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Awards & Honours

National Awards & Recognitions (India)

- **National Statistical Awards 2026:** Conferred by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on National Statistics Day (June 29), honoring lifetime achievements in official and applied statistics.
- **PM Yoga Puraskar 2026:** Conferred by the Prime Minister on International Day of Yoga (June 21), felicitating individual yogic researchers and organizations promoting mind-body wellness globally.
- **Golden Peacock Occupational Health & Safety Award:** Conferred upon Indian Railways' modern production units and heavy workshops for zero-fatality industrial benchmarks and automated shop-floor safety.
- **National MSME Awards 2026:** Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises honored high-growth micro-enterprises and innovative suppliers supporting indigenization of rail components.
- **Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards:** Felicitated senior veteran folk and tribal performing artists across Himalayan and central tribal regions for conserving ancestral oral performance art.
- **Best Innovation in Rail Infrastructure Award:** Conferred by industrial engineering bodies on RDSO and railway engineers for deploying automated optical fiber acoustic track intrusion systems.

International Honours & Global Recognitions

- **Blue Planet Prize 2026:** The Asahi Glass Foundation announced global environmental laureates recognized for groundbreaking research in ocean carbon sinks and renewable transition strategies.
- **UN Public Service Awards 2026:** Conferred on United Nations Public Service Day (June 23), honoring innovative Indian digital governance models facilitating direct welfare transfers.
- **UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize:** Honored courageous photojournalists reporting under high-risk conflict zones and climate-displaced ecological borders.
- **Global Green Airport Accreditation 2026:** Indian international airport terminals recognized by Airports Council International (ACI) for achieving net-zero carbon operations and 100% renewable power.

Appointments & Persons in News

National Appointments (India)

- **Member (Traction & Rolling Stock), Railway Board:** Senior mechanical engineer appointed to oversee Vande Bharat Sleeper fleet commissioning, hydrogen locomotive trials, and wheel manufacturing hubs.

- **Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC):** Senior administrator and educationist took oath of office to lead national competitive civil service and technical recruitment boards.
- **Director General of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF):** Senior IPS officer took charge to lead nationwide pre-monsoon flood deployments and multi-hazard rescue battalions.
- **Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR):** Eminent technocrat assumed charge to steer commercialization of indigenous deep-tech and battery storage patents.
- **Managing Director of National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC):** Appointed to steer rapid intercity expansion of Namo Bharat transit corridors connecting Delhi to regional urban hubs.
- **Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CIDS):** Senior Lieutenant General assumed office to coordinate joint military doctrine, integrated logistics commands, and tri-service theaterisation.

International Appointments & World Leaders

- **Secretary-General of International Maritime Organization (IMO) Assembly:** High-level maritime sessions concluded in London, approving executive panels to monitor zero-emission shipping corridors.
- **President of the United Nations Security Council (Rotating):** Strategic rotating presidency assumed with high-level debates on protecting maritime trade corridors and submarine communication cables.
- **Director General of International Labour Organization (ILO):** International Labour Conference in Geneva concluded leadership consultations on protecting gig workers' rights globally.
- **Executive Director of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC):** Appointed to steer international coordination against transnational cybercrime syndicates and maritime narcotics trafficking.

Persons in News & Notable Demises

- **Passing of Renowned Santoor Virtuoso:** Padma-honored classical maestro and pioneer of traditional Kashmiri classical ragas passed away at 84, mourned widely across musical gharanas.
- **Passing of Veteran Railway Signalling Pioneer:** Senior railway engineer who spearheaded early solid-state interlocking (SSI) and axle-counter signaling across Indian Railways passed away.
- **Sunil Chhetri in News:** Honored with national sports lifetime tributes following his historic retirement from international football, celebrated as India's all-time greatest striker.
- **Jasprit Bumrah in News:** Reclaimed top bowling spots in the ICC Men's Player Rankings following lethal bowling spells during high-intensity international tournament fixtures.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

Central Government Schemes & National Policies

- **National Rail Plan (NRP) 2030 Fast-Track Push:** Ministry of Railways reviewed infrastructure targets aiming to raise the modal share of rail in national freight transit from 27% to 45%.

- **PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana Industrial Clustering:** Extended rooftop solar subsidies to micro-industrial units and ancillary railway component vendors across Tier-2 industrial belts.
- **Mission Amrit Sarovar 2.0 Operationalization:** Ministry of Rural Development initiated the second phase targeting rejuvenation of 50,000 additional water bodies ahead of the monsoon season.
- **National Bio-Manufacturing Mission (BioE3 Policy):** Union Cabinet approved financial tranches for bioplastics, bio-enzymes, and smart protein pilot production to foster a circular green bio-economy.
- **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) Expansion:** Central Government cleared assistance for an additional 2 crore rural houses equipped with solar power and piped tap water.

State Government Welfare Initiatives

- **Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana (Gujarat):** State government expanded nutritious supplementary food package distributions to pregnant women and lactating mothers across tribal talukas.
- **Kalyana Lakshmi & Shaadi Mubarak Milestone (Telangana):** Disbursed direct financial marriage assistance to over 15 lakh underprivileged young women across all assembly constituencies.
- **Mo Ghara Housing Assistance Scheme (Odisha):** Disbursed subsidized housing loans and interest subventions to rural families excluded from central housing registries.
- **Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana (Uttar Pradesh):** Progressive hikes in financial assistance installments implemented to incentivize institutional childbirth and female higher education.
- **Chief Minister's Solar Agriculture Pump Scheme (Maharashtra):** Energized over 1 lakh agricultural water pumps with off-grid solar systems to ensure daytime power access for farmers.

Railway & Infrastructure Initiatives (Special Exam Focus)

- **Kavach 5.0 High-Density Passenger Route Clearance:** Indian Railways cleared 3,000 route kilometers for 160 kmph passenger express train operations under continuous automated protection.
- **Vande Bharat Sleeper Commercial Fleet Expansion:** Commercial launch of 16-coach Vande Bharat Sleeper train rakes connecting Mumbai to Delhi and Chennai to Howrah with enhanced passenger suspension.
- **High-Speed Bullet Train Mountain Tunnel Piercing:** NHSRCL completed excavation of the longest mountain tunnel on the Maharashtra-Gujarat section of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project.
- **Dedicated Freight Corridor Electric Haulage Milestone:** Western and Eastern DFCs completed full heavy-haul integration, carrying over 400 freight rakes daily at an average speed of 65 kmph.
- **Gajraj AI Intrusion Detection Elephant System Expansion:** Optical fiber acoustic sensors and automated AI cameras installed across 1,000 km of railway tracks passing through wildlife sanctuaries.
- **First Vande Cargo High-Speed Freight Express:** Flagged off dedicated 160-kmph automated freight train services for temperature-sensitive parcel and e-commerce express logistics.

Sports & Games

Cricket

- **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026:** High-octane tournament commenced across host venues in India and Sri Lanka, featuring historic group-stage encounters and nail-biting finishes.
- **ICC Men's Player Rankings Climax:** Indian batters and pacers consolidated top-3 global spots following match-winning performances in international fixtures.
- **BCCI Annual Domestic Tournament Overhauls:** Implemented new red-ball bonus point formats in the Ranji Trophy to reward teams taking early first-innings leads and sporting declarations.
- **ACC Emerging Teams Asia Cup:** Junior Indian squads showcased stellar all-round performances against continental rivals in Dubai, securing berths in the grand final.

Football, Hockey & Tennis

- **FIFA Men's World Cup 2026 Kicks Off:** The historic 48-team global tournament kicked off with grand opening ceremonies across stadiums in the USA, Canada, and Mexico.
- **French Open (Roland Garros 2026) Finals:** Concluded on Parisian clay with thrilling championship matches in Men's and Women's Singles, crowning the clay-court Grand Slam champions.
- **FIH Hockey Pro League 2025–26 Season Finale:** Indian Men's hockey team completed their international fixtures, securing a strong top-tier ranking in the global ladder.
- **Wimbledon Championships 2026 Build-Up:** Grass-court warm-up tournaments concluded at Queen's Club and Halle, setting seeding orders for the prestigious London Grand Slam.

Badminton, Chess & Multi-Sport

- **Indonesia Open Super 1000 (Badminton):** Elite Indian shuttlers registered gritty performances in Jakarta, securing semifinal and podium finishes against world top-ranked pairs.
- **FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Team Championship:** Indian chess grandmasters led team franchises to podium victories in high-stakes rapid and blitz games in Europe.
- **National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships 2026:** Olympic and Asian Games qualifiers delivered record throws in javelin and sub-10.20-second timings in 100m sprint events.
- **ISSF Junior World Shooting Cup (Suhl):** Indian junior shooting contingent topped the medal tally with multiple gold medals across 10m air pistol and trap disciplines.

Science, Space & Technology

Space Exploration & Satellite Missions

- **Gaganyaan First Uncrewed Flight (G1) Splashdown:** ISRO successfully recovered the Gaganyaan crew module from the Bay of Bengal following an automated nominal orbital re-entry flight.
- **Chandrayaan-4 Lunar Lander Engine Hot Tests:** Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) completed full-duration hot firing tests of throttleable engines designed for soft landing on the Moon.

- **NISAR Earth Observation Data Flow:** Joint NASA-ISRO satellite commenced open-access dissemination of high-resolution L-band and S-band radar data mapping land subsidence and ice sheets.
- **SpaceX Starship Flight 9:** SpaceX conducted orbital flight tests demonstrating propellant transfer and aerodynamic flap steering during supersonic atmospheric re-entry.

Defense Technology & Indigenous Innovations

- **Maiden Firing of New Generation Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM):** DRDO and Indian Army successfully test-fired the indigenous man-portable ATGM from high-altitude firing ranges in Ladakh.
- **Induction of 5th Kalvari-Class Follow-On Submarine:** Indian Navy formally commissioned the stealth diesel-electric attack submarine into the Western Naval Fleet in Mumbai.
- **Extended-Range Pinaka Guided Rocket System Trials:** DRDO carried out successful salvo firings of Pinaka rockets achieving precision strikes at extended ranges exceeding 75 km.
- **Naval Air Defence Surface-to-Air Missile Induction:** Indian Navy completed shipborne integration trials of the indigenously designed short-range surface-to-air missile system.

Artificial Intelligence, Supercomputing & Biotechnology

- **PARAM Utkarsh Supercomputer Deployment:** C-DAC commissioned multi-petaflop supercomputing clusters under the National Supercomputing Mission for monsoon and climate predictability modeling.
- **Indigenously Developed Sickle Cell Point-of-Care Biosensor:** ICMR and CSIR deployed digital optical biosensors across tribal primary health centres, screening infants in 2 minutes.
- **National Quantum Cryptography Rail Pilot:** Indian Railways and C-DOT successfully demonstrated end-to-end quantum-encrypted train dispatch communication between major divisional hubs.
- **Bhashini Real-Time Voice Translation for Rail Passengers:** AI-driven multilingual voice inquiry counters deployed across 200 high-density railway stations, supporting 22 official languages.

Summits, Bills & International Affairs

International Summits & Conferences

- **G7 Summit 2026 (Outcomes):** Leaders issued joint declarations on securing critical mineral supply lines, advancing clean energy partnerships, and regulating autonomous AI weapons.
- **World Environment Day Global Summit:** Hosted under the UN Environment Programme, focusing on land restoration, desertification halt, and drought resilience.
- **BOSPO Maritime Security Conclave:** Regional navies and coast guards of the Indian Ocean littoral states met in Chennai to coordinate anti-piracy patrols and oil spill containment.
- **International Labour Conference (114th Session):** Delegations in Geneva finalized international conventions establishing safety benchmarks for workers exposed to extreme heat and climate stress.

Bills, Legislation & Parliamentary Developments

- **National Rail Safety and Automation Directives:** Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways reviewed mandatory safety audits for electronic interlocking and speed-restriction compliance.
- **Coastal Shipping and Multi-Modal Transit Regulatory Guidelines:** Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways notified streamlined coastal shipping tariffs to shift cargo from road to sea routes.
- **National Digital Data Governance Framework:** Ministry of Electronics and IT notified operating rules for the Data Protection Board to adjudicate corporate privacy violations and data breaches.
- **Green Energy Open Access Regulatory Amendments:** Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) simplified cross-border and inter-state open access regulations for renewable energy developers.

International Affairs & Bilateral Agreements

- **India-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Final Rounds:** High-level negotiators concluded technical rounds on carbon border tax exemptions, services mobility, and automobile tariffs.
- **India-Oman Maritime Logistics & Security Agreement:** Signed bilateral defense pacts allowing reciprocal access to naval port facilities for logistics, fueling, and maritime humanitarian assistance.
- **International Solar Alliance (ISA) Sub-Saharan Solar Grid:** Launched financing tranches to install solarized microgrids and solar water pumps for rural villages in Kenya, Ghana, and Tanzania.
- **Colombo Security Conclave Maritime Exercise:** Naval and coast guard vessels from India, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, and Maldives conducted synchronized patrol drills in the Indian Ocean.

Books, Authors & Important Days

Books & Authors

- **'The Track Ahead: The Revolution in Indian Railways':** Authored by veteran railway administration expert chronicling the technical evolution of Vande Bharat, Kavach, and Dedicated Freight Corridors.
- **'The Ocean's Edge: Geopolitics of the Indian Ocean Littoral':** Authored by retired Vice Admiral examining maritime choke points, naval diplomacy, and blue economy security.
- **'Monsoon Chronicles: Climate and Agriculture in Bharat':** Authored by leading agricultural meteorologist exploring changing southwest monsoon patterns, soil health, and resilient crops.
- **'The Mindful Leader: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Governance':** Authored by senior civil servant exploring the integration of Indian ethical treatises in public policy and administrative leadership.
- **'Folk Rhythms of India: Preserving Indigenous Music Traditions':** Authored by prominent ethnomusicologist documenting endangered tribal instruments, ballads, and devotional melodies.

Important Days & Themes

- **June 1 – World Milk Day & Global Day of Parents:** Celebrating the socio-economic importance of the dairy sector, and appreciating parents worldwide for selfless devotion.
- **June 3 – World Bicycle Day:** Spearheaded by the UN to promote cycling as a sustainable, simple, and clean mode of green urban transport.
- **June 5 – World Environment Day:** Spearheaded by UNEP; Global Theme: 'Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience' under the slogan 'Our Land. Our Future'.
- **June 7 – World Food Safety Day:** Organized by WHO and FAO to draw attention and inspire action to prevent, detect, and manage foodborne risks.
- **June 8 – World Oceans Day:** Promoting collective ocean conservation; Theme: 'Catalyzing Action for Our Ocean & Climate' to safeguard marine ecosystems.
- **June 12 – World Day Against Child Labour:** Mobilizing global efforts to eradicate exploitative child labour; Theme centered on universal social protection for vulnerable children.
- **June 14 – World Blood Donor Day:** Commemorating the birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner, thanking voluntary blood donors and promoting universal access to safe blood transfusions.
- **June 17 – World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought:** Focusing on turning degraded land into productive soil and strengthening food and water security.
- **June 20 – World Refugee Day:** Commemorating the strength and courage of people forced to flee their homelands due to conflict, persecution, and natural disasters.
- **June 21 – International Day of Yoga:** Celebrating holistic physical, mental, and spiritual wellness; observed globally with synchronized mass yoga demonstrations.
- **June 21 – World Music Day (Fête de la Musique) & Summer Solstice:** Celebrating musical harmony worldwide; marking the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.
- **June 23 – International Olympic Day & UN Public Service Day:** Promoting Olympic sports and fitness values; honoring the invaluable contributions of civil servants to global development.
- **June 29 – National Statistics Day (India):** Commemorating the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, father of Indian modern statistics.

Miscellaneous (GI Tags, Superlatives, UNESCO Heritage & Dance Personalities)

Geographical Indication (GI) Tags

- **GI Applications for Tribal Forest Craft of Bastar:** Chhattisgarh artisan federations submitted GI tag registration applications for handcrafted bell-metal Dokra sculptures and wrought iron art.
- **Kashmiri Saffron Holographic QR Packaging:** Jammu & Kashmir agriculture department rolled out tamper-proof cryptographic QR barcodes ensuring 100% authenticity for export shipments.
- **Pochampally Ikat & Uppada Jamdani Global Branding:** Ministry of Textiles organized global buyer-seller exhibitions in Europe showcasing authentic GI-certified handloom silks.
- **Kangra Tea International Geographical Protection:** Tea Board of India enforced intellectual property measures across European ports to prevent unauthorized labeling of orthodox Kangra tea.

Superlatives (India & World: Firsts, Largest, Highest)

- **World's Highest High-Altitude Rail Arch Bridge (Chenab Bridge):** Northern Railway operated full-capacity regular passenger schedules through the 359-meter-high single-arch engineering marvel.
- **World's Longest Fully Electrified Heavy-Haul Freight Route:** Western Dedicated Freight Corridor handled over 100,000 gross ton rakes daily, setting global benchmarks in electric freight transit.
- **India's First Undersea Rail Tunnel Excavation Milestone:** NHSRCL completed major undersea tunneling milestones between Mumbai and Thane for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project.
- **World's Largest Renewable Energy Park (Khavda):** Operational solar and wind generation capacity crossed 14,000 MW, scaling towards its targeted 30,000 MW hybrid capacity.

UNESCO & World Heritage

- **48th Session of the World Heritage Committee Preparations:** Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) finalized presentation dossiers for India's nominated cultural and natural heritage properties.
- **Conservation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT):** Heritage conservation architects completed facade restoration and stone preservation of the UNESCO World Heritage railway terminus.
- **Laser Scanning of Ancient Stepwells (Rani ki Vav):** Gujarat tourism and ASI deployed 3D terrestrial laser scanners to monitor the structural integrity of the intricately carved subterranean stepwell.
- **UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Inscription Workshops:** Sangeet Natak Akademi organized workshops to document traditional Vedic chanting, Ramlila, and Kutiyattam Sanskrit theatre.

Dance Personalities & Performing Arts

- **National Tribute to Legendary Bharatanatyam Doyen:** Cultural ministries organized centenary celebrations honoring iconic gurus who codified adavus and classical temple dance choreographies.
- **Sangeet Natak Akademi Regional Festival:** Conferred special performing arts honours on veteran classical Kathak, Odissi, and Manipuri gurus for lifelong service to guru-shishya parampara.
- **All-India Youth Classical Dance Showcase:** Organized at Kamani Auditorium in New Delhi, featuring rising stars in Kuchipudi, Sattriya, and Mohiniyattam classical disciplines.
- **Purulia & Mayurbhanj Chhau Dance Festival:** Staged in eastern India, showcasing dynamic martial acrobatic traditions and vibrant traditional masks worn by regional folk dancers.

ENVIRONMENT

- **State of Global Climate 2026 Review (WMO):** World Meteorological Organization reported accelerating Himalayan glacier retreat rates, urging unified river-basin disaster warning frameworks.

- **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) Ambient Air Tracking:** Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) recorded marked reductions in PM10 levels across 105 non-attainment industrial cities.
- **Kaziranga Tiger Reserve Monsoon Wildlife Protection:** Forest department placed speed radars on National Highway 715 and deployed river patrol boats to ensure safe wildlife migration during floods.
- **Synchronized Sea Turtle Conservation Review:** Wildlife Institute of India (WII) reported successful emergence of Olive Ridley turtle hatchlings from Gahirmatha and Rushikulya rookeries.
- **Great Indian Bustard Flight-Diverter Installation:** Over 800 km of high-tension power cables fitted with reflective bird-flight diverters across the Thar Desert to prevent electrocution.
- **Discovery of New Endemic Orchid in Arunachal Pradesh:** Botanical Survey of India (BSI) botanists discovered a rare epiphytic orchid species in the dense cloud forests of Changlang district.
- **Mangrove Restoration Along Cyclone-Prone Coastlines:** Forest departments of West Bengal and Odisha restored 6,000 hectares of degraded coastal wetlands with native mangrove species.
- **Single-Use Plastic Ban Surveillance:** State pollution control boards intensified market inspections, penalizing unauthorized commercial distributors of non-woven plastic bags.
- **Automated Water Quality Monitoring Across Ramsar Sites:** Ministry of Jal Shakti operationalized digital telemetry across all 96 Ramsar wetland sites to monitor dissolved oxygen levels.
- **National Green Hydrogen Ecological Safety Guidelines:** Ministry of Environment issued environmental safety protocols for water intake and desalination systems in green hydrogen projects.
- **Urban Micro-Forests Along Railway Tracks:** Indian Railways planted over 4 lakh native saplings using Miyawaki afforestation methods along suburban railway embankments and yards.
- **Western Ghats Eco-Sensitive Zone Conservation Directive:** Central Government mandated complete prohibition of commercial mining and high-polluting industries across designated buffer areas.
- **Project Elephant Anti-Depredation Measures:** Forest divisions deployed AI-assisted thermal cameras and solar fences along agricultural boundaries to minimize human-elephant conflict.
- **Transboundary River Water Quality Protocol:** India and Bangladesh joint rivers commission established synchronized automated water quality monitoring along the Ganga and Brahmaputra rivers.

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