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Polity & Governance

World Cooperative Monitor Report

Prime Minister congratulates Amul and IFFCO for securing the 1st and 2nd ranks in the global ranking for cooperatives.

- It is the *only report of its kind collecting annual quantitative data* on the global cooperative movement.
- Designed to Collect robust economic, organizational, and social data about cooperatives worldwide.
- **Released by -** International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and the European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (EURICSE).



2 New Specialised Cadres

CAG plans to create two new cadres for more centralisation.

- Approved by Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG).
- 2 new cadres within Indian Audit and Accounts Department (IA&AD)
 - Central Revenue Audit (CRA) Cadre.
 - Central Expenditure Audit (CEA) Cadre.
- Effect from 1st January 2026,
- **Aim** To build deeper professional expertise and further improve the quality of audit of Central Government finances.
- Current status At present, the audit of Central receipts and expenditure is undertaken by multiple offices with cadre control dispersed across multiple State Civil Audit offices leading to fragmentation.
- Advantages -
- The new cadres will consolidate over 4,000 audit professionals out of the total strength of CAG at 42.000.
- This measure will also help reduce dependence on deployment and manage manpower in a more flexible manner.

International Relations and Issues

OS World University Rankings: Asia 2026



World University Rankings: Asia 2026
Released 4 November 2025

India shines as

research hub as

representation rises by

more than 1.000% in last decade

- From 24 universities in 2016 to 294 in 2026 – a 1,125% increase.
- India dominates Papers per Faculty indicator, with 5 universities ranked among Asia's top 10 and 28 among the top 50.
- This extraordinary growth outpaces every other nation in Asia and reflects the impact of India's National Education Policy (NEP) and its expanding research and innovation ecosystem.

Science and Technology

National Geo Platform

National Geospatial Policy, 2022, Survey of India (SoI), has entered into an agreement with C.E. Info Systems Pvt. Ltd.

- Nodal ministry Ministry of Science & Technology.
- **Objectives** To build an integrated and collaborative ecosystem for geospatial data dissemination.
- To serve as a robust and scalable system for standardizing, sharing, and managing foundational geospatial datasets including Ortho-Rectified Imagery, Digital Elevation Models (DEM), Administrative Boundaries, Geodetic Reference Frame, and Geographical Names.
- **Key components** Geospatial Data integration & dissemination System, Integrated Geospatial Application Interface (IGAI), and a Spatial Data Registry (SDR) for metadata management.

Economy

Fiscal Deficit

The Centre's fiscal deficit stood at 36.5% of the full-year target at the end of the 1st half of FY26, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

- Fiscal deficit, the condition when the expenditure of the government exceeds its revenue in a year, is the difference between the two.
- In either case, the income figure includes only taxes and other revenues and *excludes money borrowed* to make up the shortfall.
- Fiscal deficit = Total revenue generated Total expenditure.

Science

Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS)

Flight operations at Delhi Airport are experiencing delays due to a technical issue in the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), which supports Air Traffic Control data.

- **AMSS** AMSS is the <u>sole provider of Indian Meteorological data to Aeronautical Fixed</u> <u>Telecommunications Network (AFTN)</u> for Aviation.
- It is the backbone for observational data collection and distribution within India.
- From observatory data is collected by AMSS High Speed Data Terminal (HSDT), locally developed web portals of AMSS, Email, Telephone etc.
- 6 AMSS in India Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata, Guwahati and Nagpur.

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India's 1st digital Census

- Conducted under Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990.
- It will be completed in 2 phases -
- The house listing and housing operations Total 30 questions on housing amenities will be asked, will be held in select areas across the country from November 10 to 30.
- **The population enumeration -** It will also <u>count the population by caste</u> for the 1st time in Independent India.
- **Time span** Both phases usually span a period of 11 months from April 1 to February 28 the following year.
- Last census was conducted in 2010 and 2011.

2 Mobile Applications for Digital Population Census

- Launched by Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.
- 2 applications -
 - Digital Layout Map (DLM)
 - World's largest data collection exercise, into a digital operation.
- **Record** Building coordinates, the names of localities, roads or streets, building numbers, building names, building type, building use, landmarks, number of floors, and number of Census houses.
 - Census 2027-Houselist
- **Aim** To enhance the speed, accuracy, and reliability of the house listing and housing census operations, laying a strong foundation for the upcoming population enumeration phase.
 - Compatible with Both Android and Apple phones.

Miscellaneous

1st Indian-American Muslim Mayor

- Elected mayor of New York City Zohran Mamdani.
- He is a 34-year-old state lawmaker, city's youngest mayor in more than a century.

Bihar Kokila Sharda Sinha ji

Prime Minister pays tribute to Bihar Kokila Sharda Sinha ji.

- She is recognised as one of the greatest voices in *Indian folk music*.
- Her devotional tracks dedicated to the *Chhath Mahaparva* became an inseparable part of Bihar's cultural fabric.
- **Recorded over -** 1,500 songs in <u>multiple regional languages</u> and brought Bihar's folk traditions to national and global audiences.
- **Awards** Padma Shri (1991), Padma Bhushan (2018), and, posthumously, the Padma Vibhushan (2025) India's 2nd-highest civilian award.

