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#### Polity & Governance

##### Female Enrolment in Higher Education

India's higher education sector recorded significant growth in 2023-24 and women accounting for nearly half of all students.

##### **All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) report**

- Female enrolment is 2.24 crore (nearly 50% of total 4.5 crore) in 2023-24.
- Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), in the 18-23 age group, is 31.2 %.
  - GER measures enrolment in higher education as a percentage of the population.
- **Higher Female GER** - Female GER standing at 31.2 % compared to 28.9 % for males.
- Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) has risen to 1.02 crore in 2023-24 (from 91.5 lakh in 2014-15).

#### International Relations and Issues

##### NATO Summit 2026

- **Venue** - Ankara, Turkey.
- **Objective** - To discuss defence spending, Ukraine assistance, regional security and strategic partnerships with key allies.
- **Participation** - 32-member countries of NATO.
- **NATO leaders' announcements for 2026** -
  - Allies pledge €70bn in military equipment.
  - Assistance and training for Ukraine.
  - Affirm their sovereign commitments to sustaining at least equivalent levels in 2027.

##### BRICS Women's Working Group Meeting

- India commenced the BRICS Women's Working Group (WWG) Meeting in Kochi, Kerala, under its BRICS Chairship 2026.
- **Under India's BRICS Chairship Theme** - "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability".
- **Four priority areas** -
  - Building a more resilient BRICS through women's governance and leadership
  - Advancing financial and digital inclusion as catalysts for change.
  - Promoting women's entrepreneurship and skill development.
  - Strengthening women's role in climate action, food security and nutrition.

## **Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund**

*The International Monetary Fund has named Silvana Tenreyro, as its new chief economist and Director of the Research Department.*

- Maria Silvana Tenreyro is a British-Argentine economist and professor of economics at the London School of Economics.
- *Gita gopinath* from India previously served as chief economist of IMF.

## **Economy**

### **Country's First 6-Lane Runway Underpass**

*Varanasi airport to get country's first 6-lane runway underpass.*

- The country's first 6-lane underpass beneath an active runway is coming up *at the new terminal of Varanasi airport.*
- **Jointly executed by -**
  - National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
  - Airports Authority of India (AAI).

### **Indian oil imports**

- Russia's share in Indian oil imports crossed 40% in May 2026, highest in nearly two years.
- *Russia charged India a premium for its oil*, while U.S. and UAE sold India oil at lower-than-average prices.
- India is trying to diversify its sources of oil, including importing oil from Iran and Venezuela.
- *India's total oil imports stood at 218.2 lakh tonnes in May 2026* (12% higher than April 2026).
- Because the price of oil that India imported stood at \$106 per barrel in May 2026 as compared to \$64 a barrel in May 2025.
- *Value of oil imports from Russia grew 83%* in May 2026 over its level in May last year, the actual *volume of oil imported from Russia fell by 2%*.

## **Agriculture**

## Jalbhara

The 220-year-old Bengali sweet Jalbhara got GI tag.



- **Place** - Chandannagar, **West Bengal**.
- Name literally translates to "filled with liquid" (from the Bengali words "jol" for liquid and "bhora" for filled).
- It is famed for its soft, outer shell of fresh chhena that hides a burst of liquid filling.
- Originally, the sweet was made with rosewater or nolen gur (date palm jaggery) syrup as the core.

## Balagarh's Traditional Boats

Balagarh boats recently received GI tag.



- **Location** - Balagarh, West Bengal's Hooghly district.
- It is believed to be over 600 years old entrenched in Bengal's cultural and commercial heritage.
- The craft finds mentioned in -
  - Writings of Mughal chronicler Abul Fazl (1551-1602)
  - Devotional literature of the Mangal-Kavya (between the 13th and 18th centuries).
- In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, even Portuguese bandits purportedly used Balagarh-made boats.
- Boat-makers are expected to benefit from central schemes such as [PM Vishwakarma](#).

## **Environment**

### Satkosia Tiger Reserve Restoration

Odisha's Satkosia Tiger Reserve has been a tough lesson for the National Tiger Conservation Authority's (NTCA) big cat conservation programme.

- **Programme aim** - To establish a founder population and initiate natural breeding within the reserve.
- It was done across 12 tiger reserves in less than two decades.
- The first such exercise was the reintroduction of two female and a male tiger from Rajasthan's Ranthambore Tiger Reserve.
- The last exercise was in 2024, when 2 female tigers were reintroduced from Maharashtra.
- The two-female-one-male experiment has been more successful in Madhya Pradesh's Panna Tiger Reserve.
- Satkosia had one tiger when a male and a female were introduced from Kanha and Bandhavgarh, both from Madhya Pradesh.
- This protected area in the Eastern Ghats recorded none in 2026.

### Security

#### Pinaka Long-Range Guided Rocket

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on successfully conducted a flight test of the Pinaka long range guided rocket.
- The rocket executed all planned in-flight manoeuvres and hit the designated target with high precision.
- **Designed by** - Armament Research and Development Establishment.
- The test flight demonstrates the system's ability to fire different variants of the Pinaka rocket family with varying ranges from the same launcher.