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National Policy & Governance

1. UIDAI Launches Aadhaar Mascot 'Udai'

The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has introduced '**Udai**' (**उदय**), a mascot designed to simplify communication regarding Aadhaar services.

- **Purpose:** To raise awareness about document updates, offline verification, and responsible data sharing.
- **Selection:** Chosen via a national contest on MyGov; designed by **Arun Gokul** from Kerala.

2. PANKHUDI Portal for CSR in Women & Child Development

The Ministry of Women & Child Development launched the **PANKHUDI** portal to streamline Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

- **Focus:** Supports **Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0**, Mission Vatsalya, and Mission Shakti.
- **Feature:** Enables NGOs and firms to track projects and ensures transparency through non-cash contributions.

3. Tex-RAMPS: MoUs Signed with 15 States

The Ministry of Textiles signed MoUs with 15 states to strengthen the **Tex-RAMPS** scheme.

- **Objective:** To improve the quality and credibility of textile statistics.
 - **Funding:** States receive **₹12 lakh annually** plus **₹1 lakh per district**.
 - **Goal:** Supporting the roadmap toward a **\$350-billion** textile industry.
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Economy & Infrastructure

4. India's First Hydrogen-Powered Train in Haryana

A pilot project for India's first hydrogen train is entering its final phase in Haryana.

- **Route:** Between **Jind and Sonipat** (Northern Railway).
- **Infrastructure:** A dedicated hydrogen plant at Jind with **3,000 kg storage** using green hydrogen produced via electrolysis.

5. Indian Railways: World's Largest Electrified Network

As of late 2025, Indian Railways achieved **99.2% broad-gauge electrification**.

- **Growth:** Electrification speed increased from 1.42 km/day (2004–14) to **15 km/day** (2019–25).
- **Status:** All 25 States/UTs are now fully electrified on broad-gauge routes.

6. India Launches ₹17+ Lakh Crore PPP Pipeline

The Ministry of Finance has anchored a three-year **Public-Private Partnership (PPP)** pipeline.

- **Scope:** 852 projects worth over **₹17 lakh crore**.
- **Sectors:** Transport, energy, logistics, and social infrastructure.

7. Delhi Govt & RBI Sign MoU for Financial Management

The Delhi Government has adopted a full banking and debt management system under the **RBI**.

- **Impact:** Enables market borrowings via **State Development Loans (SDL)** and professional cash management.

Science & Technology

8. DRDO Develops Portable Sea Water Desalination System (SWaDeS)

The **Defence Laboratory, Jodhpur**, has developed **SWaDeS** for soldiers in remote or coastal areas.

- **Capability:** Reduces Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) from **35,000 mg/L to <500 mg/L**.
- **Variants:** A manual version for 10–12 personnel and an engine version for 20–25 personnel.

9. CSIR-NPL Inaugurates Apex Calibration Facilities

Two new facilities were inaugurated at the National Physical Laboratory:

1. **Solar Cell Calibration Facility:** World-class testing for PV cells to support solar exports.
 2. **Environmental Standard Laboratory:** Domestic calibration for air-quality monitoring instruments.
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International Relations & Defence

10. AYUSH Recognition in Trade Pacts

India's trade pacts with **Oman and New Zealand** (finalized Dec 2025) now include formal annexures for **AYUSH** (Traditional Medicine).

- **Export Growth:** AYUSH exports rose **6.11%** to **\$688.89 million** in 2024-25.

11. Indian Army Raises 'Bhairav' Drone Force

A new specialized unit, the **Bhairav Force**, has been raised to integrate drone technology into combat.

- **Debut:** First public showcase at the **Army Day Parade 2026** in Jaipur.
- **Support:** Complemented by the **Rudra Brigades**.

12. Pakistan Tests 'Taimoor' Cruise Missile

Pakistan flight-tested the indigenous **Taimoor Weapon System**.

- **Range:** 600 km.
 - **Type:** Air-launched cruise missile (ALCM) designed to evade air defense systems.
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Quick Facts for Revision

Topic	Key Statistic / Fact
Fertiliser Subsidy	₹37,952 Cr allocated for Rabi 2025-26.

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Carbon Markets	Global market crossed \$100 billion ; 28% of global GHG emissions priced.
Siddaramaiah	Became Karnataka's longest-serving CM (~7 years 8 months).
Gangasagar Setu	5-km-long bridge over Muriganga River (West Bengal); Cost: ₹1,670 Cr.
Archaeology	Kushan-era coins (King Vasudeva) found at Bhir Mound, Taxila.
Sanskaar Shaala	Value-based education program launched in Guwahati (Ages 4-14).
India-Bhutan MoU	Judicial exchange allowing Bhutanese law clerks to work in the Supreme Court of India .