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Polity and Governance

CVC Annual Report 2025

- **Publisher** - Compiled and published by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
- **Submission** - Legally mandated to be submitted to the President of India, then laid before Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- **Legal Basis** - Functions as a statutory body under the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003; exercises superintendence over CBI in cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
- **CVC Report 2025 Highlights** -
 - Severe backlog with 7,200+ corruption cases pending trial;
 - Delays due to Section 17A sanctions, CBI manpower shortage (1,088 vacancies), and slow international evidence collection.
- **Conviction Rate** - CBI conviction rate improved to 71.71% in 2025 (from 69.14% in 2024).
- **Significance** - Strengthens accountability through complaint disposal, first-stage advice, and major penalty proceedings.



Central Vigilance Commission

Introduction

To address corruption within the central government, India established the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) as the apex vigilance institution responsible for supervising anti-corruption activities in government organizations.



CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION



ESTABLISHED

1964 and statutory status under the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003.



APPOINTMENT

The President of India appoints the Central Vigilance Commissioner and Vigilance Commissioners.



TENURE

4 years or until the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.



ROLE

Acts as the apex vigilance institution to combat corruption and promote integrity in public administration.



COMMITTED TO: TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND INTEGRITY

The Commission functions as an independent body that monitors vigilance administration, investigates corruption complaints and advises government.

[1] Establishment of the CVC

The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) was established in 1964 through an executive resolution of the Government of India.

[2] Santhanam Committee & Path to Independence

Santhanam Committee recommendations on the Santh Corruption | Corruption (1962–1964), which the examinee recommended of the **establaner of the establishment of an independent vigilance body**.

Pre-2003 advisory status neither a constitutional body nor a statutory body. It functioned only as an advisory institution under the executive authority of the central government.

[3] Statutory Status (2003)

To strengthen its independence and authority, Parliament enacted the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003, which granted statutory status to the Commission.

[4] Role in Whistle Blower Protection

In 2004, the Central Vigilance Commission was designated as the agency responsible for receiving complaints from whistle-blowers under the Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers Resolution (PIDPI), commonly known as the Whistle Blowers Resolution.

International Relations and Issues

G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting

G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting held Sep in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

• **Consensus** - Ministers adopted Innovation Ministerial Statement and Carolina Principles for Emerging Technologies.

• **Focus** - Agreement across six pillars:

- Pro-Innovation Policy Frameworks
- Technology For Opportunity And Prosperity
- Skilled Technical Workforce Development
- Intellectual Property Policies For Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- AI For Standards And Standards For AI
- Industrial Innovation And Investment In Supply Chains.

• **Deliverables** - AI Prosperity Objectives and AI Prosperity Compact to expand technical workforce and private sector partnerships.

• **India's Bilaterals** - With EU, France, Germany, African Union on AI, digital tech, DPI; with US on semiconductors, AI, data centres.



First Road Bridge - Russia and North Korea

Recently, First road bridge between Russia and North Korea was inaugurated

- **Feature** - 1-km, two-lane bridge over Tumen River.
- **Background** - Replaces decades-long use of Friendship Rail Bridge (1959).
- **Capacity** - Up to 300 vehicles daily; connects to Russia's federal road network linking Vladivostok-St Petersburg.
- **Name** - *Bridge named after Yakov Novichenko*, Red Army soldier credited with saving Kim Il Sung in 1946.



**RUSSIA AND NORTH KOREA
OPEN THE FIRST ROAD LINK
ACROSS SHARED BORDER**

Economy

Zero-Emission Freight Deployment in India

NITI Aayog's e-FAST India introduces Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT) at 5th Summit in New Delhi.

- **Objective** - Aggregate freight demand from shippers, Logistics Service Providers (LSPs), vehicle makers, financiers, charge point operators (CPOs) to accelerate zero-emission trucks.
- **ZET Marketplace** - Interactive platform connecting e-truck manufacturers, LSPs, CPOs, financiers, tech firms for partnerships.
- **Vision** - Corridor-based charging, innovative financing, market-driven collaboration to strengthen commercial case for electric medium- and heavy-duty vehicles (e-MHDVs).
- **Significance** - Builds scalable, viable electric trucking ecosystem advancing logistics competitiveness and energy security.



Agriculture

India-First Agricultural AI Models

Recently, Google developed two satellite-imagery AI models in India.

• Agricultural Landscape Understanding (ALU) and Agricultural Monitoring and Event Detection (AMED) -

- To analyze farmland and track farming activities.
- These models are now expanding globally, with testing underway across 11 countries in Africa and the Asia-Pacific.

• Key applications -

- **Sustainable Farming** - CarbonFarm maps field boundaries for low-carbon rice cultivation.

- **Agricultural Finance** - Platforms like Terrastack reduce the need for physical farm visits.

- **Water Management** - Karnataka's government uses them to track crop water productivity across 2.6 million hectares.

• **Global Policy** - The UN FAO is integrating them into global agricultural data repositories.



Environment

UN Climate Week 2026

Fourth UN Climate Week opens in Baku, Azerbaijan (Sep 6-11, 2026) ahead of COP31.

- **Participants** - Governments, financial institutions, businesses, climate experts, civil society and investors.
- **Focus** - Climate action, finance, adaptation, transparency; high-level dialogue on Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework.
- **Dialogue** - Involves presidencies of COP29 (Azerbaijan), COP30 (Brazil), COP31 (Turkey) to build momentum for improved climate reporting.
- **Discussions on** - Carbon markets, just transition, nationally determined contributions, mobilisation of finance for climate action.
- **Backdrop** - Climate finance remains sensitive; developing nations stress gaps in adaptation, clean energy, loss and damage.
- **Significance** - Deliberations feed into COP31 preparations, pushing stronger climate plans and Paris Agreement progress.



Security

AASHVAST Lab for Drone Security

Indian Army unveils AASHVAST Labs in Delhi to secure military drones and defence electronics.

- **AASHVAST** - Assessment and Analysis of Electronic Systems Hardware for Vulnerabilities and Security Threats.
- **Function** - Detects hidden risks in hardware, software, firmware; scans for passwords, embedded keys, remote-access tools.
- **Focus** - Validates drones; checks updates, navigation security, GPS spoofing and jamming threats.
- **Concern** - Identifies Chinese components or unauthorised modifications in defence platforms.
- **Significance** - Enhances cybersecurity, operational preparedness, indigenous defence ecosystem and resilience against evolving threats.



Exercise Veer Guardian 2026

2nd edition of Exercise Veer Guardian hosted by IAF at Jodhpur.

- **Participants** - Japanese Self-Defense Force (JASDF) contingent arrives with 2 C-2 aircraft, 3 F-2As (8th Air Wing, Tsuiki Air Base) and 110 members.
- **Focus** - Air combat manoeuvring; enhance interoperability, operational synergy and tactical proficiency.
- **Context** - Builds on Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership; defence ministers Rajnath Singh and Shinjiro Koizumi reaffirmed cooperation.
- **Significance** - Strengthens bilateral defence ties, maritime security cooperation and supports peace, stability and prosperity in Indo-Pacific.



Miscellaneous

International Day of Charity

UNGA designated 5th September (Mother Teresa's death anniversary) as International Day of Charity.

- **Purpose** - Sensitize and mobilize people, NGOs, stakeholders for volunteer and philanthropic activities.
- **Role of Charity** - Expression of global solidarity; supports healthcare, education, cultural preservation, vulnerable groups.
- **Global Impact** - Charity goes beyond immediate aid, helping build resilient societies through better healthcare, education, and social protection.
- **Modern Evolution** - Digital tools, youth leaders, and climate-focused initiatives are making charitable giving more effective, inclusive, and transparent.
- **UN Goals** - The United Nations relies on global solidarity and civil engagement to end poverty, deliver humanitarian aid, and achieve its Sustainable Development Goals.
- **Significance** - More than generosity, it has become global responsibility to uplift communities and build sustainable, inclusive societies.



5 September
International Day of Charity



United Nations
Association of Australia
Victorian Division
Future Leaders Network
for Young Professionals

International Literacy Day 2026

International Literacy Day marks 60th anniversary in 2026, observed annually on September 8.

- **Theme** - "Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity" (UNESCO).
- **History** - Proclaimed by UNESCO in 1966; first celebrated in 1967.
- **Purpose** - Literacy as fundamental human right enabling education, opportunity, participation, sustainable societies.
- **Global Challenge** - 739 million youth and adults still lack basic literacy; 4 in 10 children below minimum reading proficiency.
- **Observance 2026** - Global event in Chiapas, Mexico with ministers, experts, teachers, students and distribution of UNESCO Literacy Prizes.
- **Significance** - Platform to assess progress, address gaps, and shape future literacy policies and programmes.

