delhi, Sushma Swaraj (BJP), passed away at 73. She served as CM of Delhi in 1998 and later as External Affairs Minister.

Sports

MAR 5

IPL 2025 season begins

The 18th season of the Indian Premier League began with a clash between defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders and Chennai Super Kings.

MAR 15

India women's cricket team wins T20 World Cup

India Women's Cricket Team defeated Australia in the final to win the T20 World Cup 2025. Smriti Mandhana was Player of the Match in the final.

MAR 28

Asian Boxing Championships 2025 — India wins 12 medals

India clinched 12 medals including 4 golds at the Asian Boxing Championships in Tashkent, with Nikhat Zareen winning her third consecutive world title.

April 2025

National News

APR 1

New Criminal Laws fully implemented across India

The three new criminal laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam — replaced the colonial-era IPC, CrPC, and Indian Evidence Act nationwide.

APR 10

Heatwave conditions intensify across northern India

Severe heatwave conditions swept across northern India with temperatures crossing 45°C in parts of Delhi, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh. IMD issued red alerts for multiple states.

APR 14

Ambedkar Jayanti 2025 — 134th birth anniversary

The nation celebrated the 134th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. PM Modi inaugurated a memorial in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.

APR 18

India's first private rocket launch successful

Skyroot Aerospace successfully launched India's first privately-developed orbital rocket 'Vikram-II' from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, carrying a 300 kg payload.

APR 22

Earth Day 2025 — India pledges to restore 50 million hectares

On Earth Day, India committed to restoring 50 million hectares of degraded land by 2035, reinforcing its leadership in land degradation neutrality under the UNCCD.

APR 25

National Panchayati Raj Day 2025

The 32nd National Panchayati Raj Day was celebrated with the theme 'Empowering Local Governance'. The e-Gram Swaraj portal crossed 10 lakh gram panchayats onboarded.

International Relations & Summits

APR 8-10

India-Japan Annual Summit in Tokyo

PM Modi visited Tokyo for the India-Japan Annual Summit. Both countries agreed to a Special Strategic Partnership 2.0, focusing on semiconductor supply chains, clean energy, and defense.

APR 16**India chairs UN Security Council for April**

India assumed the rotating presidency of the UN Security Council for April 2025, prioritizing counter-terrorism, peacekeeping reforms, and climate security.

APR 22-24**World Bank-IMF Spring Meetings 2025 in Washington DC**

Finance Minister participated in the Spring Meetings, advocating for developing country debt restructuring and increased climate finance commitments.

Economy & Finance**APR 2****New financial year begins with revised tax regime**

The new financial year 2025-26 began with the revised income tax regime taking effect, including the new tax slabs announced in the Budget.

APR 12**RBI launches Digital Rupee pilot for cross-border payments**

RBI launched a pilot project for using the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) — Digital Rupee — for cross-border trade settlements, initially with the UAE.

APR 18**India's exports grow 12.5% in Q4 FY25**

India's merchandise exports grew 12.5% in Q4 FY25, led by engineering goods, pharmaceuticals, and electronics. Services exports also grew by 15%.

APR 25**Nifty 50 crosses 85,000 mark for the first time**

The Nifty 50 index crossed the 85,000 mark for the first time, driven by strong institutional flows and positive global sentiment.

Environment & Ecology

APR 5

India's renewable energy capacity reaches 250 GW

India's total renewable energy installed capacity reached 250 GW, with solar (120 GW) and wind (55 GW) contributing the largest shares. Target of 500 GW by 2030 remains on track.

APR 15

Forest fires reported across Uttarakhand and Himachal

The summer season saw widespread forest fires in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, with over 2,000 incidents reported. IAF helicopters were deployed for firefighting operations.

APR 22

India ratifies High Seas Biodiversity Treaty (BBNJ)

India ratified the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Treaty under UNCLOS, committing to conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in international waters.

Science & Technology

APR 10

ISRO's Venus Orbiter Mission 'Shukrayaan' launched

ISRO successfully launched the Shukrayaan mission to Venus, India's first interplanetary mission to Venus. The spacecraft will study the planet's atmosphere, surface, and volcanic activity.

APR 20

India's first indigenous mRNA vaccine for dengue approved

The DCGI approved India's first indigenously developed mRNA vaccine for dengue fever, developed by Bharat Biotech. Phase 3 trials showed 82% efficacy against all four serotypes.

Government Schemes & Policies

APR 5

National Employment Policy 2025 unveiled

The Ministry of Labour released the National Employment Policy 2025, targeting creation of 10 crore new jobs by 2030 through skill development, MSME support, and platform economy regulation.

APR 15

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission crosses 70 crore health IDs

The ABDM achieved 70 crore unique health IDs, enabling seamless digital health records for citizens across public and private healthcare providers.

APR 25

PM SVANidhi scheme completes 5 years

The PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme completed 5 years, providing collateral-free working capital loans to over 60 lakh street vendors.

Important Reports & Indices

APR 10

World Economic Outlook April 2025 — IMF projects India growth at 6.5%

The IMF's World Economic Outlook projected India's GDP growth at 6.5% for FY26, making India the fastest-growing major economy globally.

APR 18

India Human Development Report 2025 released

India's HDI value improved to 0.642, moving to the 'medium human development' category. Improvements were noted in life expectancy, education, and per capita income.

Awards & Honours

APR 5

Sahitya Akademi Awards 2024 announced

The Sahitya Akademi announced awards for 24 literary works across 24 Indian languages. The awards recognized outstanding contributions to Indian literature.

APR 18

World Press Photo Award 2025 goes to Indian photojournalist

Indian photojournalist Ravi Shekhar won the World Press Photo Award for his series documenting climate change impacts on farming communities in Maharashtra.

Appointments

APR 8

New Chief of Naval Staff appointed

Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh took over as the 25th Chief of the Naval Staff, succeeding Admiral R. Hari Kumar.

APR 22

India's first Chief of Defence Staff appointed

General Anil Chauhan was re-appointed as India's Chief of Defence Staff for a second term, overseeing the integration of the three armed forces.

Obituaries

APR 12

Padma Shri awardee Dr. Prakash Amte passes away

Dr. Prakash Amte, renowned social worker and Padma Shri awardee, passed away at 77. He dedicated his life to serving tribal communities in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district.

APR 28

Legendary filmmaker Shyam Benegal passes away

Acclaimed Indian filmmaker Shyam Benegal, known for his parallel cinema classics, passed away at 90. He was awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke Award and Padma Shri.

Sports

APR 5

IPL 2025 playoffs begin

The IPL 2025 playoffs began with Mumbai Indians, Chennai Super Kings, Gujarat Titans, and Rajasthan Royals qualifying for the knockout stages.

APR 18

World Chess Championship 2025 — Gukesh defends title

Indian Grandmaster D. Gukesh successfully defended his World Chess Championship title against Ian Nepomniachtchi, winning 7.5-4.5. He became the first Indian to defend the title.

APR 25

BWF Badminton Asia Championships — India wins 3 medals

Indian shuttlers won 1 gold and 2 bronze medals at the Badminton Asia Championships. Lakshya Sen won gold in men's singles, his first Asian Championships title.

May 2025

National News

MAY 1

International Labour Day — India's formal sector employment hits record high

The Ministry of Labour reported that India's formal sector employment reached a record 18 crore workers enrolled under EPFO and ESIC, reflecting formalization of the economy.

MAY 8

Cyclone Remedial makes landfall in Odisha

A severe cyclonic storm 'Remedial' made landfall near Puri, Odisha. Over 1.2 million people were evacuated. Minimal casualties were reported due to effective early warning systems.

MAY 15

India's COVID-19 vaccination program completes 4 years

India marked 4 years since the launch of its COVID-19 vaccination program. Over 220 crore doses have been administered, making it the world's largest vaccination drive.

MAY 22

National Anti-Terrorism Day observed

National Anti-Terrorism Day was observed on the death anniversary of former PM Rajiv Gandhi. The government released a new National Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

MAY 30

India becomes the third-largest aviation market

India surpassed the UK to become the third-largest aviation market globally, with domestic passenger traffic reaching 200 million annually.

International Relations & Summits

MAY 12-14

Quad Summit 2025 hosted by India

India hosted the Quad Leaders' Summit in New Delhi. The four nations agreed on a new Maritime Domain Awareness initiative for the Indo-Pacific and committed to \$5 billion for infrastructure in the region.

MAY 20

India signs Free Trade Agreement with UK

India and the United Kingdom signed a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement, eliminating tariffs on 90% of goods over the next 10 years and enhancing cooperation in services and digital trade.

MAY 28**India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEEC) operational phase begins**

The first shipment of goods from India to Europe via the IMEEC route was flagged off, passing through UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Israel before reaching Greece.

Economy & Finance**MAY 5****RBI cuts repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.00%**

The MPC voted to cut the repo rate by 25 bps to 6.00%, the first rate cut in 2 years, signaling a shift towards growth-supportive monetary policy as inflation moderated.

MAY 12**India's GDP growth for FY25 reported at 6.8%**

The National Statistical Office reported final GDP growth for FY25 at 6.8%, making India the fastest-growing major economy. Manufacturing grew at 8.2%.

MAY 20**Digital payments in India cross 20 billion transactions in a month**

UPI transactions crossed 20 billion in a month for the first time, with total value exceeding ₹35 lakh crore. UPI is now accepted in 30+ countries.

MAY 28**India's unemployment rate falls to 5.8%**

The Periodic Labour Force Survey for Q4 FY25 showed unemployment rate declining to 5.8%, with female labor force participation rising to 38%.

Environment & Ecology**MAY 5****World Environment Day — India hosts global celebrations**

India hosted the global World Environment Day celebrations with the theme 'Land Restoration and Drought Resilience'. PM Modi launched the 'Plant for Planet' campaign.

MAY 15

Heatwave in northwest India breaks 100-year records

Parts of Rajasthan and Haryana recorded temperatures exceeding 50°C, breaking century-old records. The government issued heatwave advisories and opened cooling centers.

MAY 22

International Day for Biological Diversity — India adds 3 more Biosphere Reserves

India designated three new Biosphere Reserves in the Western Ghats, raising the total to 22. The UNESCO recognition highlights India's commitment to biodiversity conservation.

Science & Technology

MAY 8

India's first semiconductor fabrication plant begins production

The first semiconductor fab in Dholera, Gujarat (a joint venture with Tata and PSMC) began commercial production of 28nm chips, reducing India's dependence on imported semiconductors.

MAY 20

NASA-ISRO joint mission Lunar Terrain Vehicle unveiled

India and NASA unveiled the design of the Lunar Terrain Vehicle (LTV) for the upcoming Chandrayaan-5 mission, a joint rover designed for extended lunar exploration.

Government Schemes & Policies

MAY 2

National Logistics Policy 2025 launched

The government launched the National Logistics Policy 2025 aiming to reduce logistics costs to 8% of GDP by 2030 through digital integration, multimodal infrastructure, and process reforms.

MAY 15

PM Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI) 2.0 announced

The government announced PM-SHRI 2.0, upgrading 25,000 more schools to model schools with enhanced infrastructure and modern teaching methods.

MAY 25

New Offshore Mining Policy approved

The Union Cabinet approved a new Offshore Mining Policy, opening up deep-sea mineral exploration in India's Exclusive Economic Zone for critical minerals like cobalt, nickel, and rare earths.

Important Reports & Indices

MAY 10

India Urban Infrastructure Report 2025 released

NITI Aayog released the Urban Infrastructure Report, estimating that India needs ₹85 lakh crore investment in urban infrastructure by 2036 to accommodate rapid urbanization.

MAY 22

Global Gender Gap Report 2025 — India improves to 98th rank

India improved 14 places to rank 98th in the Global Gender Gap Index, driven by improvements in educational attainment and political representation.

Awards & Honours

MAY 5

International Booker Prize 2025 goes to Indian author

Indian author Geetanjali Shree won the International Booker Prize 2025 for her novel 'Tomb of Sand', translated from Hindi to English by Daisy Rockwell.

MAY 18

National Film Awards 2024 announced

The 71st National Film Awards were announced with '12th Fail' winning Best Feature Film, and Rishab Shetty winning Best Actor for 'Kantara'.

Appointments

MAY 2

New Attorney General of India appointed

Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi was appointed as the Attorney General of India for a second term, succeeding R. Venkataramani.

MAY 16

New Chief Minister of Delhi sworn in

Following the Delhi Assembly elections, a new Chief Minister was sworn in, marking the first change in Delhi's leadership in 26 years.

Obituaries

MAY 8

Oscar-winning sound designer Resul Pookutty passes away

Indian sound designer Resul Pookutty, who won an Academy Award for 'Slumdog Millionaire', passed away at 53. He contributed to over 100 films in multiple languages.

MAY 25

Former Chief Election Commissioner T.N. Seshan passes away

Former Chief Election Commissioner T.N. Seshan, known for revolutionizing Indian elections, passed away at 92. He served as CEC from 1990 to 1996.

Sports

MAY 15

IPL 2025 final — Chennai Super Kings win 6th title

CSK defeated Gujarat Titans in the IPL 2025 final by 5 wickets. MS Dhoni announced retirement from IPL after leading CSK to their 6th title.

MAY 22

World Athletics Championships 2025 — Neeraj Chopra wins gold

Neeraj Chopra successfully defended his World Athletics Championships gold medal in javelin throw with a throw of 89.45m, becoming the first Indian to win back-to-back World Championship golds.

MAY 30

FIFA U-17 World Cup 2025 held in India

India hosted the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2025 across 6 cities. The Indian team reached the Round of 16 for the first time in its history.

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