

# CURRENT AFFAIRS 2024-25 (NATIONAL)



## January 2024

- To encourage multilingualism in school, the government released the AI-powered “Anuvadini” app, which offers instructional resources in Indian languages starting with the eighth schedule.
- The ₹400 crore DFRP Plant at IGCAR, Kalpakkam, was launched by PM Modi, strengthening India’s capacity to reprocess nuclear fuel for prototype fast breeder reactors.
- Union Minister Sonowal declared plans to invest ₹60,000 crore by 2047 to increase employment, eco-friendly vessels, and river cruise tourism.



## February 2024

- India is expected to become the world’s second-largest importer of crude oil by 2030, according to the IEA, despite a decline in home production.
- The 62nd session of the UN Commission for Social Development was chaired by Ruchira Kamboj, who emphasized India’s participation in global social projects.
- PM Modi initiated ₹13,375 crore worth of infrastructure and education projects across India.



## March 2024

- PM Modi launched India’s first underwater metro service as part of the East-West route of Kolkata Metro.
- PM Modi, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, and Haryana Chief Minister launched the Gurgaon section of the Dwarka Expressway, showcasing the state-of-the-art infrastructure during an on-foot tour.



## April 2024

- NHA implemented the ‘One Vehicle, One FASTag’ norm from April 1, 2024, to prevent misuse by linking one FASTag exclusively to one vehicle, addressing earlier compliance delays.
- President Droupadi Murmu launched CAR-T cell therapy, India’s first indigenous gene therapy for cancer, at IIT Bombay on April 4, 2024, marking a major medical breakthrough.



## May 2024

- India’s imports from China surged to \$101 billion in 2023-24, up from \$70 billion in 2018-19, according to a Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) report.
- India overtook Japan in 2023 to become the world’s third-largest solar power generator, showcasing significant progress in renewable energy.



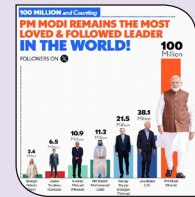
## June 2024

- South Korea launched the Korea AeroSpace Administration (KASA) to drive aerospace policy and industrial development.
- Narendra Modi (right) was sworn-in as the Prime Minister of India by President Draupadi Murmu, (left), at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, in New Delhi, India, Sunday, June 9, 2024. The 73-year-old leader is only the second Indian prime minister to retain power for a third term.



## July 2024

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi surpassed 100 million followers on X (formerly Twitter), becoming the most-followed global leader, ahead of figures like US President Joe Biden and Pope Francis.



## August 2024

- The Railways Ministry will fast-track Kavach 4.0, its advanced anti-collision system, with tenders planned for installation in 20,000 locomotives this year.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will commission INS Arighat, India's second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, enhancing India's nuclear deterrence and second-strike capability.



## September 2024

- India was named the exclusive partner for European Hydrogen Week 2024, reflecting its commitment to EU green regulations and boosting green hydrogen exports, announced at International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH) 2024 in New Delhi.
- The Union Cabinet approved the Bio-RIDE scheme with a ₹9,197 crore outlay (2021-26) to advance biotechnology research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.



## October 2024

- PM Modi launched the Single Window IT (SWIT) platform in Ahmedabad, developed by Dev IT under the guidance of IFSCA, aimed at streamlining financial services.
- PM Modi inaugurated the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, a development initiative with an outlay of ₹79,156 crore.



## November 2024

- Under PM Modi's leadership, the CCEA authorized a ₹10,700 crore working capital infusion into the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for the 2024–2025 fiscal year.
- The CCEA also approved three major multi-tracking railway projects worth ₹7,927 crore, including the Jalgaon–Manmad 4th line (160 km), Bhusawal–Khandwa 3rd & 4th lines (131 km), and Prayagraj–Manikpur 3rd line (84 km).



## December 2024

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the members of Kapoor family and held a candid conversation on the upcoming centenary celebrations of legendary filmmaker and actor Raj Kapoor.
- Sanjay Malhotra, a 1990-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the 26th RBI Governor, succeeding Shaktikanta Das.
- Dr Manmohan Singh (26 September 1932 – 26 December 2024) was an Indian politician, economist, academic, and bureaucrat, who served as the 13th prime minister of India from 2004 to 2014. Former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh passed away at 92 at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on 26 December 2024.

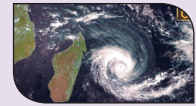


# CURRENT AFFAIRS 2024-25 (INTERNATIONAL)



## January 2024

- A change in the nation's military leadership has been announced with the appointment of Dong Jun as China's new defense minister.
- For the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, France is the first nation in the EU to implement fully digital Schengen visas.
- VinFast Auto Ltd, the Vietnamese electric vehicle giant, announced plans to set up an integrated electric vehicle facility in Tamil Nadu, India.
- Tropical Cyclone Alvaro made landfall in southwest Madagascar on January 1, 2024, marking the first major cyclone impact of the 2023-2024 season in the southwest Indian Ocean region.



## February 2024

- The BRICS organization now has 10 members after Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Iran, and Ethiopia formally joined on January 1.
- The UAE was swiftly removed from the FATF gray list less than two years after being demoted, reflecting significant progress in combating illicit financial activities.



## April 2024

- Romania and Bulgaria have taken a major step towards EU integration by partially joining the Schengen travel zone, enhancing their movement within Europe.
- Zimbabwe, alongside Zambia and Malawi, declared a state of disaster due to an El Niño-induced drought, with 80% of Zimbabwe affected, leading to food shortages and a humanitarian crisis exacerbated by climate change.



## May 2024

- Zimbabwe introduced the ZiG (Zimbabwe Gold) currency, backed by the country's gold reserves, to address its ongoing currency crisis. Initially launched electronically in April, it is now available in both banknotes and coins.
- Vladimir Putin has reached a major leadership milestone with the start of his fifth term as President of Russia.
- Russia claims to have found huge oil and gas reserves in the British Antarctic Territory, which could have major implications for energy resources.



## June 2024

- Environmentalists Jai Dhar Gupta and Vijay Dhasmana established India's first biosphere in a tiger reserve, the Rajaji Raghathi Biosphere (RRB), within Rajaji National Park, Uttarakhand.
- On June 10, India welcomed Egypt, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Ethiopia as new members of the BRICS grouping, with their representatives attending a key meeting hosted by Russia for the first time.



## July 2024

- K.P. Sharma Oli was sworn in as Nepal's Prime Minister for the fourth time on July 15, following his appointment by President Ram Chandra Paudel to lead a new coalition government.
- India and Russia aim to increase bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030, with a focus on energy, manufacturing, and fertilizers.



## August 2024

- India and Denmark launched a Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers (SLCR) with an initial funding of ₹16.8 crore from India's Jal Shakti Ministry and ₹5 crore from Denmark as part of their Environmental Strategic Partnership.
- On August 30, the Indian government approved Singapore Airlines' request for foreign direct investment as part of the Vistara-Air India merger, creating one of the biggest airline groups globally.



## September 2024

- Dassault Aviation, the French maker of Rafale fighter jets, has launched a new subsidiary in India focused on military Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) operations.
- Anura Kumara Disanayake was elected Sri Lanka's President, securing 42% of the vote in the country's first election since the 2022 economic crisis.



## October 2024

- Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu has announced the introduction of India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in the country to boost financial inclusion and improve transaction efficiency.
- As part of its commitment at the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC III) Summit, India sent its first consignment of 12 Haemo-Dialysis machines to Papua New Guinea. Additionally, in response to the southern Lebanon conflict, India dispatched 33 tons of medical supplies to Lebanon as part of a humanitarian effort.



## November 2024

- Former Democratic Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard was appointed as the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) by U.S. President-elect Donald Trump on November 13.
- UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced that Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with India will resume in early 2025, following a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The agreement aims to enhance their strategic partnership in areas like security, defense, technology, climate, health, and education.



## December 2024

- India has been selected to Chair the 68th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND).
- Shark and ray populations have declined by over 50% since 1970, due to overfishing, habitat destruction, climate change, and pollution. A recent study indicates that one-third of these species are now at risk of extinction.

## SPORTS 2024-25

### January 2024

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 5th Meghalaya Games in Tura, emphasizing the North East's potential for sports development due to its strong sports culture.
- 18-year-old chess prodigy Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa from Chennai made history by defeating World Champion Ding Liren.





## February 2024

- India was the runner-up at the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s Women's World Cup, losing 7-2 to the Netherlands in the final in Muscat.



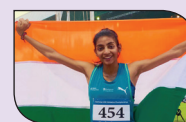
## March 2024

- England's James Anderson achieved his 700th Test wicket by bowling out India's Kuldeep Yadav in Dharamsala on the morning of Day 3 during the final Test against India.
- Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli has made history by being the first Indian cricketer to accumulate 12,000 runs in T20 cricket. Kohli reached this incredible milestone in the opening match of the 2024 Indian Premier League (IPL).



## April 2024

- The Maharashtra team triumphed as the clear winner at the 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24, securing the titles for both men and women.
- Indian athletes maintained their remarkable streak of victories at the 21st U-20 Asian Athletics Championship 2024, with Harshit Kumar securing a gold medal in the fiercely contested Hammer throw event.



## May 2024

- The United World Wrestling (UWW) has placed a provisional suspension on Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia that will last until December 31, 2024, after he was suspended by the National AntiDoping Agency (NADA) for allegedly 'refusing' to give a urine sample.
- Sunil Chhetri, India's most decorated footballer, announced his retirement from international football. His final appearance for the national team was in the FIFA World Cup Qualifier match against Kuwait in Kolkata on June 6.



## June 2024

- Rohit Sharma made history by becoming the first cricketer ever to hit 600 sixes in international cricket.
- 18-year-old Divya Deshmukh from Nagpur, India, claimed the FIDE Under-20 Girl's World Chess Championship title.
- India defeated South Africa by 7 runs to win their second T20 World Cup title. Virat Kohli was named Player of the Match for scoring 76 runs off 59 balls, while Jasprit Bumrah won Player of the Tournament for taking 15 wickets at an economy of 4.17. The final was also the last T20 match played by Kohli, Indian captain Rohit Sharma, and Ravindra Jadeja.



## July 2024

- At 16, Jiya Rai from Mumbai set a world record as the youngest and fastest para-swimmer to swim across the English Channel.



## August 2024

- Due to her failure to achieve the weight requirements for her 50 kg gold medal, Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat was disqualified from the Olympics in Paris.
- On August 30, Mona Agarwal broke the record in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event at the 2024 Paralympics by winning a bronze medal.



## September 2024

- On September 2, Yogesh Kathuniya of India took home the silver medal in the men's discus throw F56 competition at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris.
- With the first-ever judo medal for India in the Paralympic Games, Kapil Parmar has made a lasting impression on Paralympic history.



## October 2024

- In September and October of 2024, the Bangladeshi cricket team, led by captain Najmul Hossain Shanto, traveled to India for a series that included two Test matches and three T-20 Internationals. Under Rohit Sharma's guidance, India won the two-match Test series 2-0.
- The women's cricket team from New Zealand defeated South Africa by 32 runs in the final to win their first-ever ICC Women's T-20 World Cup.



## November 2024

- In Test cricket, Ravindra Jadeja became the fifth-highest wicket-taker for India, marking an important milestone. Jadeja achieved this distinction by surpassing Ishant Sharma's wicket total.



## December 2024

- The Indian men's junior hockey team won the Junior Asia Cup, 2024.
- 18-year-old Indian prodigy Gukesh D is the new FIDE World Champion and the 18th in the line of champions, the youngest ever in history.



## LOK SABHA ELECTIONS 2024

- On June 16, 2024, the 17th Lok Sabha's term came to an end. The Constitution's Article 83(2) stipulates that elections must be held to elect a new Lok Sabha before the present one ends.
- The Election Commission of India conducted free, fair, inclusive, accessible, transparent, and peaceful elections for the 18th Lok Sabha in accordance with the law and the constitution.
- The 18th Lok Sabha elections were held in seven parts by the Election Commission of India from April 19 to June 1.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged as the biggest party in this election. Nevertheless, no political group was able to secure a majority by itself.
- The results of the Lok Sabha elections were as follows:



Name of the Political Party	Seats won in the 18 <sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha
Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	240
Indian National Congress (INC)	99
Samajwadi Party (SP)	37
All India Trinamool Congress (AITMC)	29
Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)	22
Telugu Desam Party (TDP)	16
Janta Dal United [JD(U)]	16

- The swearing-in ceremony took place on June 9 after the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) secured a majority and asserted its claim to establish the government.

# ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2024



- The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) claimed 164 seats and the right to form the government in the 175-member Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections. Chandrababu Naidu, the leader of the Telugu Desam Party, was sworn in as chief minister for the fourth time.
- Pawan Kalyan, the founder of the Janasena Party, also swore in as deputy chief minister.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party won 78 seats in the 147-member Odisha Assembly elections and declared its intent for forming the government.
- Mohan Charan Manjhi of the Bharatiya Janata Party was sworn in as Odisha's chief minister.
- KV Singh Deo and Pravati Parida, both BJP MLAs, were elected to serve as Odisha's deputy chief ministers.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 48 seats in the Haryana legislature, winning the seat for the third straight term.
- Nayab Singh Saini, the Chief Minister, secured his seat after running for office from the Ladwa constituency.
- The BJP-led Mahayuti alliance won a huge victory in the Maharashtra election results.
- For the third time, Devendra Fadnavis became the Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- The Jharkhand Assembly election saw 56 of the 81 seats go to the JMM-led alliance INDIA.
- Hemant Soren, the JMM working president, took the oath of office as Jharkhand's fourteenth chief minister.
- Legislative Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir were held in three phases from 18 September to 1 October 2024, with results announced on 8 October. The INDIA alliance, led by the JKNC, INC, and CPI(M), secured a majority by winning 49 of the 90 seats, with the JKNC claiming the most seats.
- Omar Abdullah of the JKNC was sworn in as the first chief minister of the union territory on 16 October.





## AWARDS AND HONOURS 2024

- The Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar for 2023 has been awarded to Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay, a prominent writer from Bengal.



- On January 21, 2024, former Indian cricket captain and coach Ravi Shastri received the prestigious Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award at a grand BCCI ceremony.



- President Draupadi Murmu posthumously awarded the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award to Savita Kanswal, honoring her exceptional mountaineering achievements. The award was received by her father, Radheshyam Kanswal.



- Famous director Zoya Akhtar and British Indian chef Asma Khan received recognition for their exceptional achievements in filmmaking and culinary arts, respectively, at the yearly "India-UK Achievers" Awards in London.



- Ratan Tata, former chairman of Tata Sons, received the prestigious PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award on March 15, 2024, in Mumbai for his exceptional philanthropic contributions.



- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded Bhutan's highest civilian honor, the "Order of the Druk Gyalpo," making history as the first non-Bhutanese recipient of this prestigious accolade.



- Actor Randeep Hooda received the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award at a distinguished ceremony at Mumbai's Dinanath Mangeshkar Natyagrih in honor of his exceptional achievements to Indian cinema, especially his performance in "Swatantrya Veer Savarkar."



- Dr. Purnima Devi Barman, a wildlife biologist from Assam, received the Whitley Gold Award (Green Oscar) for her exceptional conservation work protecting the endangered Greater Adjutant Stork and its habitat, highlighting the importance of grassroots efforts in biodiversity preservation.



- Bollywood star Kareena Kapoor Khan has been named UNICEF India's National Ambassador.



- Kerala Tourism won the prestigious Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award 2024.



- Dhruvi Patel, a Computer Information Systems student from the USA, was crowned Miss India Worldwide 2024.



- Gujarati model Rhea Singha, 19, won the title of Miss Universe India 2024 in Jaipur.



- Mithun Chakraborty received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award on October 8, 2024, at the 70th National Film Awards. President Droupadi Murmu presented the award to him at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

