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Polity & Governance

1 - 10

1 Parliament Winter Session 2025 Concludes**LEGISLATION & BILLS**

The Winter Session ran from 1-19 December 2025 (15 sittings) and was adjourned sine die on 19 December, with 8 Bills passed by both Houses. Lok Sabha productivity was about 110% and Rajya Sabha about 121%.

2 SHAKTI Act, 2025 - Nuclear Energy Overhaul**LEGISLATION & BILLS**

The Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHAKTI) Act, assented on 21 December, repeals the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010, opening nuclear power to a new licensing framework with a Nuclear Liability Fund.

**GK BYTE****Regulator:** Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)**3 VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 Replaces MGNREGA****LEGISLATION & BILLS**

The Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, issued 21 December, replaces MGNREGA, 2005 and guarantees 125 days of wage employment per rural household per year (up from 100), with biometric authentication, geo-tagging and social audits.

**GK BYTE****MGNREGA:** enacted 2005 (100 days)**New guarantee:** 125 days

4 Insurance Laws Amendment ('Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha') Act, 2025

LEGISLATION & BILLS

Notified 21 December, it amends the Insurance Act 1938, LIC Act 1956 and IRDA Act 1999, with the headline change allowing 100% FDI in Indian insurance companies, plus mandatory KYC and stronger IRDAI powers.

**GK BYTE****Regulator:** IRDAI (HQ: Hyderabad)

5 Health Security se National Security Cess Act, 2025

LEGISLATION & BILLS

Assented 15 December, this Finance Ministry law levies a new cess on machines/processes producing specified goods (notably tobacco and nicotine products) to fund national security and public health.

6 Central Excise (Amendment) Act, 2025

LEGISLATION & BILLS

Assented 11 December, it revises the Fourth Schedule of the Central Excise Act 1944, raising duty rates on tobacco products (e.g., unmanufactured tobacco to 70% and other manufactured tobacco up to 125%).

7 Repealing and Amending Act, 2025

LEGISLATION & BILLS

Notified 21 December to clean up the statute book by repealing obsolete laws and making minor amendments, without affecting existing rights or ongoing proceedings.

8 Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill Referred to Joint Committee

LEGISLATION & BILLS

Introduced 15 December, the Bill seeks to create an apex higher-education regulator and repeal the UGC Act 1956, AICTE Act 1987 and NCTE Act 1993; it was referred to a Joint Committee of Parliament.

9 Securities Markets Code Bill Referred to Committee

LEGISLATION & BILLS

The Bill, which consolidates India's securities laws into a single code, was introduced and referred to the Departmental Standing Committee for detailed examination.

10 Parliament Marks 150 Years of 'Vande Mataram'

GENERAL

Both Houses held a special discussion on the 150th anniversary of the National Song 'Vande Mataram' (8 December in Lok Sabha; 9-11 December in Rajya Sabha), initiated by the PM and the Home Minister respectively.



GK BYTE

Vande Mataram: written 1875 by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

States

11 - 13

11 Nagaland Marks 63rd Statehood Day (December 1)

GENERAL

Nagaland, India's 16th state (formed 1 December 1963), marked its 63rd Statehood Day; CM Neiphiu Rio pressed for a resolution of the Naga political issue and launched a District Sports Fund.



GK BYTE

Capital: Kohima**Statehood:** 1 Dec 1963

12 Himachal Pradesh Legalises Industrial Hemp Cultivation

STATE POLICY

Himachal Pradesh began regulated industrial hemp (Cannabis sativa with THC below 0.3%) cultivation under its 'Green to Gold' initiative, targeting products like carbon-negative 'hempcrete', biodegradable packaging and biofuels.

13 Karnataka Launches AI-powered Skills Intelligence Unit**STATE POLICY**

Karnataka launched what it billed as India's first AI-powered Skills Intelligence Unit, using AI to map and bridge the workforce skills gap across sectors.

**Banking & Economy**

14 - 29

14 RBI Cuts Repo Rate to 5.25% (December 5)**MONETARY POLICY**

The RBI Monetary Policy Committee, under Governor Sanjay Malhotra, unanimously cut the repo rate by 25 bps to 5.25%, ending a two-meeting pause while retaining a neutral stance; SDF moved to 5.00% and MSF/Bank Rate to 5.50%.



GK BYTE

RBI HQ: Mumbai (est. 1935)

MPC members: 6

15 RBI Raises FY26 GDP Growth Forecast to 7.3%**GROWTH & GDP**

Alongside the rate cut, the RBI revised its FY26 real GDP growth projection upward to 7.3% (from 6.8%), citing strong momentum and record-low inflation.

16 Q2 FY26 GDP Grows 8.2%**GROWTH & GDP**

India's real GDP grew 8.2% in Q2 (July-September) of FY26 - a six-quarter high beating estimates - with manufacturing up 9.1% and the tertiary sector up 9.2%; H1 FY26 growth was 8.0%.

17 Retail (CPI) Inflation Rises to 0.71% in November**INFLATION & PRICES**

CPI inflation for November 2025 was 0.71% (provisional), up from October's record low of ~0.25%, with food inflation (CFPI) still negative at -3.91%.

**GK BYTE**

Compiled by: NSO / MoSPI

18 WPI Inflation Stays in Deflation**INFLATION & PRICES**

Wholesale Price Index inflation remained negative (around -1.2% for the October print), reflecting lower prices of food articles, crude petroleum, natural gas and mineral oils.

19 IIP Growth Slows to 0.4% in October**INDUSTRY & CORPORATE**

The Index of Industrial Production grew just 0.4% year-on-year in October 2025 (released early December), down from 4.0% in September, with mining and electricity contracting amid extended rains and festival holidays.

20 November Trade Deficit Narrows to a 5-month Low**TRADE & EXTERNAL**

India's merchandise trade deficit fell to US\$24.53 billion in November 2025 (data released 15 December); total exports rose 15.52% to US\$73.99 billion, led by engineering and electronic goods.

21 Cumulative Exports (Apr-Nov) Cross US\$562 billion**TRADE & EXTERNAL**

Total exports (merchandise + services) during April-November 2025 were about US\$562.13 billion, up 5.43% over the same period a year earlier.

22 RBI Financial Stability Report, December 2025**REPORTS**

The RBI's FSR pegged FY26 growth at 7.8% (Q1) and 8.2% (Q2) and reported the gross NPA ratio of scheduled commercial banks at a multi-year low of 2.1% (Sept 2025), while flagging risks from unsecured retail lending and stablecoins.

23 RBI Approves Co-operative Bank Mergers**BANKING**

Effective 15 December, the RBI approved amalgamating four co-operative banks into two - Amod Nagric Co-op Bank into Bhuj Mercantile Co-op Bank, and Amarnath Co-op Bank into Kalupur Commercial Co-op Bank.

24 RBI Rolls Out Trade-Relief Measures for Exporters**BANKING**

The RBI announced relief for exporters facing global headwinds, including easing debt-repayment burdens, extending credit periods and lengthening the timeframe for realising and repatriating export proceeds.

25 2025 Economic Reforms Backgrounder (December 30)**GENERAL**

The government consolidated the year's reforms: 29 labour laws unified into four Labour Codes (~50 crore workers), Next-Gen GST 2.0 (two slabs of 5% and 18%), and the Rs 25,060-crore Export Promotion Mission (FY26-FY31).

 **GK BYTE****GST 2.0 rolled out: 22 September 2025****26 Emirates NBD Acquires 60% of RBL Bank****INDUSTRY & CORPORATE**

UAE-based Emirates NBD's acquisition of a controlling 60% stake in RBL Bank for around Rs 26,850 crore was a defining 2025 deal - the largest cross-border investment in an Indian private bank.

27 Bajaj Finserv Buys Out Allianz Stake**INDUSTRY & CORPORATE**

Bajaj Finserv acquired Allianz SE's 26% stake in their insurance joint ventures for Rs 24,180 crore, raising Bajaj's ownership to 100% and ending a 24-year partnership.

28 JSW Paints Acquires Akzo Nobel India**INDUSTRY & CORPORATE**

JSW Paints acquired a majority 60.76% stake in Akzo Nobel India for a maximum consideration of Rs 8,986 crore - a major consolidation in the paints sector.

29 India's Tech-sector M&A Hits a 3-year High**INDUSTRY & CORPORATE**

Year-end reviews reported India's technology-sector M&A reaching a three-year high at an estimated US\$26-29 billion, up nearly 30% from about US\$20 billion in 2024.

**Govt Initiatives****30 - 32****30 Shipbuilding Schemes SBFAS & SbDS Notified (December 29)****INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways notified guidelines for the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) and Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS), targeting a top-five global shipbuilding position by 2047.

**GK BYTE****Under:** Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047**31 Export Promotion Mission Highlighted (Rs 25,060 crore)****INDUSTRY & MSME**

The government spotlighted the Export Promotion Mission (FY26-FY31) with an outlay of Rs 25,060 crore, aimed at boosting exports and supporting exporters amid global trade disruptions.

32 GST 2.0 Widens Taxpayer Base Past 1.5 crore**GENERAL**

The Next-Gen GST 2.0 two-slab structure (5% and 18%) was credited with expanding the taxpayer base to over 1.5 crore, simplifying compliance for businesses.

**International Relations****33 - 45****33 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit (December 4-5)****VISITS & DIPLOMACY**

President Vladimir Putin made a State visit to India for the 23rd Annual Summit with PM Modi - his first in four years - marking 25 years of the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership.

**GK BYTE****Russia Capital:** Moscow**Currency:** Rouble**34 India-Russia Adopt 'Programme 2030'; US\$100 bn Trade Target****TRADE & AGREEMENTS**

The summit produced 16 intergovernmental agreements and around 15 MoUs, adopted an economic 'Programme 2030', and set a revised bilateral trade target of US\$100 billion by 2030.

35 India-Russia Energy Assurance & EAEU FTA Push**TRADE & AGREEMENTS**

Putin pledged 'uninterrupted' shipments of oil, gas and coal to India, and both sides advanced the India-EAEU (Eurasian Economic Union) FTA, aiming for zero tariffs on around 90% of goods by 2028.

36 India-Russia to Open New Consulates**VISITS & DIPLOMACY**

As a summit outcome, India and Russia agreed to open new Indian Consulates in Yekaterinburg and Kazan to deepen economic and people-to-people ties.

37 PM Modi's Three-Nation Tour: Jordan, Ethiopia, Oman (December 15-18)**VISITS & DIPLOMACY**

PM Modi undertook a state visit to Jordan, Ethiopia and Oman, integrating India's West Asia and Africa outreach, including India's first full-fledged PM visit to Jordan (75 years of ties).

38 India-Oman CEPA Signed (December 18)**TRADE & AGREEMENTS**

India and Oman signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement in Muscat (marking 70 years of ties), making Oman the second Gulf nation after the UAE to conclude an FTA with India.

**GK BYTE****Oman Capital:** Muscat**Currency:** Omani Rial**39 India-Jordan Outcomes****VISITS & DIPLOMACY**

India and Jordan signed MoUs on renewable energy, water resources and digital transformation, with PM Modi calling for doubling bilateral trade to US\$5 billion in five years; Jordan expressed intent to join the ISA and CDRI.

**GK BYTE****Jordan Capital:** Amman**40 India-Ethiopia Elevated to Strategic Partnership****DIASPORA & HONOURS**

During PM Modi's first bilateral visit to Ethiopia (16-17 December), ties were elevated to a Strategic Partnership, eight MoUs were signed, and Modi was conferred Ethiopia's highest civilian honour.

**GK BYTE****Ethiopia Capital:** Addis Ababa (seat of the AU)

41 India-New Zealand FTA Concluded (December 22)**TRADE & AGREEMENTS**

India and New Zealand announced the successful conclusion of FTA negotiations; New Zealand agreed to eliminate duties on 100% of tariff lines, granting zero-duty access to all Indian exports on entry into force.

**GK BYTE****NZ Capital:** Wellington**42 India-EU FTA Technical Talks****TRADE & AGREEMENTS**

India and the EU held technical discussions on key FTA chapters - market access, rules of origin, services, technical barriers to trade and sustainability - ahead of the deal's conclusion in January 2026.

43 India Hosts 20th UNESCO ICH Committee Session (December 8-13)**SUMMITS**

India hosted, for the first time, the 20th session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in New Delhi.

**GK BYTE****ICH Convention:** 2003**UNESCO HQ:** Paris**44 US-Venezuela Standoff Escalates****CONFLICTS**

The US sharply escalated pressure on Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro, declaring airspace around Venezuela closed; Venezuela sent an urgent 17 December letter to the UN Security Council citing 'US aggression'.

45 Central African Republic Holds General Elections (December 28)**GENERAL**

The Central African Republic held tense general elections amid warnings over contested results, drawing international attention to stability in the region.

 Defence

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46 Indian Navy Day 2025 at Thiruvananthapuram (December 4)

NAVY & MARITIME

Navy Day was marked with an Operational Demonstration at Shangumugham Beach, Thiruvananthapuram, with President Droupadi Murmu as Chief Guest; the theme was 'Combat Ready, Cohesive, Credible and Aatmanirbhar Force'.



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Navy Day: 4 Dec (marks Op Trident, 1971)

47 DRDO Tests Pinaka LRGR-120 Guided Rocket (December 29)

MISSILES & SYSTEMS

DRDO successfully flight-tested the Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (~120 km strike range) at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha, hitting the target with precision.

48 DRDO Conducts Salvo Launch of Two Pralay Missiles (December 31)

MISSILES & SYSTEMS

DRDO fired two Pralay quasi-ballistic missiles in quick succession from the same launcher off the Odisha coast, validating rapid multi-missile deployment; Pralay is a 150-500 km surface-to-surface missile.

49 ICGS Samudra Pratap Inducted (December 23)

NAVY & MARITIME

The Indian Coast Guard inducted ICGS Samudra Pratap, its first indigenously designed and built Pollution Control Vessel (built at Goa Shipyard); at 114.5 m and 4,170 tonnes it is the largest ship in the ICG fleet.

50 Defence Cooperation at the India-Russia Summit**PROCUREMENT**

During Putin's visit, platforms including the Su-57 fighter, drones, air-defence systems and submarine technology were discussed, with both sides agreeing to reorient defence ties toward joint R&D and co-production.

**Space**

51 - 55

51 ISRO Launches BlueBird Block-2 on LVM3 (December 24)**LAUNCH & VEHICLES**

ISRO launched AST SpaceMobile's US-built BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite (~6,100 kg) from Sriharikota - the heaviest payload ever placed in Low Earth Orbit by an LVM3 and the heaviest foreign satellite launched from Indian soil.

**GK BYTE****LVM3:** India's heaviest launcher**Commercial arm:** NSIL**52 ISRO Begins Work on Third Launch Pad at Sriharikota****ISRO**

ISRO began work on a Third Launch Pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre to support heavy-lift missions, including the Next Generation Launch Vehicle and the Gaganyaan human-spaceflight programme.

53 ISRO Completes Gaganyaan Drogue Parachute Tests (December 18-19)**ISRO**

ISRO and DRDO qualified the crew module's drogue parachutes at the Rail Track Rocket Sled facility, Chandigarh, deploying them at over 600 kmph - a step toward the first uncrewed Gaganyaan-G1 flight.

54 Indian Astronomers Discover 'Alaknanda' Early Spiral Galaxy

NASA & GLOBAL

Using James Webb Space Telescope data, Indian astronomers discovered 'Alaknanda', a fully formed spiral galaxy that existed only about 1.5 billion years after the Big Bang, challenging galaxy-formation models.

55 Interstellar Comet 3I/ATLAS Makes Closest Approach (December 19)

NASA & GLOBAL

The interstellar comet 3I/ATLAS (C/2025 N1) passed closest to Earth at about 270 million km, posing no threat; NASA's JWST and ESA's XMM-Newton studied its coma, detecting carbon dioxide and other compounds.

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3I/ATLAS: 3rd known interstellar object (after Oumuamua, Borisov)

**Science & Technology**

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56 DHRUV64 - India's First Indigenous 64-bit Microprocessor (December 15)

SEMICONDUCTORS

MeitY announced DHRUV64, India's first fully indigenous 64-bit, 1.0 GHz dual-core microprocessor, developed by C-DAC on the RISC-V open-source architecture and fabricated on a 28 nm node.

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Developed by: C-DAC

Architecture: RISC-V (DIR-V programme)

57 IIT Delhi Unveils 'AILA' - Autonomous AI Lab Assistant (December 23)

AI & COMPUTING

IIT Delhi researchers (with Denmark and Germany) unveiled AILA, an autonomous AI system that designs, runs and interprets experiments and directly controls instruments such as an atomic force microscope, cutting full-day tasks to minutes.

58 IndiaAI Mission Milestones (December 2025)**AI & COMPUTING**

By December, the IndiaAI Mission had onboarded over 38,000 high-end GPUs (available at about Rs 65/hour), and 12 startups (including Sarvam AI, Soket AI, BharatGen and Fractal) were selected to build indigenous foundation models.

59 National Frequency Allocation Plan 2025 (NFAP-2025)**IT & CYBER**

The Department of Telecommunications released NFAP-2025 (effective 30 December), governing spectrum from 8.3 kHz to 3000 GHz, identifying the 6425-7125 MHz band for 5G/6G and allocating Ka/Q/V bands for satellite services.

60 WHO Releases World Malaria Report 2025**HEALTH & BIO**

The WHO report estimated 282 million malaria cases and 610,000 deaths globally in 2024 and flagged growing artemisinin resistance; India cut cases and deaths by over 80% (2015-2023) and exited WHO's High Burden to High Impact group in 2024.

61 WHO Pushes Financing for New TB Vaccines**HEALTH & BIO**

The WHO reiterated the case for coordinated financing and equitable access for the first new tuberculosis vaccines in over a century, now in advanced clinical trials.

**Environment & Ecology****62 - 64****62 India's Ramsar Tally Reaches 96 with Two New Sites****WETLANDS & WATER**

India designated Siliserh Lake (Alwar, Rajasthan) and Kopra Jalashay (near Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh) as its 95th and 96th Ramsar sites; Kopra is Chhattisgarh's first-ever Ramsar site.

**GK BYTE****Ramsar Convention:** 1971, Ramsar, Iran**India rank:** 1st in Asia

63 CAQM Amends GRAP for Delhi-NCR**POLLUTION**

The Commission for Air Quality Management amended the Graded Response Action Plan, making school closures mandatory under Stages 3 and 4 and introducing phased office timings to combat severe Delhi-NCR pollution.

**GK BYTE****GRAP:** Graded Response Action Plan**64 Kanger Valley National Park Biodiversity Survey for UNESCO Bid****BIODIVERSITY**

Chhattisgarh, with the Wildlife Institute of India, began biodiversity surveys at Kanger Valley National Park (Bastar) to pursue UNESCO World Heritage recognition; it is known for limestone caves and the Bastar Hill Myna.

**Sports****65 - 73****65 India Win Maiden Squash World Cup (December 14)****OTHER SPORTS**

Hosts India beat top seeds Hong Kong China 3-0 in the SDAT Squash World Cup final in Chennai, winning their first-ever title and becoming the first Asian nation to do so; the squad included Anahat Singh and Joshna Chinappa.

66 FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup - India Bronze (December 10)**HOCKEY**

India beat Argentina 4-2 to claim their first-ever bronze at the Junior World Cup (held in Tamil Nadu), while Germany won a record 8th title.

67 FIDE World Rapid Chess - Carlsen Wins; India Take Bronzes**CHESS**

Magnus Carlsen won his sixth World Rapid title at Doha; India's Arjun Erigaisi won bronze in the Open section and Koneru Humpy won bronze in the Women's section.

68

Women's World Rapid Title - Aleksandra Goryachkina

CHESS

Aleksandra Goryachkina of Russia won her maiden Women's World Rapid Championship, defeating China's Zhu Jiner in blitz tiebreaks at Doha.

69

World Blitz Chess - Carlsen Claims 9th Title

CHESS

Magnus Carlsen beat Uzbekistan's Nodirbek Abdusattorov 2.5-1.5 in the final to win his ninth World Blitz crown at Doha.

70

Women's World Blitz - Bibisara Assaubayeva

CHESS

Bibisara Assaubayeva of Kazakhstan won her third Women's World Blitz title, defeating Anna Muzychuk in the final at Doha.

71

India Win ODI Series vs South Africa 2-1 (December 6)

CRICKET

India won the ODI decider at Visakhapatnam by 9 wickets to take the series 2-1; Virat Kohli was Player of the Series with 302 runs.

72

India Win T20I Series vs South Africa (December 19)

CRICKET

India sealed their eighth consecutive T20I series triumph, opening with a 101-run win at Cuttack and clinching the 5th T20I at Ahmedabad by 30 runs.

73

Senior National Badminton Championships Concluded

BADMINTON

India's Senior National Badminton Championships concluded in late December 2025, crowning the year's national singles and doubles champions.



Awards & Honours

74 - 79

74 Nobel Prize Award Ceremony Held (December 10)

GENERAL

The 2025 Nobel Prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Literature and Economic Sciences were presented at the Stockholm Concert Hall; 10 December marks the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death.



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Peace Prize awarded at: Oslo, Norway

75 Nobel Prize in Physics 2025

SCIENCE & ACADEMIA

John Clarke, Michel Devoret and John Martinis were honoured for the discovery of macroscopic quantum-mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit.

76 Nobel Prize in Literature 2025 - Laszlo Krasznahorkai

LITERATURE

The Hungarian writer received the 2025 Literature Prize for his surreal, visionary novels combining a bleak worldview with dark humour.

77 Nobel Peace Prize 2025 - Maria Corina Machado

GENERAL

The Venezuelan opposition leader was awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize for promoting democratic rights and a peaceful transition; living in hiding, her daughter accepted the award at Oslo on her behalf.

78 Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025 Conferred (December 23)

SCIENCE & ACADEMIA

President Murmu presented India's highest science honours to 24 awardees; the Vigyan Ratna (lifetime achievement) went posthumously to astrophysicist Jayant Vishnu Narlikar and the Vigyan Team award to CSIR's Aroma Mission.

79 National Energy Conservation Awards 2025 Presented

OTHER

On National Energy Conservation Day, the President felicitated the winners of the National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2025, recognising efficiency across industries and institutions.

**Appointments**

80 - 84

80 CEC Gyanesh Kumar Chairs International IDEA (December 3)

INTERNATIONAL BODIES

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar assumed the chairship of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) at Stockholm - the first time India chaired the 35-member body.

81 Raj Kumar Goyal Sworn In as Chief Information Commissioner (December 15)

PSU & GOVERNMENT

Retired IAS officer Raj Kumar Goyal was sworn in as Chief Information Commissioner by President Murmu, along with new Information Commissioners, restoring the Central Information Commission to full strength.



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CIC under: RTI Act, 2005

82 Ramakrishnan Chander Appointed MD of LIC (December 1)

BANKING & FINANCE

Ramakrishnan Chander took over as Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India, having earlier served as LIC's Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer.

83 B. Sairam Takes Charge as CMD of Coal India (December 15)

PSU & GOVERNMENT

Formerly CMD of Northern Coalfields, B. Sairam became Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Coal India Limited, succeeding P.M. Prasad.

84 Rohit Jain Named RBI Deputy Governor**BANKING & FINANCE**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved Rohit Jain, an RBI Executive Director, as the new RBI Deputy Governor for a three-year term beginning in 2026, after nearly 30 years at the central bank.

17**Important Days**

85 - 95

85 World AIDS Day (December 1)**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

Observed with the theme 'Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response', calling for sustained political leadership and rights-centred approaches to end AIDS by 2030.

86 International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3)**INTERNATIONAL DAYS**

Observed with the theme 'Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress', promoting accessibility and inclusion.

87 World Soil Day (December 5)**ENVIRONMENT DAYS**

Observed to highlight the importance of soil health for food security and to promote sustainable land management.



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Led by: FAO

88 Armed Forces Flag Day (December 7)**NATIONAL DAYS**

Observed annually since 1949 to honour soldiers and veterans; small tricolour flags are distributed in return for donations to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.

89 International Anti-Corruption Day (December 9)**INTERNATIONAL DAYS**

Observed with the 2025 theme 'Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow's Integrity'.

90 Human Rights Day (December 10)**INTERNATIONAL DAYS**

Commemorates the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the 2025 theme was 'Our Everyday Essentials'.

**GK BYTE****UDHR adopted: 1948****91 National Energy Conservation Day (December 14)****NATIONAL DAYS**

Observed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Ministry of Power) to promote energy efficiency and conservation across sectors.

92 Vijay Diwas (December 16)**NATIONAL DAYS**

Marked the 54th anniversary of India's 1971 war victory over Pakistan and the liberation of Bangladesh, when about 93,000 Pakistani troops surrendered.

93 Kisan Diwas / National Farmers' Day (December 23)**NATIONAL DAYS**

Marks the birth anniversary of former PM Chaudhary Charan Singh, declared National Farmers' Day by the Government of India in 2001.

94 National Consumer Day (December 24)**AWARENESS**

Observed with the theme 'Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice', reflecting a focus on technology-enabled consumer grievance redressal.

**GK BYTE****Consumer Protection Act: 2019****95 Good Governance Day (December 25)****NATIONAL DAYS**

Commemorates the birth anniversary (centenary in 2025) of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee; PM Modi inaugurated the 'Rashtra Prerna Sthal' in Lucknow featuring statues of Vajpayee and other Jana Sangh founders.

 Obituaries**96 - 98****96 Obituary: M. Saravanan (December 4)****ARTS & CULTURE**

The veteran film producer and owner of AVM Studios (India's oldest surviving film studio) died in Chennai at the age of 86.

97 Obituary: Sreenivasan (December 20)**ARTS & CULTURE**

The renowned Malayalam actor, screenwriter and director, celebrated for his satirical writing, died at Thrippunithura, Kerala.

98 Obituary: Kalyan Chatterjee (December 7)**ARTS & CULTURE**

The veteran Bengali and Hindi film actor died in Kolkata at the age of 83.



Reports & Indices

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99 NITI Aayog: 'Internationalisation of Higher Education' (December 22)**GENERAL**

The report offered 22 policy recommendations and 76 action pathways, projecting India could host up to 11 lakh international students by 2047.

100 NITI Aayog: 'Deepening the Corporate Bond Market' (December 11)**GENERAL**

Released by CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, the report noted the corporate bond market grew from Rs 17.5 trillion (FY15) to Rs 53.6 trillion (FY25) and could cross Rs 100-120 trillion by 2030.

Rapid Revision — One-Line Facts

High-yield one-liners distilled from this capsule. Skim these last, right before your exam.

Question / Cue	Answer
Act replacing the Atomic Energy Act, 1962	SHAKTI Act, 2025
Act replacing MGNREGA (125-day guarantee)	VB-G RAM G Act, 2025
FDI in insurance raised to	100% (Insurance Laws Amendment)
RBI repo rate after Dec 5 cut	5.25% (-25 bps)
Q2 FY26 GDP growth	8.2% (6-quarter high)
CPI inflation, November 2025	0.71%
23rd India-Russia Summit - visitor	President Vladimir Putin (Dec 4-5)
India-Russia trade target by 2030	US\$100 billion
2nd Gulf nation to sign FTA with India	Oman (CEPA, Dec 18)
FTA concluded on Dec 22, 2025	India-New Zealand
Navy Day 2025 venue	Thiruvananthapuram
DRDO's 120-km guided rocket tested	Pinaka LRGR-120
Heaviest foreign satellite from Indian soil	BlueBird Block-2 (LVM3)
India's first indigenous 64-bit processor	DHRUV64 (C-DAC, RISC-V)
India's Ramsar tally (Dec 2025)	96 sites
Squash World Cup 2025 winner	India (maiden title)
FIDE World Rapid 2025 - Open champion	Magnus Carlsen (6th)
India ODI series vs South Africa	Won 2-1 (Kohli PoS)
Nobel Peace Prize 2025	Maria Corina Machado (Venezuela)
Nobel Literature 2025	Laszlo Krasznahorkai
Vigyan Ratna 2025 (posthumous)	Jayant Vishnu Narlikar

Question / Cue	Answer
India chairs which democracy body	International IDEA (CEC Gyanesh Kumar)
New Chief Information Commissioner	Raj Kumar Goyal
Vijay Diwas commemorates	1971 war victory (Dec 16)
Good Governance Day marks birth anniversary of	A.B. Vajpayee (Dec 25)
India hosts which UNESCO committee (Dec)	20th ICH Committee (New Delhi)
Winter Session 2025 - Bills passed	8

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