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1. Sports

3 articles

India Beat Bangladesh 3-1 to Win SAFF Women's Championship 2026, Record Sixth Title

07 Jun

- India won the SAFF Women's Championship 2026, beating defending champions Bangladesh 3-1 in the final at Margao, Goa, on 6 June 2026. The Prime Minister and the Women and Child Development Minister congratulated the team on 7 June.
- It is India's record sixth title (2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2019, 2026) and its first since 2019. Bangladesh had won the 2022 and 2024 editions.
- India, coached by Crispin Chettri and captained by Sangita Basfore, won all four of its matches, scoring 18 goals and conceding one.
- The tournament is run by the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF), set up in 1997 with its headquarters in Dhaka. It is a regional body of the Asian Football Confederation.

EVERY FINAL SO FAR

Year	Champion	Final score	Runner-up
2010	India	1–0	Nepal
2012	India	3–1	Nepal
2014	India	6–0	Nepal
2016	India	3–1	Bangladesh
2019	India	3–1	Nepal
2022	Bangladesh	3–1	Nepal
2024	Bangladesh	2–1	Nepal
2026	India	3–1	Bangladesh

Source: AIFF and SAFF records. The first edition (2010) was held in Dhaka.

Praggnanandhaa Becomes First Indian to Win Norway Chess, Taking the 2026 Title in Oslo

06 Jun

- R Praggnanandhaa won Norway Chess 2026 (Oslo, 25 May-5 June) with 18 points, becoming the first Indian to win the tournament.
- He started the last round half a point behind Wesley So and won his classical game against Vincent Keymer with white; So finished second on 17.
- He beat Magnus Carlsen twice during the event; the Prime Minister congratulated him on 6 June 2026.

FINAL STANDINGS - OPEN SECTION

Rank	Player	Country	Points
1	R Praggnanandhaa	India	18
2	Wesley So	USA	17
3	Alireza Firouzja	France	15.5
4	Magnus Carlsen	Norway	13
5	Vincent Keymer	Germany	11
6	D Gukesh	India	8

Source: FIDE and tournament standings. Scoring: classical win 3; after a classical draw, Armageddon winner 1.5 and loser 1.

India wins 19 medals, 10 gold, finishes second at 22nd Asian U20 Athletics Championships

01 Jun

- India won 19 medals (10 gold, 5 silver, 4 bronze) at the 22nd Asian U20 Athletics Championships, held in Hong Kong from 28 to 31 May 2026; the Prime Minister congratulated the contingent on 1 June 2026.
- India finished second on the medal table behind China (14 gold, 25 medals in all), ahead of Japan.
- The championships are the continental under-20 meet of Asian Athletics; they began as the Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Jakarta in 1986.
- Records: the women's 4x400m relay won gold in a championship record 3:38.07, and the men's 4x400m relay set a national U20 record of 3:05.54 for bronze.

INDIA'S MEDALLISTS

Athlete	Event
Gold (10)	
Mogali Venkatram Reddy	Men's 800m
Nikhil Chandrashekar	Men's 3000m steeplechase
Nitin Gupta	Men's 5000m race walk
Basant	Men's high jump
Shahnavaz Khan	Men's long jump
Rahul Jakhar	Decathlon
Muskan	Women's 5000m
Pooja Singh	Women's high jump
Amanat Kamboj	Women's discus throw
Neeru Pathak, Bhumika Sanjay Nehate, Tahura Khatun, Sehnoor Bawa	Women's 4x400m relay (championship record 3:38.07)
Silver (5)	
Jithin Arjunan	Men's long jump
Nishchay Phogat	Men's discus throw (junior national record)
Upkar	Decathlon
Sadhana Ravi	Women's triple jump
India	Women's 4x100m relay
Bronze (4)	
Nipam	Women's 100m
Aarti	Women's 200m
Neeru Pathak	Women's 400m
Piyush Raj, Sayed Sabeer, Ranjith Kumar, Mohammed Ashfaq	Men's 4x400m relay (national U20 record 3:05.54)

Source: PIB release (totals); athlete list compiled from The Bridge and The Pioneer results reports. The PIB release itself names no athletes.

2. Awards & Honours

5 articles

Major Abhilasha Barak Wins 2025 UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award

07 Jun

- Major Abhilasha Barak of the Indian Army has received the 2025 UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award for her work with the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).
- She is the third Indian to win it, after Major Suman Gawani (2019, UNMISS, South Sudan) and Major Radhika Sen (2023, MONUSCO, DR Congo).
- She serves as Engagement Team Commander and Gender Focal Point with the Indian Battalion in UNIFIL's Sector East. In May 2022 she became the Indian Army's first woman combat aviator.

Panchayat Advancement Index wins Gold at National Awards for e-Governance 2026

05 Jun

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj's Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) won the Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026 (Category VII, data analytics).
- The award will be presented at the 29th National Conference on e-Governance in Jaipur on 1-2 July 2026, organised by DARPG and MeitY with Rajasthan.
- PAI 2.0 ranks 2.6 lakh+ Gram Panchayats on 150 indicators across the nine themes of the Localisation of SDGs.
- In 2026, 17 projects were selected across seven categories; Gold carries a trophy, a citation and Rs 10 lakh.

National Awards for e-Governance 2026: 17 projects win across seven categories

04 Jun

- 29th National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026: 17 projects selected — 10 Gold, 6 Silver and 1 Jury award — across seven categories.
- Winners include Agri Stack (Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare), e-jagriti, Mahakumbh 2025 and the Panchayat Advancement Index.
- Two Gram Panchayats won: Kadepur (Sangli, Maharashtra) and Bijoy Nagar (West Tripura).
- Gold carries Rs 10 lakh and Silver Rs 5 lakh; awards to be given at the 29th National Conference on e-Governance in Jaipur.

NAEG 2026 — FULL LIST OF WINNERS

S. No.	Project	Organisation
Gold and Silver awardees		
1	Agri Stack	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
2	e-jagriti	Ministry of Consumer Affairs
3	Mahakumbh 2025	Prayagraj Mela Authority, Uttar Pradesh
4	Blood Bag Traceability and Citizen Interaction portal	Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC)
5	AI-enabled Clinical Decision Support System in eSanjeevani telemedicine	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
6	District Court Case Management System (DCMS)	High Court of Kerala
7	ICMR-MINDS (screening of mental and substance-use disorders with other NCDs)	Indian Council of Medical Research
8	Security Product for Threat Intel Distribution and DNS Filtering Service	Space Applications Centre-ISRO, Ahmedabad

S. No.	Project	Organisation
9	E Nagar Palika with cyber security	Urban Development and Housing Department, Madhya Pradesh
10	Integrated Cyber Security framework for a resilient Digital Banking Ecosystem	Bank of Baroda
11	E-Aarogya Dhamni	Health Department, Zilla Parishad Nandurbar, Maharashtra
12	Pune 360	Pune Municipal Commission, Maharashtra
13	Kadepur Gram Panchayat	Sangli district, Maharashtra
14	Bijoy Nagar Gram Panchayat	West Tripura district, Tripura
15	TRINETRA — AI-based video surveillance for Mahakal Rudrasagar Integrated Development Area	Mahakaleshwar Temple Trust, Ujjain
16	Panchayat Advancement Index — Data Driven Governance for Viksit Bharat	Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Jury award		
1	Real Time Precise Positioning Services through CORS Network	Survey of India

Source: PIB release PRID 2268817. The release lists all 16 Gold and Silver winners in one table without marking which medal each won; a separate PIB release of 5 June 2026 confirms the Panchayat Advancement Index won Gold.

MY Bharat wins Guinness World Record for most users taking an online quiz in a week

04 Jun

- MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat) received the Guinness World Records title for the 'Most Users to Take an Online Quiz in One Week', with 390,812 certified participants.
- The record came from the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue (VBYLD) Quiz, held during the assessment window of 25-31 October 2025; the quiz drew over 50.42 lakh youth from all 28 States and 8 UTs.
- MY Bharat, the Department of Youth Affairs' youth platform, has 2.19 crore registrations in three years.

National Panchayat Awards 2025 conferred on 42 Panchayats; 22 are women-led

03 Jun

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj conferred the National Panchayat Awards 2025 on 42 Panchayats in New Delhi; 22 of them are led by women.
- 34 Gram Panchayats from 17 States/UTs won the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar for the nine LSDG themes; 8 Panchayats won the Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar for overall performance.
- Selection rests on Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 scores; awardees get Rs 50 lakh to Rs 5 crore under the Incentivization of Panchayats component of RGSA.
- An e-book of awardee best practices and a compendium of State/UT best practices were released.

3. Appointments

2 articles

Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai appointed Chief Justice of Patna High Court

02 Jun

- Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, a judge of the Sikkim High Court, was appointed Chief Justice of the Patna High Court with effect from 5 June 2026. She is its 48th Chief Justice.
- The President made the appointment in consultation with the Chief Justice of India. It follows the retirement of Justice Sangam Kumar Sahoo on 4 June 2026.
- The Supreme Court Collegium had recommended her at its meeting of 22 May 2026. In 2015 she became the first woman from Sikkim elevated to the High Court bench.

President appoints five Supreme Court judges, including Senior Advocate V. Mohana from the Bar

01 Jun

- The President appointed five Supreme Court judges under Article 124(2) by notifications dated 1 June 2026.
- Four are High Court Chief Justices: Sheel Nagu (Punjab & Haryana), Shree Chandrashekhar (Bombay), Sanjeev Sachdeva (Madhya Pradesh) and Arun Palli (J&K and Ladakh).
- Senior Advocate V. Mohana is only the second woman elevated directly from the Bar, after Indu Malhotra (2018).
- The appointments come after a May 2026 ordinance raised the court's sanctioned strength from 34 to 38, including the CJI.

THE FIVE APPOINTEES

Judge	Post held before elevation
Justice Sheel Nagu	Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court
Justice Shree Chandrashekhar	Chief Justice, Bombay High Court
Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva	Chief Justice, Madhya Pradesh High Court
Justice Arun Palli	Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh
V. Mohana	Senior Advocate (direct from the Bar)

Source: Ministry of Law and Justice release, 1 June 2026.

4. Schemes & Committees

4 articles

PM Surya Ghar crosses 40 lakh households in two years; 75 lakh targeted by December 2026

04 Jun

- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana crossed 40 lakh beneficiary households in two years; MNRE targets 75 lakh households by December 2026 (4 June 2026).
- A Utility-Linked Aggregation (ULA) model, with about 30 lakh installations planned across States, is meant to reach underserved households with 1-3 kW demand.
- Subsidy disbursed so far exceeds Rs 22,750 crore; May 2026 set a record of 3.16 lakh installations in one month.
- The scheme logo and a WhatsApp bot were launched, and two CEEW reports on household adoption and O&M were released.

Mission Senehjori Launched to Build a Global Luxury Brand for Assam's Muga Silk

02 Jun

- Mission Senehjori, a cluster-based mission for Assam's Muga silk, was launched on 2 June 2026 by MDoNER with the Assam government, at an estimated Rs 396-411 crore over three years.
- MDoNER contributes Rs 136-151 crore; the Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles and other ministries converge on the whole value chain, from host plants to exports, under one 'Senehjori' brand.
- Targets by 2028: 5,000 ha of Som and Soalu host plants regenerated, 30 FPOs, over 80% of traded Muga GI-authenticated, exports above 2,000 kg a year.
- Muga, the golden silk of Assam, was India's first GI-tagged silk; Assam produces about 90% of the world's Muga.

PM Research Chair Scheme Opens First Call for Indian-Origin Researchers Abroad

02 Jun

- The Prime Minister Research Chair (PMRC) Scheme 2026 of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, opened applications on 1 June 2026 on its portal.
- It brings Indian-origin researchers from abroad (Indian nationals, OCI cardholders and PIOs) to Indian government HEIs and national labs, in 13 priority areas.
- Three categories — Young Research Fellows, Senior Research Fellows and Research Chairs; seven Lead Institutions (six IITs and IISc); selection by an Empowered Committee chaired by the Principal Scientific Adviser.
- Hosts must be government HEIs in the NIRF top 100 (Overall or Engineering) or top 50 (Research), or national labs under DST, DBT, ICMR, CSIR and similar agencies.

ANRF and Jal Shakti launch Rs 200-crore MAHA Water Mission; JSJB Catch the Rain portal, ISRO MoU

01 Jun

- The ANRF-Ministry of Jal Shakti MAHA Water Mission was launched on 1 June 2026, with Rs 200 crore over five years for water-sector startups and research consortia.
- Selected consortia can get up to Rs 20 crore each, across five themes from drinking water to climate adaptation.
- The same workshop launched a Bharat-WIN open call for startups and MSMEs and the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari: Catch the Rain (JSJB:CTR) portal and app.
- The Department of Water Resources and the Department of Space/ISRO signed an MoU to use satellite and geospatial data for water planning.

5. Agreements & MoUs

2 articles

India and UK Launch Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory in New Delhi

04 Jun

- The India-UK Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO) was launched in New Delhi on 4 June 2026 by Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy and UK Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper.
- It is a joint initiative of TEXMiN, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and the University of Cambridge: a data platform that tracks global critical-mineral supply chains and flags supply risks.

- Announced at the India-UK Prime Ministers' engagement in October 2025, it was formalised by a Research Collaboration Agreement in March 2026 and supports the National Critical Mineral Mission.
- On the same day PM Modi met Cooper and said the India-UK Vision 2035 would continue to guide the partnership.

India-Oman CEPA enters into force: 99.38% of India's exports get duty-free access

01 Jun

- The India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) entered into force on 1 June 2026. It was signed in Muscat on 18 December 2025.
- Duty-free access now covers 99.38% of India's exports to Oman by value (98.08% of Oman's tariff lines), against 15.33% under MFN tariffs.
- India is only the second country, after the United States, to have a comprehensive bilateral trade pact with Oman.
- Oman opened 127 services sub-sectors and raised the Intra-Corporate Transferee (ICT) ceiling from 20% to 50%.
- Dairy, cereals, fruits, vegetables, edible oils, oilseeds, rubber, leather and spices are kept out of India's market-access offer.

6. Defence

1 article

DRDO and IAF flight-test RudraM-II air-to-surface missile under extreme release conditions

02 Jun

- RudraM-II, DRDO's indigenous solid-propelled air-to-surface missile, was flight-tested with the IAF on 2 June 2026 under extreme release conditions; the missiles hit a predefined target with pin-point accuracy.
- Flight data from range instruments of the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur (Odisha) confirmed all test objectives were met.
- Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad is the nodal lab, with DRDL, HEMRL, ARDE and ITR; HAL, RCMA and MSQAA took part alongside Development cum Production Partners.

7. Science & Tech

1 article

IMD opens seventh Regional Meteorological Centre at Jammu for J&K, Ladakh and Himachal

05 Jun

- IMD's seventh Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) opened at Jammu on 5 June 2026 to serve Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh.
- These three were carved out of RMC New Delhi's area; a proposed RMC Lucknow will take over Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- J&K and Ladakh had no Doppler Weather Radar in 2014; four now run (Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Banihal Top) and five more are proposed under Mission Mausam.

- The centre will issue district-level and mountain forecasts plus warnings for flash floods, cloudbursts, avalanches and landslides.

8. Environment

2 articles

Surha Tal in Ballia Becomes India's 100th Ramsar Site

05 Jun

- Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, is India's 100th Ramsar site — Wetland of International Importance
- The Prime Minister marked India's century of Ramsar sites on World Environment Day, 5 June 2026
- Surha Tal is a freshwater wetland of 3,432.93 hectares in the middle Ganga basin, declared a bird sanctuary by Uttar Pradesh in 1991
- Uttar Pradesh now has 13 Ramsar sites; India's first two, Chilika and Keoladeo, were listed in 1981

UTTAR PRADESH'S 13 RAMSAR SITES

Site	Year listed
Upper Ganga River (Brijghat to Narora stretch)	2005
Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary	2019
Sarsai Nawar Jheel	2019
Sandi Bird Sanctuary	2019
Samaspur Bird Sanctuary	2019
Parvati Arga Bird Sanctuary	2019
Saman Bird Sanctuary	2019
Sur Sarovar	2020
Haiderpur Wetland	2021
Bakhira Sanctuary	—
Patna Bird Sanctuary	—
Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary	—
Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal)	2026

Listing years as recorded on the Ramsar list; '—' where the year could not be verified.

NBA launches VCS-I-ABS benefit-sharing certification; India's biodiversity framework and figures

05 Jun

- On World Environment Day 2026 the National Biodiversity Authority unveiled the Voluntary Certification Scheme – Incentivisation for Access and Benefit Sharing (VCS-I-ABS), the first such scheme among CBD Parties.
- The NBA also released 'Looking at Digital Sequence Information through an Indian Lens' and launched its revamped website.
- India has over 2,76,653 Biodiversity Management Committees and 2,72,648 People's Biodiversity Registers under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- Between 2017 and 2026, 12,830 ABS approvals were issued; about Rs 145 crore had reached beneficiaries by May 2026, benefiting around 11,000 BMCs.

9. Banking & Finance

3 articles

FEMA NDI Rules Amended: Foreign Individuals Get PIS Route; FAR Opened to 15, 30, 40-Year G-Secs

05 Jun

- DEA notified the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-Debt Instruments) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026, letting any individual Person Resident Outside India invest in listed Indian equity via the Portfolio Investment Scheme — earlier open only to NRIs/OCIs
- The per-individual limit rises from 5% to 10% of a company; the aggregate limit for all individual PROIs from 10% to 24%
- The Fully Accessible Route now includes new 15-, 30- and 40-year G-Secs and Sovereign Green Bonds of FAR-eligible tenors
- Under the General Route, the short-term, concentration and security-wise limits are removed; overall caps of 6% (Central G-Secs) and 2% (State securities) stay
- FPIs' interest and capital gains on G-Secs are exempt from income tax from 1 April 2026; the same relief applies to the Bank for International Settlements

Jan Samarth portal turns four: 54.10 lakh loan applications worth Rs 3.01 lakh crore processed

05 Jun

- The Jan Samarth Portal, the Department of Financial Services' single-window portal for credit-linked Central schemes, completed four years on 6 June 2026. It was launched on 6 June 2022.
- By 1 June 2026 it had processed about 54.10 lakh applications worth Rs 3,00,951 crore, and banks had given digital approvals to 49.55 lakh beneficiaries for Rs 2,76,493.78 crore.
- It now offers 16 Central schemes across 8 loan categories, in 8 languages, through 269 member lending institutions.

UPI goes live in Cambodia via Bakong KHQR; Cambodia becomes ninth UPI-accepting country

03 Jun

- Cambodia became the ninth country to accept UPI after NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and ACLEDA Bank Plc. launched UPI acceptance through Bakong's KHQR, Cambodia's national QR code.
- Phase 1 lets Indian travellers pay by UPI at over 4.5 million Cambodian merchants; Phase 2 will let Cambodians scan UPI QR codes in India, making the corridor two-way.
- Launched in Phnom Penh in the presence of National Bank of Cambodia Governor Chea Serey and RBI representatives.
- The other eight UPI-accepting countries: Singapore, UAE, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, Qatar and Sri Lanka.

10. Economy

7 articles

G-Secs Made Tax-Free for Foreign Investors; Fully Accessible Route Widened to 15-40 Year Bonds

06 Jun

- The Income-tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, promulgated on 5 June 2026, makes interest and capital gains on Government Securities tax-free for Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs/FPIs) for income arising on or after 1 April 2026.
- Until now FPIs paid 20% on G-Sec interest, up to 30% on short-term and 12.5% on long-term capital gains under Section 210 of the Income-tax Act, 2025.
- The Fully Accessible Route (FAR) now covers new 15-, 30- and 40-year G-Secs and Sovereign Green Bonds of FAR-eligible tenors.
- Under the General Route, the short-term, concentration and security-wise limits are gone; the overall caps stay at 6% of Central and 2% of State Government Securities.
- FPIs held G-Secs worth Rs 3,75,171 crore on 12 May 2026, only 3.34% of the Rs 112.42 lakh crore outstanding stock.

Provisional Estimates FY2025-26: Real GDP Grows 7.7%, Q4 at 7.8% on New 2022-23 Base

05 Jun

- MoSPI's Provisional Estimates put India's real GDP growth for FY2025-26 at 7.7% (up from 7.1% in 2024-25), with real GDP at Rs 323.12 lakh crore
- Q4 (January-March 2026) real GDP grew 7.8%; real GVA grew 7.9% both in Q4 and for the full year
- Nominal GDP reached Rs 346.36 lakh crore, growing 8.9%
- These are the first Provisional Estimates on the new national accounts series with base year 2022-23, which replaced 2011-12 on 27 February 2026
- The Second Advance Estimate of February 2026 had put FY2025-26 growth at 7.6%; it has now been revised up to 7.7%

E85 high-ethanol fuel goes on sale at 48 PSU outlets for flex-fuel vehicles

05 Jun

- E85 fuel (80-85% ethanol, 14-19% petrol) went on retail sale on 5 June 2026 at 48 public-sector OMC outlets, for flex-fuel vehicles only.
- It is priced about Rs 20 a litre below petrol; outlets are to rise to 500 by December 2026 and about 5,000 by December 2027.
- The ramp-up is meant to lift India's aggregate ethanol blending to nearly 26% by 2030-31, beyond the E20 level already reached.
- Blending rose from 1.53% in 2014 to 20%, met five years ahead of the 2030 target, saving over Rs 1.84 lakh crore in foreign exchange.

Farm sector in figures: record 150.18 Mt rice, Rs 1.40 lakh crore budget, MSP 2026-27

05 Jun

- Rice output hit a record 150.18 million tonnes in 2024-25, making India the world's largest rice producer; foodgrains reached 357.73 Mt.

- The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare budget is Rs 1,40,528.78 crore for 2026-27, against Rs 27,663 crore in 2013-14.
- PM-KISAN has paid over Rs 4.28 lakh crore in 22 instalments to more than 9.44 crore farmer families.
- PMFBY claims of Rs 1.96 lakh crore were paid to about 24.31 crore farmers up to 31 December 2025.
- Ragi recorded the highest MSP growth since 2014-15 (236%); paddy (common) MSP for 2026-27 is Rs 2,441 per quintal.

MSP 2026-27 VS 2014-15

Crop	MSP 2014-15	MSP 2026-27	Growth
Kharif crops			
Paddy (Common)	1,360	2,441	79%
Paddy (Grade A)	1,400	2,461	76%
Jowar (Hybrid)	1,530	4,023	163%
Jowar (Maldandi)	1,550	4,073	163%
Bajra	1,250	2,900	132%
Maize	1,310	2,410	84%
Ragi	1,550	5,205	236%
Tur (Arhar)	4,350	8,450	94%
Moong	4,600	8,780	91%
Urad	4,350	8,200	89%
Groundnut-in-shell	4,000	7,517	88%
Soyabean (Yellow)	2,560	5,708	123%
Sunflower Seed	3,750	8,343	122%
Sesamum	4,600	10,346	125%
Nigerseed	3,600	10,052	179%
Cotton (Medium Staple)	3,750	8,267	120%
Cotton (Long Staple)	4,050	8,667	114%
Rabi crops			
Wheat	1,400	2,585	84%
Barley	1,150	2,150	87%
Gram	3,175	5,875	85%
Masur (Lentil)	3,075	7,000	128%
Rapeseed/Mustard	3,100	6,200	100%
Safflower	3,050	6,540	114%
Commercial crops			
Jute	2,400	5,925	147%
Copra (milling)	5,550	12,027	117%
Copra (ball)	5,830	12,500	114%

Source: PIB Backgrounder 'Empowering India's Annadatas', 5 June 2026. Highest growth: Ragi 236%, Nigerseed 179%, Jowar (Hybrid) 163%; Jute 147%, Masur 128%.

India's first flex-fuel passenger car launched; runs on E20 to E100 blends

04 Jun

- India's first flex-fuel passenger vehicle, Maruti Suzuki's Wagon R, was launched in New Delhi on 4 June 2026 by Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri; it runs on any ethanol-petrol blend from E20 to E100.
- Government estimate: if 50% of new two- and four-wheeler sales shift to flex fuel, that means 311.8 crore litres of extra ethanol demand, Rs 12,403 crore of extra farmer income and 66.4 lakh tonnes less CO2.

- Ethanol blending rose from under 1.5% in 2013-14 to 20% in 2025-26, five years ahead of the original schedule.
- Roadmap: E85 is the BIS mono-fuel standard for FFVs. The plan is 50-100 FFV-ready outlets at first, about 500 by December 2026 and about 5,000 by end-2027.

IIP rebased to 2022-23: first new-series print shows 4.9% growth in April 2026

01 Jun

- MoSPI moved the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) base year from 2011-12 to 2022-23. The first new-series print puts April 2026 growth at 4.9%.
- Sector growth in April 2026: manufacturing 6.2%, electricity and gas 4.9%, water supply-sewerage-waste 6.6%, mining -5.1%.
- Water Supply, Sewerage and Waste Management is a new sector in the index. Gas supply, minor minerals and rare earth minerals are now covered too.
- The basket grows to 1,042 products in 463 item groups (from 839 items in 407 groups), compiled under NIC 2025.

SECTOR WEIGHTS: OLD VS NEW SERIES

Sector	Base 2011-12	Base 2022-23	Growth, April 2026
Mining & Quarrying	14.372	11.053	-5.1%
Manufacturing	77.633	76.062	6.2%
Electricity (& Gas Supply in new series)	7.995	10.865	4.9%
Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	— (new sector)	2.020	6.6%

Source: MoSPI release, 1 June 2026. New-series electricity splits into renewable 2.332 and non-renewable 7.839, with gas supply at 0.694.

India's seafood exports hit record Rs 73,890 crore in FY 2025-26; frozen shrimp leads

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- India's seafood exports reached an all-time high in FY 2025-26: 19,72,018 MT worth Rs 73,890.46 crore (USD 8.46 billion), announced by MPEDA on 1 June 2026.
- Frozen shrimp stayed the top item: Rs 49,037.93 crore (USD 5,624.48 million), 40.19% of quantity and 66.52% of dollar earnings.
- The US remained the largest market by value (USD 2,328.74 million) though its imports fell 14.22% in dollar terms; China was the largest by quantity (4,90,369 MT).
- Top seafood export ports: Visakhapatnam, JNPT and Kochi.

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University of Liverpool Gets UGC Letter of Approval for Bengaluru Campus

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- The University of Liverpool (UK) received the Letter of Approval on 4 June 2026 to start a branch campus in Bengaluru, Karnataka, under the UGC's 2023 foreign-campus regulations.
- It had been given a Letter of Intent on 26 May 2025; the approval followed a UGC readiness and compliance check.
- The campus will offer UG and PG programmes in business management, computer science, game design, finance and biomedical sciences.