

05/06/2026 Daily Current News

1. *PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana:*

Context: PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana has already crossed 40 lakh beneficiary households within 2 years and I am hopeful that by the end of 2026, we will cross 75 lakh households by December 2026, said Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Joshi.

About PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana:

- ❖ PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana was launched by Narendra Modi on 13 February 2024 with an outlay of ₹75,021 crore.
- ❖ The scheme aims to install rooftop solar systems and provide up to 300 units of free electricity per month to one crore households.
- ❖ It offers Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of 60% for systems up to 2 kW and 40% for additional capacity between 2–3 kW, capped at 3 kW.
- ❖ Beneficiaries can apply for subsidies through the National Portal and select approved vendors for installation.
- ❖ Households can avail collateral-free loans at around 7% interest for residential rooftop solar systems up to 3 kW.
- ❖ The scheme includes a “Model Solar Village” component to establish one model village per district to promote rural solar adoption.
- ❖ ₹800 crore has been allocated for Model Solar Villages, with ₹1 crore awarded to each selected village to promote energy self-reliance.
- ❖ Launched on 13 February 2024 with an outlay of ₹75,021 crore, PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana has become the world’s largest domestic rooftop solar programme.
- ❖ Over 1 crore households have registered on the National Portal, with more than 33 lakh rooftop systems installed as of May 2026, adding over 12 GW capacity.

2. *National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG):*

Context: 17 Projects/ Initiatives selected for the National Awards for e-Governance 2026 across 7 Award categories.

About National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG):

- ❖ National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) are presented every year to recognize and promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance initiatives.
- ❖ The 29th NAeG 2026 awardees in seven categories include the Gram Panchayats category, recognising deepening and widening of service delivery at grassroots level through digitisation.
- ❖ The NAeG Awards, 2026 consist of: (i) Trophy, (ii) Certificate and (iii) an incentive of Rs 10 lakh for Gold Awardees and Rs 5 lakh for Silver Awardees to be awarded to Central Ministry/Department/State/UT/ District/Organisation/Gram Panchayat for being utilised for implementation of project/programme or bridging resources gaps in any area of public welfare.
- ❖ The awards ceremony will be held during the 29th National Conference on e-Governance in Jaipur, Rajasthan.



NATIONAL AWARDS FOR e-GOVERNANCE 2026 (NAeG 2026)



GOLD AWARDEES

S. No.	Name of the Project	Organisation Name
1.	Agri Stack	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
2.	e-jagriti	Ministry of Consumer Affairs
3.	Mahakumbh 2025	Prayagraj Mela Authority, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
4.	Blood Bag Traceability and Citizen Interaction portal for promoting speedy, safe and voluntary blood donation	Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC)
5.	AI-enabled Clinical Decision Support system in eSanjeevani telemedicine service	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
6.	District Court Case Management System (DCMS)	High Court of Kerala
7.	ICMR's Multistate Implementation Research Study on Integration of Screening and Management of Mental and Substance Use Disorders with other Non-Communicable Diseases (ICMR-MINDS)	Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
8.	Security Product for Threat Intel Distribution and DNS Filtering Service	Space Application Centre-ISRO, Ahmedabad
9.	E Nagar Palika with cyber security	Urban Development and Housing Department M.P.
10.	Integrated Cyber Security framework for a resilient Digital Banking Ecosystem	Bank of Baroda

SILVER AWARDEES

S. No.	Name of the Project	Organisation Name	S. No.	Name of the Project	Organisation Name
11.	E – Aarogya Dhamni – Transforming Healthcare through E - Governance	Health Department Zilla Parishad, Nandurbar, Maharashtra	15.	TRINETRA – AI based Video Surveillance system for Mahakal Rudrasagar Integrated Development Area (MRIDA) including Mahakaleshwar Temple	Mahakaleshwar Temple Trust, Samrat Vikramaditya Prashastik Sankul Bhawan, Ujjain
12.	Pune 360	Pune Municipal Commission, Maharashtra	16.	Panchayat Advancement Index - Data Driven Governance for Viksit Bharat	Ministry of Panchayati Raj
13.	Kadepur Gram Panchayat	Sangli District, Maharashtra			
14.	Bijoy Nagar Gram Panchayat	West Tripura District, Tripura			



JURY AWARD OF NAeG 2026

S. No.	Name of the Project	Organisation Name
1	Real Time Precise Positioning Services through CORS Network	Survey of India

3. Flex-fuel vehicles:

Context: Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Hardeep Singh Puri today launched India's first flex-fuel passenger vehicle by Maruti Suzuki in New Delhi, fuelling the vision of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat.

About Flex-fuel vehicles:

- ❖ Flex-fuel vehicles can operate on a range of ethanol–petrol blends, from E20 up to E100.
- ❖ Definition: Flex-fuel vehicles are vehicles designed to run on gasoline, ethanol, or any mixture of the two in varying proportions.
- ❖ Fuel Compatibility: They can typically operate on blends ranging from pure petrol to E85 (85% ethanol and 15% petrol).
- ❖ Technology: FFVs use modified fuel systems, sensors, and engine-control software to automatically detect the fuel blend and adjust engine performance.
- ❖ Environmental Benefits: Higher ethanol use reduces dependence on fossil fuels and can lower greenhouse gas and carbon monoxide emissions.
- ❖ Energy Security: FFVs help reduce crude oil imports by promoting the use of domestically produced biofuels.
- ❖ India's Initiative: India is promoting FFVs under its biofuel policy to support the target of increased ethanol blending in transportation fuels.

- ❖ Feedstock for Ethanol: Ethanol used in FFVs is produced from agricultural sources such as sugarcane, maize, damaged food grains, and other biomass.

4. ***Fotu La Tunnel project:***

Context: The Fotu La Tunnel project on National Highway-01 in Ladakh has been approved with an estimated cost of ₹1,196.22 crore.

More details about the project:

- ❖ Project Length: Covers a total alignment of 2.65 km.
- ❖ Tunnel Length: Includes a 1.96 km twin-tube tunnel.
- ❖ Approach Roads: Features 0.69 km of approach roads on both sides.
- ❖ Location: Situated at Fotu La Pass in Ladakh.
- ❖ Altitude: Fotu La Pass lies at an elevation of about 4,108 metres, the highest point on the National Highway 1 (Uri–Srinagar–Leh corridor).
- ❖ Strategic Importance: NH-01 is a vital route for civilian transportation, supply movement, and defence logistics in Ladakh.
- ❖ Tunnel Design: The project uses a unidirectional twin-tube tunnel, with separate tubes for traffic movement in each direction.
- ❖ Benefits: Enhances road safety, improves traffic management, and ensures more reliable all-weather connectivity through the pass.

5. ***Capital gains tax:***

Context: India is considering abolishing capital gains tax on foreign portfolio investments (FPIs) in government securities to attract greater foreign capital inflows. The move is aimed at supporting the Indian rupee, which has weakened by over 5% in 2026 due to rising oil prices and foreign portfolio outflows from equity markets. By making government bonds more attractive to overseas investors, the government hopes to strengthen capital inflows and improve currency stability.

About Capital gains tax:

- ❖ Capital gain refers to the profit earned from the sale or transfer of a capital asset.
- ❖ Capital assets include land, buildings, house property, vehicles, machinery, jewellery, patents, trademarks, and leasehold rights.
- ❖ Rights related to an Indian company, including management, control, or other legal rights, are also treated as capital assets.
- ❖ Since capital gains are considered income, they are subject to Capital Gains Tax (CGT).
- ❖ CGT is levied when a capital asset is transferred from one owner to another.
- ❖ The tax applies to both individuals and businesses.
- ❖ Capital gains are classified into Short-Term Capital Gains (STCG) and Long-Term Capital Gains (LTCG) based on the holding period.
- ❖ STCG: Assets held for less than 36 months (or less than 24 months for immovable property) are treated as short-term assets.
- ❖ Profits from the sale of short-term assets are taxed as short-term capital gains.
- ❖ LTCG: Assets held for more than 36 months are generally treated as long-term assets.

- ❖ Listed shares, equity-oriented mutual funds, UTI units, securities, preference shares, and zero-coupon bonds become long-term assets if held for more than 12 months.
- ❖ Profits from the sale of long-term assets are taxed as long-term capital gains, usually at rates different from STCG.

Quick Bites:

- ☐ Prime Minister Inaugurates First World Yogasana Championship In Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The World Yogasana Sports Championship is the first global tournament to present yoga as a structured competitive sport focused on precision, flexibility, balance, and endurance. The inaugural five-day event is being held at EKA Arena in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, and is organized by Yogasana Bharat in association with the World Yogasana Body and the Indian Olympic Association. Its main objective is to standardize competitive Yogasana rules and scoring systems and build a pathway for future inclusion in major international multi-sport events such as the Olympics, Asian Games, and Commonwealth Games.
- ☐ In a significant boost to India's agri-food exports, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the flagging off of the first-ever sea shipment of botanical-infused ready-to-cook millet functional foods from Karnataka to New Zealand on June 3, 2026.
- ☐ In a significant step toward internationalisation of higher education under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Ministry of Education today handed over the Letter of Approval (LoA) to the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom, to establish its branch campus in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ☐ The India–UK Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO) was formally launched today in New Delhi by G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Government of India, and Yvette Cooper, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, United Kingdom. The Observatory is a joint initiative of TEXMiN(TTRP, DST, GoI), Indian Institute of Technology (ISM) Dhanbad and University of Cambridge, aimed at creating a data-driven platform for monitoring and analysing global critical mineral supply chains.
- ☐ Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), the flagship youth engagement platform of the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, has been awarded the Guinness World Records [GWR] title for the “Most Users to Take an Online Quiz in One Week” after 390,812 participants successfully completed the full length of the quiz during the official assessment period.
- ☐ India's renewable energy sector achieved a major milestone in 2025, adding over 37 GW of solar capacity, surpassing the USA's 34 GW addition. The country's total installed solar capacity has now exceeded 155 GW, while non-fossil fuel sources account for 51.93% of India's total installed power capacity (December 2025). According to Renewable Energy Statistics 2026, India ranks as the world's third-largest renewable energy producer, behind only China and United States.
- ☐ A rare Blue Micromoon was observed worldwide, including in India, on 31 May 2026. The phenomenon occurs when a Blue Moon—the second full moon in a calendar month, usually

occurring every 2–3 years—coincides with a Micromoon, which happens when the Moon is at its apogee, the farthest point in its orbit from Earth, causing it to appear slightly smaller and dimmer than usual. The simultaneous occurrence of these two events creates a Blue Micromoon, an exceptionally rare celestial phenomenon.

- ☐ The Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) programme won the Food Planet Prize 2026, the world's largest environmental award dedicated to transforming global food systems. Launched in 2016 by Rythu Sadhikara Samstha under the agriculture department of Andhra Pradesh, APCNF was designed to help farmers transition to natural farming practices. The Food Planet Prize, awarded by the Curt Bergfors Foundation, recognizes innovative solutions that promote food security, climate resilience, and biodiversity conservation, and is open to individuals, institutions, startups, and civil society organizations worldwide.
- ☐ Ladakh's Chumur village in eastern Ladakh has become the site of India's first model border village near the India-China border. The project is being developed under the Union Government's Vibrant Villages Programme, which covers border settlements in high-altitude and remote areas.
- ☐ India's liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) import pattern changed in 2026, with the United States becoming India's largest supplier and the Middle East losing its earlier dominant share.
- ☐ Visakhapatnam, also called Vizag, has been selected for Andhra Pradesh's first semiconductor project under the India Semiconductor Mission. The project is an Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test facility proposed by Advanced System in Package Technologies Private Limited.

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