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- NMDC Ltd has launched a portal 'Samman' for its former employees.
- Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra launched the myCGHS app for Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiaries.
- Aditya Birla Capital launched a new fintech app, 'ABCD'.
- The government has appointed Manoj Panda, former director at the Institute of Economic Growth as the full time member of the 16th Finance Commission.
- Dame Valerie Adams has been named the International Event Ambassador for the 16th edition of the Tata Consultancy Services World 10K Bengaluru.
- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has appointed A Ganesh Kumar and Debasis Kundu as members of the National Statistical Commission(NSC).
- Pakistan's foreign minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar has been appointed deputy prime minister.
- Vietnam's Vice President Vo Thi Anh Xuan was appointed interim president of Vietnam on 21st March 2024.
- The government appointed former Karnataka High Court Chief Justice PS Dinesh Kumar as the presiding officer and former principal chief commissioner of income tax Dheeraj Bhatnagar as a technical member to the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT).
- New Senegalese President Bassirou Diomaye Faye appointed Ousmane Sonko as prime minister in his first act as president.
- Shiny Wilson, a name synonymous with Indian athletics, has been nominated as a member of the Asian Athletic Commission.
- Sheyphali B. Sharan has assumed charge as the Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB) upon superannuation of Manish Desai.
- Tata International Limited appointed Rajeev Singhal as its Managing Director (MD).
- Democratic Republic of Congo's President Felix Tshisekedi has appointed the country's first-ever female prime minister, naming planning minister Judith Suminwa Tuluka.
- Sorin Investment Fund Chairman Sanjay Nayar has taken over as ASSOCHAM president for 2024-25.

- Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi was sworn in for his third term as the President of Egypt.
- Axis Capital has appointed Atul Mehra as its managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO).
- Senior IAS Officer Ravi Kota officially took over as the new Chief Secretary of Assam.
- Peter Pellegrini has been elected president of Slovakia, succeeding the liberal Zuzana Caputova.
- Bilquis Mir from Jammu and Kashmir is set to become the first woman from India to represent the country as a jury member at Summer Olympics.
- Sushil Sharma has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of SJVN Limited.
- Wipro has appointed Srinivas Pallia as the chief executive officer (CEO) and managing director (MD) of the company.
- NDDDB chief Meenesh Shah has been unanimously elected as chairman of National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India Ltd (NCDFI).
- Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) has appointed two part-time members to the Governing Board of insolvency regulator, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- Lawmaker Simon Harris was elected Ireland's new prime minister, becoming at 37 the country's youngest-ever leader.
- Jagjit Pavadia was re-elected as a member to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) by secret ballot for the third term for five years from March 2025-2030.
- The US-India Tax Forum, an US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) initiative, has appointed Tarun Bajaj as the new Chair of the Forum.
- FSIB has recommended the name of IFCI Managing Director Manoj Mittal as SIDBI Chairman and Managing Director.
- The central government notified the appointment of National Stock Exchange CEO and managing director Ashish Kumar Chauhan and Zoho founder Sridhar Vembu as members of the University Grants Commission (UGC) for 3 year.
- Iceland has appointed Bjarni Benediktsson to replace Katrín Jakobsdóttir as prime minister after she resigned to run in the country's upcoming presidential election.

- The executive board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) re-appointed Kristalina Georgieva's position as managing director for a 2nd five-year term starting on 1st October 2024.
- Kuwait's Emir appointed Ahmad Abdullah al-Ahmad al-Sabah as new prime minister of Kuwait.
- The Ministry of Law and Justice notified a six-member committee to address issues related to the queer community, the committee, to be headed by the Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba.
- Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi was appointed as the 26th Chief of Naval Staff of the Indian Navy, succeeding Navy Chief Admiral Hari Kumar.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Senior IPS officer Nalin Prabhat as the Director-General of National Security Guard (NSG).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Ajith Kumar K.K. as the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Dhanlaxmi Bank for a period of 3 years.
- HDFC Life Insurance's chairman Deepak S Parekh stepped down from his role.
- Belgium's Ingmar De Vos has been elected unanimously as the new President of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF).
- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Narpat Singh (IRTS) to the post of Railway Adviser in the High Commission of India, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- The Supreme Court has appointed Justice Aniruddha Bose as the Director of The National Judicial Academy (NJA).
- Amitabh Chaudhry has been re-appointed as the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Axis Bank.
- United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Gita Sabharwal of India as the United Nations Resident Coordinator (designate) in Indonesia, with the host Government's approval.
- The Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL), managed by the National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL), has appointed Hardayal Prasad as its new Managing Director and CEO.



- Eight-time Olympic gold medallist Usain Bolt has been chosen as the ambassador for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, which will be co-hosted by the USA and West Indies in June, 2024.
- Former Indian wrestler Narsingh Pancham Yadav was elected the Chairman of the 7 member Athletes' Commission of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named India's famous former cricketer Yuvraj Singh as the ambassador for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.
- Two Indian students' teams from the New Delhi area and Mumbai have won awards from the NASA' 30th Human Exploration Rover Challenge (HERC) 2024.
- Ratan N Tata, Chairman of Tata Trusts, has been conferred with the prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2021, in recognition of his unwavering commitment to social development and exemplary leadership.
- World no. 1 Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic was named Laureus World Sportsman of the Year 2024.
- Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, the Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and COP28 President, has been honoured with the 'Global Energy Transition Impact Award' by the World Energy Council.
- JSW Neo Energy Ltd has received a Letter of Award from NTPC Limited for a 700 MW solar project.
- Puravankara Limited has been honoured with Achievement Award for Creating Social Development and Impact at the 15th Edition of the Vishwakarma Awards, hosted by the Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC).
- The Five Wisden Cricketers of the Year have been announced in the 2024 edition of the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.
- Ananth Technologies Founder, CEO and Chairman Pavuluri Subba Rao has been conferred with the 'Aryabhata Award' instituted by the Aeronautical Society of India (ASI).
- CNS Admiral R Hari Kumar presented Gallantry and Distinguished Service Awards to Naval personnel at South Goa.
- Indian-American actress Avantika Vandanapu was named the South Asian Person of the Year by Harvard University.
- Shashwat Goenka, Vice Chairman of the RPSG Group, has been named in Young Global Leader for 2024 by the World Economic Forum (WEF).

- Dr Gagandeep Kang, Director of Global Health at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, honoured with the prestigious John Dirks Gairdner global health award 2024.
- Mathematician Avi Wigderson was named by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) as the recipient of the 2023 ACM A.M Turing Award.
- Admiral R. Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, awarded 'On the Spot Unit Citation 23-24' to INS Sharda, for successful conduct of anti-piracy operations, during his recent visit to Southern Naval Command, Kochi.
- Indian hockey players Hardik Singh and Salima Tete were named Balbir Singh Sr. Award Player of the Year for 2023 in the men's & women's categories, respectively at the Hockey India Awards 2023 in New Delhi.
- Mamta G. Sagar won the World Literary Prize from the World Organization of Writers (WOW) for her contributions to the world of literature.
- India's Chandrayaan-3 mission team was awarded the prestigious 2024 John L. 'Jack' Swigert Jr. Award for Space Exploration.
- 8 Indian origins made it to Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people of 2024.
- SJVN Limited has been honored with two prestigious awards at the 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2024, organised by the Construction Industry Development Council.
- On National Maritime Day, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways presented the Sagar Samman Awards.
- American Express launched the all-new metal Corporate Platinum Card, designed to cater to the evolving needs of business owners and entrepreneurs in India.
- Commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland Ltd has partnered with South Indian Bank for financing dealers.
- The National Pension System (NPS) assets under management (AUM) recorded a robust 30.5 percent year-on-year growth in 2023-24, reaching ₹11.73 lakh Crore (₹ 8.98 lakh crore), latest PFRDA data.
- The Singapore Tourism Board (STB) and PhonePe have signed a two-year MoU to promote the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for Indians travelling in Singapore.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the certification of registration of 4 non-banking finance companies (NBFC) two from Telangana and one each from Kerala and Uttar Pradesh.
- Non-life insurers posted a 12.78% year-on-year growth in gross direct premium underwritten in 2023-24 (FY24).
- State Bank of India and Standard Chartered Bank India carried out a Credit Default Swap (CDS) trade worth ₹25 crore.
- J&K Bank partners with Paymart India Pvt Ltd to launch an innovative Virtual ATM (VATM) facility.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has received ISO certification for two of its information security systems and two operations controls.
- Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has partnered with Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited to offer life insurance products to the Customers of the Bank.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept the investment limit by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) in government securities unchanged at 6 percent of the outstanding securities stocks for 2024-25.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) directed Gurugram-based company TalkCharge to refund the prepaid funds held in the wallets of its customers.
- The State Bank of India partnered with HCLSoftware, the software business unit of HCLTech, for the bank's digital transformation.
- Fintech company Cred has launched a UPI-based 'Scan and Pay' service that enables members to use any QR code for payments directly from their bank accounts.
- The Reserve Bank of India will establish a Digital India Trust Agency (DIGITA) to stop the mushrooming of illegal lending apps.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has announced the final set of rules on surrender value from 1st April 2024.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) launched the new version of SCORES (SEBI Complaint Redress System) i.e., SCORES 2.0.
- Karnataka Bank has raised around Rs600 crore through qualified institutional placement by issuing shares to institutional investors.
- Bajaj Auto, Tata Motors and Coal India among top five Index performers in FY24.



- Reserve assets rose by USD 34.8 billion, net claims of NRI decreased by USD 12.2 billion: RBI
- The Government of India has approved a simple reversionary bonus for Postal Life Insurance (PLI) Scheme and Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI) Scheme for fiscal year 2024-25.
- AMPIN Energy Transition has secured a 25-million-euro long-term financing investment from OeEB, the Development Bank of Austria.
- The name of L&T Finance Holdings (LTFH) has been changed to L&T Finance Ltd following approval from the Registrar of Companies (RoC).
- TATA AIG General Insurance Company Limited has launched "Travel Guard Plus", a comprehensive travel insurance product that redefines complete coverage for travellers.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has retained its FY25 real GDP growth and retail inflation projections at 7 percent and 4.5 percent.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the opening ceremony of RBI@90, a program marking 90 years of the Reserve Bank of India in Mumbai.
- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) grew by 56 percent year-on-year in H2 2023 to 65.77 billion, up from 42.09 billion in H2 2022.
- Canara Bank launched a slew of new products, including a loan scheme to meet shortfall of hospital expenditure.
- PhonePe partnered with Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Ltd (Star Health Insurance) to offer 'Star Comprehensive Insurance Policy'.
- IIT Bombay's Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (SINE) has partnered with Canara Bank to provide financial aid to start-ups across India.
- Union Bank of India has raised \$500 million (about Rs 4,200 crore) from foreign markets to fund overseas business growth.
- Artemis Medicare Services Ltd has signed a definitive agreement with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to raise funds of ₹330 crores in the form of compulsorily convertible debentures (CCDs).
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed an agreement with a fintech Onion Life Private Limited to use its technology platform KarmaLife for a pilot to provide small enterprise loans to gig workers.

- Tata Mutual Fund launched 6 thematic index funds.
- The Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) service introduced by India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) enables cash withdrawals from the comfort of home.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) increased its GDP growth projection for India for FY25 to 7%, up from its previous estimate of 6.7%.
- NIIF has invested USD 200 million (about Rs 1,660 crore) investment in iBUS Network and Infrastructure Private Limited to support the growth of India's digital infrastructure.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company has entered into a strategic partnership with Policybazaar to offer products on the platform.
- PhonePe has partnered with Nepal's digital wallet service eSewa and the Hotel Association of Nepal (HAN) Pokhara to promote digital payments through UPI on the Nepal payment processor Fonepay Network.
- Karnataka Bank has partnered with FISDOM to offer 3-in-1 (savings, demat and trading accounts) through the bank's mobile banking app 'KBL Mobile Plus'.
- Computer Age Management Services Ltd (CAMS) has received a certificate of authorisation from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online payment aggregator.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has deferred the implementation of currency derivative regulations by a month to 3 May 2024.
- India's fintech sector logs robust 59% growth in Q1 2024!
- PayU partnered with the US-based fintech company PayPal to enhance the cross-border payment experience for Indian merchants.
- Bandhan Financial Holdings Ltd has renamed Aegon Life Insurance to Bandhan Life after acquiring the life insurer.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) marked the celebration of its Silver Jubilee (25th year) on 19th April 2024.
- NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL) in association with State Bank of India, has onboarded SBI National Common Mobility Card (NCCMC) on its Bharat BillPay platform for the convenience of travellers.

- Fintech firm CRED has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the payment aggregation (PA) business.
- Revolut India has received an in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to issue Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI), including prepaid cards and wallets.
- The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) signed a MoU to empower tribal and underprivileged youth across India.
- 3 Indian banks, SBI, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank, have been included in the top 50 banks of the Asia-Pacific region according to a report of S&P Global Market Intelligence released.
- 10 Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) launched a 'Global Collaborative Co-Financing Platform' that will enable them to channel additional capital for development scale and impact.
- Axis Bank has collaborated with Shoppers Stop Ltd to unveil their latest offering 'Axis Bank Shoppers Stop Credit Card'.
- SIDBI signed a MOU With Jeevika Bihar & UMED Maharashtra To Extend Prayaas Scheme To State Rural Livelihood Missions.
- Jio Financial Services is forming a joint venture with U.S asset manager BlackRock to set up a wealth management and broking business in India.
- RBI has directed all banks and regulated entities that all lenders will have to provide key facts statement (KFS) about the loan agreement terms, including all-inclusive interest cost to borrowers for retail and MSME loans, with effect from 1st October 2024.
- Bank of India and Indian Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGIC) have signed agreement to provide mortgage guarantee-backed home loan products in the affordable housing segment.
- SBI Life Insurance launched the 1st edition of 'IdeationX'.
- The International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) has set up a standing committee that will come up with a framework for launching climate finance products.
- Airtel Payments Bank has launch of its NCMC (National Common Mobility Cards) enabled debit and pre-paid cards in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

- Amazon Pay to introduce credit services on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) launched its Climate Strategy 2030 document.
- AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) launched a suite of financial products including Rupay credit card and ATM insurance.
- IndusInd Bank has become the first bank to successfully execute RBI's programmable CBDC pilot in an exchange filing.
- Razorpay launched its own Unified Payments Interface (UPI) infrastructure, or 'UPI switch', in partnership with Airtel Payments Bank.
- Indian Bank has partnered with Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd (TPSSL) to empower residential consumers by providing them with financial support for solar installations.
- Australia's Macquarie Group launched its electric vehicle (EV) financing and end-to-end solutions platform 'Vertelo' in India, which will invest \$1.5 billion in electrifying fleets of buses and cars.
- BharatPe launched BharatPe One, India's first all-in-one payment product that integrates POS (point of sale), QR code, and speaker into one device.
- Effective from 24 April 2024, the RBI has raised the minimum capital requirement for ARCs from ₹100 crore to ₹300 crore.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred Kotak Mahindra Bank from onboarding new customers through its online and mobile banking channels, and from issuing fresh credit cards.
- PayU Payments Pvt Ltd has received the Reserve Bank of India's in-principle approval to operate as a payment aggregator and onboard new merchants onto its platform.
- NABARD partners with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) Hub to fast-track digital agri lending.
- SBI Card has launched three variants of its first travel-focused core credit card, 'SBI Card MILES'.
- Groww Mutual Fund has received the approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to introduce India's 1st Nifty Non-Cyclical Consumer Index Fund.

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved CRISIL ESG Ratings & Analytics as a Category 1 provider of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) ratings.
- Hitachi Payment Services has launched India's first upgradable ATMs.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lay out with guidelines for the voluntary conversion of small finance banks (SFBs) into universal banks.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allowed AIFs (alternative investment funds) to pledge their shares in investee companies in the infrastructure sector.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) committed \$23.6 billion from its own resources in 2023 to help Asia and the Pacific progress on sustainable development.
- HDFC Life, one of India's leading insurers, and Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd (PFPDL) have entered into a corporate agency tie-up.
- Ericsson India and the Foundation for Innovation & Research in Science & Technology (F.I.R.S.T) at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur partnered to boost Mobile Fintech innovation.
- The Former Australian Cricketer Shane Watson launched his book, "The Winner's Mindset".
- British-American author Salman Rushdie releases his memoir "Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder".
- Shankaracharya of Dakshinamnaya Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri, Jagadguru Sri Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swami released "Heavenly Islands of Goa", a book authored by Governor of Goa P.S Sreedharan Pillai, in Goa.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was presented with a book titled "Sabke Ram" by Panchjanya editor Hitesh Shankar and Managing Director of Bharat Prakashan Arun Goyal.
- A biography chronicling the personal and political journey of Goa's former chief minister Pratapsingh Rane titled "Maker of Modern Goa – the untold story of Pratapsingh Rane", was released.
- Renowned author Sam Pitroda has written a new book titled 'The Idea of Democracy'.
- Indian Navy's indigenous, INS Sahyadri participated in Maritime Partnership Exercise with Royal Navy's RFA Argus and RFA Lyme Bay.



- Indian Navy conducted Exercise 'Poorvi Lehar' on East Coast under the Operational Control of The Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command.
- 5th edition of India-Uzbekistan joint military Exercise 'DUSTLIK-2024' is being conducted from 15th to 28th April 2024 in Termez District, Uzbekistan.
- Trishakti Corps, Indian Army, conducted a training exercise on Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) firing at a Super High-Altitude Area of 17,000 Feet in Sikkim.
- A two-day Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach 01/24' involving all maritime security agencies was conducted in UT of Lakshadweep from 1 to 2 April 2024.
- A METOC seminar 'Meghayan-24' was conducted by SNOM and INMAC at Southern Naval Command on 28 March 2024.
- The Indian Air Force has commenced a 10-day war exercise called 'Gagan Shakti-2024' from 1st April to 10 April 2024 in Pokhran.
- Defence exports have recorded Rs21,083 crore (approx. US\$ 2.63 Billion) in the Financial Year (FY) 2023-24, a growth of 32.5% over the last fiscal when the figure was Rs15,920 crore.
- Mahindra Aerostructures has signed a multi-year contract worth around USD 100 million with Airbus Atlantic Group entity.
- The Indian government has raised Rs16,500 crore in 2023/24 by selling its stakes in about 10 state-run companies.
- Indian Oil has signed a binding term sheet with Panasonic Energy Co. Ltd for manufacturing cylindrical lithium-ion cells in India.
- Prestige Group has entered into a strategic deal worth Rs 2,001 crore with the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) and Kotak AIF.
- A joint venture of state-owned RVNL and Salasar Techno Engineering has bagged a transmission project worth around Rs60 crore in central African nation Rwanda.
- World Bank projected Indian economy to grow at 7.5 percent in 2024.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved a acquisition of an 8% stake in MG Motor India by IndoEdge India Fund – Large Value Fund (LVF) Scheme.
- The owner of Formula 1, Liberty Media, has acquisition of MotoGP in a \$4.2 billion deal.

- IndusInd International Holdings has acquired 60% stake in Invesco Asset Management India for undisclosed amount.
- Larsen & Toubro concludes Divestment of its entire stake 51% in L&T Infrastructure Development Projects Limited (L&T IDPL).
- NTPC Ltd has shut down its 220 MW Barauni Thermal Power Station Stage 1 in Bihar.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) has signed a Transfer of Technology (ToT) agreement with National Aerospace Laboratories for the manufacture of the Bismaleimide Engine Bay Door for the series production of Light Combat Aircraft Tejas Mk1A.
- CSIR-IICT and BHEL corporate R&D have signed a MoU to develop a technology for capturing and CO2 into Dimethyl Ether (DME) through direct catalytic conversion.
- ATC Telecom Infrastructure Pvt Ltd sold its entire 2.87 percent stake in telecom operator Vodafone Idea for Rs1,840 crore through an open market transaction.
- A MoU was signed between NTPC Limited and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) for the supply of 9 lakh metric tonnes of limestone (lime chips, a by-product of the RINL).
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved subscription to Compulsory Convertible Debentures (CCDs) of Napino Auto and Electronics Limited (Napino) by International Finance Corporation (IFC).
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of stake in PAMP Technologies (India) Private Ltd (PAMP Technologies) and MMTC PAMP India Private Ltd by PAMP Ventures SA.
- India's economy is projected to grow by 6.5% in 2024, according to a report by the UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- IMF raised India's GDP growth projection for 2024-25 by 30 basis points to 6.8 percent in its update to the World Economic Outlook (WEO).
- India's economy is estimated to grow at 8-8.3 percent in FY25.
- The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur and Blockchain For Impact (BFI) have announced a strategic partnership under the BFI-Biome Virtual Network Programme to nurture innovations and driving advancements in healthcare in India.

- ReNew Energy Global has signed an initial agreement with JERA Co Inc, to jointly evaluate development of a green ammonia production project in India.
- The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) has established a new office in GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- Moody's Analytics has projected a 6.1% expansion for India's economy in 2024, a slight decrease from the 7.7% growth recorded in 2023.
- National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) projects the Indian economy growth rate of 7.1-7.4 percent in the current financial year (FY25).
- REC Limited has secured green loan totaling JPY 60.536 billion from SACE to finance green projects across India.
- Bain Capital sold a 1.08% stake in Axis Bank for ₹3,575 crore through an open market transaction.
- BNP Paribas has agreed to buy a 9% stake in Ageas from China's Fosun Group for about 730 million euros (\$780 million).
- Air India and Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) have signed a pact to develop the Bengaluru airport as an aviation hub.
- Researchers discovered a new species 'Impatiens neo-uncinata' of garden balsam in Kerala.
- A rare butterfly species named 'Neptis philyra' (Nymphalidae family), discovered in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The new scheme Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 (EMPS 2024) Implemented by the Ministry of Heavy Industries, has come into effect from 1st April 2024 after the end of the FAME scheme on 31st March 2024.
- International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) is annually observed on 31 March.
- Army Medical Corps celebrated its 260th Raising Day on 3rd April 2024.
- World Autism Awareness Day is celebrated every year on 2 April.
- International Children's Book Day (ICBD) is celebrated annually on 2 April to promote reading and to inspire a love for books among children worldwide.

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- International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is annually observed on 4 April.
- Every year, World Parkinson's Day is observed on 11 April.
- Prevention of Blindness Week is annually observed from 1st April to 7 April to raise awareness about the struggles and achievements of blind people.
- 13th April 2024 marks the 105th Anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre (also known as the Amritsar Massacre).
- The International Day of Human Space Flight is celebrated on 12 April to honour the first person, Yuri Gagarin, to go to space.
- On 6 April 2024, marking the 11th International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP).
- World Health Day is celebrated every year on April 7 to raise awareness around various health issues worldwide.
- The International Romani Day is annually celebrated on 8 April to raise awareness of the issues facing Romani people.
- World Homeopathy Day is annually celebrated on 10 April to honour the work of German physician and chemist Dr Samuel Hahnemann on his birth anniversary.
- Every year April 9 is celebrated as Bravery Day (Valour Day) to pay tribute to the brave soldiers of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- World Veterinary Day 2024 was celebrated on Saturday, 27 April 2024.
- Manipur observed 133rd Khongjom Day on 23 April 2024.
- International Delegate's Day is annually observed on 25 April to raise awareness of the role of the representatives and delegates of Member States to the United Nations.
- International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day is annually observed on 26 April.
- World Penguin Day is celebrated on 25 April each year.
- Every year, World Intellectual Property Day is observed on 26 April.

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- The International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace is annually observed on 24 April.
- International Girls in ICT Day 2024 was observed on 25 April.
- World Malaria Day is annually observed on 25 April to raise awareness about the preventive measures against Malaria.
- World English Day, also known as United Nations (UN) English Language Day, is celebrated annually on 23rd April.
- UN Spanish Language Day is observed annually on 23 April.
- Every year, April 23 is celebrated as the World Book and Copyright Day.
- 24 April 2024 marks the observance of the 15th National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD).
- Administrative Professionals Day 2024 was observed on 24th April 2024.
- World Day for Laboratory Animals is observed every year on 24 April.
- National Safe Motherhood Day is being celebrated on 11 April in India.
- World Liver Day is observed annually on 19th April to raise awareness about liver-related diseases and the importance of liver health.
- UN Chinese Language Day is observed annually on 20 April.
- Every year, National Civil Service Day is observed on 21 April.
- World Creativity and Innovation Day, observed annually on 21 April.
- 'International Mother Earth Day' is celebrated every year on 22 April.
- Every year 18th April is celebrated as World Heritage Day or International Day for monuments and sites.
- The International Day for Street Children is annually observed on 12 April.



- The Indian Army observed the 40th Siachen Day on 13 April 2024.
- World Chagas Disease Day is annually observed on 14 April to raise awareness around Chagas disease.
- National fire service day was observed on 14th April.
- Every year, World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed on 28 April.
- International Dance Day is celebrated every year on 29 April.
- World Hemophilia Day is annually observed on 17 April to raise awareness around haemophilia.
- International Day of Zero Waste is celebrated every year on 30 March.
- World Voice Day is annually observed on 16 April.
- World Art Day (WAD) is celebrated every year on 15 April to promoting the development, distribution, and enjoyment of art worldwide.
- India's Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has emerged as the highest-ranked Indian university in 14th edition of QS World University Rankings list.
- India rank 3rd with 67 unicorns, as per a report by the Hurun Research Institute.
- In the top 10 busiest airports of the world in 2023, Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has secured the 10th position globally with a passenger traffic of 72.2 million flyers.
- At the top of the Forbes World's Billionaires List 2024 is Mukesh Ambani whose net worth shot up to \$116 billion, from \$83 billion.
- Romania and Bulgaria partially joined Europe's Schengen travel zone.
- UNICEF India, the International Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) Delhi and the IIT Bombay jointly launched a 10-week Digital Health Enterprise Planning Course.
- WHO has launched 'CoViNet', to accurate detection, monitoring and assessment of coronaviruses of public health importance.

- As per report released by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), India is expected to lose around 5.8 percent of daily working hours due to rising temperatures by 2030.
- As per UN DESA's FSDR 2024, to overcome or close the development financing gap in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), now estimated at 4.2 trillion U.S dollars annually.
- The World Trade Organisation (WTO) revised its projection for merchandise trade volume to grow increase by 2.6 percent in 2024 and by 3.3 percent in 2025.
- Zimbabwe has launched a new gold-backed currency called ZiG "Zimbabwe Gold".
- Qatar's Hamad International Airport in Doha has been named the world's best airport in 2024 by London-based air transport rating organisation Skytrax, with Singapore Changi Airport coming in at second place.
- Sweden has become 38th signatory to the Artemis Accords.
- According to a report by the UNFPA, India's population is estimated to have reached 1.44 billion, with 24 percent in the 0-14 age bracket.
- According to new data on global military spending published by the SIPRI, the total global military expenditure increased for the 9th consecutive year to an all-time high of USD 2443 billion in 2023.
- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has signed an agreement with SAI Bulgaria, the Bulgarian National Audit Office, in Sofia, in a bid to foster international cooperation.
- As per World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)' 4th edition of "State of the Climate in Asia 2023" report, Asia was the world's most disaster-hit region from weather, climate and water-related hazards in 2023.
- On the sidelines of the India-Kuwait Investment conference 2.0, India and Kuwait inked a MoU aimed at sharing information on technologies and innovations within the financial and regulatory sectors.
- UNHCR launched the UNHCR Climate Resilience Fund, seeking to boost the protection of refugees and displaced communities.
- According to a UNCTAD report, India's services exports increased 11.4 percent to USD 345 billion in 2023 despite global economic uncertainties.

- The UN's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) unanimously appointed Saudi Arabia to chair its 69th session in 2025, according to the Saudi Arabia Mission to the UN.
- According to the World Health Organization (WHO) 2024 Global Hepatitis Report, Hepatitis is the second leading infectious cause of death globally.
- The 26th edition of World Energy Congress, was held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, from 22 April to 25 April 2024, to commemorate the centenary of the World Energy Council.
- Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) signed a MoU with ACME Cleantech Solutions Private Limited (ACME), a pioneer in renewable energy for the purchase and supply of about 200,000 MT Ammonia made through the renewable energy route.
- Hydroelectric power major Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN) has signed a MoU with IIT Patna to use advanced geological models in SJVN's tunnelling project to reduce time and cost overruns.
- Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi, for co-operation in various fields.
- The Alliance of Digital India Foundation (ADIF) and the IIT Guwahati Technology Incubation Centre (IIT Guwahati TIC) signed a MoU to foster entrepreneurship and offer assistance to technology firms.
- Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) signed a MoU with Ministry of Civil Service, Cambodia on cooperation in the field of Human Resource Development in Civil Service.
- Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) signed a MoU with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - National Geophysical Research Institute (CSIR-NGRI) to foster a long-term collaboration in the field of geophysical investigations.
- NTPC Green Energy Ltd (NGEL) has signed an initial pact with Indus Towers Ltd (ITL) to address the need for pacing green energy objectives and the Govt's efforts towards carbon neutral economy.
- Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) has signed a MoU with Turkish Engineering Consulting and Contracting-TUMAS India Pvt Ltd.
- The Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) signed a MoU for collaborative research and training with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur.

- The Higher School of Economics (HSE), situated in Russia, and the University of Delhi have forged an agreement for strategic collaboration and joint initiatives.
- BEML Limited and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed a MoU to jointly develop an indigenous Train Control Management System (i-TCMS).
- Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) has signed a MoU with CSIR-IMMT for Technical & Knowledge cooperation for Critical Minerals.
- BMW Group and Tata Technologies have signed an agreement to form a joint venture to set up an automotive software and IT development hub in India.
- Tejas Networks Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Telecom Egypt (TE), ITIDA to replicate implementing Bharatnet and NKN projects in Egypt.
- The SatCom Industry Association of India (SIA-India) and ABRASAT, the Brazilian Satellite Communications Association, have signed a MoU to propel advancements in the space sector.
- National Power Training Institute (NPTI) and PTC India Ltd have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a CoE for Research & Development in the Energy Domain.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd has signed a contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited for the supply of six sets of LM2500 gas turbines (GT) and GT Auxiliaries (GTAE), spares, tools for Indian Navy's NGMV project.
- The Quality Council of India (QCI) has signed a MoU with Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) to enhance awareness and participation in the MSME Competitive Lean Scheme (MCLS).
- Meta has partnered with the Press Trust of India (PTI) under its third-party fact-checking programme in India.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has issued a directive, effective from 1st April 2024, to link their Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) Beneficiary ID with their Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) ID.
- The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has extended the last date for geo-tagging of properties till 30 June 2024, in a move to give another opportunity to taxpayers to register their property with the civic body.
- The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) has partnered with HP India to introduce 'HP Future Impact Leaders - IICA Certified Environmental – Social – Governance (ESG) Professional Programme'.

- A meeting was held for the launch of the report titled “Synchronizing energy transitions towards possible Net-Zero for India: Affordable and clean energy for All” prepared by IIM-Ahmedabad as part of a study project.
- India plans to build its first privately managed strategic petroleum reserve (SPR) by 2029-30.
- Central Coalfields Limited unveiled its official brand-new logo with tagline: “Fuelling Sustainable Growth”.
- ISRO has unveiled a new introductory-level online training programme called ‘Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START)’.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has re-imposed the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM) order for solar photovoltaic (PV) modules from 1st April 2024.
- The National Highways Authority of India's "One Vehicle, One FASTag" rule came into force from 1st April 2024.
- The Department of Posts Bihar Circle has decided to release a special cover to commemorate 250 years of the release of the world's first postal stamp, the 'Copper Stamp' which was issued from Patna (Azimabad).
- As many as 19 traditional products and crafts of Assam, including 'Bihu Dhol', 'Jaapi' and several items of the Bodo community, have been accorded the geographical indication (GI) tag.
- Adani Green Energy becomes first company in India to surpass 10,000 megawatt (MW) renewable energy capacity in its operational portfolio.
- NTPC Limited launched latest edition of Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM), its flagship Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.
- According to the latest data from the Global Forest Watch monitoring project, India has lost 2.33 million hectares of tree cover since 2000, equivalent to a 6% decrease in tree cover during 2001-2023.
- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) has introduced a new platform - CDP-SURAKSHA - to disburse subsidies to horticulture farmers under the Cluster Development Programme (CDP).
- The President of India, Droupadi Murmu launched India's first home-grown gene therapy named “CAR-T cell therapy” for cancer at IIT Bombay.



- RECPDCL has handed over two project-specific SPVs namely 'Kallam Transco Limited' and 'Jalpura Khurja Power Transmission Limited', to Tata Power.
- India aims to produce 100 GW nuclear power by 2047.
- The Technology Development Board (TDB) has partnered with Remine India Private Limited to establish a commercial plant for recycling lithium-ion batteries (LIB) and e-waste using indigenous technology in Uttarakhand.
- India and Mauritius have signed a protocol to amend the double taxation avoidance agreement (DTAA).
- A team of archaeologists have discovered a unique Iron Age megalithic site at Ooragutta near Bandala village in SS Tadvai mandal of Mulugu district, Telangana.
- The Union finance ministry notified amendments to the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) Rules, 2019 to operationalise the new foreign direct investment (FDI) limits for satellite-related activities.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has signed a record number of 125 Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) with Indian taxpayers in 2023-24.
- Government Establishes Panel to Drive Legislation for Optimal Mining of Critical Minerals.
- The government has notified specifications of a new product 'Nano Urea Plus' fertiliser to be manufactured by cooperative IFFCO in the country for the next 3 years.
- Tirangi Barfi of Varanasi has been given the status of GI product.
- Linking of the Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) number with the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) Beneficiary ID has been extended for 120 days or four months from 30 June 2024.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras launched India's first medical devices calibration facility on wheels.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2550th Bhagwan Mahaveer Nirvana Mahotsav at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital, on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti.
- The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance, has given the status of Navratna company to urea manufacturer National Fertilizers Limited (NFL).

- Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Chairman and Managing Director Geeta Kapur inaugurated India's first multi-purpose green hydrogen pilot project at the 1,500 MW Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station (NJHPS) in Jhakri, Himachal Pradesh.
- Government has expanded the composition of the committee formed to look into pricing reforms for drugs and medical devices by admitting various industry bodies.
- CelerityX, the enterprise networking solutions division of OneOTT Intertainment Ltd (OIL) and a subsidiary of Hinduja Global Solutions Limited, has introduced its latest innovation – OneX.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO) was conferred the prestigious 'Navratna' status by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE).
- More than 27% of the identified glacial lakes in the Himalayas have notably expanded since 1984 and 130 of those are in India: ISRO
- The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) launched the 'Integrated Pensioners' Portal of the Bank of India' to digitalise pension services and enhance the welfare of pensioners.
- India's gem and jewellery sector has received an Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) status from the finance ministry.
- The European Union (EU) and India launched an Expression of Interest (EOI) for start-ups working in the area of Battery Recycling Technologies for Electric Vehicles (EVs) for a matchmaking event.
- The ministry of health and the Quality Council of India (QCI) has initiated five-year collaboration to provide high-quality healthcare services to an estimated 42 lakh CGHS beneficiaries.
- The Ministry of Road, Transport, and Highways (MoRTH) has constructed 12,349 kms of national highways in FY24.
- Adani Enterprises' subsidiary Kutch Copper commenced operations through the first unit of its greenfield copper refinery project at Mundra, Gujarat.
- India has reported a 38 percent surge in steel imports to 8.319 million tonnes, becoming a net importer of the commodity during 2023-24 financial year, according to government data.
- Sany India, a manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, introduced the SKT105E Electric Dump Truck, the first of its kind to be made in India.

- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has approved a proposal for India Ports Global (IPGL) to take over the operations of the entire Sittwe port located on the Kaladan River, Myanmar.
- Secretary (Telecom), Dr Neeraj Mittal, virtually launched "Experimental Licence module for 100 5G Labs" during a 5G workshop at IIT Madras.
- The sitars and tanpuras of Miraj, a small town in Maharashtra's Sangli district have been awarded the coveted GI tags.
- BJP MP from Karnataka's Chamarajanagar and former Union minister V Sreenivasa Prasad passed away at the age of 76 in Bengaluru.
- Noted Carnatic musician K.G Jayan passed away in Ernakulam district of Kerala.
- Bernd Holzenbein, a FIFA World Cup winner with West Germany in 1974, has passed away aged 78.
- Director Durai of Pasi fame passed away due to age-related complications in Chennai.
- Nobel Prize Winning British physicist Peter Higgs has died aged 94.
- Former Wimbledon and Newcastle United manager Joe Kinnear has passed away at the age of 77.
- Tim McGovern, a visual effects veteran who earned an Oscar for his work on 1990's Total Recall, passed away in Washington, USA.
- Veteran American actress Barbara Rush died in Los Angeles, USA.
- WHO launched S.A.R.A.H., a digital health promoter prototype.
- Microsoft and OpenAI have unveiled plans to construct a artificial intelligence technology supercomputer named "Stargate".
- Venturi Astrolab Inc has unveiled a groundbreaking prototype of a lunar rover, the Flexible Logistics and Exploration (FLEX) vehicle.
- The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has delivered two Dornier 228 planes to the Guyana Defence Force.
- SpaceX launched the first in a new series of rideshare missions "Bandwagon-1".

- Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) has launched India's first private sector-built sub-metre resolution earth observation satellite, TSAT-1A, in collaboration with Satellogic.
- Russia test-launched its Angara-A5 space rocket for the first time from the Vostochny Cosmodrome in the Far East.
- Israel for the first time deployed its ship-mounted defence system, called the C-Dome.
- NASA have signed an agreement with Japan to advance sustainable human exploration of the Moon.
- NASA has confirmed its Dragonfly rotorcraft mission to Saturn's organic-rich moon Titan.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully developed the lightest bulletproof jacket in India for protection against the highest threat level 6.
- C-DOT has signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur for "Automated Service Management in 5G and Beyond Networks Using AI".
- China launches 3-member Shenzhou-18 crew to its Tiangong space station in low earth orbit.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a successful flight-test of Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- Intel has built Code-named 'Hala Point', the world's largest neuromorphic system to support research for future brain-inspired artificial intelligence.
- DRDO's Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) has handed over the first batch of the indigenous Leading Edge Actuators and Airbrake Control Module to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- India delivered the first batch of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to the Philippines.
- Gopi Thotakura is set to become the first Indian to venture into space as a tourist on Amazon founder Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin's NS-25 mission.
- ISRO has developed lightweight Carbon-Carbon (C-C) nozzle for rocket engines.

- A state-of-the-art Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterization and Evaluation (SPACE) was inaugurated by Secretary of Defence (R&D) and Chairman of DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat at the Underwater Acoustic Research Facility, Kulamavu, in Idukki, Kerala.
- Nigeria has become the 1st country in the world to launch a new vaccine (called Men5CV) recommended by the WHO.
- The Indian Army has received its first batch of 24 Russia-made Igla-S Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS).
- Team India ended the Youth World Boxing Cup 2024 in Budva, Montenegro, with 26 medals.
- Former World No. 1 badminton player Kento Momota has announced his retirement from international badminton after featuring in the Thomas Cup for Japan.
- India topped the medal tally with 8 medals - 5 gold, 2 silvers and 1 bronze at the 2024 Archery World Cup Stage-1 held in Shanghai, China from 23 April to 28 April 2024.
- The senior Indian wrestling team finished their campaign at the 20th Asian Wrestling Championship by winning 9 medals - 4 silvers and 5 bronzes.
- Tennis player Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece defeated Casper Ruud of Norway in a straight set 6-1, 6-4 to win his third ATP Monte Carlo Masters 1000 title.
- GM Gukesh Dommaraju has won the 2024 FIDE Candidates Tournament.
- World Champion formula one (F1) driver Max Verstappen has won the Chinese Grand Prix race 2024.
- Spain's former world number 1 and Wimbledon and French Open champion Garbine Muguruza announced her retirement from professional tennis at age 30.
- Anupama Upadhyaya and Tharun Mannepilli won the women's and men's singles titles, respectively at the Kazakhstan International Challenge tournament in Astana.
- Indonesian Badminton player Jonatan Christie won his first Asian Badminton Championship by defeating the Chinese player Li Shi Feng in the final of the 2024 Badminton Asia Championships.
- Top Indian athlete Aishwarya Mishra's 400m bronze medal at 2023 Asian Championships will be upgraded to silver.

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- Max Verstappen securing a triumphant third consecutive pole-to-flag victory at the Japanese Formula One Grand Prix 2024.
- Anupama Upadhyaya defeats Tanya Hemanth (India) to win the women's singles title of the Orlen Polish Open 2024, held from 20th to 24 March 2024 in Wilanow Sports Centre, Warsaw, Poland.
- Italy's Jannik Sinner won the men's singles title at the Miami Open 2024 tennis tournament in Florida.