

# TEACHERS' VISION

WAY TO GOVERNMENT JOBS

## MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS MARCH – 2025

### DATES & DAYS

- **1 March :- Zero Discrimination Day** celebrate the right of everyone to live a full and productive life—and live it with dignity. Zero Discrimination Day highlights how people can become informed about and promote inclusion, compassion, peace and, above all, a movement for change. 2025 theme is —We stand together!!
- **1 March :-World Civil Defence Day** to bringing issues to light about the significance of civil defence measures in shielding individuals and their property from natural disasters, accidents, and different crises.
- The United Nations established the International Civil Defence Organisation; an association committed to internationally facilitate and promote civil defence attempts.
- In 1990, World Civil Defence Day was declared by the International Civil Defence Organisation
- **THEME : —Civil Defence, guarantee of security for the population!!**
- **March 3 :-World Wildlife Day** Declared by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 20th December 2013
- This day holds significance as the day that the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was signed in 1973.
- **THEME:- —Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet!!**
- **March 3 :-World Hearing Day** to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world.
- **Theme - "Changing mindsets: empower yourself to make ear and hearing care a reality for all!"**
- **March 4 - National Safety Day** National Safety Council (NSC) was set up by the Ministry of Labour, Government of India (GOI) on 4th March, 1966 to generate, develop and sustain a voluntary movement on Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) at the national level
- **Theme:- "Safety & Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat.—**
- **March 8 - International Women's Day**
- **Theme :- —For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment!!**
- **Officially recognized by the United Nations in 1977**
- **10th March :- CISF Raising Day** Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) established in 1969 to protect sensitive public sector undertakings. It was set up under an Act of the Parliament of India on 10 March 1969 with a strength of 2,800. It is directly under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs

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- **14 March :- Pi Day** In 2009, the United States House of Representatives designated March 14 as Pi Day. Mathematician and physicist Albert Einstein, known for the "General Theory Of Relativity," was born on Pi Day in 1879.
- **14 March :- International Day of Action for Rivers**
- **Theme – Our Rivers, our Future.**
- The International Day of Action for Rivers has its roots in the First International Meeting of People Impacted by Dams, held in Curitiba, Brazil, in March 1997.
- **15 March :- World Consumer Rights Day**, celebrated for the first time in 1983 as a mark of anniversary of the former U.S. President John F. Kennedy's speech to the US Congress on March 15, 1962, where he became the first world leader to formally recognize consumer rights.
- **Theme : A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles**
- **March 16 :- National Vaccination Day** National Vaccination Day was celebrated for the first time on 16 March, 1995. This day commemorates the initiation of the Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme in 1995.
- **India was declared polio-free by WHO in 2014.**
- **Theme :- "Immunisation for All is Humanly Possible."**
- **20 March :- International Day of Happiness** The General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution of 12 July 2012 proclaimed 20 March the International Day of Happiness.
- **Theme :- 'CARING AND SHARING.'**
- **March 22 :- World Water Day** To raise awareness about the importance of freshwater and advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.
- **Theme 2025 - 'Glacier Preservation'.**
- **21 March :- World Day For Glaciers 2025** The United Nations declared 2025 as the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation, Proclaimed 21st March of each year as the World Day for Glaciers starting in 2025.
- **Theme :- "Save Our Glaciers"**
- **21 March :- International Day of Forests 2025**
- **Theme 2025 - "Forests and Food"** first official celebration taking place in 2013
- **March 23 :- World Meteorological Day [WMO]** commemorates the establishing of World Meteorological Organization on 23 March 1950.
- **Theme-** "Closing the early warning gap together". WMO is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. Secretary-General: Professor Celeste Saulo
- **23rd March :- Martyrs' Day/ Shaheed Diwas** to commemorate the execution of Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar. The three revolutionary freedom fighters were hanged on this day in 1931. for his involvement in the killing of British officer John Saunders.

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- **March 24** : - **World Tuberculosis (TB) Day** To commemorate the date when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacillus that causes TB in 1882. This Day is observed to educate people about TB, its impact around the world.
- **Theme** – ‘Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver’

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- **Senior Advocate Manan Kumar Mishra** Re-Elected as Chairman of Bar Council of India.
- **Dr. Mayank Sharma** Assumes Office as Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA).
- **Eyal Zamir** has taken over as the 24th Chief of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).
- **Anju Rathi Rana** Appointed As The First Woman Law Secretary.
- Former central banker **Mark Carney** to become Canada's next PM.
- Intel appoints chip industry veteran **Lip-Bu Tan** as CEO.
- **Stuart Young** to sworn in as new Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.
- **Shri Ashok Singh Thakur** elected as Chairman of INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage )
- **Anuj Kumar Singh** Appointed as Joint Secretary in UPSC.
- **Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah** Sworn in as Namibia's First Woman President.
- **Ajay Seth** Appointed as India's New Finance Secretary.
- Former Cabinet Secretary **Rajiv Gauba** appointed as full-time member of NITI Aayog.

## **AWARDS**

- **Oscars 2025** :- List of winners at the 97th Academy Awards
- **Venue** - Dolby Theatre at Ovation Hollywood
- **Winner Category**
- **Anora** Best Picture
- **Sean Baker** Oscar for Best Director for **‘Anora’**
- **Mikey Madison** Oscar for Best Actress for **‘Anora’**
- **Adrien Brody** Oscar for Best Actor for **‘The Brutalist’**
- **Jay Shah, Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)**, has been honoured with the prestigious Icon of Excellence award at the 14th edition of the Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA 2025).
- **Nitin Kamath of Zerodha** named EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2024.
- **Dr. Suborno Bose**, Chairman of the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM), has been honoured with the 'Lifetime Achievement in Hospitality and Education Through Technology' award by Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Shekhawat.



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- **PM Modi conferred with Barbados Award for his leadership during COVID-19.** Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita accepted the prestigious 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados' on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Chinese Architect **Liu Jiakun** **Receives** the 2025 Pritzker Architecture Prize, established by the Pritzker family of Chicago through their Hyatt Foundation in 1979.
- **Richard Sutton**, a University of Alberta computing science professor and one of the founders of modern computational reinforcement learning, has been honoured as co-recipient of the 2024 Association for Computing Machinery A.M. Turing Award, often referred to as the —Nobel Prize in computing.
- **Jayshree Vencatesan** becomes first Indian to win Ramsar award for Wetland Wise Use.
- **Professor Suman Chakraborty** of IIT Kharagpur Wins UNESCO's TWAS Award 2026 for developing low cost medical diagnostic solution.
- The **Dalai Lama** wins **Gold Mercury Award 2025** for peace and sustainability.
- **Gayatri Spivak**, celebrated literary critic and postcolonial scholar, has won the 2025 **Holberg Prize**, considered the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in the field of humanities, social sciences, law or theology research.
- **Hockey India Awards 2024:** Harmanpreet Singh, Savita Punia Win Player of the Year.
- **Hindi Writer Vinod Kumar Shukla** Wins Jnanpith Award for 2024. The award carries with it a cash of Rs 11 lakh, a bronze statue of the Hindu Goddess Vagdevi and a citation. Instituted in 1961 Indian languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India and English (22+1 = 23 languages).
- **Violinist R.K. Shriramkumar** gets Sangita Kalanidhi award of the Music Academy.
- **Indian Naval Academy** wins Bakshi Cup 2025.
- **Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP)** wins Golden Peacock Innovative Product/Service Award for 2025.

## **DEFENCE**

- **EXERCISE DESERT HUNT 2025** at Air Force Station Jodhpur from 24 to 28 February 2025. It is an integrated Tri-Service Special Forces exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force.
- **Flying Officer Tanushka Singh** has become the first woman pilot to be permanently assigned to the Indian Air Force's (IAF) Jaguar fighter jet squadron.
- The **12th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan** Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR-XII is set to take place in Kyrgyzstan.
- **India's latest and most advanced air-to-air missile, the Astra MK-III**, has now been **officially renamed Gandiva**, after the legendary bow of Arjuna from the Mahabharata. Still under development by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- 6th edition of Coordinated Patrol (**CORPAT-25**) and the 4th edition of the bilateral naval exercise 'BONGOSAGAR-25' between the Indian Navy and the Bangladesh Navy.

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- India has successfully test fired beyond visual range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) Astra from LCA Tejas AF MK1 off Odisha coast, paving the way for its integration in the indigenously developed fighter jet. Designed and developed by DRDO, Astra missile is capable of engaging the targets up to a range of over 100 km.
- 23rd edition of bilateral naval exercise - VARUNA 2025 between India and France from 19 to 22 Mar 25 in the Arabian Sea.

## SPORTS, BOOKS & AUTHORS

- The Khelo India Para Games 2025 will be held across three venues in New Delhi from March 20 to 27. A multi-Ssport event, KIPG 2025 will feature six sports - archery, athletics, badminton, powerlifting, shooting and table tennis. Haryana had topped the Khelo India Para Games 2023. The first edition of the Khelo India Para Games was also held in Delhi in December 2023.
- ICC Champions Trophy 2025: India wins over New Zealand.
- Grandmaster Pranav Venkatesh became the World Junior Chess Champion 2025 in the open section in Petrovac, Montenegro.
- Rajeew Shukla Replaces Jay Shah in ACC Leadership, With Jay Shah taking over as the chair of the International Cricket Council (ICC), his position on the ACC Board became vacant. Till recently he was the president of the ACC.
- Russian Chess grandmaster Boris Spassky passes away at 88.
- Kailash Satyarthi's Autobiography \_Diyaslai' – A Literary Exploration at IGNCA (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) )
- Krishna Jayasankar becomes 1st Indian woman to cross 16m in indoor shot put.
- Khelo India Winter Games 2025 rescheduled to March 9-12 at Gulmarg. The first phase was held in Ladakh from January 23 to 27.
- Steve Smith retires from ODI cricket after Champions Trophy semifinal exit.
- Mumbai Indians claimed their second Women's Premier League (WPL) title 2025.
- Army topped the the Khelo India Winter Games 2025 medal tally with seven golds, four silvers and five bronze. Indian Army also won the Khelo India Winter Games 2024 after winning 10 gold medals, five silver and six bronze. first three editions of KIWG were hosted and won by Jammu and Kashmir in 2020, 2021 and 2023.

Rank	State/UT/Team	Gold medals	Silver medals	Bronze medal	Total medals
1	Army	7	5	6	18
2	Himachal Pradesh	6	5	7	18
3	Ladakh	4	2	1	7

- India clinches both Men's & Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 at Wolverhampton in England.



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- **India at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025**, finished on top of the medal table with a total of 134 medals, including 45 gold, 40 silver and 49 bronze in New Delhi. New Delhi World Para Athletics Grand Prix was the first international para event hosted by India.
- **FIFA Banned Russia, Congo from 2026 World Cup.** Set to be hosted jointly by the United States, Canada, and Mexico, the 2026 FIFA World Cup has excluded three nations— Russia, Congo, and Pakistan—due to separate controversies.
- **Former judge of Madras High Court Justice P.N. Prakash** released 'Memories and Milestones', a book which documents the journey of Blue Cross in Chennai.
- **India to host 11th Asian Swimming Championship in Gujarat** at the Naranpura Sports Complex in Ahmedabad.
- **CSK Launches its Book "Leo —The Untold Story" Authored by P.S. Raman**

### **MISC.**

- **Assam govt notifies Chirang-Ripu Elephant Reserve as 8th national park** - Sikhna Jwhlwao National Park.
- **Amazon** unveiled a prototype of its **first-ever in-house quantum** computing chip called Ocelot.
- **1st International Conference on Carbon Markets - 'Prakriti'** inaugurated held in New Delhi organised by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under Union Ministry of Power.
- **Vice President Dhankhar attend Nyokum Yullo celebration in Arunachal.** first ever joint mega Nyokum Yullo Celebration in Boasimla, Kamle District of Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Volvo Trucks** has announced the introduction of **India's first Road Train solution** which is aimed at optimising efficiency in the high-volume logistics industry.
- **Historic First: India's Solar Ultra-violet Imaging Telescope (SUIT) onboard Aditya-L1 Captures Unprecedented Solar Flare 'kernel'** in the lower solar atmosphere, namely the photosphere and the chromosphere, in the images recorded in the Near Ultra-violet (NUV) band.
- The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** launched Aadhaar Good Governance portal to streamline approval process for Aadhaar authentication requests.
- **Punjab police launch drive against drug menace on war footing- Yudh Nasheyen Virudh** was conducted by the police over 900 Police teams, comprising over 8, 000 police personnel raided about 800 places in the state.
- The **first Swayambhu Festival is being held by Kathmandu Municipal Corporation** from February 22 to March 1 to promote local identity and potential.
- **Three tropical cyclones—Rae, Seru, and Alfred—**are currently active off the eastern coast of Australia. This phenomenon coincides with the peak of the cyclone season.
- **Cape Vultures Spotted After 30 Years** in South Africa's Eastern Cape.
- **PM Modi to chair NBWL (National Board for Wildlife) meeting** at Sasan Gir on World Wildlife Day.



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- Navratna status to the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) 25th and the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation IRCTC) 26th. Government had introduced the 'Navratna' scheme in 1997.
- Jaipur hosts 12th Regional 3R & Circular Economy Forum in the Asia-Pacific from March 3-5. The Forum focuses on the principles of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (3R). The Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific was launched in 2009
- Rushikonda Beach in Visakhapatnam has been temporarily stripped of its prestigious Blue Flag certification due to alleged maintenance and hygiene concerns. The Blue Flag status is likely to be restored soon after completion of the safety audit.
- first population estimation of riverine dolphins in India has revealed the presence of 6,327 dolphins in the Ganga, Brahmaputra and Indus River systems, according to a government report published.
- first-ever World Peace Centre, established under the leadership of Jain Acharya Lokesh Muni and the efforts of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti, inaugurated at Gurugram, Haryana.
- Levi's Appoints Diljit Dosanjh as Global Ambassador.
- Sarbananda Sonowal Unveils 'One Nation-One Port' Initiative. A nationwide port standardization initiative designed to unify port documentation, streamline operations, and enhance global trade efficiency in India.
- UAE Introduces Blue Visa: 10-Year Residency for Foreigners.
- New Global Alliance for Sustainable Growth Led by India. India launched the Cities Coalition for Circularity (C-3), a multi-nation alliance for city-to-city collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and private sector partnerships for sustainable urban development. It was announced at the 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific in Jaipur.
- The Ministry of Coal reported that total coal production from captive and commercial mines for the financial year 2024-25 has reached 167.36 million tonnes (MT) as of February 2025. This represents a 32.53% year-on-year (YoY) increase compared to the 126.28 MT produced by February 28, 2024.



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- **NASA and Nokia to launch the first cellular network in Space.** NASA is preparing to deploy the first mobile network on the Moon.
- **The Government of India has appointed Ajay Bhadoo, Additional Secretary** in the Department of Commerce, as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Government e Marketplace (GeM), effective March 3, 2025. GeM facilitates online procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various Government Departments / Organisations / PSUs. It was launched in August 2016, by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
- **Gujarat Leads India with Mangrove Plantation in Two Years Under 'MISHTI' Scheme** (It was launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change on the occasion of World Environment Day, i.e., 5th June 2023.)
- **Punjab govt launches 'Project Hifazat' to ensure women's safety, dignity.** 24x7 Women and Child Helpline under the Government of India's two missions, - 'Mission Shakti' and 'Mission Vatsalya' - will serve as the backbone of the 'Project Hifazat.' emergency helpline number 181
- **Amul Ranked as the 3rd Most Valued Brand in India – YouGov India Value Rankings 2025.**
- **Rajnath Singh Becomes First Raksha Mantri to Visit IAF's Institute of Aerospace Medicine in Bengaluru.** Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM) of the Indian Air Force (IAF) is in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- **Madhya Pradesh's Madhav National Park has become the country's 58th Tiger Reserve** Located in the Shivpuri district in Chambal region, the reserve has five tigers at present.
- **Patanjali Ayurved mega food processing plant** which has been set up with an investment of Rs 1,500 crore in Nagpur will begin operations.
- **Bangalore City University** to be Renamed After Dr. Manmohan Singh.
- **Assam Names Electronics City After Ratan Tata.**
- **Glass-Ceiling Index 2025:** Best Countries for Working Women, Sweden secured the top position.
- **The Assam state government announced plans to launch its own satellite, ASSAMSAT soon,** aiming to strengthen data access for key socio-economic initiatives and enhance border surveillance. Assam will be the first state in the country to have its satellite.
- **Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2025- India ranked 14th.** 12th edition - Published by the Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP). Top 3 - Burkina Faso, Pakistan, Syria.
- **Indian diaspora performed Geet-Gawai during PM Modi's welcome in Mauritius,** Bihari cultural performance called Geet Gawai (traditional Bhojpuri musical ensemble).
- **Attukal Pongala is a 10-day religious festival celebrated at the Attukal Bhagavathy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.** Guinness Book of World Records in 2009 for being the largest religious gathering of women on a single day when over 2.5 million took part in it. Attukal temple is also known as the "women's Sabarimala".



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- The annual celebrations of Hola Mohalla took place at the birthplace of the Khalsa, Sri Anandpur Sahib. Hola Mohalla ("mock fight") is a three-day Sikh festival. Following Guru Gobind Singh's tradition, it follows the Hindu festival Holi by one day.
- **Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurates Maa Purnagiri Fair in Champawat district.** Maa Purnagiri Temple is situated at an altitude of about 3000 meters in the mountainous region of Tanakpur in Champawat district of Uttarakhand. The temple is considered a Shaktipeeth and is one of the 108 Siddhapeeths. It is believed that the navel of Sati Mata had fallen at this place. Purnagiri is also known as Punyagiri. This temple is situated near the Sharda River. Purnagiri temple is also well known for its miracles.
- **New Zealand PM Christopher Luxon to be Chief Guest at inaugural session of 10th Raisina Dialogue-2025.** PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Dialogue on 17 March. Theme of the 2025 edition is "Kālachakra - People, Peace and Planet".
- **PM-YUVA 3.0 – Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors.**
- **The government of India has extended the free import of Urad pulses till 31st March 2026 to control the price of the essential pulses in the country.** The government of India has also imposed a 10% import duty on the lentil (masur). India is the largest producer and consumer of Urad pulses in the world, but the demand for Urad is more than the domestic production. Madhya Pradesh is the largest producer of Urad in India. Myanmar is the largest source of import of Urad. Canada and Russia are the major sources of Masur for India. Uttar Pradesh was the largest Masur producing state in India.
- **Armenia and Azerbaijan finalise draft peace deal to resolve four decades of conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh.** Nagorno-Karabakh region is a landlocked mountainous area in the South Caucasus.
- **FM Nirmala Sitharaman Launches Mobile App for PM Internship Scheme,** aims to enhance participation by facilitating easier registration for the second round of the scheme, which accepts applications until March 31. PM internship scheme:- announced in the Budget 2024-25. It aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in top 500 companies in five years.
- **India's First Exploration Licence Auction and AI-Driven Mineral Targeting Hackathon Launched in Goa.**
- **Six New Properties Added to India's UNESCO Tentative List :-**
  1. Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs :- standing stones in Telangana's Narayanpet district.
  2. Chausath Yogini Temples in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha
  3. The Palace-Fortresses of the Bundelas in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
  4. Kanger Valley National Park in Chhattisgarh
  5. Ashokan Edict Sites in multiple states
  6. Gupta Temples in multiple states
- **The Indian Railways will dig ponds as part of the Union government's Mission Amrit Sarovar** that aims to address the critical issue of water scarcity in the country. Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched

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on 24th April 2022 The Mission aimed at developing / rejuvenating 75 Amrit Sarovar (Pond) in each district of the Country, totalling about 50,000 Amrit Sarovars in the country.

- **At the Asian Film Awards 2025 "All We Imagine As Light" won the Best Film award.** Shahana Goswami - Best Actress for her role in "Santosh", directed by Sandhya Suri who won the trophy of Best New Director. 18th edition of the awards took place in Hong Kong.
- **128 New Moons Found Orbiting Saturn.** The "moon king" title was held by Jupiter, but Saturn now has a total of 274 moons. Saturn's first moon, Titan, was discovered in 1655 by Christiaan Huygens.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined US President Donald Trump-owned social media platform Truth Social.** Truth Social was launched in February, 2022 months after Trump was banned from X (then Twitter).
- **A Russian delegation will participate in the Smart Cities India Expo 2025,** which will be held from March 19 to 21 in New Delhi.
- Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini also announced the launch of the **Lado Laxmi Yojana**, under which women in the state will receive financial assistance of Rs 2,100 per month.
- **India's First PPP Green Waste Processing Plant in Indore.** Under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, Indore launched India's first green waste processing plant, developed through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- **Sikkim Government imposes a tourist fee of Rs 50 per person,** The fee has been made applicable from 15th of March 2025.
- Maharashtra Inaugurates First-Ever Temple Dedicated to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Bhiwandi.
- **Ayushmann Khurrana Named 'Fit India Icon' by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.**
- **'Hyderabad faced third worst winter pollution in country'.** It stands behind Delhi and Kolkata. Chennai recorded the lowest.
- **India ranked 24th out of 33 countries in free speech index.** A recent global survey by The Future of Free Speech, a U.S.-based think tank. The report, titled "Who in the World Supports Free Speech?"
- **India ranked 118th in World Happiness Report 2025** Published by the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford, in collaboration with Gallup, the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, and an independent editorial board. Finland is the happiest country in the world for the eighth year in a row, India stood at 118th position among 147 countries (up from 126 in 2024).
- **North India's first Nuclear project coming up in Haryana in Gorakhpur.**
- **'Watan Ko Jano' Programme:-** Promoting National Integration Among Kashmiri Youth.
- **Punjab is to become the first state in India to introduce sign language in its Legislative Assembly.**
- **Chiranjeevi Honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award at UK's House of Commons.** **Hydrologist Günter Blöschl Wins 2025 Stockholm Water Prize.**
- **East Coast Railway Creates History:** Becomes the First Railway Zone to Achieve 250 MT of Freight Loading in 2024-25



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- **Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil launched the country-wide Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain – 2025** from Panchkula, Haryana - to Drive Community-Led Water Conservation and Sustainability Across 148 Districts.
- **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in West Bengal's Darjeeling** has become India's first zoo to preserve DNA samples of wildlife found exclusively in snowy regions.
- **First-Ever Export of Anthurium** Flowers from Mizoram to Singapore .
- **The Parliament has passed the Boilers Bill, 2024, replacing the Boilers Act, 1923**, to regulate boiler safety and ensure uniformity in registration and inspection.
- **As per ILO's World Social Protection Report (WSPR) 2024-26: India's social protection coverage doubled from 24.4 percent in 2021 to 48.8 per cent in 2024.** As per Ministry of Labour and Employment, nearly 920 million people, or 65% of the population, covered by at least one social protection (cash or kind), through central government schemes.
- **Centre notifies 24% hike in salaries, pensions for MPs.** A Lok Sabha or a Rajya Sabha member will get ₹1.24 lakh a month, up from the ₹1 lakh they receive at present. The pension for former MPs has been increased to ₹31,000 from ₹25,000 a month. The additional pension for every year of service in excess of five years has been increased to ₹2,500 from ₹2,000 a month.
- **Kerala Became First State To Establish Senior Citizens Commission.**
- **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**, under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, has successfully exported the first consignment of GI-Tagged Dalle Chilly from Sikkim to the Solomon Islands.
- **The Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2024 amends the Disaster Management Act, 2005.** Bill aims to mainstream disaster management in development plans & bring more clarity and convergence in roles of authorities and committees.
- The Lok Sabha passed the Tribhuvan Sahkari University Bill, 2025 to establish the country's **first national cooperative university** at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) in Gujarat.
- **The Punjab govt has announced plans to develop Nangal** as a major tourist destination and turn Anandpur Sahib's Jhajjar Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary into the state's first leopard safari destination.
- **Indonesia has agreed to join the New Development Bank** established by the BRICS group. Indonesia is to become the 9th country to become a member of the New Development Bank.

## **BANKING AWARENESS**

- **Finance and Revenue Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey** appointed as the new chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- **Yes Bank has emerged as India's highest-rated bank in sustainability** for the third consecutive year, as per the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) 2024 and the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP).
- **City Union Bank, Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** tie up for co-branded credit card.

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- **State owned Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**, the largest life insurer in India, has been **ranked third among** the world's 100 strongest insurance brands, achieving a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 88 out of 100, as per the Brand Finance Insurance 100 2025 report.
- **State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a collateral free digital SME** (small and medium enterprise) loan product = SBI Asmita' for women entrepreneurs to help them expand their business.
- **Rupee112, a Gurgaon-based fintech startup, has launched India's first fully automated loan** disbursal service via WhatsApp. The service enables salaried professionals to access instant unsecured loans. Borrowers can secure loans between ₹5,000 and ₹1,00,000 by messaging Rupee112's official WhatsApp number.
- **Atul Kumar Goel Assumes** Charge as Chief Executive of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA).
- **Star Health Insurance launches the —SheTARAI health campaign** in Tamil Nadu to celebrate International Women's Day.
- **RBI Wins Digital Transformation Award 2025** for Pravaah and Sarthi Initiatives. RBI has been selected for the Digital Transformation Award 2025 by Central Banking at London in UK.
- **City Union Bank** becomes Sunrisers Hyderabad's exclusive banking partner.
- **US Overtakes UAE as India's Largest Source of Remittances, Says RBI Survey.** Advanced economies (AEs), particularly the US, the UK, Singapore, Canada, and Australia, together accounted for more than half of India's remittances in 2023-24 (FY24), reflecting a shift in migration patterns towards a skilled Indian diaspora.
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** Strengthens Ties with Chennai Super Kings & Gujarat Titans as Official Banking Partner.
- **Rahul Bhawe** Appointed as MD & CEO of IFCI, Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI).
- **Parliament passes Banking Laws Bill, increasing option for nominees to four from one.** The bill seeks to amend the Reserve Bank of India Act 1934, the Banking Regulation Act 1949, the State Bank of India Act 1955, the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act 1970 and the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertaking) Act 1980.
- **The Finance Ministry has discontinued the Gold Monetisation Scheme(GMS)** for medium- and long-term deposits from March 26, 2025. RBI has clarified that existing deposits will continue until maturity; however, no fresh mobilisations or renewals will be allowed. Launch Year: November 2015, as a revamped version of the Gold Deposit Scheme (1999). Implemented by: Jointly by Ministry of Finance, RBI, and scheduled commercial banks.