

## National News & Polity

1. The Union Cabinet approved the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026. What is the newly proposed sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court?

- A) 34 B) 37 C) 38 D) 41

Answer: C) 38

**Explanation:** The Cabinet has approved an increase in the number of judges from 34 to 38. This includes 37 puisne judges and the Chief Justice of India (CJI). This move is aimed at reducing the massive backlog of cases and facilitating the formation of more Constitution Benches.

2. Which portal was recently highlighted by the RBI for helping legal heirs trace unclaimed deposits of deceased account holders?

- A) PRAGATI B) UDGAM  
C) E-Kuber D) SARATHI

Answer: B) UDGAM

**Explanation:** UDGAM (Unclaimed Deposits-Gateway to Access inforMation) is a centralized web portal developed by the RBI. As of May 2026, 30 banks have been integrated into the portal to simplify the process for citizens to search for unclaimed deposits across multiple banks.

3. In the context of a "Hung Assembly" in Tamil Nadu (May 2026), which Article of the Constitution allows the Governor to recommend President's Rule?

- A) Article 352 B) Article 356  
C) Article 360 D) Article 163

Answer: B) Article 356

**Explanation:** If no party or coalition can prove a majority in a "Hung Assembly," the Governor can recommend President's Rule under Article 356. In May 2026, political instability in Tamil Nadu brought this constitutional provision into focus.

4. The Ministry of Health recently revamped the "RBSK" guidelines. What is the major addition to the '4Ds' framework in RBSK 2.0?

- A) Geriatric care  
B) Behavioral health and mental health  
C) Occupational hazards  
D) Infectious disease mapping

Answer: B) Behavioral health and mental health

**Explanation:** Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) 2.0 has expanded its scope from basic deficiencies and defects to include "behavioral and mental health," aligning with the National Health Mission's focus on holistic child well-being.

## International News

5. According to the "World Migration Report 2026," which country is the world's top recipient of remittances?

- A) Mexico B) China  
C) India D) Philippines

Answer: C) India

**Explanation:** India remains the top recipient globally, crossing the \$137 billion mark in 2024-25. It is the only nation to surpass the \$100 billion threshold, followed by Mexico and the Philippines.

6. Which organization manages the "Methane Alert and Response System (MARS)," which was recently expanded to include coal mines?

- A) IEA B) UNEP  
C) IPCC D) World Bank

Answer: B) UNEP

**Explanation:** The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), through its International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO), manages MARS. Originally focused on oil and gas, it now monitors methane leaks from coal mines and waste facilities using satellite data.

7. Which international accord was adopted during the G20 Summit in May 2026 to foster multilateral cybersecurity cooperation?

- A) Paris Call for Trust  
B) Global Digital Shield Accord  
C) Budapest Convention  
D) Digital India Accord

Answer: B) Global Digital Shield Accord

**Explanation:** The G20 members adopted the "Global Digital Shield Accord" to strengthen international cooperation against cyber threats, focusing on protecting critical infrastructure and sharing real-time threat intelligence.

8. EAM S. Jaishankar's visit to which country in May 2026 marked the first-ever bilateral visit by an Indian External Affairs Minister to that nation?

- A) Guyana                      B) Jamaica  
C) Barbados                    D) Trinidad and Tobago

**Answer: B) Jamaica**

**Explanation:** This historic visit to Jamaica focused on healthcare cooperation and renewable energy, resulting in the signing of three major MoUs.

## Economics & Banking

9. Which state emerged as the leading recipient of FDI (~31%) in India during the 2025-26 fiscal year?

- A) Karnataka                    B) Gujarat  
C) Maharashtra                D) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: C) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:** Maharashtra secured the top spot by attracting 31% of the total \$90 billion FDI inflows into India. Singapore remains the largest investing country (~25%).

10. The RBI recently introduced a comprehensive framework for which instrument to boost "Sustainable Finance"?

- A) Masala Bonds                B) Green Bonds  
C) Sovereign Gold Bonds      D) Blue Bonds

**Answer: B) Green Bonds**

**Explanation:** The new framework aims to streamline the issuance and trading of Green Bonds to channel investments into renewable energy and green infrastructure.

11. What is the primary objective of the "ECLGS 5.0" scheme approved in May 2026?

- A) Housing loans for urban poor  
B) Liquidity support for MSMEs affected by the West Asian crisis  
C) Crop insurance for farmers  
D) Digital literacy for rural youth

**Answer: B) Liquidity support for MSMEs affected by the West Asian crisis**

**Explanation:** The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 provides credit guarantees to MSMEs facing temporary cash flow bottlenecks due to geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

12. "Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs)," recently in the news, are regulated by which entity?

- A) RBI                              B) SEBI  
C) Finance Ministry          D) NITI Aayog

**Answer: B) SEBI**

**Explanation:** EGRs are SEBI-regulated dematerialized securities representing ownership of physical gold, aimed at creating a transparent "One Nation, One Price" for gold in India.

## Appointments & Awards

13. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) in May 2026?

- A) Prasoon Joshi                B) Shashi Shekhar Vempati  
C) Amitabh Kant                D) Anurag Thakur

**Answer: B) Shashi Shekhar Vempati**

**Explanation:** The former CEO of Prasar Bharati, Shashi Shekhar Vempati, has succeeded Prasoon Joshi, who has been elevated to the position of Chairman of Prasar Bharati.

14. Which Indian journalists won the 2026 Pulitzer Prize for their investigative report "trAPped"?

- A) Ravish Kumar & P. Sainath  
B) Anand RK & Suparna Sharma  
C) Barkha Dutt & Rajdeep Sardesai  
D) Arnab Goswami & Navika Kumar

**Answer: B) Anand RK & Suparna Sharma**

**Explanation:** Administered by Columbia University, the Pulitzer Prize 2026 was awarded to them for their deep investigative reporting on social issues related to digital app-based labor.

15. Dr. Suman K. Bery serves as the Vice Chairperson of which institution?

- A) RBI                              B) NITI Aayog  
C) SEBI                             D) Finance Commission

**Answer: B) NITI Aayog**

**Explanation:** Dr. Suman Bery continues to lead NITI Aayog as Vice Chairperson, focusing on long-term policy frameworks and cooperative federalism.

## Sports News

16. Which Indian player recently topped the ICC T20I batter's rankings in May 2026?

- A) Shubman Gill                B) Abhishek Sharma

C) Suryakumar Yadav D) Yashasvi Jaiswal

**Answer: B) Abhishek Sharma**

**Explanation:** Following a consistent run in international T20s, Abhishek Sharma secured the top spot in the ICC T20I rankings as of early May 2026.

**17. Aronyak Ghosh was recently in the news for being crowned as India's \_\_\_ Grandmaster.**

A) 80th B) 95th C) 100th D) 75th

**Answer: B) 95th**

**Explanation:** Aronyak Ghosh achieved the title of India's 95th Chess Grandmaster, continuing India's dominance in the global chess arena.

**18. Team France reached the medal rounds of which major team event for the first time in history in May 2026?**

A) Davis Cup B) Thomas Cup  
C) Uber Cup D) FIFA World Cup

**Answer: B) Thomas Cup**

**Explanation:** In a historic feat for European badminton, France made it to the semi-finals/medal rounds of the Thomas Cup (Men's World Team Championship).

## Defense & Science

**19. The "GBMES" (Ground-Based Mobile Electronic Systems) being procured by the Indian Army are manufactured under which category?**

A) Buy Global B) Buy Indian-IDDM  
C) Strategic Partnership D) Buy and Make

**Answer: B) Buy Indian-IDDM**

**Explanation:** Procured from BEL, these systems follow the 'Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured' (IDDM) route, ensuring over 70% indigenous content.

**20. Which technology is NLC India Limited exploring to meet energy targets without waiting for Fast Breeder Reactors?**

A) Fusion Energy  
B) Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)  
C) Tidal Energy  
D) Bio-CNG

**Answer: B) Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)**

**Explanation:** NLC India is looking into SMRs as a flexible and faster-to-deploy nuclear energy solution to supplement the nation's green energy grid.

**21. "Aegis Climate AI," a model recently featured in news, is designed for:**

A) Predicting Stock Markets  
B) Real-time climate change prediction  
C) Space debris tracking  
D) Deep-sea exploration

**Answer: B) Real-time climate change prediction**

**Explanation:** This cutting-edge AI model allows for more accurate forecasting of heatwaves and monsoonal variations, critical for India's disaster management.

## Govt Schemes & MoUs

**22. The "National Urban Agri-Tech Framework (NUAF)" promotes which of the following?**

A) Traditional plowing in cities  
B) Vertical farming and hydroponics  
C) Pesticide distribution in villages  
D) Rural-urban migration

**Answer: B) Vertical farming and hydroponics**

**Explanation:** Approved by the Cabinet, NUAF aims to boost food security in metropolitan areas by encouraging high-tech farming techniques like vertical farming.

**23. Which university partnered with UIDAI in May 2026 to strengthen digital forensics for Aadhaar?**

A) IIT Bombay  
B) National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)  
C) JNU D) BHU

**Answer: B) National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)**

**Explanation:** This MoU aims to create a more resilient cybersecurity framework for India's national biometric ID system.

**24. The "Central Prabhari Officer (CPO) portal" launched by NITI Aayog is used for:**

A) Direct Benefit Transfer  
B) Monitoring Aspirational Districts  
C) Tracking GST evasion  
D) Overseas job placements

**Answer: B) Monitoring Aspirational Districts**

**Explanation:** The portal facilitates real-time data flow between district officers and the central government to ensure the success of the Aspirational Districts Programme.

### Books, Authors & Important Days

25. Which day is observed on May 7, 2026, to promote cybersecurity hygiene?

- A) World Password Day
- B) World Backup Day
- C) National Tech Day
- D) World Internet Day

**Answer: A) World Password Day**

**Explanation:** Observed on the first Thursday of May annually, it promotes the use of strong, unique passwords and 2FA.

26. What is the theme for the "International Day of the Midwife 2026" (Observed on May 5th/7th in various regions)?

- A) Midwives: A Vital Health Link
- B) Health for All, Midwives First
- C) One Million More Midwives
- D) Safer Care, Stronger Families

**Answer: B) Health for All, Midwives First**

**Explanation:** This theme emphasizes the global shortage of midwives and their role in reducing maternal mortality.

27. The book "The Transition: From Brain Drain to Brain Gain" explores the impact of:

- A) Robotics in India
- B) The Indian Diaspora
- C) The New Education Policy
- D) Artificial Intelligence

**Answer: B) The Indian Diaspora**

**Explanation:** This book/report analyzes how the Indian diaspora is now contributing back to India via technology transfer and investment, moving beyond the old narrative of "brain drain."

### Miscellaneous

28. "Euphorbia ananthapuramensis," recently discovered in Andhra Pradesh, is a type of:

- A) Fish
- B) Plant
- C) Frog

D) Butterfly

**Answer: B) Plant**

**Explanation:** Scientists discovered this new shrubby plant species in the Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh.

29. A new species of freshwater crab, *Indopotamon alipurduarensis*, was discovered in which state?

- A) Kerala
- B) West Bengal
- C) Odisha
- D) Assam

**Answer: B) West Bengal**

**Explanation:** Named after the Alipurduar district, this is only the second species recorded under this genus in India.

30. A "Hantavirus" outbreak was reported in May 2026 on a cruise ship in the:

- A) Indian Ocean
- B) Atlantic Ocean
- C) Pacific Ocean
- D) Mediterranean Sea

**Answer: B) Atlantic Ocean**

**Explanation:** A small outbreak of the rodent-borne hantavirus occurred on a cruise ship in the Atlantic, prompting international health alerts.