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1. Sports

1 article

India Men Win U-18 Hockey Asia Cup 2026; Women Take Bronze

08 Jun

- India won the Men's U-18 Hockey Asia Cup 2026, beating hosts Japan 4-1 in the final at Kakamigahara, Japan — India's third title in the event (2001, 2016, 2026).
- India's women won bronze, beating Korea 3-0; China won the women's title.
- Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya felicitated both teams at the SAI Head Office on 8 June 2026 with Rs 61.5 lakh (men) and Rs 21 lakh (women).
- Former captains Sardar Singh and Rani Rampal coached the men's and women's teams respectively.

MEN'S U18 ASIA CUP — ALL EDITIONS

Year	Host	Winner	Runner-up
2001	Ipoh, Malaysia	India	Uzbekistan
2009	Yangon, Myanmar	Pakistan	Malaysia
2011	Singapore	South Korea	Malaysia
2016	Dhaka, Bangladesh	India	Bangladesh
2025	Dazhou, China	Japan	Pakistan
2026	Kakamigahara, Japan	India	Japan

India holds the most titles (3). Women's U18 Asia Cup: 2026 was the sixth edition; India's only title came in 2000. Source: Asian Hockey Federation records via Wikipedia, Olympics.com.

2. Awards & Honours

3 articles

Ministry of Ayush Sets Guinness World Record: 4,35,831 Viewers for YouTube Live Yoga Stream

14 Jun

- The Ministry of Ayush set a Guinness World Record for the most viewers of a YouTube live yoga stream, with 4,35,831 verified viewers on 14 June 2026.
- It beat the 2024 record of 2,46,252 by 1,89,579 viewers. The session was run with MDNIY and followed the Common Yoga Protocol.
- IDY 2026 is themed 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing', with the main event in Kolkata on 21 June.

Sangeet Natak Akademi Names 7 Fellows, 108 Awardees and 106 Yuva Puraskar Winners for 2024-25

10 Jun

- Sangeet Natak Akademi elected 7 Fellows (Akademi Ratna) for 2024-25, among them Rita Ganguly, Sudharani Raghupathy, Pasumarthi Rattaiah Sarma and A V Anand; the fellowship is capped at 40 living holders.
- It selected 108 artists for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) and 106 young artists for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2024 and 2025.
- Purse money: Rs 3 lakh (Fellow), Rs 1 lakh (Award) and Rs 25,000 (Yuva Puraskar), each with a Tamrapatra and Angavastram.
- The President confers the Fellowship and Awards; the Akademi’s Chairman confers the Yuva Puraskar.

- The selections were made at the General Council meeting of 22-26 March 2026 in New Delhi.

COMPLETE LIST OF FELLOWS AND AWARDEES

Awardee	Field	Discipline / art form
Akademi Ratna (Fellows) — 7		
Ramlal Bareth	Fellowship	Performing arts
A V Anand	Fellowship	Performing arts
Rita Ganguly	Fellowship	Performing arts
Puru Dadheech	Fellowship	Performing arts
Chittaranjan Jyotishi	Fellowship	Performing arts
Pasumarthi Rattaiah Sarma	Fellowship	Performing arts
Sudharani Raghupathy	Fellowship	Performing arts
Akademi Puraskar 2024 — 53 artists		
Arun Kashalkar	Music	Hindustani Vocal
Nirmalya Dey	Music	Hindustani Vocal – Dhrupad
Bharat Bhushan Goswami	Music	Hindustani Instrumental – Sarangi
Sanjay Mukherjee	Music	Hindustani Instrumental – Tabla
K Vageesh	Music	Carnatic Vocal
N. Vijay Siva	Music	Carnatic Vocal
A S Krishnan	Music	Carnatic Instrumental – Morchang
Komanduri Seshadri	Music	Carnatic Instrumental – Violin
Rakesh Chaurasia	Music	Creative and Experimental – Flute
Prabhati Mukherjee	Music	Other Major tradition of Music – Sugam Sangeet
Anand Bhate	Music	Other Major tradition of Music – Abhang
Samandar Khan Manganiar	Music	Other Major tradition of Music – Mand
Rajeswari Sainath	Dance	Bharatnatyam
Bipul Chandra Das	Dance	Kathak
Rajkumari Thambalsana Devi	Dance	Manipuri
Veena Murthy Vijay	Dance	Kuchipudi
Bichitrananda Swain	Dance	Odissi
Prema Ozah Borbayan	Dance	Sattriya
Sreedevi Rajan	Dance	Mohiniattam
Nripen Sahis	Dance	Chhau
Shashidharan Nair	Dance	Creative and Experimental
Kalamandalam Unnikrishnan	Dance	Music for Dance – Kathakali
Surya Narayana Kumara	Dance	Music for Dance – Kuchipudi
Keremane Shivananda Hegde	Dance	Other Major Traditions of Dance and Dance Theatre – Yakshagana
Satish Dave	Theatre	Direction
T S Nagabharana	Theatre	Direction
Ravi Chaturvedi	Theatre	Direction
Om Katare	Theatre	Direction
Gummadi Gopala Krishna Rao	Theatre	Acting
Vaagai Chandrasekar	Theatre	Acting
Arun Nalavde	Theatre	Acting
Dhiren Merchant	Theatre	Allied Theatre Arts – Lighting

Awardee	Field	Discipline / art form
Dinesh Kumar Poddar	Theatre	Allied Theatre Arts – Lighting
Mukund Marathe	Theatre	Traditional Theatre, Maharashtra
Dursheti Ramaiah	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Telangana
K Murugan	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Puducherry
S C Sharma	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Karnataka
Atamjeet Singh	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Nautanki, Uttar Pradesh
Mahendra Ram	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Bihar
Butan Devi & Sombari Devi (Joint)	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Jharkhand
Ranjit Kumar Nag	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance – Sambalpuri, Odisha
Hawa Singh	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Haryana
Veswuzo Phesao	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Nagaland – Chakesang Music
Gulabo Sapera	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Rajasthan – Kalbeliya
Lourembam Bedabati Devi	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Manipur
Subhash Narayan Nakashe	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Maharashtra
Kishorbhai Somabhai Mistry	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Instrument making – Rudra Veena
T S Sathyavathi	Overall and others	Overall Contribution in Music
Voleti Rangamani	Overall and others	Overall Contribution in Dance
Shubhada Varadkar	Overall and others	Scholarship in Performing Arts (Dance)
Tapati Chowdhurie	Overall and others	Art Critique (Performing Arts)
Sunanda Nair	Overall and others	Overseas – Dance (Mohiniattam)
Akademi Puraskar 2025 — 55 artists		
Krishna Mohan Pathak	Music	Hindustani Vocal – Dhrupad
Suresh Gandharv	Music	Hindustani Vocal
Shailesh Bhagwat	Music	Hindustani Instrumental – Shehnai
Jyoti Hegde	Music	Hindustani Instrumental – Rudra Veena
Pantula Rama	Music	Carnatic Vocal
Papanasam Ashok Ramani	Music	Carnatic Vocal
Tripoonithura N Radhakrishnan	Music	Carnatic Instrumental – Ghatam
Anoor R. Anantha Krishna Sharma	Music	Carnatic Instrumental – Mridangam
D Srinivas	Music	Carnatic Instrumental – Veena
Yugantar Sindoor	Music	Other Major tradition of Music – Sugam Sangeet
Satchidananda Das	Music	Other Major tradition of Music – Mardala
Seema Anil Sehgal	Music	Other Major tradition of Music – Sugam Sangeet
Roja Kanan	Dance	Bharatnatyam
Krishan Mohan Mishra (Maharaj), Vaswati Mishra & Ram Mohan Maharaj (Trio)	Dance	Kathak
Kalamandalam Krishnakumar	Dance	Kathakali

Awardee	Field	Discipline / art form
Irengbam Nalini Devi	Dance	Manipuri
P. Nagajothy & Seetha Nagajothy (Joint)	Dance	Kuchipudi
Ileana Citaristi	Dance	Odissi
Mallika Kandali	Dance	Sattriya
Girija Chandran	Dance	Mohiniattam
Pagulu Jena	Dance	Chhau – Mayurbhanj
K Hariprasad	Dance	Music for Dance – Bharatnatyam
Bhaskar Jyoti Ojah	Dance	Music for Dance – Sattriya
S. Kumar	Dance	Other Major Tradition of Dance Theatre – Bhagvathmela
Kapildev Chandrakant Shukla	Theatre	Direction
Kallol Bhattacharyya	Theatre	Direction
Navdeep Kaur	Theatre	Direction
Pramod D Pawar	Theatre	Direction
Subodh Patnaik	Theatre	Direction
Chetana Das	Theatre	Acting
Suresh Kumar (Hajju)	Theatre	Acting
Makhanlal Saraf	Theatre	Acting
Ashok Patki	Theatre	Allied Theatre Arts – Music for Theatre
Usha Nangiar	Theatre	Major Tradition of Theatre – Nangiarkoothu
Anup Ranjan Pandey	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Chhattisgarh
Bheru Singh Chouhan	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Madhya Pradesh – Nirguni
Surjya Kumar Debbarma	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Tripura – Chongpreng
Joginder Singh Habbi	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Himachal Pradesh
Romalo Ram	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music & Dance, Jammu & Kashmir
Harmanpreet Singh	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Punjab
Ali Mohammad	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Ladakh – Surna
Domin Karbak	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Arunachal Pradesh
K. Rosiama	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Mizoram
Rani Maring	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Instruments Making
Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Mask Making – Chhau
Mangla Prasad Sharma	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Instruments Making
Sindhe Chithambara Rao	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Shadow Puppet of Andhra Pradesh
Shiv Narayan Jha (Kunal)	Overall and others	Overall Contribution in Theatre
Maneesha Sathe	Overall and others	Overall Contribution in Dance (Kathak)
Rakesh Sinha	Overall and others	Overall Contribution (Art Photography)
Manjari Sinha	Overall and others	Art Critique (Performing Arts)
T S Nandakumar	Overall and others	Overseas – Music (Mridangam)

Awardee	Field	Discipline / art form
Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2024 — 51 artists		
Krishna Bongane and Ankita Joshi (Joint)	Music	Hindustani Vocal
Mahalaxmi Shenoy	Music	Hindustani Vocal
Isher Singh Namdhari	Music	Hindustani Instrumental – Tar Shehnai
Priyank Krishna	Music	Hindustani Instrumental – Saxophone
Lahari Kolachela	Music	Carnatic Vocal
Sreedev Rajagopalan	Music	Carnatic Vocal
Peri Thyagaraju	Music	Carnatic Instrumental Music – Violin
J.A. Jayant	Music	Carnatic Instrumental Music – Flute
Ranchhodlalji Goswami	Music	Other Major Traditions of Music – Haveli Sangeet
Matru Prasad Das	Music	Other Major Traditions of Music – Odissi Sangeet
Vidhi Sharma	Music	Other Major Traditions of Music – Sugam Sangeet
Rahul Dev Mondal	Dance	Bharatnatyam
Namrata Rai	Dance	Kathak
Kottakal Pradeep	Dance	Kathakali
Phuritshabam Debajani Devi	Dance	Manipuri
Ajay Srinivas Chakravarthy P.	Dance	Kuchipudi
Gaurishankar Dash	Dance	Odissi
Meenakshi Medhi	Dance	Sattriya
Gopika G Nath	Dance	Mohiniattam
Kuna Samal	Dance	Chhau – Saraikela
Lalit Khatana	Dance	Creative and Experimental
Lukram Tamphamani Singh	Dance	Music for Dance (Manipuri)
Prasanna Kumar Soni	Theatre	Playwriting
Atul Satya Koushik	Theatre	Playwriting
Bidyut Kumar Nath	Theatre	Direction
Arpita Dhagat	Theatre	Direction
Anirudh Sarkar	Theatre	Acting
K Veerammal	Theatre	Acting
Rohit Chandra	Theatre	Allied Theatre Arts – Music for Theatre
Kalamandalam Ravikumar	Theatre	Other Major Tradition of Theatre – Mizhavu
Debiprasad Mishra	Theatre	Allied Theatre Arts – Lighting
Dilip Hira	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Assam
Rumi Taki	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Arunachal Pradesh
Dilkumari Tamang	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Sikkim
Manjoor Khan Manganiyar	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Rajasthan
Amrinder Singh	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Punjab
Somvir Kathurwal	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Haryana
Sharia Hamid	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Jammu & Kashmir

Awardee	Field	Discipline / art form
Hema Negi Karasi	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Uttarakhand
Vijesh NV	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Mudiyattu, Kerala
Bhawarth Ramchandra Dekhne	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Maharashtra – Bharod
Ovungbeni Ovung	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Nagaland
Chetan Vaman Khedekar	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance and Music, Goa
Gajendra Singh	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Nautanki, Uttar Pradesh
Yumnam Bimota Devi	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Manipur
Inder Jeet	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Himachal Pradesh
Balkrishna Ganpat Masge	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Puppetry, Maharashtra
Mahmood Khan	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Instrument Making – Tabla
Amit Khinchi	Overall Contribution/Scholarship in Performing Arts	Overall Contribution in Performing Arts (Kathak)
Shilpa Nanjappa	Overall Contribution/Scholarship in Performing Arts	Overall Contribution in Performing Arts (Bharatnatyam)
Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2025 — 55 artists		
Rindana Rahasya and Avinash Kumar (Joint)	Music	Hindustani Vocal
Rahul Mishra & Rohit Mishra (Joint)	Music	Hindustani Vocal
Ramendra Singh Solanki	Music	Hindustani Instrumental – Tabla
Tanmay Deochake	Music	Hindustani Instrumental – Harmonium
Ranjani Vasuki	Music	Carnatic Vocal
Sriranjani Santhanagopalan	Music	Carnatic Vocal
B S Prashanth	Music	Carnatic Instrumental Music – Mridangam
Shaik Mahboob Subhani	Music	Carnatic Instrumental Music – Mandolin
B Suchithra	Music	Other Major Traditions of Music – Harikatha
Sivasri Skandaprasad	Music	Other Major Traditions of Music – Sugam Sangeet
Debajit Saikia	Music	Other Major Traditions of Music – Khol of Assam
V T Satchidanandan	Dance	Bharatnatyam
Devika Devendra S Mangalamukhi	Dance	Kathak
Kalamandalam Neeraj	Dance	Kathakali
Tongbram Roneld Meeitei	Dance	Manipuri
Vedantam Siddhendra Varaprasad	Dance	Kuchipudi
Namrata Mehta	Dance	Odissi
Niranjan Saikia Barbayan	Dance	Sattriya
Aswathi Sankarlal	Dance	Mohiniattam
Subhashree Swain	Dance	Chhau – Mayurbhanj
Satwika Penna	Dance	Other Major Traditions of Dance & Dance Theatre – Andhranatyam
Pavani Pasumarthi	Dance	Music for dance
Ghanshyam Sahu	Theatre	Playwriting

Awardee	Field	Discipline / art form
Oasis Sougaijam	Theatre	Playwriting
Privendra Kumar Singh	Theatre	Direction
Swati Dubey	Theatre	Direction
Amit Sanouria	Theatre	Direction
Anand Kumar Pandey	Theatre	Acting
Tila Rupa Sapkota	Theatre	Acting
Divyang Srivastav	Theatre	Allied Theatre Arts – Lighting
Kalamandalam Manikantan	Theatre	Other Major Traditions of Theatre – Mizhavu
Raju Mog	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Tripura
Lawmsangpuia	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance and Music, Mizoram
Akram Khan Behrupiya	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Rajasthan
Shilu Singh Rajput	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Uttar Pradesh – Allah
Manisha Srivastava	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Bihar
Somnath Mahato	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Chhau Purulia, West Bengal
Hito Kiho	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Choir Music, Nagaland
Nirmal Kumar, Mukesh Kumar and Anjali (Trio)	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Uttarakhand
Vipin Viswanatha Pulavar	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Puppetry, Kerala
C Saravanan	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Puducherry
Pravin Pratap Jhadav	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Maharashtra (Jagar)
Ravice Rashid	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Theatre, Jammu & Kashmir
Twisha Vyas	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Gujarat – Garba
Shanta Cyntrick	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Dance, Andaman & Nicobar
Babita Hembram	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Tribal Dance, Jharkhand
Hirak Jyoti Sarma	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Assam (Tukari Geet)
Sadiq Ali	Folk, Tribal, Puppetry, Mask & Instrument Making	Folk Music, Ladakh
Himanshu Darmora	Overall	Overall Contribution in Performing Arts – Music
Sayak Mitra and Akash Mallick (Joint)	Overall	Overall Contribution in Performing arts (Theatre)

Source: Sangeet Natak Akademi press release and attached list, 10 June 2026. Joint and trio awards are one row; artist counts include every member. Discipline as stated by SNA.

Defence Investiture Ceremony 2026 Phase-I: President Confers 7 Kirti, 15 Vir, 29 Shaurya Chakras

08 Jun

- President Droupadi Murmu conferred 51 gallantry awards at the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2026 (Phase-I), Rashtrapati Bhavan, on 8 June 2026: 7 Kirti Chakras (2 posthumous), 15 Vir Chakras (3 posthumous) and 29 Shaurya Chakras (1 posthumous).
- Recipients came from the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State/UT Police. The Vice President, Prime Minister and Defence Minister attended.
- Nine of the 15 Vir Chakras went to IAF pilots for acts on 7 May 2025, the opening day of Operation Sindoor.
- Lt Cdrs Dilna K and Roopa A received the Shaurya Chakra for Navika Sagar Parikrama II. Air Commodore Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair received the Kirti Chakra as backup crew for the Axiom-4 mission.

COMPLETE ROSTER: PHASE-I, 8 JUNE 2026

S No	Awardee	Service	Date of act
Kirti Chakra (7, incl. 2 posthumous)			
38	Lance Naik Meenatchi Sundaram A, Regiment of Artillery, 34 RR	Army	19.12.2024
39	Naib Subedar Doleshwar Subba, 2 PARA (SF)	Army	11.04.2025
40	Major Arshdeep Singh, ARMD, 1 Assam Rifles	Army	14.05.2025
41	Air Commodore Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, Flying (Pilot)	Air Force	25.06.2025
42	Captain Lalrinawma Sailo, 4 PARA (SF)	Army	28.07.2025
46	Sepoy Janjal Pravin Prabhakar, Mahar Regiment, 1 RR (posthumous)	Army	06.07.2024
47	Lieutenant Shashank Tiwari, Army Service Corps, 1 Sikkim Scouts (posthumous)	Army	22.05.2025
Vir Chakra (15, incl. 3 posthumous)			
26	Colonel Koshank Lamba, 302 Medium Regiment	Army	07.05.2025
27	Group Captain Ranjeet Singh Sidhu, Flying (Pilot)	Air Force	07.05.2025
28	Group Captain Manish Arora, SC, Flying (Pilot)	Air Force	07.05.2025
29	Group Captain Animesh Patni, Flying (Pilot)	Air Force	07.05.2025
30	Group Captain Kunal Kalra, Flying (Pilot)	Air Force	07.05.2025
31	Wing Commander (now Group Captain) Joy Chandra, Flying (Pilot)	Air Force	07.05.2025
32	Lieutenant Colonel Sushil Bisht, 1988 (Independent) Medium Battery	Army	07.05.2025
33	Squadron Leader (now Wing Commander) Sarthak Kumar, Flying (Pilot)	Air Force	07.05.2025
34	Squadron Leader Siddhant Singh, Flying (Pilot)	Air Force	07.05.2025
35	Squadron Leader Rizwan Malik, Flying (Pilot)	Air Force	07.05.2025
36	Flight Lieutenant (now Squadron Leader) Aarshveer Singh Thakur, Flying (Pilot)	Air Force	07.05.2025
37	Naib Subedar Satish Kumar, 4 DOGRA	Army	10.05.2025
44	Sub Inspector (GD) Mohd Imteyaj (posthumous)	MHA	07.05.2025
44	CT/GD Deepak Chingakham (posthumous)	MHA	07.05.2025
45	Rifleman Sunil Kumar, 4 JAK LI (posthumous)	Army	10.05.2025
Shaurya Chakra (29, incl. 1 posthumous)			
1	Inspector Laxman Kewat	MHA	16.04.2024
1	Inspector Rameshwar Prasad Deshmukh	MHA	16.04.2024
2	Lieutenant Colonel Neetesh Bharti Shukla, 19 SIKH	Army	13.07.2024
3	Major Aditya Pratap Singh, SM, Rajputana Rifles, 44 Assam Rifles	Army	24.10.2024
4	Major Ashish Kumar, 7 PARA (SF)	Army	01.11.2024
5	Constable/GD Sanjay Tiwari	MHA	02.11.2024
5	Constable/GD Feda Hussain Dar	MHA	02.11.2024
6	Assistant Commandant (now Deputy Commandant) Mohd Shafiq, 26 Assam Rifles	Army	05.11.2024
7	Lieutenant Commander Suraj Prashar	Navy	05.11.2024
8	Ram Goyal, SEA II (now LS)	Navy	05.11.2024
9	Constable/GD Saddam Hussain, CRPF	MHA	05.11.2024

S No	Awardee	Service	Date of act
10	Assistant Commandant Vipin Wilson, 20 Bn CRPF	MHA	11.11.2024
11	Rifleman Bhoj Ram Sahu, 3 Assam Rifles	Army	15.11.2024
12	Wing Commander (now Group Captain) Abhimanyu Singh, Flying (Pilot)	Air Force	21.11.2024
13	Major Bhargav Kalita, Kumaon Regiment, 50 RR	Army	02.12.2024
14	Major Leishangthem Deepak Singh, 11 PARA (SF)	Army	25.04.2025
15	Major Anshul Baltoo, JAK LI, 32 Assam Rifles	Army	29.04.2025
16	Major Shivkant Yadav, 5 PARA (SF)	Army	12.05.2025
17	Subedar P H Moses, 1 Assam Rifles	Army	14.05.2025
18	Major Vivek, Mech Inf, 42 RR	Army	15.05.2025
19	Rifleman Manglem Sang Vaiphei, 3 Assam Rifles	Army	09.06.2025
20	Lieutenant Colonel Ghatage Aditya Shrikumar, 21 PARA (SF)	Army	13.07.2025
21	Captain Yogender Singh Thakur, 6 PARA (SF)	Army	21.07.2025
22	Subedar Shamsher Singh, 4 PARA (SF)	Army	28.07.2025
23	Lance Naik (now Naik) Rahul Singh, 4 PARA (SF)	Army	28.07.2025
24	Rifleman Dhurba Jyoti Dutta, 33 Assam Rifles	Army	19.09.2025
25	Lieutenant Commander Dilna K	Navy	26.01.2026
25	Lieutenant Commander Roopa A	Navy	26.01.2026
43	L/DFR Baldev Chand, ARMD, 4 RR (posthumous)	Army	19.09.2025

Source: Ministry of Defence release, PRID 2270369. Complete list as published. Where two personnel share one serial number, the release lists them jointly under that serial.

3. Summits & Conferences

2 articles

16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting Adopts Indore Declaration, Sets Up Four New Networks

13 Jun

- The 16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting, held in Indore (Madhya Pradesh) on 12-13 June 2026 under India's BRICS Presidency, unanimously adopted the joint declaration, named the 'Indore Declaration'.
- Four new initiatives: a BRICS Network of Centres of Excellence on Agroecology and Regenerative Agriculture (ICAR-IIFSR, Modipuram), a BRICS Network on Digital Agriculture (IIT Delhi), a Global Forum on Farmers' Rights in Seed Systems (PPV&FRA, New Delhi) and the BRICS AGRIN framework.
- Members agreed to turn the existing BRICS Agricultural Research Platform into a 'Knowledge-to-Action Hub'; India hosted a Special Dialogue on the BRICS Grain Exchange.
- It was the first BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting to bring together both member and partner countries (about 100 delegates, around 60 of them foreign).
- The Government said urea will stay at Rs 266 per bag and DAP at Rs 1,350 per bag, with the Centre absorbing the higher cost.

13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum Adopts Declaration; India's Urban Knowledge Network Welcomed

12 Jun

- The 13th BRICS Urbanisation Forum concluded in New Delhi and adopted a Ministerial Declaration on inclusive, resilient and people-centred urban development.
- BRICS members welcomed India's proposal for a BRICS Urban Research and Knowledge Network, a virtual platform led by each year's Chair country.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs hosted the two-day forum under India's 2026 BRICS Chairship. Its theme was 'Cities for People: BRICS Cooperation for Inclusive and Resilient Urban Futures'.
- It was India's fourth time hosting the forum, after New Delhi (2013), Visakhapatnam (2016) and a virtual edition (2021).

4. Schemes & Committees

3 articles

TRIFED Launches ‘RISA – Timeless Tribal’ Premium Brand and Store for Tribal Textiles and Crafts

10 Jun

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, through TRIFED, launched ‘RISA – Timeless Tribal’, a premium brand for tribal textiles, embroideries and handicrafts, with a store at Rajiv Gandhi Handicrafts Bhawan, Connaught Place, New Delhi.
- Phase 1 covers seven textile and embroidery traditions: Eri and Muga silk (Assam), Santal cotton (Jharkhand), Changpa Pashmina (Ladakh), Kotpad cotton and Dongria embroidery (Odisha), and Toda embroidery (Tamil Nadu).
- Three handicrafts are also promoted: Longpi pottery (Manipur), Turtuk brass cutlery (Ladakh) and Dokra art (Chhattisgarh).
- Design work runs through the National Design Centre (Ministry of Textiles); NID Haryana will develop eco-friendly packaging.

PHASE 1 CRAFTS

Craft	State/UT	What to know
Eri silk	Assam	From Samia ricini, reared on castor; moth leaves the cocoon before spinning — ‘ahimsa silk’
Muga silk	Assam	Golden silk of Antheraea assamensis; GI registered 2007
Santal cotton	Jharkhand	Cotton weave of the Santal community
Changpa Pashmina	Ladakh	Fibre of Changthangi goats herded by semi-nomadic Changpas of Changthang; Ladakh Pashmina holds a GI
Kotpad cotton	Odisha	Woven by the Mirgan community of Kotpad, Koraput; dyed with Aal-tree root; Odisha’s first GI (2005)
Dongria embroidery	Odisha	Embroidery of the Dongria Kondh
Toda embroidery	Tamil Nadu	‘Pukhoor’ of Toda women, Nilgiris; red-black thread on white cotton; GI March 2013
Longpi pottery	Manipur	Ukhrul district, Tangkhul Naga; black serpentinite stone and clay, shaped without a potter’s wheel
Turtuk brass cutlery	Ladakh	Brass craft of Turtuk
Dokra art	Chhattisgarh	Lost-wax metal casting; Bastar Dhokra is GI-registered

Source: PIB release, 10 June 2026; static facts web-verified.

PMSMA Turns 10: Rs 75 Coin Released as MMR Falls to 87 per Lakh Live Births

09 Jun

- Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA), launched on 9 June 2016, completed 10 years on 9 June 2026; Health Minister J.P. Nadda released a Rs 75 commemorative coin and a Rs 5 postal stamp.

- Per the Sample Registration System, India's Maternal Mortality Ratio fell from 130 (2014-16) to 87 (2022-24) per lakh live births; neonatal mortality fell from 24 to 18 per 1,000.
- The UN MMEIG report credits India with an 86% fall in maternal mortality since 1990, against a 48% global decline.
- NFHS-6: institutional deliveries 90.6%, antenatal care 95.9%, four or more ANC visits 65.2%.
- PMSMA has conducted 7.5 crore+ antenatal check-ups and identified about 1.2 crore high-risk pregnancies; 9,000+ private providers volunteer.

West Bengal Joins AB PM-JAY as 36th State/UT, Completing Nationwide Rollout

08 Jun

- West Bengal became the 36th State/UT to implement Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY on 8 June 2026, completing the scheme's adoption across the whole country.
- The National Health Authority (NHA) signed the MoU with West Bengal's Department of Health & Family Welfare; about 1.43 crore families (~6 crore people) will be covered.
- The State's beneficiary base: 1.24 crore eligible families, ~15.95 lakh families of senior citizens aged 70+ and ~3 lakh families of ASHAs and Anganwadi workers/helpers.
- Nationally, PM-JAY covers 62 crore+ people; 12 crore+ hospital admissions worth over Rs 1.82 lakh crore have been availed, and out-of-pocket health spending fell from 64.6% to 43.4%.
- Odisha (34th, January 2025) and Delhi (35th, April 2025) joined before West Bengal, which was the last holdout.

5. Agreements & MoUs

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Centre, Assam and Nagaland Sign Tripartite MoU to Open Oil Operations in Boundary Areas

11 Jun

- A tripartite MoU between the Government of India, Assam and Nagaland was signed in New Delhi on 11 June 2026. It facilitates mineral oil operations in identified 'Areas of Interest' along the Assam-Nagaland boundary.
- Nagaland told the Centre it would allow oil exploration across the whole state, not just the six designated fields. Assam agreed.
- The Home Minister said current extraction of 1,000-1,500 barrels per day could rise more than tenfold.
- The MoU sets up a coordinated framework for operational continuity, the safety of personnel and assets, and coordination among stakeholders. MHA brokered it with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- Background: Nagaland's land-and-resources shield under Article 371A. ONGC left Nagaland's Changpang field in 1994. The boundary dispute has been unsettled since 1963.

6. Defence

2 articles

DRDO Demonstrates Multi-Layered BMD up to ICBM Class; Maiden Flight-Test of NASM-MR

13 Jun

- DRDO carried out the maiden flight-test of the Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Medium Range (NASM-MR), one of three consecutive flight-tests on 10-11 June 2026.
- The same tests showed multi-layered Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) against long-range ballistic missiles: the interceptors hit their targets.
- The Ministry of Defence says the tests place India in the elite group of nations with BMD capability to engage targets up to Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs, range over 5,500 km).
- The tests build on the two-phase BMD programme: Phase-I (PAD and AAD interceptors, about 2,000 km-class threats) and Phase-II (AD-1/AD-2, about 5,000 km-class threats).

First Batch of NDA-Trained Women Cadets Commissioned into Army, Navy and IAF

13 Jun

- The first 17 women cadets trained at the National Defence Academy (148th Course, joined August 2022) have all been commissioned as officers.
- Army: 9 commissioned at the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, passing out parade of the 158th Regular Course on 13 June 2026, reviewed by President Droupadi Murmu.
- Air Force: 5 commissioned at the Air Force Academy, Dundigal, Combined Graduation Parade of 217 Course on 13 June 2026, reviewed by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh. That parade commissioned 231 flight cadets in all (194 men, 37 women).
- Navy: 3 commissioned at the Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Spring Term passing out parade on 28 May 2026.
- Women's entry to NDA followed the Supreme Court's interim order of 18 August 2021 in Kush Kalra v Union of India.

7. Science & Tech

2 articles

IndiaAI Mission-Backed Varya, India's First Distilled Text-to-Video AI Model, Launched

12 Jun

- Varya, billed as India's first distilled video model, was launched on 12 June 2026 in New Delhi by Avataar, a company selected under the IndiaAI Mission to build indigenous foundation models.
- Distillation cuts video generation from 50 steps to 4 at comparable quality; Avataar's own benchmark puts the cost at Rs 0.48 per second of video.
- The research ran on subsidised national AI compute provided under the IndiaAI Mission (MeitY).

IMD Opens Regional Meteorological Centre at Lucknow for UP and Uttarakhand

08 Jun

- A new IMD Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) opened at Lucknow on 8 June 2026. It covers Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and adjoining regions.

- It follows the Jammu RMC, opened on 5 June 2026 as India's seventh, and joins the older centres at New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Nagpur and Guwahati.
- India's Doppler Weather Radar network has grown from 17 radars in 2014 to 50. Another 50 are proposed under Mission Mausam, for nearly 100 within two years.
- In Uttar Pradesh, Automatic Weather Stations rose from 59 to 107 and lightning sensors from 0 to 7; three Doppler radars are now working there, up from one in 2014.

8. Environment

2 articles

Global Wind Day 2026: India's Wind Capacity at 56.09 GW, Record 6.05 GW Added in 2025-26

14 Jun

- Global Wind Day (15 June) 2026: India's installed wind capacity stood at 56.09 GW in March 2026, up from 21.04 GW in March 2014, and India ranks 4th in the world.
- India added a record 6.05 GW of wind in 2025-26, beating the previous record of 4.15 GW set in 2024-25; another 28 GW is under implementation.
- Gross wind potential is 1,163.9 GW at 150 m hub height (695.5 GW at 120 m), led by Rajasthan (284.2 GW) and Gujarat (180.8 GW).
- Targets are 100 GW of wind by 2030 and 156 GW by 2036; Rs 6,853 crore in VGF backs India's first 1 GW of offshore wind off Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.
- India hosts the Global Wind Day 2026 Conference in Goa on 15 June, themed 'Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration'.

WIND POTENTIAL AT 150 M, THE EIGHT HIGH-RESOURCE STATES

State	Potential (GW)
Rajasthan	284.2
Gujarat	180.8
Maharashtra	173.9
Karnataka	169.3
Andhra Pradesh	123.3
Tamil Nadu	95.1
Madhya Pradesh	55.4
Telangana	54.7

Source: PIB Backgrounder, 14 June 2026. National total: 1,163.9 GW at 150 m and 695.5 GW at 120 m. Measured through 900+ wind-monitoring stations, with maps at 50, 80, 100, 120 and 150 m.

MNRE Report Puts India’s Floating Solar Potential at Over 102 GWp; Small Hydro Portal Launched

10 Jun

- MNRE’s Report on Floating Solar PV Potential Assessment of India, released 10 June 2026, puts floating solar potential at over 102 GWp, lifting India’s total assessed solar potential to 3,445 GWp.
- MNRE is preparing a dedicated scheme for floating solar; an Online Portal for the Small Hydro Power Development Scheme was also launched, called the first major small-hydro policy intervention since 2017.

- NISE and the Military Engineer Services exchanged an MoU for NISE to give technical support to renewable energy projects in defence establishments.
- India’s solar capacity rose from 2.8 GW (2014) to 155 GW, and non-fossil capacity from 81 GW to 288 GW.

9. Banking & Finance

2 articles

India-Nepal Link UPI with Nepal's National Payments Interface for Instant P2P Remittances

11 Jun

- India's UPI and Nepal's National Payments Interface (NPI) were linked for peer-to-peer cross-border remittances, launched on 6 June 2026. Transfers are real-time via mobile banking apps and wallets.
- The integration was built by NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), NPCI's international arm, and Nepal Clearing House Limited (NCHL).
- It builds on the June 2023 NIPL-NCHL agreement and on UPI QR merchant payments in Nepal via Fonepay, live since early 2024.
- Per the release, UPI is accepted in nine countries: Singapore, UAE, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, Qatar, Sri Lanka and Cambodia.

CGSMFI-2.0 extended to 31 August 2026; large NBFC-MFI loan cap raised to Rs 1,000 crore

10 Jun

- The Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions-2.0 (CGSMFI-2.0) is extended to 31 August 2026, or until Rs 20,000 crore of guarantees are issued, whichever comes first.
- The maximum loan to a large NBFC-MFI/MFI rises from Rs 300 crore to Rs 1,000 crore, within the overall ceiling of 20% of its Assets under Management.
- Launched on 20 March 2026, the scheme had seen Rs 770 crore of loans sanctioned by June 2026; NCGTC provides the guarantee cover.

10. Economy

3 articles

Centre Notifies Diesel Supply Control Order 2026: 200-Litre Daily Cap at Retail Outlets

12 Jun

- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas notified the Motor Spirit and High-Speed Diesel (Temporary Regulation of Supply through Retail Outlets) Order, 2026. It is initially valid for up to 90 days.
- Retail outlets may sell no more than 200 litres of diesel per customer or vehicle per day. Diesel may only go into vehicle tanks or PESO-approved containers, and it cannot be resold.
- Industrial, institutional and commercial bulk buyers are barred from retail outlets and must buy from consumer pumps. Retail diesel is about Rs 40 per litre cheaper than bulk diesel.

- Violations are punishable under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The government said the order is not rationing and that there is no fuel shortage.

APEDA Ships First Consignment of GI-Tagged Tezpur Litchi from Assam to Dubai

09 Jun

- The first export consignment of GI-tagged Tezpur Litchi (Assam) — one metric tonne — was shipped to Dubai on 7 June 2026, facilitated by APEDA.
- Growers in the export supply chain got nearly 10% more than prevailing domestic market prices.
- Tezpur Litchi has held a GI tag since 2015; APEDA was set up under the APEDA Act, 1985, under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

BHAVYA Portal Launched: States Can Now Bid for 100 Plug-and-Play Industrial Parks

08 Jun

- Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal launched the BHAVYA (Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana) Portal on 8 June 2026. States can now apply online for plug-and-play industrial parks.
- BHAVYA, approved by the Cabinet with Rs 33,660 crore, will build 100 investment-ready industrial parks over six years, with States competing for them in a challenge mode.
- NICDC is the Project Management Agency and partners with States on a 51:49 model; States provide the land.
- Phase 1: applications from 1 June to 31 July for 20 parks; 30 more parks from applications received by 30 September.

11. National

3 articles

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train: Undersea Tunnel, River Bridges and Seven New HSR Corridors

12 Jun

- The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR), India's first bullet-train corridor, is 508 km long with 12 stations; the first service is expected in August 2027.
- Design speed is 350 kmph and operational speed 320 kmph, cutting Mumbai-Ahmedabad travel to about 1 hour 58 minutes.
- India's first undersea rail tunnel (about 7 km under Thane Creek) is part of a 21 km tunnel section; 4.8 km between Ghansoli and Shilphata is complete.
- Bridges over 17 of the corridor's 25 rivers are complete; at the Mahi bridge 11 of 12 wells are done.
- Union Budget 2026-27 announced seven more high-speed corridors of nearly 4,000 km, with investment of about Rs 16 lakh crore.

BUDGET 2026-27: SEVEN PROPOSED HSR CORRIDORS

Corridor	Projected travel time
Delhi-Varanasi	3 h 50 min
Varanasi-Patna-Siliguri	2 h 55 min
Chennai-Bengaluru	1 h 13 min
Bengaluru-Hyderabad	2 h

Corridor	Projected travel time
Chennai-Hyderabad	2 h 55 min
Mumbai-Pune	48 min
Pune-Hyderabad	1 h 55 min

Source: PIB Backgrounder, 12 June 2026.

Bristol, York and UNSW Get UGC Letters of Approval for Campuses in Mumbai and Bengaluru

09 Jun

- On 9 June 2026 the University of Bristol, University of York and University of New South Wales received Letters of Approval to set up campuses in India — Bristol and York in Mumbai, UNSW in Bengaluru.
- Five Letters of Approval have now been issued under the UGC foreign-campus regulations; Southampton (Gurugram) began teaching in 2025-26 and Liverpool (Bengaluru) got its LoA on 5 June 2026.
- UGC has also issued 10 Letters of Intent to other foreign universities from the UK, US, Australia and Italy.
- York's Mumbai campus will be its first overseas campus; UNSW Bengaluru is scheduled to open from August 2026 at Manyata Business Park.

FOREIGN CAMPUSES APPROVED SO FAR

University	Country	Location	Route / status
University of Southampton	UK	Gurugram (Delhi-NCR)	UGC — first under the 2023 rules; teaching since 2025-26
University of Liverpool	UK	Bengaluru	UGC — LoA 5 June 2026
University of Bristol	UK	Mumbai	UGC — LoA 9 June 2026
University of York	UK	Mumbai	UGC — LoA 9 June 2026
University of New South Wales	Australia	Bengaluru	UGC — LoA 9 June 2026; opens August 2026
Deakin University	Australia	GIFT City	IFSCA — operating
University of Wollongong	Australia	GIFT City	IFSCA — operating
Queen's University Belfast	UK	GIFT City	IFSCA — operating

Source: PIB release, 9 June 2026; Liverpool LoA date from the Ministry of Education release of 5 June 2026. The 10 LoI holders were not named.

Zojila Tunnel Main Tube Breakthrough at Minamarg Brings All-Weather J&K-Ladakh Link Closer

09 Jun

- The main tunnel of the Zojila Tunnel Project achieved breakthrough at its eastern portal at Minamarg (Kargil district) on 9 June 2026, witnessed by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.
- The ~14 km bi-directional tunnel between Baltal and Minamarg on NH-1 costs about Rs 6,800 crore and is built at 2,900-3,310 m; it will give year-round road access between Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
- It cuts Sonamarg-Minamarg travel from nearly two hours to about 30 minutes; NHIDCL is the executing agency.
- The Minister put road and tunnel works between Kargil and Leh at about Rs 18,000 crore and highway projects across J&K at about Rs 1.35 lakh crore.

12. International

1 article

Modi-Macron Talks in Nice: Mechanism to Double Trade, Economic Security Dialogue, ISRO-CNES LoI

14 Jun

- PM Modi and President Macron held talks at Villa Kerylos, Nice, on 14 June 2026, their first meeting since ties were raised to a 'Special Global Strategic Partnership' in February 2026; 13 outcomes were listed.
- India and France will set up a High-level Mechanism to double bilateral trade within five years, building on the existing Economic and Financial Dialogue, and instituted an Economic Security Dialogue focused on supply chains and critical minerals.
- They signed a General Security Agreement on the exchange and protection of classified information, and ISRO and CNES signed a Letter of Intent on microgravity research and human space exploration.
- The leaders said India's SHANTI Act, 2025 opens civil nuclear cooperation, including on small and advanced modular reactors.
- Other outcomes: a Declaration of Intent on railways and high-speed rail, an aeronautics skilling Centre of Excellence at NSTI Kanpur, a DST-Inria Centre of Digital Sciences, 10 more Indian start-ups at Station F, and a Joint AI Working Group on AI governance.

ALL 13 OUTCOMES OF THE VISIT

No.	Outcome	Area
1	Adoption of India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030	Technology, innovation, research and education
2	Joint India-France AI Working Group on AI governance	Technology, innovation, research and education
3	MoU on a National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Aeronautics and Allied Sectors at NSTI Kanpur	Technology, innovation, research and education
4	Expanded use of UPI in France	Technology, innovation, research and education
5	Incubation of 10 more Indian start-ups at Station F	Technology, innovation, research and education
6	Centre of Digital Sciences between DST and Inria	Technology, innovation, research and education
7	ICCR India Chair on 'AI, Innovation and Culture' at Universite Paris-Saclay	Technology, innovation, research and education
8	Letter of Intent between ICMR and France's Health Data Hub	Technology, innovation, research and education
9	High-level Mechanism to double bilateral trade in five years, building on the Economic and Financial Dialogue	Trade, investment and supply chains
10	Institution of an Economic Security Dialogue	Trade, investment and supply chains
11	Declaration of Intent on railway and high-speed railway development in India	Trade, investment and supply chains
12	General Security Agreement on the Exchange and Protection of Classified Information	Strategic and space
13	ISRO-CNES Letter of Intent on microgravity research and human space exploration	Strategic and space

Source: PIB, PRID 2272781. Complete list as released.

13. Polity & Governance

3 articles

11th NITI Aayog Governing Council: All 28 CMs Attend for First Time

11 Jun

- The 11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog was held on 11 June 2026 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi, chaired by PM Narendra Modi. Its theme was 'Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047'.
- For the first time, the Chief Ministers of all 28 States attended. Five UTs were also represented.
- The PM asked States to double Lakhpati Didis from 3 crore to 6 crore. He also proposed 100 agriculture-focused districts run on the aspirational-district model.
- Other asks: export strategies built on ODOP, state policies for defence manufacturing, water conservation and natural farming in view of El Nino, and 100-day and five-year monitoring goals.

Modi Becomes Longest Continuously Serving Elected PM at 4,399 Days; Cabinet Passes Resolution

10 Jun

- On 10 June 2026 Narendra Modi became India's longest continuously serving elected Prime Minister, completing 4,399 days and passing Jawaharlal Nehru's 4,398 continuous days as an elected PM (1952-1964).
- The Union Cabinet passed a resolution recording the milestone, which coincides with 12 years of the NDA government under Modi.
- Nehru's full uninterrupted tenure (15 August 1947 to 27 May 1964) remains the longest overall; the record counts only service after the first general election of 1951-52.
- Modi had earlier passed Indira Gandhi's 4,077 consecutive days (1966-1977) on 25 July 2025.

Amit Shah Launches Land Port Management System 'VINIMAY' as Single Electronic Window for Land Ports

09 Jun

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Land Port Management System (LPMS) 'VINIMAY' in New Delhi on 9 June 2026 — a single electronic window for cargo, passengers and vehicles at land ports, built by the Land Ports Authority of India.
- LPMS is expected to eliminate ~90% of paperwork, cut truck waiting time by 40-60% and gate processing time by 22-35% through ANPR-based gate operations.
- It shares data in real time among ICEGATE, the Motor Vehicle System, CBIC, BSF, DGFT, UIDAI and ULIP.
- Land-port trade rose from Rs 5,000 crore (2014) to Rs 83,000 crore (16-fold); 15 land ports operate and 11 more are due in 2-3 years.