

## CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

- ◆ General N. S. Raja Subramani officially started his role as India's Chief of Defence Staff on 31st May, 2026.
- ◆ The Chief of Defence Staff is the main military advisor to the Government of India and helps ensure that the Army, Navy and Air Force work together smoothly.
- ◆ As the highest-ranking military officer in the country, General Subramani is responsible for guiding key military reforms and improving how the three services operate together.
- ◆ His appointment is a significant step in India's efforts to modernise its defence system.
- ◆ General Subramani took over from General Anil Chauhan, who ended his term as Chief of Defence Staff on 30th May, 2026.
- ◆ During his time in the position, General Chauhan focused on strengthening military modernisation, promoting the development of indigenous defence capabilities and improving integrated military planning. The handover ensures that ongoing ma-



for defence projects continue without interruption.

### Important Positions Held by General Subramani

- ◆ Military Advisor, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS)
- ◆ Vice Chief of Army Staff (July 2024 – July 2025)
- ◆ General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Command (March 2023 – June 2024)

### About the Chief of Defence Staff

- ◆ The Chief of Defence Staff is the highest-ranking military officer in India and serves as the main military advisor to the Defence Minister.

### Key Roles and Responsibilities

- ◆ **Single-Point Military Advice:** Gives advice to political leaders and the Defence Minister on all matters related to the three services.
- ◆ **Head of DMA:** Leads the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) within the Ministry of Defence, which helps with military procurement and budgeting.
- ◆ **Jointness & Integration:** Works to improve cooperation between the services and oversees the development of proposed integrated theatre commands.

- ◆ **Nuclear Command Authority:** Acts as the main military advisor to the Nuclear Command Authority.
- ◆ **No Field Command:** Works as a strategic and operational coordinator and holds a “first among equals” position with the service chiefs.

### Past Chief of Defence Staff

- ◆ **General Bipin Rawat (2020–2021):** The first Chief of Defence Staff in India, who helped establish the role.
- ◆ **General Anil Chauhan (2022–2026):** Focused on improving integration between the services and boosting indigenous defence capabilities.

### IPL 2026

- ◆ Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) successfully defended their title by beating Gujarat Titans by five wickets at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on 31st May, 2026.



- ◆ RCB chased down 156 runs in just 18 overs, thanks to an unbeaten innings from Virat Kohli, to win their second consecutive IPL trophy.

### Key Highlights

- ◆ Gujarat Titans scored 155/8 in 20 overs.
- ◆ Washington Sundar scored an unbeaten 50 runs.

- ◆ Rasikh Salam Dar took three wickets for RCB.
- ◆ Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Josh Hazlewood each took two wickets.
- ◆ RCB successfully chased the target to win the title.
- ◆ Rajat Patidar captained Royal Challengers Bengaluru.
- ◆ Shubman Gill captained Gujarat Titans.

### IPL 2026 Final Match Award List

- ◆ **Player of the Match:** Virat Kohli
- ◆ **Most Sixes of the Match:** Virat Kohli
- ◆ **Most Fours of the Match:** Virat Kohli
- ◆ **Super Striker of the Match:** Venkatesh Iyer
- ◆ **Green Dot Balls Award:** Mohammed Siraj



### IPL 2026 Awards List & Prize Money

- ◆ **Orange Cap:** Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (776 runs)
- ◆ **Purple Cap:** Kagiso Rabada (29 wickets)
- ◆ **MVP of the Season:** Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
- ◆ **Emerging Player:** Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
- ◆ **Most Sixes:** Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (72)
- ◆ **Super Striker:** Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (SR 237.30)



Vaibhav Sooryavanshi

- ◆ **Most Fours:** Sai Sudharsan (75 fours)
  - ◆ **Most Dot Balls:** Mohammed Siraj (172)
  - ◆ **Catch of the Season:** Manish Pandey
- National News**
- ◆ On May 08, 2026, Akashvani organised a marathon in New Delhi to celebrate its 90th Anniversary.
  - ◆ On May 29, 2026, the Department of Posts and Flipkart partnered for nationwide last-mile parcel delivery services.
  - ◆ On May 23, 2026, the Ministry of Social Justice launches the 'JEEVAN' App and 'SHATAYU' Dashboard for Senior Citizens' Care and Support.
  - ◆ On May 21, 2026, New Delhi hosted the 68th Asian Productivity Organisation Governing Body Meeting successfully.
  - ◆ On May 20, 2026, Madhya Pradesh partnered with Google Cloud to use AI for management during Simhashta Kumbh 2028.
  - ◆ D.K. Shivakumar is going to be sworn in as Karnataka Chief Minister on June 3, 2026.
  - ◆ On 29 May, 2026, Odisha, Intel and 3D Glass Solutions signed a \$3.3 billion semiconductor manufacturing deal.
  - ◆ On 29 May, 2026, President Droupadi Murmu awarded the prestigious President's Police Colour to the Sikim Police.
  - ◆ On 29 May, 2026, Kerala gets its first private medical museum in Thiruvananthapuram.
  - ◆ On May 22, 2026, Reliance Industries Limited became the first Indian company to cross the \$120 billion revenue mark in FY26.
  - ◆ On May 18, 2026, Tata Power signed an MoU with Druk Green Power Corporation for Clean Energy Skill Development in Bhutan.
  - ◆ On May 15, 2026, Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for the AMCA Fifth-Generation Fighter Aircraft Project in Andhra Pradesh.
  - ◆ On May 24, 2026, Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Defence Complex in Shirdi.
  - ◆ On May 22, 2026, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) crossed the 100 crore ABHA-Linked Health Records Milestone in India.
  - ◆ On May 23, 2026, LuLu Hypermarket launches the 23rd Mango Mania Festival across the GCC in Partnership with APEDA.
  - ◆ On May 21, 2026, ITBP completes the First-Ever All-Women Everest Expedition.
  - ◆ On May 21, 2026, BSF created history with the First-Ever All-Women Everest Summit under Mission Vande Mataram.
  - ◆ On May 27, 2026, the Government formed a High-Level Committee to Study Demographic Changes and Population Stabilisation.
  - ◆ On May 26, 2026, Virendra Kumar launched the PM-AJAY Portal and Mobile App for the Welfare of the Scheduled Caste.

- ◆ On May 27, 2026, Assam became the first Northeastern State to pass the Uniform Civil Code Bill, 2026.
- ◆ On May 27, 2026, Sikkim was declared a Fully Literate State under the ULLAS Initiative.
- ◆ Kolkata will host the main celebration of International Day of Yoga 2026.
- ◆ On May 27, 2026, Indian Railways approved the first 10-Car Hydrogen Fuel Cell DEMU Train on the Jind-Sonipat Route.
- ◆ On May 23, 2026, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu released the Second Edition of his novel "Bazaar" in Himachal Pradesh which was authored by Niranjan Dev Sharma and published by Aadhar Prakashan.
- ◆ On May 05, 2026, NITI Aayog launched the Central Prabhari Officer Portal to boost real-time governance.
- ◆ On May 08, 2026, Skyroot Aerospace became India's First Space-Tech Unicorn with a \$1.1 billion valuation.
- ◆ On May 07, 2026, the Health Ministry launched the JANANI Digital Platform to strengthen maternal and child healthcare services in India.
- ◆ On May 07, 2026, IndiaAI and ICMR signed a Memorandum of Understanding to boost responsible AI Adoption in the healthcare sector.
- ◆ On May 07, 2026, Apple Inc. announced an investment of ₹100 crore in India's Renewable Energy Infrastructure.
- ◆ On May 07, 2026, Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the Swasth Bharat Portal to integrate Health Systems across India.
- ◆ On May 08, 2026, Aizawl hosted the First-Ever Regional Cooperative Reform Conference under the "Sahkar se Samridhi" Vision.
- ◆ On May 09, 2026, India hosted the ISO 'Space Systems and Operations' International Meetings for the first time.
- ◆ On May 09, 2026, Sanjay Seth inaugurated AIOS-Armed Forces Ophthalmology Update 2026 in New Delhi.
- ◆ On May 10, 2026, Jan Suraksha Schemes completed 11 years with Insurance Claims Settlement of ₹25,160 crore in India.
- ◆ India and Vietnam set a target of \$25 billion in bilateral trade by 2030 to an Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
- ◆ On May 09, 2026, Pabitra Margherita attended the swearing-in ceremony of Laura Fernandez in Costa Rica.
- ◆ Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has released two female cheetahs into the Wild at Kuno National Park under Project Cheetah.
- ◆ On May 11, 2026, Chief Justice of India Surya Kant launched 'One Case One Data' and the AI-powered 'Su Sahay' chatbot to create a unified

- judicial database and improve public access to court services.
- ◆ On May 10, 2026, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated India's First PM MITRA Park at Warangal, Telangana.
- ◆ On May 11, 2026, the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, was rolled out nationwide, effective from 1 July.
- ◆ On May 9, 2026, APEDA facilitated the first-ever international export of 20 Metric Tons (MT) of premium, pesticide-free “One District One Product” (ODOP) honey from Assam's Baksa district to the USA.
- ◆ On May 11, 2026, J.P. Nadda and Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the ‘SEHAT Mission’ to link Agriculture with Nutrition and Public Health.
- ◆ On May 12, 2026, CJI Surya Kant announced a High-Powered Panel for Modernisation of Courts in India.
- ◆ On May 13, 2026, the Union Cabinet approved the ₹20,667 crore Ahmedabad–Dholera Semi-High-Speed Rail Project under the PM Gati Shakti Plan.
- ◆ On May 11, 2026, PM Narendra Modi participated in Somnath Amrut Parv, marking 75 years of the restored Somnath Temple.
- ◆ On May 12, 2026, India launched “Unified Bharat e-Charge” — a UPI-like platform for EV charging across networks.
- ◆ On May 13, 2026, DigiHaat launched the “Swadeshi” Marketplace to promote Made-in-Bharat Products under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- ◆ On May 12, 2026, India launched the 8-Year COSOP 2026–2033 with the International Fund for Agricultural Development.
- ◆ Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has exceeded its targets, creating 33 lakh jobs with full budget utilisation in the 15th Finance Commission Cycle.
- ◆ On May 12, 2026, the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool was approved to strengthen India's Shipping Trade Amid Global Geopolitical Risks.
- ◆ On May 12, 2026, President Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026 to 15 Nursing Professionals at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- ◆ On 14 and 15 May, 2026, the Ministry of External Affairs hosted the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting 2026.
- ◆ On May 14, 2026, India doubled import tax on Gold and Silver to 18.4 per cent amid forex reserve concerns.
- ◆ Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data release date has been fixed to the 7th of June every year.
- ◆ On May 13, 2026, Uber has partnered with the Adani Group to set up Uber's first data centre in India.

- ◆ On May 13, 2026, IndiaAI Mission Partners with Karya to strengthen the Inclusive AI Ecosystem.
- ◆ The Union Cabinet approved the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 14 Kharif crops for the 2026-27 marketing season on May 13, 2026, backing a total estimated payout of ₹2.60 lakh crore to ensure remunerative prices and a profit margin of at least 50% over the production costs.
- ◆ On May 13, 2026, the Centre releases the first instalment of ₹401.50 crore for the court infrastructure scheme.
- ◆ On May 13, 2026, the Union Cabinet approved a ₹37,500 crore scheme to boost Coal and Lignite Gasification in India.
- ◆ On May 14, 2026, India signed a Tripartite MoU to develop the first mega greenfield shipyard in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi under the Maritime Vision 2047.
- ◆ On May 13, 2026, Union Minister Piyush Goyal released the LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2025 Report.
- ◆ On May 14, 2026, India will chair the Common Criteria Development Board (CCDB) from 2026 to 2028 at the Global Cybersecurity Forum in Tokyo.
- ◆ On May 17, 2026, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster and India's First SME Semiconductor Facility in Rajasthan.
- ◆ On May 15, 2026, the MP High Court declared the Bhojshala Complex as the temple of Goddess Vagdevi.
- ◆ On May 14, 2026, the Ministry of Ayush signed an MoU with BHASHINI to boost Multilingual Access to Digital Ayush Services.
- ◆ Hinduja Family has retained the UK's Richest Spot in the 2026 Sunday Times Rich List for the Fifth Consecutive Year.
- ◆ On May 16, 2026, India and the UAE signed major agreements on energy reserves, investment and defence co-operation.
- ◆ On May 16, 2026, Goa declared ecologically sensitive areas near Old Goa as 'No Development Zones'.
- ◆ On May 17, 2026, the President approved the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, to increase the sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court from 34 to 38 (including the Chief Justice of India).
- ◆ On May 16, 2026, CBSE made a three-language study compulsory for Class 9 under the NEP 2020 Guidelines.
- ◆ On May 15, 2026, IITM Pune launched the Climate Startup Incubation Centre under NEAT and the Mission Mausam Initiative.
- ◆ On May 1, 2026, Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana IV in Odisha.
- ◆ On May 4, 2026, Tamil Nadu became India's Top Marine Fish Producing

- State in 2025, overtaking Gujarat, as per the CMFRI Report.
- ◆ On May 1, 2026, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari launched India's First MLFF Barrier-Less Tolling System in Gujarat.
- ◆ On May 1, 2026, 7-year-old Ishank Singh becomes the youngest to cross the Palk Strait.
- ◆ On May 1, 2026, Sikkim became India's First Fully Paperless Judiciary.
- ◆ On May 4, 2026, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the North Tech Symposium in Prayagraj.
- ◆ On May 2, 2026, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands set a Guinness World Record with the largest underwater national flag near Havelock Island.
- ◆ South Coast Railway Zone to be notified on June 1, 2026, as India's 18th Railway Zone with HQ in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ◆ On May 4, 2026, Siemens Mobility delivered the first D9 Freight Locomotive to Indian Railways.
- ◆ On May 5, 2026, the Cabinet approved the ₹5,659 crore Mission for Cotton Productivity to boost Output and Quality by 2031.
- ◆ On May 5, 2026, the Union Cabinet approved two new semiconductor projects in Gujarat under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) with a cumulative investment of ₹3,936 crore.
- ◆ On May 5, 2026, Larsen & Toubro bags ₹2,500–₹5,000 crore Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project in Odisha.
- ◆ On May 1, 2026, Karnataka launched India's First State-Led Centre of Excellence for Space Technology in Bengaluru.
- ◆ On May 5, 2026, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the ₹1,570 crore Ship Repair Facility at Vadinar, Gujarat, under the Joint Development Model.
- ◆ On May 5, 2026, Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated the 100th N-Gen Post Office at NEHU Shillong in Meghalaya.
- ◆ India will host the First International Big Cat Alliance Summit from 1–2 June, 2026, in New Delhi.
- ◆ On May 6, 2026, India–EU has launched a ₹169 crore joint initiative to boost EV Battery Recycling under the TTC Framework.
- ◆ On May 16, 2026, the Committee on Empowerment of Women was constituted; Daggubati Purandeswari was appointed as Chairperson.
- ◆ The National Institute of Open Schooling has launched the "To Reach the Unreached" Mission to Re-enrol Out-of-School Children.
- ◆ On May 16, 2026, the Government e-Marketplace celebrated its Incorporation Day.
- ◆ On May 16, 2026, Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated India's First AI-Powered 'Phygital' Banking Branch in Guwahati.

- ◆ On May 16, 2026, Narendra Modi received historic 11th-century Chola Copper Plates from Leiden University during his visit to the Netherlands.
- ◆ On May 16, 2026, Tata Electronics partners with ASML to boost Semiconductor Manufacturing in India.
- ◆ On May 22, 2026, UIDAI extended the free Aadhaar Document Update Service till June 2027.
- ◆ On May 18, 2026, the West Bengal Government approved the 'Annappurna Bhandar' Scheme and cleared the formation of the 7th Pay Commission.
- ◆ On May 14, 2026, Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 'Lion' Species Spotlight Event at Sasan Gir ahead of the IBCA Summit 2026.
- ◆ On May 18, 2026, Narendra Modi announced the India-Norway Triangular Development Cooperation Pact for Global South Development.
- ◆ On May 20, 2026, Rajasthan received the World No Tobacco Day Award 2026 for Outstanding Tobacco Control Efforts.
- ◆ On May 20, 2026, a historic record of 274 climbers successfully scaled Mount Everest in a single day from the Nepal side, following a delayed start to the spring season. This massive push included 124 paying climbers and 150 Sherpa guides, including three Indians: 1-Tulasi Reddi Palpunoori 2-Sandeep Are 3-Ajay Pal Singh Dhaliwa.
- ◆ On May 20, 2026, Rekha Gupta launched the 'Hauslon Ki Udaan 2026-27' Talent Hunt Scheme in Delhi.
- ◆ On May 21, 2026, Jitendra Singh dedicated the UMMID Programme for Rare Genetic Disorders to the Nation.
- ◆ On May 20, 2026, Bharat Tex 2026 will showcase India's textile strength with AI-powered innovation.
- ◆ On May 20, 2026, the growth of the Eight Core Industries rose to 1.7 per cent in April 2026, led by Cement and Steel Output.
- ◆ On May 21, 2026, NISM and IICA signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen corporate governance and the ESG ecosystem.
- ◆ India and Italy have decided to celebrate 2027 as the "Year of Culture and Tourism" to boost cultural and economic ties.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted Assam Muga Silk and Manipur Shirui Lily Stoles to Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.
- ◆ On May 20, 2026, Bharat Forge signed an MoU with Andhra Pradesh to set up India's First Private Marine Gas Turbine Facility in Visakhapatnam.
- ◆ India has become World's 3rd Largest in Renewable Energy Capacity.
- ◆ India's Unemployment Rate has remained Stable at 5.2 per cent in April 2026.

## International News

- ◆ India has become the top performer in Global Remittance Inflows in 2024, with a record \$137.67 billion received.
- ◆ India ranks 157th out of 180 countries in the 2026 World Press Freedom Index by Reporters Without Borders, reflecting a historic low in global press freedom. The majority of the countries now fall into the “difficult” or “very serious” categories in the latest report.
- ◆ Yoweri Museveni has been sworn in for a seventh term as the President of Uganda. The 81-year-old leader first took office in 1986 and won the January 2026 presidential election.
- ◆ Myanmar’s President Min Aung Hlaing is set to visit India from 30 May to 3 June, 2026.
- ◆ Shrey Parikh, an Indian-origin student, has won the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2026 title.
- ◆ The United Nations added Israel to its Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Watchlist.
- ◆ India became Sri Lanka’s second-largest export destination in 2026, surpassing the United Kingdom.
- ◆ Kevin Warsh has taken the oath as the new U.S. Federal Reserve Chair, replacing Jerome Powell.
- ◆ India has signed a strategic partnership deal with Cyprus that covers defence, trade and cybersecurity.
- ◆ A deadly coal mine explosion in China’s Shanxi province killed at least 90 people.
- ◆ India and Ethiopia formally signed a Bilateral Market Access Protocol on May 22, 2026, in Geneva, advancing Ethiopia’s ongoing accession process to the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- ◆ India postponed the Fourth India-Africa Forum Summit in New Delhi due to an ongoing Ebola health emergency in Africa.
- ◆ India has overtaken the U.S. to become Bangladesh’s second-largest trading partner.
- ◆ Russian President Vladimir Putin will attend the BRICS Summit 2026 in New Delhi in September.
- ◆ Nepal’s climbers Kami Rita Sherpa and Lhakpa Sherpa have broken their own records by reaching Mount Everest’s summit for the 32nd and 11th time, respectively.
- ◆ U.S. President Donald Trump and China’s Xi Jinping concluded high-level talks in Beijing with positive comments, although few concrete deals were announced.
- ◆ India and the UAE signed seven major agreements during Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Abu Dhabi, covering areas like defence, energy security, AI supercomputing, shipbuilding, workforce skills and a \$5 billion investment commitment.

- ◆ The Kimberley Process Intersessional 2026 meeting was held in Mumbai under India's chairmanship, focusing on transparency, responsible sourcing and trust in the diamond industry globally.
- ◆ The Taliban has signed a \$46 million deal with the Indian company TCRC to build customs labs across Afghanistan. The project aims to modernise trade systems, improve quality standards and boost technical skills, but transparency and implementation remain concerns.
- ◆ India's passport ranks 78th in the 2026 Henley Passport Index, granting access to 56 destinations. This affects travel, visa rules and global mobility for Indian citizens.
- ◆ India is planning a subsea gas pipeline project worth ₹40,000 crore from Oman to Gujarat to enhance energy security amid disruptions caused by the 2026 Strait of Hormuz crisis.
- ◆ International Olympic Committee lifts restrictions on Belarusian Athletes.
- ◆ Saudi Arabia has joined the International Big Cat Alliance as a new member.
- ◆ The 79th World Health Assembly was held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ◆ UAE exits from OPEC and OPEC+ from 1 May, 2026.
- ◆ India has dominated the Asia University Rankings 2026; IISc Bengaluru ranks 43rd.
- ◆ Madame Tussauds London has launched the 'Icons of India' Exhibition featuring Amitabh Bachchan & Sachin Tendulkar.
- ◆ Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation pulled out its entire stake in Microsoft after selling \$3.2 billion worth of shares in 2026.
- ◆ The United Nations Development Programme has partnered with Zambia to adapt India's eVIN Platform for the Medicines Track and Trace System.
- ◆ Greece's Eurobank has opened a representative office in Mumbai ahead of the India-Cyprus Diplomatic Milestone.

### Banking and Financial

- ◆ TVS Venu Group has acquired a 9.9 per cent Stake in the Jana Small Finance Bank for ₹193.3 crore.
- ◆ RBI has approved Kotak Mahindra Bank to raise its stake in AU SFB and Federal Bank.
- ◆ The Finance Ministry has allowed 100 per cent FDI in the Insurance Sector under the Automatic Route.
- ◆ Axis Bank has launched the First Digital Locker-Focused Branch in New Delhi.
- ◆ ZikZuk Technologies has received RBI approval to operate as a Prepaid Payment Instrument Issuer.
- ◆ RBI has approved a record ₹2.86 lakh crore surplus transfer to the government for FY 2025-26.

- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed monetary penalties totaling ₹15.90 lakh on City Union Bank, Mintifi Finserve, and Newa Investments for non-compliance with regulatory and governance directions.
- ◆ SBI Mutual Fund increased its stake in Bandhan Bank to 5.0432% after acquiring nearly 1.7 million additional shares through open market transactions on May 20, 2026. This latest purchase brought their total cumulative holding to 81,246,734 shares, up from below the 5% mark.
- ◆ AI-powered fintech app jUMPP has officially secured Corporate Agency and Insurance Self Network Platform (ISNP) licences from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to digitally distribute insurance products through its platform.
- ◆ On May 20, 2026, the cross-border payments fintech Skydo received in-principle approval to operate as a Payment Service Provider (PSP) at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
- ◆ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the SIDBI Mach-Fin Mart, the RRB Co-Lending Portal and the MoRE Initiative to strengthen the MSME Ecosystem.
- ◆ RBI has tightened Co-operative Bank Governance by introducing a 3-Year Cooling-Off Period for Directors after 10-Year Tenure.
- ◆ AIIB has launched a \$10 billion Facility to support Member Nations affected by the West Asia Conflict.
- ◆ LIC has increased its stake in Central Bank of India to 6.06 per cent.
- ◆ CBDT has reported a 12 per cent growth in Net Direct Tax Collections to ₹23.4 lakh crore in FY26.
- ◆ The Asian Development Bank has unveiled a \$70 billion Asia-Pacific Connectivity Plan for Power Grid and Digital Infrastructure by 2035.
- ◆ NSE has launched Electronic Gold Receipts, enabling dematerialisation of Physical Gold for Trading.
- ◆ S&P Global has reduced India's FY2026–27 Growth Forecast to 6 per cent amid global economic risks.
- ◆ Jio Payments Bank has partnered with Ezeepay to expand Rural Banking Services in India.
- ◆ The Bihar Cabinet has approved a \$500 million World Bank Loan for Urban Economic Development.
- ◆ State Bank of India reports 13 per cent rise in FY26 net profit to ₹80,032 crore.
- ◆ RBI has imposed penalties on YES Bank and Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd.
- ◆ Axis Bank has signed a \$500 million offshore loan deal with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group.
- ◆ RBI and ECB have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to

strengthen Central Banking Cooperation.

- ◆ SBI has projected India's GDP Growth at 6.6 per cent for 2026–27.
- ◆ Cyber Crime Coordination has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the RBI to curtail mule accounts.
- ◆ India's Retail Inflation rose to 3.48 per cent in April 2026.
- ◆ India's Wholesale Inflation rose to 8.3 per cent, the highest in three-and-a-half years.
- ◆ NaBFID has raised 14,000 crore through 10-year bonds at 7.74 per cent.
- ◆ IEPFA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Prasar Bharati to boost Nationwide Investor Awareness Campaigns.
- ◆ MSCI has added Federal Bank, Indian Bank, MCX and Nalco to the Global Standard Index in the May Review.
- ◆ CTBC Bank of Taiwan has inaugurated its first branch at GIFT City in Gujarat.
- ◆ Emirates NBD has received approval for a \$3 billion strategic investment in RBL Bank.
- ◆ ICICI Bank and Visa have launched India's First USD-Denominated Debit Card for NRIs at GIFT City.
- ◆ Prudential plc will acquire a 75 per cent stake in Bharti Life Insurance Company Ltd in a major insurance sector deal after 100 per cent FDI Approval.
- ◆ Vijaya Fintech has secured NPCI Certification for End-to-End UPI, IMPS and Mobile Banking Infrastructure.
- ◆ RBI has announced a \$5 billion dollar-rupee swap auction to boost banking liquidity.
- ◆ The United Nations Cuts India's 2026 Growth Forecast to 6.4 per cent for the current financial year.
- ◆ Mahindra and DBS Bank India have launched a sustainability-linked dealer financing programme.
- ◆ BHIM has recorded a 301 per cent Surge in Transactions during FY 2025-26.
- ◆ Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has successfully organised APY Annual Felicitation Programme.
- ◆ ICRA cuts India's FY2026-27 GDP growth forecast to 6.2 per cent from the previous 6.5 per cent amid rising crude oil prices.
- ◆ RBI has cancelled the licence of Yashwant Co-operative Bank over weak capital and earnings.

### **Appointment and Resignation**

- ◆ Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan has been appointed as the next Chief of the Indian Navy.
- ◆ Bharat Singh Chauhan has been re-elected as the Chairman of the Commonwealth Chess Association.

- ◆ ICICI Bank has received RBI approval to reappoint Sandeep Bakhshi as CEO till October 2028.
- ◆ Venugopal has become the first Indian Elected Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.
- ◆ Rohit Rajpal has been appointed as India's Chef de Mission for the Commonwealth Games, Glasgow.
- ◆ The Central Government has extended NCB Chief Anurag Garg's tenure till July 2027.
- ◆ RBI has approved Elias George as part-time Chairman of Federal Bank for a 3-year term.
- ◆ RBI has constituted the Q-SAFE Committee to study the impact of quantum technology on the financial sector.
- ◆ Raghav Chadha has been appointed the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions following the panel reconstitution.
- ◆ Lieutenant General N. S. Raja Subramani has been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff of India.
- ◆ Ashutosh Gowariker has been appointed the Festival Director for the 57th International Film Festival of India.
- ◆ Anupinder Singh Grewal has been appointed the President of the National Company Law Tribunal.
- ◆ Indian cricketer Shreyas Iyer has been named as the Brand Ambassador for the F1 Programme in India.
- ◆ Rohit Jain has been appointed as the RBI Deputy Governor for a 3-year term.
- ◆ Prasoon Joshi has been appointed the Chairman of Prasar Bharati.
- ◆ The Government has approved the appointment of Balasubramaniam and Joram Aniya as full-time NITI Aayog Members.
- ◆ Kumar Mangalam Birla took charge as the non-executive Chairman of Vodafone Idea (Vi) on May 5, 2026.
- ◆ Shashi Shekhar Vempati was appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) on May 6, 2026.
- ◆ The Parliament of Bulgaria formally approved Rumen Radev as the new Prime Minister on May 8, 2026.
- ◆ N. Rangasamy took oath as the Chief Minister of Puducherry for a record fifth term on May 13, 2026.
- ◆ Joseph Vijay officially assumed office and was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on May 10, 2026.
- ◆ Ashok Kumar Panda has been appointed the Chairman & Managing Director of SAIL.
- ◆ Himanta Biswa Sarma has been appointed the Chief Minister of Assam for a second consecutive term.
- ◆ Senior IFS officer Prashant Pise has been appointed as India's Next Ambassador to Oman.
- ◆ The Union Government has granted a one-year extension to CBI Director Praveen Sood.

- ◆ CII has elected Tata Chemicals CEO R. Mukundan as the President for 2026–27.
- ◆ Andris Kulbergs has been nominated as Latvia's new Prime Minister by President Edgars Rinkevics.
- ◆ Satheesan has become the new Chief Minister of Kerala.
- ◆ Saurabh Vijay has been appointed the Chief Executive Officer of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- ◆ RBI has appointed Gunveer Singh as the ED to head Payment and Settlement Systems.
- ◆ Major Abhilasha Barak has won the UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025.
- ◆ President Droupadi Murmu has conferred Padma Awards 2026 to 66 Eminent Personalities at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Civil Investiture Ceremony.
- ◆ Cristian Mungiu has won the Palme d'Or 2026 for Norwegian Drama Fjord at the Cannes Film Festival.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has received Sweden's highest honour, the Royal Order of the Polar Star (Commander Grand Cross).
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred Norway's Highest Civilian Honour during a Historic Visit.

#### Awards

- ◆ Deepak Bhatia has received the prestigious Erth Dubai Award in Dubai.
- ◆ Dr V. S. Mehta has been selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award by AIIMS.
- ◆ India's Chandrayaan-3 mission was presented with the 2026 Goddard Astronautics Award on May 21, 2026. The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) presented the honor during the AIAA ASCEND 2026 conference in Washington, D.C.
- ◆ Indian-origin Scientists Salim Abdool Karim and Keertan Dheda have been honoured with South Africa's highest civilian award.
- ◆ Manindra Agrawal has been elected Fellow of the Royal Society for Groundbreaking Work in Theoretical Computer Science.
- ◆ Parveen Shaikh has won the prestigious Whitley Award 2026 for Protecting the Indian skimmer.
- ◆ Indian Journalists Anand RK and Suparna Sharma have won the Pulitzer Prize for Cybercrime Exposé.
- ◆ Prime Minister Modi has received the prestigious Agricola Medal from the Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome, Italy.

#### Science

- ◆ GE Aerospace has invested ₹100 crore in the Pune Facility on May 18, 2026.
- ◆ Samsung has launched the 5th Edition of the 'Solve for Tomorrow' Innovation Programme in India on May 7, 2026.
- ◆ IIT Madras has launched the first US Centre to boost Deep-Tech Startups and Innovation Ecosystem.

- ◆ GalaxEye has launched Mission Drishti, India's First OptoSAR Satellite.
- ◆ Pixxel and Sarvam AI have partnered to launch India's First Orbital Data Centre Satellite, 'Pathfinder', by 2026.
- ◆ First Hong Kong Astronaut Dr Lai Ka-ying has launched to the Tiangong space station on a historic space mission.
- ◆ India is going to host the First International Ophthalmology Research Conference in New Delhi.

### Defence

- ◆ Defence Research and Development Organisation has successfully completed ULPGM-V3 Final Trials, paving the way for Indigenous Missile Production.
- ◆ India has successfully conducted a test of the Advanced Agni Missile with MIRV Capability Under Mission Divyastra.
- ◆ The Indian Coast Guard has commissioned Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Achal in Goa.
- ◆ On 31 May, 2026, the Indian Army hosted the First 'Pragati' Multilateral Military Exercise in Meghalaya.
- ◆ The Defence Research and Development Organisation has reported ₹5,200 crore in revenue for BrahMos Aerospace in 2025–26.
- ◆ The 2nd Edition of the India—Cambodia Military Exercise CINBAX was held in Cambodia.
- ◆ INS Sindhukesari has arrived at Colombo for Operational Turnaround.
- ◆ HNLMS De Ruyter has reached Kochi to boost India–Netherlands Maritime Cooperation.
- ◆ INS Sunayna has reached Myanmar during the Indian Navy Chief Dinesh K. Tripathi's regional visit.
- ◆ INS Sudarshini successfully completed a 4-day port call at Mindelo, Cape Verde, on May 8, 2026.
- ◆ INS Sagardhwani has successfully completed a port visit to Cam Ranh.
- ◆ Defence Research and Development Organisation and the Indian Air Force have successfully conducted the maiden flight-trial of the indigenous TARA glide weapon.
- ◆ Indian Navy has launched the Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel "Sanghmitra" at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, Kolkata.
- ◆ Nibe Limited has successfully tested the Indigenous Loitering Munition 'Vayu Astra-1' with High Precision Strike Capability.

### Sports

- ◆ India has won 27 Medals, including 9 Gold, at the Asian Boxing U-15 Championships 2026.
- ◆ Vijay Shankar has announced his retirement from Domestic and IPL Cricket after a 15-year career.
- ◆ Gurindervir Singh has created history by completing the 100m race in a record 10.09 seconds.

- ◆ Kimi Antonelli has won the Canadian Grand Prix 2026.
- ◆ Former cricketer Rahul Dravid has become the owner of the Dublin Franchise in Europe's First ICC-Approved ETPL T20 League.
- ◆ Tennis star Jannik Sinner wins the Italian Open 2026 and creates history by completing the Career Golden Masters.
- ◆ India will host the Inaugural World Yogasana Championship in Ahmedabad.
- ◆ Rithika Sri has become Tamil Nadu's First Transgender Umpire.
- ◆ South Korea has won the Uber Cup 2026 by defeating China 3-1.
- ◆ China has retained the Thomas Cup 2026 Title, wins 13th Crown.
- ◆ Marta Kostyuk has won the Madrid Open 2026, defeating Mirra Andreva to claim her biggest career title.
- ◆ Apaar Saxena has earned the International Master Title after strong European performances.
- ◆ New Delhi will host the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship.
- ◆ India will host the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 in Gandhinagar after 44 years.
- ◆ Faustino Oro has become the second youngest grandmaster in chess history at just 12 years of age.
- ◆ Elina Svitolina has won the Italian Open 2026 Women's Title after defeating Coco Gauff in a thrilling final.

### Book and Author

- ◆ Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan has released a book on N. Panicker, The Library Man of India, authored by P. P. Sathyan.
- ◆ Indian athlete PT Usha has released "India's First Olympic Gold" Book, celebrating the historic 1928 Hockey Triumph.
- ◆ Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and D. Deve Gowda launched Shivraj Singh Chouhan's Book "Apanapan" on Governance and Public Welfare.

### Important day

- ◆ 1 May: International Labour Day
- ◆ 1 May: Maharashtra Day
- ◆ 2 May: World Tuna Day (Theme 2026: Sustaining Tuna, Sustaining Nations and Advocating for Tuna Conservation)
- ◆ 2 May: International Harry Potter Day
- ◆ 3 May: World Press Freedom Day (Theme 2026: Shaping a Future of Peace)
- ◆ 3 May 2026 (first Sunday of May): World Laughter Day
- ◆ 4 May: Coal Miners' Day
- ◆ 4 May: International Firefighters' Day
- ◆ 5 May 2026 (first Tuesday of May): World Asthma Day (Theme 2026: Access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma – still an urgent need)

- ◆ 6 May: International No Diet Day
- ◆ 7 May, 2026 (first Thursday of May): World Password Day
- ◆ 7 May: World Athletics Day (Theme 2026: Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers)
- ◆ 8 May: World Red Cross Day (Theme 2026: Keeping Humanity Alive)
- ◆ 8 May: World Thalassaemia Day (Theme 2026: Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen)
- ◆ 10 May: World Lupus Day
- ◆ 10 May, 2026 (second Sunday of May): Mother's Day
- ◆ 9 May, 2026 (second Saturdays of May and October): World Migratory Bird Day (Theme 2026: Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter)
- ◆ 8 May: World Ovarian Cancer Day (Theme 2026: #No Woman Left Behind)
- ◆ 10 May: International Day of Arania
- ◆ 11 May: National Technology Day (Theme 2026: Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth)
- ◆ 12 May: International Nurses Day (Theme 2026: Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives)
- ◆ 12 May: International Day of Plant Health (Theme 2026: Plant Biosecurity for Food Security and Nutrition)
- ◆ 15 May: International Day of Families (Theme 2026: Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing)
- ◆ 15 May, 2026 (third Friday of May): National Endangered Species Day
- ◆ 16 May: International Day of Light
- ◆ 16 May, 2026 (third Saturday of May): Armed Forces Day
- ◆ 16 May: National Dengue Day (Theme 2026: Act. Eliminate)
- ◆ 17 May: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (Theme 2026: Digital lifelines: Strengthening resilience in a connected world)
- ◆ 17 May: World Hypertension Day (Theme 2026 – Controlling Hypertension Together)
- ◆ 16 May: Sikkim Statehood Day
- ◆ 18 May: World AIDS Vaccine Day (Theme 2026: Rebuild. Rise.)
- ◆ 18 May: International Museum Day (Theme 2026 – Museums Uniting a Divided World)
- ◆ 16 May: International Day of Living Together in Peace (Theme 2026 – Living Together in Peace: Building Trust through Dialogue, Inclusion and Reconciliation)
- ◆ 20 May: International HR Day
- ◆ 20 May: World Bee Day (Theme 2026: Bee Together for People and the Planet – A partnership that sustains us all)
- ◆ 21 May: International Tea Day (Theme 2026: “Sustaining Tea, Supporting Communities” and “Fostering Growth and Inclusion”)
- ◆ 21 May: National Anti-Terrorism Day

- ◆ 21 May: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- ◆ 22 May: International Day for Biological Diversity (Theme 2026: Acting locally for global impact)
- ◆ 23 May: International Day to End Obstetric Fistula (Theme 2026: Her Health Is a Right: Invest to End Fistula and Childbirth Injuries)
- ◆ 23 May: World Turtle Day (Theme 2026: Dancing Turtles Rock!)
- ◆ 24 May: National Brother's Day
- ◆ 25 May: World Thyroid Day (Theme 2026: Thyroid and Nutrition)
- ◆ 25 May: International Missing Children's Day
- ◆ 26 May: National Paper Aeroplane Day
- ◆ 25 May: World Football Day
- ◆ 27 May, 2026 (last Wednesday of May): World Otter Day
- ◆ 24 May: World Schizophrenia Awareness Day
- ◆ 28 May: International Day of Action for Women's Health (Theme 2026: Essential, Not Optional: Strengthening Health Systems to Uphold Health Rights and SRHRJ in Times of Polycrisis)

### Obituary

- ◆ Former England Test Captain MJK Smith has passed away at the age of 92.
- ◆ Senior Congress Leader D. Sudhakar has recently passed away.
- ◆ Mal Anderson, the first unseeded U.S. Open Champion, has passed away at the age of 91.
- ◆ Four-Time Paralympic Champion and Former F1 Driver Alex Zanardi has passed away at the age of 59.
- ◆ Veteran Actor Sudesh Kumar, known for the Hindi film Dosti, has recently passed away.
- ◆ CNN Founder Ted Turner has passed away at the age of 87.
- ◆ Five-Time Olympian and Asian Games Gold Medalist Raja Randhir Singh has recently passed away.