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Geography

Emergency Over El Niño

Ecuador declares national emergency and red alert due to El Niño climatic phenomena.

- **Scale** - Officials warn it may be the biggest on record.
- **Effects** - Droughts and wildfires expected in Amazon region; havoc in Indonesia (wildfires) and Central America (drought).
- **Regional Impact** - El Salvador, Honduras, Panama and one-third of Peru's cities also declared emergencies.
- **Phenomenon** - El Niño warms central and eastern Pacific waters, disrupting rainfall, wind, pressure, bird migrations and fishing.

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International Relations and Issues

Super Garuda Shield 2026 - Indonesia and U.S.

Officially opened Aug 31 at Sesko TNI, Bandung, runs till Sept 11, 2026.

- **Scale** - 5,000 combined personnel; collaboration of U.S., Indonesia and 13 troop-contributing nations.
- **History** - Began 2006 as bilateral Garuda Shield; expanded in 2022 to multi-nation exercise.
- **Activities** - Joint staff exercise, cyber drill, airborne ops, jungle training, amphibious exercise and maritime training with training serials with the Indonesian Navy (TNI-AL).
- **Significance** - Strengthens U.S.-Indonesia defence partnership, builds readiness and interoperability in Indo-Pacific.



US Control of Venezuelan Oil Reserves

US president announces “historic” deal giving US control over a joint venture overseeing 65 billion barrels of Venezuela's oil reserves.

- **Impact** - Would more than double American oil reserves and “substantially lower Gas Prices.”
- **Control** - US to retain 55% in joint venture with private operator; 100-year concession granted.
- **Significance** - Largest oil deal in history; Venezuela holds world’s biggest reserves (303 billion barrels).



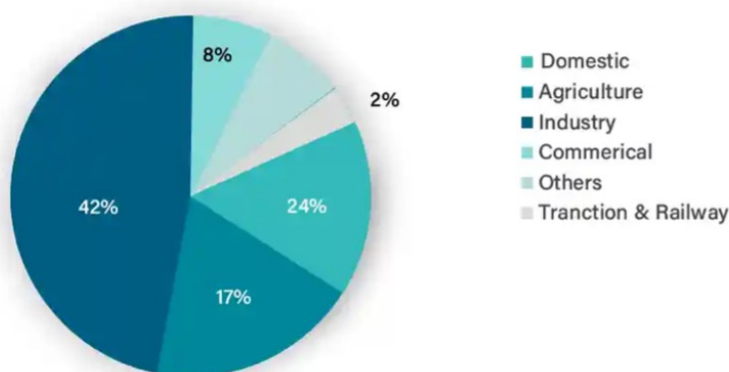
The ‘biggest oil deal in history’?

The US says it will gain majority control over more than 65 billion barrels of Venezuelan oil, equivalent to around 20% of the country's proven reserves. Donald Trump called it the “biggest oil deal in world history”, claiming it would involve private companies at no cost to American taxpayers.

India's Energy Demand by 2047

- **Projection** - India's energy demand expected to grow 2.5 times by 2047, accounting for 25% of incremental global demand.
- **Current Status** - India is world's third-largest consumer of energy and oil, third-largest refiner, and fourth-largest LNG importer.
- **Reforms** - Transformative measures strengthened domestic capabilities, diversified sources, deepened strategic partnerships.
- **Significance** - Reflects India shaping global energy landscape, not just participating.

Consumption of Electricity by Sectors in India, 2023-2024 (%)



India's Coconut Exports 2026

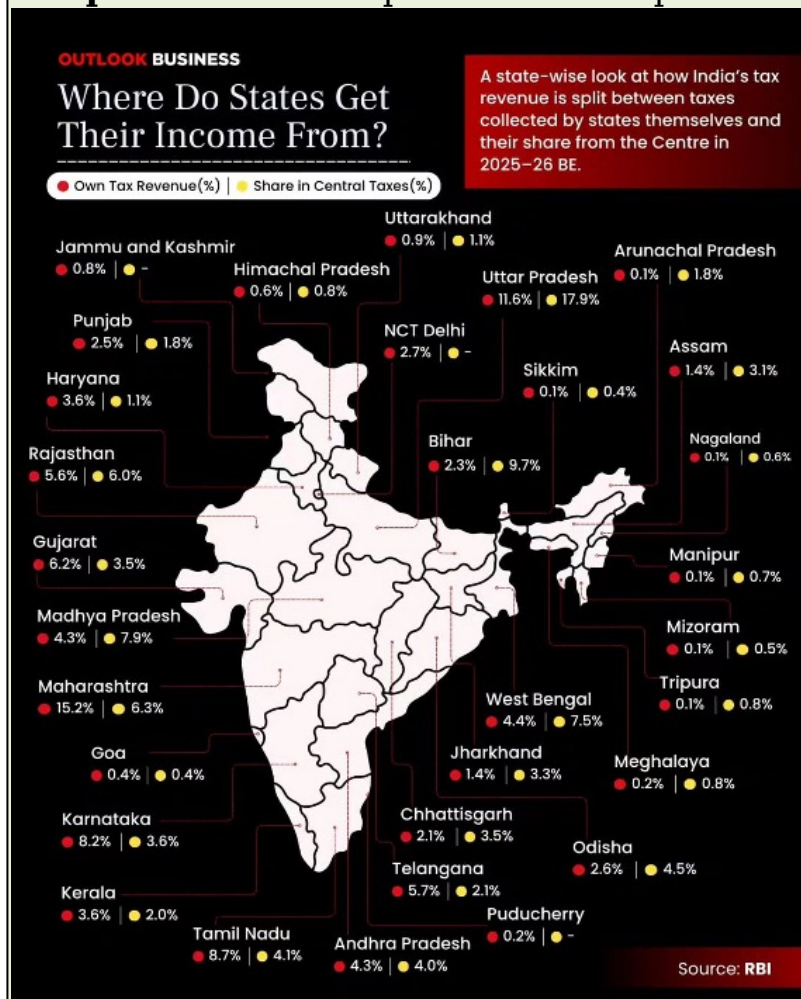
India's coconut exports has registered a 62 per cent increase in 2025-26

- **Dominant Product** - Activated carbon leads with (67% share), 1.8 lakh tonnes exported for gold mining, water and air purification, pharma, cosmetics, energy, etc.
- **Diversification** - Export basket expanded to virgin coconut oil, coconut milk, milk powder and coconut water.
- **Markets** - Exports reach 155+ countries; major importers include US, UAE, Sri Lanka, Germany, Russia, Turkey, Belgium, UK and Netherlands.
- **Drivers** - Rising global demand, FTAs, vegan diets, enhanced processing and quality standards.
- **World Coconut Day 2026** - September 2, inaugurated by Kerala CM.
- **Theme** - *Coconuts in Times of Uncertainty*.



Own Revenue Ranking

- **Own revenue** = $(\text{Own Tax} + \text{Own Non-Tax Revenue}) \div \text{Revenue Receipts} \times 100$; indicates self-reliance, not overall fiscal health.
- **Top Performer** - Delhi boasts highest own revenue share at 93.2% of total revenue receipts (FY25 BE).
- **Others** - Followed by Haryana (80.4%), Telangana (78.4%), Karnataka (77.3%), Tamil Nadu (75.5%).
- **Bottom States** - Manipur (10.0%), Nagaland (12.5%), Arunachal Pradesh (12.8%), Tripura (16.6%), Mizoram (19.6%).
- **Gap** - Delhi vs Manipur shows 83.2 percentage-point difference.



Security

Second Diving Support Vessel 'Nipun'

INS Nipun, second Nistar-class Diving Support Vessel, commissioned Aug 31, 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

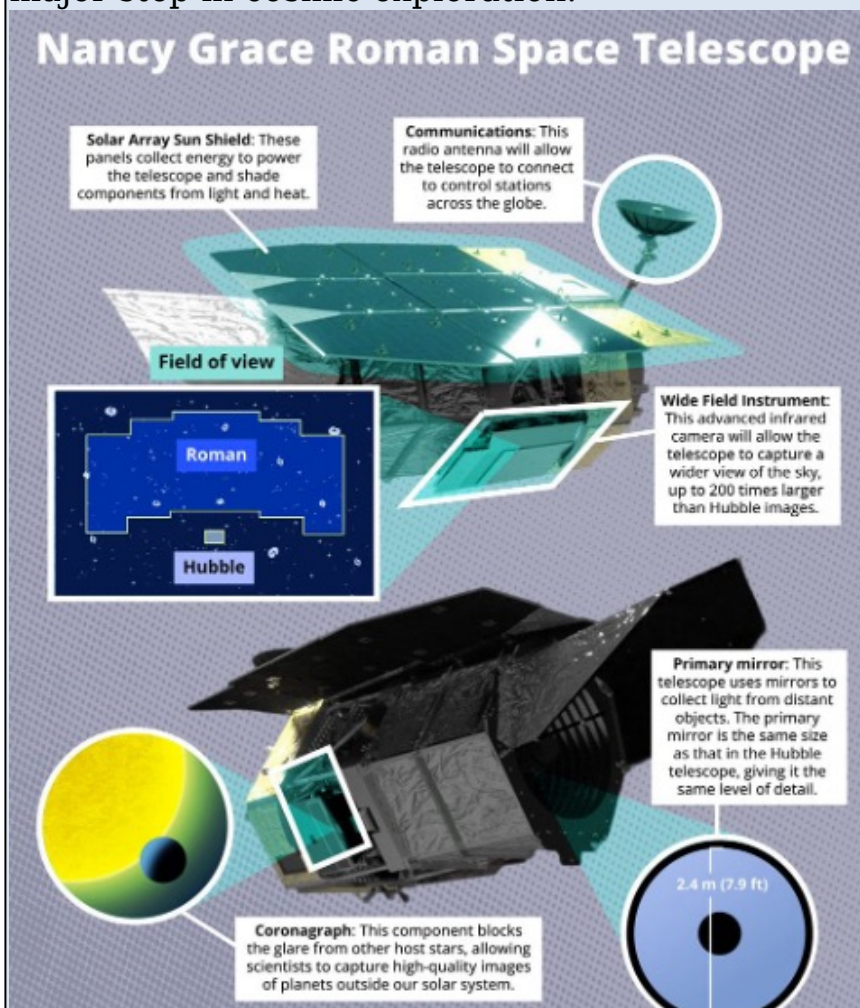
- **Design** - Indigenously built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- **Role** - Deep-sea diving, underwater intervention, salvage and submarine rescue operations.
- **Capabilities** - Supports saturation, air and heliox diving; equipped with remotely operated underwater systems, life-support and medical facilities.
- **Features** - Dynamic positioning for precision, underwater salvage, accident recovery.
- **Need** - Strengthens submarine rescue and salvage capability in Indian Ocean Region; enhances India's role as "Preferred Submarine Rescue Partner."
- **Deployment** - INS Nipun under Western Naval Command; sister ship INS Nistar commissioned July 2025 under Eastern Naval Command.



Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope

NASA is preparing to launch its next flagship space observatory 4-billion USD observatory to study dark energy, dark matter, gravity and exoplanets.

- **Launch** - Planned from NASA Kennedy Space Center, Florida, aboard SpaceX Falcon Heavy.
- **Nomenclature** - Honor Nancy Grace Roman, NASA's first chief astronomer.
- **Role** - Successor to Hubble (1990) and James Webb (2021); expands knowledge from both.
- **Survey** - Year-long mission to map 2 billion+ galaxies and measure universe's expansion.
- **Orbit** - To reside at Lagrange Point 2, 1.6 million km from Earth (same as Webb).
- **Significance** - Despite funding challenges, preserved by Congress; marks major step in cosmic exploration.



Green Forge Complex - Mohali

Union Minister inaugurates first-of-its-kind Green Forge Complex at BRIC-NABI, Mohali.

- **Purpose** - Controlled simulation chambers for cultivation and experimentation of genetically modified crops.
- **Features** - Vary light, humidity, temperature; integrate advanced simulation and AI for agri-biotech research.
- **Significance** - Milestone in GM crop revolution; supports location-specific crop suitability and medical/agri research.
- **Ecosystem** - Linked with 22 manufacturing hubs and 8 specialised biofoundry facilities for start-ups, SMEs and researchers.



Miscellaneous

Lionel Messi - International Retirement

- Lionel Messi at 39, announces retirement from international football after 2026 season.
- **Career** - Led Argentina to two Copa América titles and 2022 FIFA World Cup; reached 2026 World Cup final.
- **Recognition** - First footballer to win Princess of Asturias Award for sports and social impact.

