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Hurun India 500 Report 2026: Top 10 Companies Account for 27% of Total Valuation

According to the latest Hurun India 500 Report 2026, India's corporate landscapes continues to be dominated by the select group of the highly valuable companies. This report released in partnership with the Axis Bank and Burgundy Private and this report highlights that the India's top ten most valuable companies collectively account for the 27% of the total valuation of the 500 firms that are featured in the ranking. Although this combined value of corporate giants declined from the ₹97 trillion to ₹86 trillion over the past year as they remain as the backbone of the India's corporate economy.

What Is the Hurun India 500 Report?

The Hurun India 500 is the annual ranking of the India's most valuable companies based on their market valuation. The report serves as an important indicator of the,

- Corporate wealth creation
- Sectoral trends
- Investor sentiment
- Long-term business performance

Top Ten Firms In Hurun India 500 Report

Rank	Company	Value (INR Cr.)	Headquarters	CEO/MD
1	Reliance Industries	19,36,239	Mumbai	Mukesh Ambani
2	HDFC Bank	11,87,800	Mumbai	Shashidhar Jagdeesan
3	Bharti Airtel	11,49,650	New Delhi	Shashwat Sharma
4	ICICI Bank	9,04,460	Mumbai	Sandeep Suraj Bakhshi
5	Tata Consultancy Services	8,95,080	Mumbai	Kunchitham Kritivasan
6	Bajaj Finance	5,83,050	Pune	Rajeev Jain
7	Larsen & Toubro	5,52,170	Mumbai	S. N. Subramanyam
8	National Stock Exchange of India	4,86,140	Mumbai	Ashish Kumar Chauhan
9	Infosys	4,79,270	Bengaluru	Salil Parekh
10	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries	4,33,880	Mumbai	Kirti Ganorkar

Reliance Industries Retains the Top Spot

Reliance Industries led by Mukesh Ambani remains as the leader in this ranking.

Key Highlights

- Valuation: ₹19.36 trillion
- Highest absolute value creator during the year
- Added more than around ₹1.8 trillion in value
- Accounts for nearly one-fifth of the valuation of the top 10 companies

Reliance's continued leadership reflects the its diversified business model spanning energy, telecom, retail, digital services and emerging technologies.

HDFC Bank Maintains Second Position

HDFC Bank retained the second spot despite the decline in valuation.

- India's evolving economic landscape

The 2026 edition highlights how the relatively small group of the companies continues to dominate corporate value creation in India.

Top 10 Companies Control ₹86 Trillion in Value

According to this report, the ten most valuable Indian companies are collectively worth around ₹86 trillion (approximately \$908 billion).

Key highlights includes the,

- Top 10 companies account for the 27% of the total value of the Hurun India 500.
- Also the combined valuation declined from the ₹97 trillion in the previous year.
- Total value of the top 10 companies has grown 3.5 times over the last decade.
- Seven companies have maintained their position among the top 10 for five consecutive years.

This findings also underline the concentration of the corporate wealth among India's largest enterprises.

Although its valuation fell by 17% during this year, the bank remains as one of the India's most valuable companies and it is the key pillar of the country's financial sector.

Bharti Airtel Emerges as a Major Winner

One of the biggest success stories in this year's rankings is the Bharti Airtel.

As it climbed to third position and the valuation has reached to the ₹11.5 trillion.

Also the valuation surged the 198% over the past five years

The company's rise showcases the growing investor confidence in the India's digital infrastructure and telecommunications sector.

Financial Services Strengthen Their Dominance

The report shows that the financial services remain as one of the strongest drivers of the corporate wealth creation in India.



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Major financial institutions featured prominently in the rankings includes the,

ICICI Bank

ICICI Bank has climbed to the fourth place with a valuation exceeding ₹9 trillion.

Bajaj Finance

Bajaj Finance has also entered the top 10 for the first time. Key achievements includes the,

- Valuation increased by the 37% in one year
- Reached to the ₹5.83 trillion valuation
- Highest value creator in the percentage terms during the year

National Stock Exchange (NSE)

National Stock Exchange of India also joined the top tier and it reflecting tthe rapid expansion of the India's capital markets and retail investing ecosystem.

These developments showcases how the financialization has become the defining theme of India's economic growth story.

IT Giants Lose Ground

This report also highlights the notable shift in investor preferences away from the traditional IT services companies.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

Tata Consultancy Services has been also slipped to fifth place. Its valuation has also declined by the 44% during the year and it fell 2% over the last five years.

Infosys

Infosys has dropped to the ninth position. And its valuation has declined by 36% over the five-year period.

Why Are IT Companies Losing Relative Ground?

There are several factors are contributing to the changing fortunes of the IT firms.

- Slower Global Technology Spending
- Rise of Artificial Intelligence
- Shift Toward Domestic Growth Themes

These sectors are seen as the better positioned to benefit from India's long-term economic expansion.

Top 15 Companies by Absolute Value Creation

Rank 2025	5-Year Rank (2021)	Company	Industry	Value 2025 (₹ Cr)	5 Year Change (₹ Cr)
1	3	Bharti Airtel	Telecommunications	11,49,650	7,63,917
2	11	Adani Power	Energy	4,27,840	3,85,896
3	4	ICICI Bank	Financial Services	9,04,460	3,66,727
4	8	National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)	Financial Services	4,86,340	3,18,140
5	7	Larsen & Toubro	Construction & Engineering	5,52,170	3,01,937
6	2	HDFC Bank	Financial Services	11,87,800	2,82,161
7	15	Mahindra & Mahindra	Automobile & Auto Components	3,85,190	2,74,944
8	1	Reliance Industries	Energy	19,36,230	2,70,849
9	10	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries	Healthcare	4,33,880	2,35,911
10	16	Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone	Transportation & Logistics	3,81,840	2,30,302
11	28	Shriram Finance	Financial Services	2,20,530	1,81,853
12	12	Titan Company	Consumer Goods	3,89,320	1,70,916
13	22	Bajaj Auto	Automobile & Auto Components	2,79,330	1,70,051
14	13	Axis Bank	Financial Services	3,94,160	1,52,890
15	6	Bajaj Finance	Financial Services	5,83,050	1,51,745

What Is Absolute Value Creation?

The Absolute value creation measures the total increase in the company's market valuation over the specified period.

Unlike the percentage growth, which favors the smaller firms, absolute value creation highlights the companies which have generated the largest amount of the wealth for the shareholders in rupee terms.

This metric is particularly useful because it reflect the,

- Long-term business growth
- Investor confidence
- Wealth creation at scale
- Sustainable market leadership

The Hurun India 500 ranking tracks the valuation gains between the year 2021 and 2025.

Indian Athletics Awards 2025: Neeraj Chopra and Parul Chaudhary Win Top Honours

In the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2025, Olympic medal-winning javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra was named as the Best Male Athlete of the Year at the ceremony, which was held in New Delhi. Also, the national record holder, Parul Chaudhary, received the Female Athlete of the Year award.

This award was organised by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) and it recognizes the athletes, coaches, officials, state associations and contributors who have played an important role in the growth of athletics in the country.

Neeraj Chopra Wins Best Male Athlete of the Year

India's most celebrated track and field athlete and Olympic Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra added another prestigious honour to his illustrious career by winning the Best Male Athlete of the Year award.

The two-time Olympic medallist continued to perform at the highest level despite facing injury challenges.

After recovering from the back injury suffered before the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Chopra has returned strongly to international competition.

One of his major achievements came when he became the first Indian athlete to cross the 90-metre mark in the javelin throw and registered the remarkable throw of 90.23 metres at the Doha Diamond League.

Parul Chaudhary Named Best Female Athlete

Distance runner and steeplechase specialist Parul Chaudhary was awarded the Best Female Athlete of the Year title.

Parul enjoyed the highly successful season and winning the gold medals in both the women's 3000m steeplechase and 5000m events at the Asian Championships.

She remains one of India's leading long-distance runners and continues to set benchmarks in middle and long-distance athletics.

PT Usha Among Lifetime Achievement Award Winners

One of the most emotional moments of the ceremony came when the legendary sprinter and Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

She is widely regarded as one of India's greatest athletes, and PT Usha's contributions to Indian sports span several decades.

She has inspired the generations of athletes and continues to contribute to sports administration and athlete development.

Other recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award included the,

- Gurbachan Singh Randhawa – Former Asian Games decathlon champion
- Bahadur Singh Chauhan – Former national athletics coach
- Anju Bobby George – World Championships bronze medallist in the long jump

Emerging Athletes Receive Recognition

The Indian Athletics Awards also focused on to encouraging the next generation of talent.

- Best Emerging Male Athlete: Shahnavaz Khan
- Best Emerging Female Athlete: Pooja Singh

Both the athletes have shown exceptional promise and they are considered as the future stars of Indian athletics.

Other Major Award Winners

There are several individuals and organizations were recognized for their contributions to the sport.

- Best Coach of the Year: Parveer Singh
- Best Technical Official of the Year: Dr. Kuldeep Singh

- Best State Association of the Year: Tamil Nadu Athletics Association
 - Best State Supporting Athletics: Government of Odisha
- The awards acknowledge not only athletes but also the coaches, administrators, officials, and institutions that help build a strong athletics ecosystem.

Indian Athletics Awards 2025 Winners List

Category	Winner
Best Male Athlete of the Year	Neeraj Chopra
Best Female Athlete of the Year	Parul Chaudhary
Best Emerging Male Athlete	Shahnavaz Khan
Best Emerging Female Athlete	Pooja Singh
Best Coach of the Year	Parveer Singh
Best Technical Official	Dr. Kuldeep Singh
Best State Association	Tamil Nadu Athletics Association
Best State Supporting Athletics	Government of Odisha
Lifetime Achievement Award	PT Usha, Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, Bahadur Singh Chauhan, Anju Bobby George

National Affairs

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** commissioned three indigenously built naval vessels—**INS Dunagiri**, **INS Agray**, and **INS Sanshodhak**—at **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata**. Designed by the **Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau** and built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)**, the ships strengthen **India's maritime security** and **Aatmanirbhar Bharat**. **INS Dunagiri** is a stealth frigate, **INS Agray** an anti-submarine warfare craft, and **INS Sanshodhak** a hydrographic survey vessel. Over **75% indigenous components** sourced from **200+ MSMEs** highlight India's growing defence manufacturing capability and Indo-Pacific strategic preparedness.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced development projects worth over **₹47,600 crore** during the "**Vikas Ra Dhara, Odisha Sara**" programme in **Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj, Pahadpur** was declared a **Model Solar Village**, ensuring solar infrastructure for every household. Investments cover **railways, highways, ports, green energy, urban development**, logistics, and industries. Modi highlighted Odisha's role in the **Purvodaya Vision** and stated that **Utkarsh Odisha** attracted investment proposals worth nearly **₹20 lakh crore**, with projects exceeding **₹3.5 lakh crore** underway, boosting employment, infrastructure, industrial growth, and regional economic development.

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** launched the **₹1,500-crore** redevelopment of **Shri Karveer Nivasini Mahalaxmi Temple** in **Kolhapur, Maharashtra**. The project aims to preserve the temple's **Hemadpanthi architecture** while upgrading pilgrim facilities. Planned in **three phases**, it includes restoration of **41 surrounding temples**, structural conservation, a dedicated **pradakshina path**, beautification of **Nagar Pradakshina Marg**, improved security, crowd management, and accessibility. The initiative is expected to boost **religious tourism**, generate employment, support local businesses, and transform the historic **Shakti Peetha** into a world-class pilgrimage destination while preserving its heritage.
- India's **National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission**, launched on **1 July 2023**, aims to eliminate **Sickle Cell Disease** as a public health challenge by **2047**. The programme focuses on **mass screening, genetic counselling**, awareness, prevention, and comprehensive healthcare. More than **seven crore people** have already been screened, making it among the world's largest genetic screening initiatives. The mission prioritizes **tribal populations** in **Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Odisha, and Jharkhand**, improving early diagnosis, treatment access, reducing disease burden, and ensuring better long-term health outcomes for affected communities.
- The **Government of India** reappointed **Tushar Mehta** as the **Solicitor General of India** for another **three-year term** beginning **1 July 2026**. Approved by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet**, the decision ensures continuity in representing the **Union Government** before the **Supreme Court, High Courts**, and other judicial forums. Mehta will continue advising ministries on constitutional, taxation, governance, and national security matters. Five **Additional Solicitors General**—**Vikramjit Banerjee, K.M. Nataraj, S.V. Raju, N. Venkataraman, and Aishwarya Bhati**—were also reappointed to strengthen the government's legal framework.
- The newly launched **Aadhaar App**, developed by the **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**, crossed **31 million downloads** within five months. Available on **Android and iOS**, the app provides secure digital access to Aadhaar services, including **face authentication, biometric lock/unlock, authentication history, and QR-based contact sharing**. Nearly **4 million mobile number updates** and over **850,000 address updates** have been completed through the platform. The upgraded application gradually replaces **mAadhaar**, reflecting India's growing digital adoption and improving accessibility, security, and convenience in identity management.
- **George Kurian** resigned from the **Union Council of Ministers** after the **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** decided not to renominate him to the **Rajya Sabha** following completion of his six-year term. **President Droupadi Murmu** accepted his resignation under **Article 75(2)** on the advice of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. A BJP leader from Kerala, Kurian served as **Minister of State** since 2024. He is expected to strengthen the party's organizational network and expand support among **Christian communities** ahead of future electoral contests in Kerala.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister **Amit Shah** launched **NAFEX.in**, a digital auction platform developed by **NAFED** to modernize agricultural marketing through transparent and technology-driven commodity trading. He also introduced the **NAFED-KALYAN Scholarship Scheme, DRISHTI Portal**, and an **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Portal** to improve procurement, inventory management, logistics, finance, and supply-chain efficiency. These digital initiatives aim to enhance **price discovery**, reduce manual intervention, strengthen governance, increase market access for farmers, and promote modernization of India's **cooperative and agricultural** sectors through improved transparency and operational efficiency.
- India became the **world's largest ship recycling nation** in **2025**, achieving a key **Maritime India Vision 2030** target five years ahead of schedule. According to **UNCTAD**, India's global recycling share increased from **30.1% to 35.4%**, while recycling volume rose to **2.99 million gross tons**. Growth was driven by the **Recycling of Ships Act, 2019**, modernization support, **Ship-Breaking Credit Note Scheme**, and compliance with the **Hong Kong International Convention**. The **Alang Ship Recycling Yard** remains central to India's leadership in sustainable maritime recycling and the circular economy.
- **Osmania University** became the first Indian university to receive **four ISO Management System Certifications** simultaneously from the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**. The certifications include **ISO 21001:2018, ISO 14001:2015, ISO 50001:2018, and ISO 22000:2018**, recognizing excellence in education, environmental management, energy efficiency, and food safety. The achievement followed comprehensive evaluation of governance, quality assurance, risk management, and institutional processes. **Vice-Chancellor Kumar Molugaram** described the recognition as a milestone that strengthens academic excellence, sustainability, transparency, and global competitiveness in India's higher education system.
- India crossed **five lakh voluntary organ donation pledges** by **June 2026**, marking significant progress in promoting organ transplantation. The milestone was announced by **Dr. Anil Kumar**, Director of the **National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO)**. Integration of organ donation registration with the **Aadhaar-linked Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission** improved secure and transparent enrolment. Public awareness campaigns, including **Mann Ki Baat**, encouraged greater participation. The achievement reflects increasing public awareness, ethical transplantation practices, digital healthcare integration, and efforts to bridge the gap between organ demand and availability across India.

- **President Droupadi Murmu** conferred **65 Padma Awards** during the second phase of the **Padma Awards 2026** ceremony at **Rashtrapati Bhavan**. The honours included **2 Padma Vibhushan, 7 Padma Bhushan, and 56 Padma Shri** awards recognizing excellence in **sports, cinema, music, literature, science, public affairs, and social service**. Prominent awardees included **Rohit Sharma, R. Madhavan, Mammooty, Alka Yagnik, and Vijay Amritraj**. Earlier, the government announced **131 Padma Awards**, celebrating exceptional contributions and inspiring excellence across diverse fields through India's highest civilian honours.
- **IRCTC Chairman and Managing Director Sanjay Kumar Jain** resigned on personal grounds, with the **Ministry of Railways** accepting his resignation effective **20 July 2026**. During his tenure, **IRCTC** achieved **Navratna Status** and advanced from **Schedule B to Schedule A** classification. Jain also expanded railway tourism, online ticketing, catering, and hospitality services. He expressed gratitude to employees, stakeholders, and the government while assuring a smooth leadership transition. The Ministry will appoint an interim **CMD** until a permanent successor is selected to ensure operational continuity.
- India ranked **13th globally** in the **QS World Future Skills Index 2027**, scoring **89.4 out of 100** among **89 countries** evaluated for readiness in **artificial intelligence, digital technologies, and future workforce capabilities**. India ranked **5th** in the **Future of Work** category and performed strongly in **Academic Readiness, Skills Alignment, and Economic Transformation**. The report credited India's vast digital workforce, demographic advantage, thriving startup ecosystem, government support, and rapid AI adoption for strengthening its position as a leading lower-middle-income economy prepared for emerging technologies.
- **Bhu-Aadhaar**, officially known as the **Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN)**, is modernizing India's land governance under the **Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme**. The **14-digit alphanumeric identifier** provides every land parcel with a unique georeferenced identity linked to spatial coordinates. Over **36 crore land parcels** across **29 States and Union Territories** have already received ULPINs. Supported by **drone surveys, digital mapping, and geospatial technology**, the initiative improves transparency, reduces land disputes, strengthens ownership records, and modernizes land administration across India.
- India launched four advanced digital policing applications—**Abhigyan, Criminal Procedure Identification (CrPI), e-Prosecution 2.0, and e-Forensics 2.0**—to strengthen the **Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS)**. **Abhigyan** enables smartphone-based fingerprint identification using over **1.29 crore records**, while **CrPI** supports **facial recognition, iris scanning, and DNA verification**. The remaining platforms digitize evidence management and prosecution workflows. These applications improve coordination among **police, courts, prisons, forensic laboratories, and prosecution departments**, enhancing efficiency, transparency, accountability, and digital criminal investigations across India.
- The newly launched **Aadhaar App**, developed by the **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**, crossed **31 million downloads** within five months, reflecting rapid digital adoption. Available on **Android and iOS**, the app offers **face authentication, biometric lock/unlock, QR-based Aadhaar sharing, authentication history, and profile update services**. Millions of users have updated mobile numbers and addresses digitally, reducing dependence on physical Aadhaar centres. **UIDAI** is gradually replacing the older **mAadhaar** application, making the upgraded platform the primary gateway for secure and convenient digital identity management across India.
- India extended humanitarian support to **Venezuela** after two powerful **earthquakes (7.2 and 7.5 magnitude)** struck near **Montalbán and Yumare** on **24 June 2026**, killing **32 people** and injuring over **700**. **Acting President Delcy Rodríguez** declared a **State of Emergency** to accelerate rescue and relief operations. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** expressed condolences and assured India's readiness to provide humanitarian assistance. The disaster caused widespread infrastructure damage, highlighting the importance of **international disaster cooperation, humanitarian aid, and India's commitment to supporting friendly nations during major natural calamities**.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** directed all states to accelerate implementation of the **e-Zero FIR System** during the **52nd PRAGATI Meeting** to strengthen action against **cyber financial fraud**. Linked with the **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)**, the system automatically converts verified fraud complaints exceeding **₹10 lakh** into **Zero FIRs**, eliminating jurisdictional delays. Complaints can be registered through the **National Cybercrime Reporting Portal or Helpline 1930**. The initiative improves investigation speed, fund recovery during the **Golden Hour**, inter-agency coordination, and nationwide cybercrime enforcement.
- India aims to develop **100 GW of Pumped Storage Hydropower Capacity** by **FY2035–36** under a roadmap prepared by the **Central Electricity Authority** and the **Ministry of Power**. Acting as a natural battery, pumped storage stores surplus electricity by pumping water to elevated reservoirs and generates power during peak demand. India currently has **7.2 GW operational** and **11.6 GW under construction**, against a potential of **288 GW**. The initiative supports **500 GW non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030**, ensuring **grid stability, renewable integration, and long-term energy security**.
- India released the **Indian Pharmacopoeia 2026**, becoming the **first country** to establish dedicated standards for **blood and blood components**. Launched by **J. P. Nadda**, the **10th Edition** contains **20 new and 2 revised monographs** developed by the **Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission**. The standards improve **blood quality, transfusion safety, screening, and quality control** while reducing risks of infections like **HIV and Hepatitis**. The initiative strengthens **blood banking, enhances patient safety, aligns with international healthcare standards, and positions India as a global leader in transfusion medicine**.

- The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** will launch the **Index of Services Production (ISP)** in **July 2026** to measure monthly performance of India's services sector. Using **2024–25** as the base year, the index will monitor industries including **trade, transport, banking, insurance, telecommunications, IT, and hospitality**. Compiled using **GST data**, administrative records, and surveys, the **ISP** will function like the **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)**. The initiative strengthens economic monitoring, policymaking, forecasting, and statistical measurement of India's services-driven economy.
- The **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)** issued an advisory warning organisations about the rising **Boss Scam**, a targeted cyber fraud in which criminals impersonate **CEOs** or senior executives to deceive employees into transferring funds or sharing confidential information. Attackers often use fake emails, malicious attachments, and compromised **WhatsApp Web** accounts to exploit trust and create urgency. **I4C** advised organisations to independently verify payment requests, avoid downloading suspicious files, implement multi-level approval systems, and strengthen cybersecurity awareness to prevent financial losses caused by advanced **social engineering attacks**.
- India launched **Air Suvidha 2.0**, a fully digital health declaration system for international travellers to enhance airport screening and disease surveillance. Introduced by the **Ministry of Civil Aviation** in collaboration with **Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)**, the platform requires passengers to submit travel history, health status, and exposure details before arrival. The system reduces paperwork, speeds up immigration clearance, and improves coordination among health authorities. Launched amid global disease concerns, including Ebola, Air Suvidha 2.0 supports early risk detection and promotes safe, contactless, and technology-driven border health management.
- The **Mukhyamantri Kisan Sahay Yojana** of Gujarat provides financial assistance to farmers whose **Kharif crops** are damaged by natural calamities. Farmers receive **₹20,000 per hectare** for crop losses between **33% and 60%**, and **₹25,000 per hectare** for losses exceeding **60%**, covering up to four hectares. Unlike crop insurance schemes, the programme requires **no premium** from farmers. Applications are submitted through the **iKhedut portal**, verified by field surveys, and payments are transferred directly to Aadhaar-linked bank accounts via **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**, ensuring transparency and timely financial support.
- The Government of India has introduced **new LPG distribution rules** in 2026 to prevent misuse of subsidized LPG and promote cleaner energy adoption. Under the **30-day rule**, households must surrender their LPG connection within 30 days of obtaining a PNG connection, while the **90-day rule** requires switching to PNG in pipeline-covered areas. Rural households and locations without PNG availability are exempted. Consumers can later restore LPG services using transfer vouchers if required. The policy enhances transparency, prevents duplicate connections, reduces subsidy leakage, and supports efficient energy distribution.
- India has announced **seven new bullet train corridors** under the **National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)** to strengthen high-speed rail connectivity. Proposed routes include **Mumbai–Pune, Bengaluru–Chennai, Delhi–Varanasi**, and several other major city pairs. Trains are expected to operate at speeds of up to **350 km/h**, significantly reducing travel time. The indigenous **B35 high-speed train** will power these future corridors, while the **Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project** remains India's first operational high-speed rail initiative. The expansion aims to boost connectivity, economic growth, and indigenous railway technology.
- The **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** launched the **SHATAYU Dashboard** to improve elderly care services across India. Managed by the **National Institute of Social Defence (NISD)**, the platform creates a centralized database of certified geriatric caregivers, enabling senior citizens and families to easily access trained professionals. Caregivers can also self-register to expand employment opportunities. The dashboard supports India's growing ageing population by promoting dignified, accessible, and home-based care services. It strengthens the country's elderly care ecosystem through digital technology and improved healthcare coordination.
- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet** appointed **Mahesh Dixit**, a **1993-batch IPS officer**, as the new **Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB)** for a two-year term beginning **30 June 2026**. He succeeds **Tapan Kumar Deka** and brings extensive experience in internal security, including operations in **Jammu & Kashmir, the Northeast, and anti-Naxal missions**. The Intelligence Bureau, functioning under the **Ministry of Home Affairs**, is India's premier internal intelligence agency responsible for counter-terrorism, intelligence gathering, and safeguarding national security against internal and external threats.
- The **Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS)** is an important interstate irrigation project on the **Tungabhadra River** in the Krishna Basin, benefiting **Telangana, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh**. Telangana has been allocated **17.9 TMCFT** of water but faces challenges in utilizing its full share due to canal maintenance issues, sedimentation, and infrastructure limitations. Recent discussions between state governments and the Centre have focused on desilting canals, upgrading reservoirs, and improving coordination. The project remains vital for irrigation, agriculture, rural livelihoods, and interstate water resource management in drought-prone regions.
- India hosted the **11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting** in **Gurugram** under its **2026 BRICS Chairship** with the theme **"Energy for All."** Energy ministers discussed renewable energy, hydrogen, smart grids, artificial intelligence, energy storage, and sustainable development. Major outcomes included the establishment of the **BRICS Digital Centre of Excellence**, adoption of smart grid cooperation principles, and initiatives for hydrogen collaboration. India highlighted its achievements in renewable energy and non-fossil fuel capacity. The meeting strengthened cooperation among BRICS nations to build resilient, affordable, and sustainable global energy systems.



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- The Government of India appointed **Mahesh Dixit (1993-batch IPS, Telangana cadre)** as the new **Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB)**, replacing **Tapan Kumar Deka**. Approved by the ACC, he brings extensive experience in intelligence, counter-terrorism, and internal security. He earlier served as **Special Director at IB Headquarters** and headed the **Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau in Srinagar**. IB operates under the **Ministry of Home Affairs** and handles domestic intelligence, counter-terrorism, and internal threats. His appointment aims to strengthen India's internal security framework and intelligence coordination.
- **Home Minister Amit Shah** launched the **Vision Document on Narcotics Control (2026–2029)** at the NCORD meeting in New Delhi. It aims to create a **drug-free India** through demand reduction, supply control, rehabilitation, and awareness. He highlighted rising drug seizures and stressed better coordination between states using digital platforms. A **Drug Disposal Fortnight** was also launched, destroying over **2.09 lakh kg of narcotics worth ₹6,000 crore**. The plan focuses on tackling synthetic drugs, darknet trafficking, and strengthening enforcement using technology and multi-agency coordination.
- The **West Bengal Government** proposed creating **five new districts—Kolkata, Basirhat, Sundarban, Jangipur, and Arambagh—**under the **State Budget 2026–27** to improve governance and decentralize administration. The reorganization aims to strengthen regional planning, enhance public service delivery, and reduce administrative burdens. The proposed **Sundarban district** will focus on climate resilience and conservation, while **Basirhat** will strengthen border management. **Jangipur** and **Arambagh** will improve industrial, agricultural, and flood management, promoting balanced development across urban, rural, coastal, and border regions.
- The **Rajasthan Government** constituted a **five-member committee** headed by former **Supreme Court Judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai** to prepare a draft **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)**. The committee will consult citizens, legal experts, religious leaders, women's groups, and community representatives, while a dedicated website will collect public feedback. Based on **Article 44** of the Constitution, the proposed UCC aims to establish uniform laws governing **marriage, divorce, adoption, inheritance, and succession**, promoting **gender equality**, legal uniformity, transparency, and simplified judicial procedures through an inclusive consultation process.

States in the News

- The **World Bank** approved a **₹4,000-crore** loan for Haryana's **Jal Sanrakshit Haryana** project to strengthen **water security**. The initiative focuses on **canal modernization, groundwater recharge, micro-irrigation, wastewater reuse, crop diversification**, and community participation. Around **106 canals** will be modernized with **World Bank** support, while over **620 water channels** will be upgraded, benefiting more than **3 lakh acres** of farmland. The project aims to reduce groundwater dependence, improve irrigation efficiency, promote climate-resilient agriculture, and ensure sustainable water management across **Haryana**.
- The newly elected **BJP Government** presented **West Bengal Budget 2026–27** with an outlay of **₹4.38 lakh crore**. **Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta** announced **one lakh government jobs, 33% reservation for women**, and an increase in **Dearness Allowance to 38%** from October 2026. Major infrastructure proposals include a **greenfield airport** near **Kalyani, deep-sea port** at **Dadanpatrabar**, metro projects, and airport expansion. Welfare measures cover **Annapurna Yojana**, free bus services for women, student assistance, housing, education, sports, and cultural development to accelerate inclusive economic growth.
- **Khurasani Imli** from **Mandu, Madhya Pradesh**, received the **Geographical Indication (GI) Tag**, recognizing its unique historical and ecological significance. The fruit belongs to the **African Baobab Tree (Adansonia digitata)** rather than ordinary tamarind. **Mandu** contains India's largest natural cluster of **Baobab** trees, whose unique climate enhances the fruit's characteristics. Historical records suggest the species reached India through ancient trade routes. The **GI Tag** protects product authenticity, supports local producers, preserves regional heritage, and promotes conservation of this distinctive natural resource with significant nutritional and cultural value.
- **Lakadong Turmeric** from **Meghalaya's Jaintia Hills** gained international recognition after being showcased at the **52nd G7 Summit 2026**. Awarded a **Geographical Indication (GI) Tag** in **2024**, the premium turmeric is renowned for its **7–12% curcumin content**, significantly higher than ordinary varieties. Nearly **14,000 farmers** across **43 villages** cultivate it using traditional organic farming methods. The recently inaugurated **Northeast's largest organic spice processing facility** at **Bhoiymbong** will boost exports, protect authenticity, enhance farmers' incomes, and support India's target of **\$1 billion turmeric exports by 2030**.
- The **Uttar Pradesh Government** is implementing the **Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana** to promote **girls' education, financial empowerment, and gender equality**. Launched in **2019**, the scheme provides **₹25,000** in **six instalments** from birth to higher education. Eligible families must have an annual income below **₹3 lakh**, be residents of Uttar Pradesh, and have a maximum of **two children**. Financial assistance is transferred directly through **Aadhaar-linked DBT**. The initiative aims to improve the **child sex ratio**, reduce gender discrimination, and encourage long-term investment in girls' education and welfare.
- Punjab notified the **VB-G RAM G rural employment scheme 2026**, replacing MGNREGA in the state from July 2026. It guarantees **125 days of wage employment** annually for rural households, up from 100 days earlier. The scheme operates under a **60:40 Centre-State funding model**. It focuses on employment generation, rural development, and convergence with national goals under **Viksit Bharat@2047**. The programme aims to improve livelihoods, reduce rural poverty, and strengthen inclusive growth through structured employment opportunities in rural areas.

- Odisha launched **GO-EAST investment policy** and revised **IPR 2022** to attract industries and boost development in backward districts. It introduces **single-window clearance, real-time tracking, and GO SWIFT monitoring system**. The focus is on 15 underdeveloped districts. Investment proposals worth **₹24,823 crore** were signed across sectors like steel, energy, textiles, and chemicals. The initiative aims to diversify Odisha's economy beyond mining and promote industrial growth, infrastructure development, and employment generation.

International Affairs

- **Keir Starmer** resigned as **Prime Minister of the United Kingdom** and leader of the **Labour Party**, less than two years after winning the **2024 General Election**. He informed **King Charles III** and will remain caretaker Prime Minister until a new Labour leader is elected. His resignation followed poor local election results, internal party differences, declining public support, and economic challenges. Since **Labour** holds a parliamentary majority, its next elected leader will automatically become Prime Minister. The leadership transition is expected to prioritize **economic recovery, public services, and future electoral strategy**.
- India will host the **11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting** in **Gurugram, Haryana**, under its **BRICS Chairship** with the theme **"Energy for All."** Ministers will discuss **energy security, renewable energy, energy transition, smart grids, energy storage, artificial intelligence, and sustainable development**. **BRICS**, comprising **11 member countries**, represents nearly half of the global population and around **40% of world GDP**. India will showcase initiatives including the **International Solar Alliance** and **Global Biofuels Alliance**, while promoting cooperation for affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy among emerging economies.
- India hosted the **BRICS National Security Advisers Meeting** on **22–23 June 2026** under **National Security Adviser Ajit Doval**. Delegates discussed **cybersecurity, artificial intelligence risks, terrorism, information warfare, critical infrastructure protection, digital security, and transnational crime**. Representatives from **China, Russia, Iran, and other BRICS members** reviewed the progress of **Joint Working Groups on Counter-Terrorism**, emphasizing intelligence sharing, cyber resilience, and responsible technology use. The meeting reinforced international cooperation in addressing evolving non-traditional security threats while highlighting **India's** commitment to collaborative global security initiatives.
- Following the resignation of **Keir Starmer**, **Andy Burnham** emerged as a leading contender in the **Labour Party** leadership discussions. Born in **1970**, Burnham served as **MP for Leigh, Secretary of State for Health, Secretary of State for Culture, and Mayor of Greater Manchester from 2017 to 2026**. Widely known as the **"King in the North,"** he championed regional autonomy, public service reforms, and economic development. Returning to Parliament as **MP for Makerfield**, Burnham is viewed as a strong advocate of decentralization and community-focused governance.

- Renowned American economist **Alan Greenspan** passed away on **22 June 2026** at the age of **100**. Popularly called **"The Maestro,"** he served as **Chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve** from **1987 to 2006** under four presidents. Greenspan guided the American economy through the **1987 Black Monday Crash, the Dot-com Boom, and the post-9/11 recovery**. Famous for his cautious **"Fedspeak"** communication style, his monetary policies shaped global financial markets, though his legacy remains debated for financial deregulation preceding the **2008 Global Financial Crisis**.
- The **European Union (EU)** officially joined the **Pax Silica Initiative**, a **United States-led** strategic framework promoting cooperation in **artificial intelligence, semiconductors, and critical technologies**. The initiative strengthens resilient supply chains, AI infrastructure, digital connectivity, energy security, critical minerals, and export coordination among partner nations. As part of the agreement, the **EU** plans to procure at least **\$40 billion worth of AI chips** from the United States. Current participants include **India, Japan, South Korea, Australia,** and several European countries, fostering secure technology ecosystems and international industrial collaboration.
- **United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres** warned of the worsening **global climate crisis**, urging immediate action to reduce **methane emissions** from **fossil fuels, agriculture, and waste management**. Speaking in **London**, he launched the **UN Call to Action on Methane**, highlighting methane's warming impact, nearly **80 times stronger than carbon dioxide** over twenty years. He also expressed concern about emissions from **artificial intelligence and data centres**. Additionally, the **Global Urban Data Centres Pact**, involving **36 cities**, was launched to promote sustainable digital infrastructure and climate-resilient urban development.
- **Bangladesh** became the **27th member** of the **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)**, strengthening global cooperation for the conservation of endangered big cat species. Launched by **India** in **2023** and headquartered in **New Delhi**, the alliance focuses on protecting the **Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma**. Bangladesh's membership enhances conservation of the **Sundarbans**, promotes **transboundary wildlife management**, anti-poaching efforts, habitat protection, scientific research, and biodiversity conservation while strengthening regional collaboration for preserving endangered species.
- The **second Pax Silica Summit** was held in **Washington, D.C.**, where **35 countries**, including India, signed the **Joint Statement on AI Opportunity** to promote responsible and innovation-friendly artificial intelligence policies. The US-led initiative focuses on trusted AI governance, resilient semiconductor supply chains, and international technology cooperation. Key announcements included the **Pax Pass** system for secure AI trade and the **Foundry School**, supported by US funding to develop AI-skilled professionals. India participated through **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** officials, reinforcing its role in global AI governance and digital policy frameworks.

- India launched **Operation Amistad**, a humanitarian mission to support Venezuela after a devastating earthquake. The **IAF deployed C-17 aircraft** carrying relief supplies, medical aid, and a rescue team of over 40 members. The mission includes hospitals, medical kits, and emergency support. It reflects India's role as a **first responder in global disasters**. India expressed solidarity and pledged continued assistance. The operation strengthens India's global humanitarian leadership under its **HADR framework**.
- The **SCO Women's Forum 2026** was held in **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**, focusing on women's empowerment, leadership, and gender equality. India highlighted its women-led development model through **Mission Shakti, Mission Poshan 2.0, and SHGs covering 100 million women**. Over 30 million women achieved income milestones under **Lakhpati Didi scheme**. The forum promotes cooperation on education, health, and livelihoods under **SCO 2035 Strategy**. It strengthens regional collaboration among member states on women's social and economic empowerment.
- Japanese PM **Sanae Takaichi will visit India (1–3 July 2026)** for the **16th India-Japan Annual Summit**. She will meet PM Narendra Modi to review cooperation in defense, technology, infrastructure, energy, and trade. Japan is a major investor in India and supports projects like the bullet train and industrial corridors. Both countries cooperate under QUAD, G20, and Indo-Pacific frameworks. The visit strengthens strategic ties, supply chains, and regional security cooperation.
- India conducted its first **mango promotion events in Iceland**, organized by **APEDA and Indian Embassy in Reykjavik**. Held in Reykjavik and Akureyri, the event showcased varieties like **Dasherri, Chausa, Langra, and Kesar**. It aims to expand agricultural exports in Nordic markets. Discussions highlighted opportunities under **India-EFTA TEPA agreement**. Iceland imports mangoes from countries like Thailand and Brazil, with market value of around **USD 3.3 million (2025)**. The initiative boosts India's agri-export diversification.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** confirmed that **India** remains its largest **private-sector market** and plans nearly **\$1 billion** in direct private-sector financing during **2026**. According to **ADB Vice-President Bhargav Dasgupta**, India received over **\$4 billion** in sovereign financing and **\$1 billion** in private-sector funding during **2025**. Investments target **renewable energy, green hydrogen, electric mobility, green data centres, urban infrastructure, and financial inclusion**. Collaboration with **Standard Chartered** for **GIFT City** strengthens supply-chain finance, reinforcing India's position as a major destination for sustainable development investment.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** revised guidelines for the **Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme**, effective from **1 January 2027**, to standardize agricultural lending and improve

transparency. **Short-duration crops** will have a **12-month** cycle, while **long-duration crops** will follow an **18-month** cycle. The framework aligns lending with **Income Recognition and Asset Classification (IRAC)** norms. The **₹2 lakh collateral-free loan limit** remains unchanged, while voluntary pledging of **gold or silver** is permitted without violating norms. The revisions aim to improve farmer credit access and financial inclusion.

- India became the **world's largest ship recycling nation** in **2025**, surpassing the **Maritime India Vision 2030** target five years early. According to **UNCTAD**, India's global recycling share increased to **35.4%**, while recycling volume reached **2.99 million gross tons**. **Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** credited policy reforms, sustainability initiatives, and ease-of-doing-business measures. Key initiatives include the **Recycling of Ships Act, 2019, Ship-breaking Credit Note Scheme**, modernization of recycling yards, and expansion of the **Alang Ship Recycling Yard**, strengthening India's leadership in the circular economy.
- **Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL)** received **Navratna Status**, becoming the **28th Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise**. Earlier classified as a **Miniratna Category-I** company, CPCL now enjoys greater financial and operational autonomy, enabling investments, mergers, acquisitions, and overseas expansion without prior government approval. Established in **1965** as **Madras Refineries Limited** and a subsidiary of **Indian Oil Corporation** since **2001**, CPCL reported a turnover of around **₹59,400 crore** in **FY 2025–26**. The upgrade enhances competitiveness, decision-making, and growth opportunities in the petroleum sector.
- Indian entrepreneur **Kunal Shah**, founder of **CRED** and co-founder of **FreeCharge**, was appointed **Global Head of WhatsApp** under **Meta Platforms**. After successfully building FreeCharge and launching CRED in **2018**, Shah emerged as one of India's leading startup founders and investors. He has invested in companies including **Razorpay, Unacademy, Udaan, Shiprocket, Khatabook, Jupiter, and Mensa Brands**. His appointment is expected to strengthen **WhatsApp's** business services, digital payments, monetization strategies, and **AI-driven innovations**, reflecting the growing global influence of Indian entrepreneurs.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** introduced the **GARUDA (Green Channel: AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement)** framework to accelerate approvals for **Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)**. The system replaces lengthy pre-clearance procedures with document acknowledgement, reducing launch timelines significantly. **Regular AIFs** can commence operations within **10 working days**, while **Accredited Investor Funds, Angel Funds, and Large Value Funds** receive faster approvals. The initiative enhances **ease of doing business**, reduces compliance burdens, encourages fundraising, attracts private investment, and strengthens India's growing alternative investment ecosystem.

- **NITI Aayog** released the **8th Trade Watch Quarterly**, highlighting India's resilient trade performance during **January–March 2026** despite global uncertainties. India's combined **merchandise and services trade** reached **\$1.84 trillion**, registering **5.4% annual growth**. **Services exports** grew by **9%**, maintaining a strong trade surplus and reinforcing India's position as the **world's eighth-largest services exporter**. Strong performances in **information technology, business services, pharmaceuticals**, and digital sectors, along with diversified export markets, helped India withstand geopolitical tensions and supply-chain disruptions while strengthening its role in global trade.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** revised the **Scale-Based Regulation (SBR)** framework for **Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)** to strengthen financial stability and regulatory oversight. The framework classifies NBFCs into **Base, Middle, Upper, and Top Layers** based on size and risk. The review cycle for identifying **Upper Layer NBFCs** has been reduced from **five years to three years**, while all **bank-promoted NBFCs** will now follow Upper Layer norms irrespective of asset size. The reforms improve governance, transparency, risk management, and reduce regulatory arbitrage.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** introduced a **Digital Fraud Compensation Framework**, effective **1 January 2027**, to protect victims of **small-value digital banking frauds**. The framework covers unauthorized transactions through **UPI, internet banking, mobile banking, debit cards, and credit cards**. Eligible customers can receive compensation up to **₹25,000** or **85% of losses up to ₹50,000**, provided fraud is reported within **five days**. The framework mandates **24x7 fraud reporting, shadow reversal**, shared liability, faster grievance redressal, and stronger consumer protection in India's digital payment ecosystem.
- The **BHIM App**, developed by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, recorded remarkable growth in **UPI-based digital transactions**. It processed **244 million transactions** worth **₹26,952 crore** in **May 2026**, compared to **79.64 million transactions** in **June 2025**, registering over **206% growth**. The app enables **instant fund transfers, QR-code payments, and multi-bank account linking** through UPI. The surge reflects increasing public confidence in digital payments, expanding financial inclusion, growing fintech adoption, and the Government's vision of building a **cashless digital economy**.
- **S&P Global Ratings** projected India's **GDP growth** to moderate to **6.6% in FY2026–27**, compared to **7.7% in FY2025–26**, citing **energy market uncertainties** and a **below-normal southwest monsoon**. According to its **Asia-Pacific Economic Outlook (Q3 2026)**, growth is expected to recover to **7.2% in FY2027–28** and **7.0% in FY2028–29**. The agency forecast **inflation** at around **5.1%**, driven by higher **fuel, food, and transport costs**, which may prompt the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to consider a **25-basis-point repo rate hike**.

- According to the **London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG)**, India generated approximately **US\$110 billion** in green revenues during **2025**, making it one of Asia's fastest-growing green economies. The country recorded a **20% compound annual growth rate (CAGR)** over five years, outperforming regional and global averages. Growth has been driven by renewable energy, clean technologies, sustainable agriculture, and climate-focused investments. India also ranks second in Asia for clean energy investments after China. The expansion supports sustainability, employment generation, energy transition, and long-term economic development.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** injected **₹1.41 lakh crore** into the banking system through a **7-day Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auction** to address temporary liquidity shortages caused by GST and tax outflows. Banks borrowed funds at **5.26%**, helping stabilize short-term money market interest rates and maintain adequate liquidity. In recent weeks, RBI has infused around **₹2.43 lakh crore** through similar operations. The liquidity support ensures smooth credit availability, financial stability, efficient monetary policy transmission, and orderly functioning of India's banking and financial system.

Defence News

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** will acquire **nine retired SEPECAT Jaguar** fighter aircraft from the **United Kingdom** to obtain spare parts, engines, and avionics for its existing fleet. The aircraft will not enter operational service but will support maintenance of India's aging **Jaguar** squadrons. India remains the only country operating Jaguars in frontline service, making spare parts scarce. The acquisition will sustain operational readiness until newer platforms, including **Tejas**, additional **Rafale** fighters, and future indigenous aircraft, are inducted in greater numbers.
- India will receive its first **indigenously assembled Airbus C295 transport aircraft** in **September 2026**, marking a major milestone under **Aatmanirbhar Bharat**. Manufactured by **Tata Advanced Systems Limited** in partnership with **Airbus**, it is India's first privately produced military aircraft. Under the **₹21,935-crore** contract, **56 aircraft** will be procured, with **40 manufactured in Vadodara**. The **C295** can transport **71 troops** or **9 tonnes of cargo** and will replace the aging **Avro fleet**, enhancing troop transport, disaster relief, medical evacuation, and indigenous aerospace manufacturing capabilities.
- DRDO-developed **HELINA anti-tank guided missile** is being integrated with the **Light Combat Helicopter (Prachand)**. It is a third-generation **fire-and-forget missile** with an infrared seeker and 7 km range. HAL is conducting live trials after earlier tests on ALH in 2022. Bharat Dynamics Limited received contracts worth over **₹1,100 crore** for systems and launchers. HELINA enhances India's anti-armour capability with precision strike ability. It strengthens indigenous defence production and supports operational readiness of the Indian Army and Air Force.

- India successfully performed its first **GAGAN-based jet landing** using an **IndiGo Airbus A320 at Udaipur**. GAGAN is an **ISRO-AAI developed SBAS system** that improves GPS accuracy and enables precise landing guidance. It supports **LPV approaches**, especially at airports without Instrument Landing Systems. DGCA has mandated GAGAN compatibility for new aircraft since 2021. This achievement enhances aviation safety, reduces dependency on foreign navigation systems, and strengthens India's position in satellite-based aviation technology in the Asia-Pacific region.
- HELINA missile integration is advancing with **Su-30MKI and LCH platforms**. Around 40 Su-30MKIs now carry **BrahMos**, while HELINA strengthens helicopter-based anti-tank capability. Developed by **DRDO**, it uses imaging infrared guidance and fire-and-forget technology. It can strike armored targets at up to 7 km. HAL is conducting trials with LCH Prachand. The system improves battlefield precision and supports India's defense modernization and self-reliance goals under **Atmanirbhar Bharat**.
- IAF integrated **BrahMos supersonic missile** with around **40 Su-30MKI aircraft**, enhancing long-range strike capability. The missile, jointly developed by India and Russia, has a range of **450 km** and speed of Mach 3. The system enables stand-off precision attacks on land and naval targets. Su-30MKI, built by HAL, forms the backbone of IAF. Future integration will expand fleet capability. **BrahMos-NG** is under development with AI-based guidance and improved precision.

Awards and Recognitions

- Indian conservationists **Parveen Shaikh** and **Dr. Barkha Subba** received the **2026 Whitley Awards**, popularly known as the '**Green Oscars**', presented by the **Whitley Fund for Nature** in London. Each recipient received **£50,000** to support conservation projects. Parveen Shaikh was recognised for protecting the **Indian Skimmer** along the Chambal River through community-based conservation initiatives. Dr. Barkha Subba was honoured for conserving the **Himalayan Salamander** in Darjeeling through habitat restoration and scientific monitoring. The awards recognise outstanding grassroots environmental leadership worldwide.
- India achieved a record by securing **7 schools in Top 10 finalists** of the **World's Best School Prizes 2026** by T4 Education. Schools from Pune and Jammu & Kashmir were shortlisted in innovation and community categories. The awards recognize excellence in leadership, sustainability, and education innovation. Winners will be announced in November 2026. The achievement highlights India's global leadership in transformative education and inclusive learning practices.

Sports News

- **Harmanpreet Kaur** became the first cricketer, male or female, to play **200 T20 Internationals (T20Is)** during India's **Women's T20 World Cup 2026** match against **South Africa** at **Old Trafford, Manchester**. Since her international debut in **2009**, she has established herself as one of India's finest captains and batters through consistent performances and impactful leadership. Before the milestone match, she was felicitated by **head coach Amol Muzumdar** and **vice-captain Smriti Mandhana**. The achievement reflects her longevity, consistency, leadership, and immense contribution to women's cricket.
- The **Indian women's hockey team** won the **FIH Nations Cup 2026** after defeating **New Zealand 2–0** in the final on **21 June 2026**. **Navneet Kaur** and **Sunelita Toppo** scored the winning goals, helping India claim its second Nations Cup title after the inaugural triumph in **2022**. India remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, defeating the **United States, Japan, Uruguay, Chile, and New Zealand**. The victory secured India's promotion to the prestigious **FIH Pro League**, providing greater international exposure and strengthening the nation's position in world women's hockey.
- Teenage batter **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** recorded the fastest **List-A fifty** by reaching his half-century in just **11 balls** during the **Tri-Series Final** between **India A** and **Sri Lanka A** at the **Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium**. He surpassed the previous world record of **12 balls**, held by **Kaushalya Weeratne** since **2005–06**. His explosive innings transformed the match after a relatively quiet tournament and earned widespread praise from cricket experts. The remarkable feat established Sooryavanshi as one of India's brightest young batting talents with immense future potential.
- Argentina unveiled the **world's tallest statue** of football legend **Lionel Messi** in **Manuel Savio, Neuquén Province**. Standing **26 metres** tall and weighing around **70 tonnes**, the monument depicts Messi holding the **FIFA World Cup Trophy** while wearing Argentina's national jersey. Designed by Argentine artist **Aldo Beroisa**, the structure celebrates Messi's achievements, including the **2022 FIFA World Cup** triumph. Besides honoring one of football's greatest players, the monument is expected to boost tourism, local economic activity, and Argentina's cultural identity through sports heritage.
- **Lionel Messi** became the **highest goal scorer in FIFA World Cup history** during the **2026 FIFA World Cup** by scoring twice against **Austria**, taking his tally to **18 goals** and surpassing **Miroslav Klose's** record of **16 goals**. Earlier, Messi also scored a **hat-trick** against **Algeria**, reaching five goals in the tournament. His World Cup journey spans from **2006 to 2026**, with the **2022 edition** being his most prolific. The milestone strengthened Argentina's campaign and further cemented Messi's legendary football legacy.

- **Cristiano Ronaldo** created football history during the **2026 FIFA World Cup** by becoming the **first player** to score in **six different FIFA World Cup tournaments**. He achieved the milestone during **Portugal's 5–0 victory over Uzbekistan**, scoring twice. At **41 years and 138 days**, Ronaldo also became the **second-oldest goal scorer** in World Cup history. His goals increased his World Cup tally to **10**, surpassing Portuguese legend **Eusébio's** record of **nine goals**, further strengthening his legacy as one of football's greatest players.

Science and Technology News

- **Teplizumab** became the first medicine approved under the **National Health Service (NHS)** to delay the onset of **Type 1 Diabetes**, marking a breakthrough in preventive healthcare. The immunotherapy is administered through a **14-day intravenous infusion** and slows the immune system's attack on insulin-producing **beta cells**, delaying clinical diabetes by nearly **three years** in high-risk individuals. Unlike conventional treatments, it focuses on early disease intervention rather than symptom management. The approval is expected to postpone insulin dependence, reduce complications, and encourage early screening for **Type 1 Diabetes**.
- The **Five Eyes Alliance**—comprising the **United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand**—warned about emerging **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**-driven cybersecurity threats. Supported by agencies including the **National Security Agency (NSA)** and **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**, the advisory highlighted AI's potential to strengthen phishing, malware creation, vulnerability exploitation, and cyberattacks on critical infrastructure. Simultaneously, AI can improve vulnerability detection and incident response. The alliance recommended **multi-factor authentication**, rapid software patching, resilience testing, and stronger cybersecurity practices to address evolving digital threats.
- India announced the transfer of **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)** technology to eligible private firms through the **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe)**, boosting private participation in the space sector. Qualified Indian companies meeting financial and technical criteria will develop and operate **PSLV-based launch services**. The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will provide technical support for up to **30 months** or until completion of two successful launches. Supported by **NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)**, the initiative strengthens commercialization, innovation, and competitiveness in India's expanding space economy.
- India is hosting the **BRICS Heads of Space Agencies Meeting 2026** in **Bengaluru**, organized by **ISRO** and the **Department of Space**. Representatives from all **11 BRICS nations** are discussing cooperation in **satellite applications, Earth**

observation, space exploration, and emerging technologies. Key agenda items include **space sustainability, space debris mitigation, orbital congestion management**, and expansion of the **BRICS Remote Sensing Satellite Constellation**. Delegates are also considering the establishment of a **BRICS Space Council** to strengthen technology sharing, policy coordination, disaster management, and capacity-building among member countries.

- China's **LineShine** has become the **world's fastest supercomputer**, topping the **67th TOP500 Rankings** with a performance of **2.198 exaflops**. Installed at the **National Supercomputing Center, Shenzhen**, it surpassed the United States' **El Capitan** system. The CPU-only machine features nearly **13.79 million processing cores** powered by a custom **304-core processor** and consumes about **42.2 megawatts** of electricity. Capable of performing over **two quintillion calculations per second**, LineShine marks China's return to the top of global supercomputing rankings for the first time since **2017**.
- The **second Pax Silica Summit** was held in **Washington, D.C.**, where **35 countries**, including India, signed the **Joint Statement on AI Opportunity** to promote responsible and innovation-friendly artificial intelligence policies. The US-led initiative focuses on trusted AI governance, resilient semiconductor supply chains, and international technology cooperation. Key announcements included the **Pax Pass** system for secure AI trade and the **Foundry School**, supported by US funding to develop AI-skilled professionals. India participated through **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** officials, reinforcing its role in global AI governance and digital policy frameworks.
- India inaugurated the **world's first nuclear heat-based hydrogen production facility** at **IGCAR, Kalpakkam**, using the **Copper-Chlorine cycle**. Developed by **BARC**, it uses heat from the **Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR)** to produce clean hydrogen. The system generates zero-carbon fuel and supports India's **Green Hydrogen Mission**. It demonstrates advanced nuclear applications beyond electricity generation and enhances energy security, sustainability, and decarbonization efforts. The project positions India as a leader in nuclear-based clean energy technologies.

Important Days News

- **Olympic Day** is observed annually on **23 June** to commemorate the establishment of the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** in **1894**. The **2026 theme, "Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers,"** promotes inclusion, equality, and unity through sports. Inspired by **Baron Pierre de Coubertin**, the day encourages participation in physical activities regardless of age or ability. Celebrations include community runs, sports events, educational programmes, and fitness campaigns worldwide. The observance is built around the pillars **Move, Learn, and Discover**, promoting **Olympic values** of excellence, friendship, and respect.

- **United Nations Public Service Day** is observed every year on **23 June** to recognize the contribution of public servants in improving governance and public welfare. Established by the **United Nations General Assembly** through **Resolution 57/277 (2002)**, it promotes innovation, transparency, accountability, and citizen-centric administration. The **2026 UN Public Service Forum** will be held in **Tbilisi, Georgia**, from **23–25 June** under the theme **“Transforming Public Institutions: Advancing Innovation, Participation, and Inclusion.”** The observance also highlights the **UN Public Service Awards**, recognizing excellence in public administration worldwide.
- The **International Day of Women in Diplomacy** is observed annually on **24 June** to recognize women’s contributions to **diplomacy, peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and international cooperation**. Established by the **United Nations**, the observance promotes **gender equality** and increased representation of women in diplomatic leadership. The 2026 celebrations highlight women’s roles as **ambassadors, foreign ministers, peace negotiators, and policy-makers** in addressing global challenges, including **climate change, migration, and geopolitical conflicts**. Various awareness campaigns, discussions, and educational programmes encourage inclusive decision-making and women’s leadership in international affairs.
- **World Vitiligo Day** was observed on **June 25, 2026**, with the theme **"From Stigma to Strength"** and the slogan **"Many Shades, One Voice."** The observance aims to raise awareness about **vitiligo**, a non-contagious skin condition caused by the loss of melanin, resulting in white skin patches. The day promotes early diagnosis, mental health support, and social inclusion while combating myths and discrimination. Awareness campaigns worldwide encourage acceptance, dignity, and equal opportunities for people living with vitiligo, highlighting that appearance should never determine an individual's identity or potential.
- The **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking** is observed annually on **26 June** to raise awareness about drug addiction and illegal drug trafficking worldwide. Declared by the **United Nations General Assembly** in **1987** and first observed in **1988**, the day is coordinated by the **United Nations Office on Drugs and**

Crime (UNODC). It promotes prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and international cooperation against drug abuse. The observance also addresses emerging threats such as synthetic drugs, opioids, and organized trafficking networks while encouraging governments to build healthier and drug-free societies.

- The **United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture** is observed every year on **26 June** to reaffirm the global commitment to eliminating torture and supporting survivors. Established by the **UN General Assembly** in **1997** and first observed in **1998**, the day is linked to the **UN Convention Against Torture**. It emphasizes justice, accountability, rehabilitation, and protection of human rights. Governments and organizations worldwide use the occasion to strengthen legal safeguards, provide medical and psychological support to survivors, and promote the absolute prohibition of torture under international law.
- Every year on **27 June**, the world observes **World MSME Day** to recognize the vital role of **Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)** in driving economic growth, creating jobs, fostering innovation, and supporting sustainable development. The **2026 theme, "Empowering MSMEs through Innovation and Sustainable Industrial Development,"** emphasizes digital transformation, artificial intelligence, green innovation, and supportive policies that help small businesses remain competitive. Established by the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** in **2017**, the observance aligns with the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

Obituaries News

- Renowned Belgian theoretical physicist **François Englert** passed away on **18 June 2026** at the age of **93**. He was awarded the **2013 Nobel Prize in Physics**, along with **Peter Higgs**, for developing the **Brout–Englert–Higgs mechanism**, which explains how fundamental particles acquire mass through interaction with the **Higgs field**. The theory received global validation after the discovery of the **Higgs boson** at **CERN** in **2012**, completing the **Standard Model of Particle Physics**. Englert’s pioneering contributions revolutionized modern particle physics and continue to influence scientific research on the fundamental structure of the universe.

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