

Current Affairs 2025

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The Year at a Glance

The fifty facts of 2025 most likely to be asked. Revise this list first, and last.

- **Union Budget 2025-26** presented on 1 February 2025 by Nirmala Sitharaman — her eighth consecutive Budget. No income tax up to Rs 12 lakh under the new regime. Fiscal deficit target: 4.4 per cent of GDP.

- **Economic Survey 2024-25** tabled on 31 January 2025: growth of 6.3 to 6.8 per cent projected for 2025-26.

- **Repo rate** cut four times in 2025 — from 6.50 per cent to 6.25 (February), 6.00 (April), 5.50 (June) and 5.25 per cent (December). The cash reserve ratio was cut from 4 to 3 per cent.

- **GDP grew 6.5 per cent** in 2024-25; **7.8 per cent** in April-June 2025 and **8.2 per cent** in July-September 2025.

- **Retail inflation fell to 0.25 per cent** in October 2025, the lowest in the current CPI series.

- **GST 2.0:** the 56th GST Council meeting (3 September 2025) replaced four main slabs with two — 5 and 18 per cent — plus a 40 per cent rate for luxury and sin goods. In force from 22 September

2025.

- **S&P Global** raised India's sovereign rating from BBB- to **BBB** on 14 August 2025 — its first upgrade of India in 18 years.

- **India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement** signed on 24 July 2025 at Chequers.

- **India-EFTA TEPA** came into force on 1 October 2025.

- **United States tariffs on Indian goods** reached 50 per cent on 27 August 2025.

- **Delhi election:** BJP won 48 of 70 seats. **Rekha Gupta** sworn in as Chief Minister on 20 February 2025.

- **Bihar election:** NDA won 202 of 243 seats. **Nitish Kumar** sworn in for a record tenth time on 20 November 2025.

- **Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned** on 21 July 2025. **C. P. Radhakrishnan** was elected the 15th Vice-President on 9 September 2025 (452 votes to 300).

- **B. R. Gavai** became the 52nd Chief Justice of India on 14 May 2025 — the first Buddhist in the office. **Surya Kant** became the 53rd on 24 November 2025.

- **Gyanesh Kumar** took charge as the 26th Chief Election Commissioner on 19 February 2025.

- **Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025** — assent 5 April 2025. The Waqf Act, 1995 is renamed the UMEED Act.

- **Income-tax Act, 2025** — assent 21 August 2025; replaced the Income-tax Act, 1961 from 1 April 2026.

- **Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025** — bans online real-money games.

- **Viksit Bharat-G RAM G Act, 2025** replaces MGNREGA; guarantees 125 days of rural work instead of 100.

- **SHANTI Act, 2025** opens nuclear power generation to private companies.

- **Four Labour Codes** came into force on 21 November 2025, replacing 29 central labour laws.

- **Census 2027** notified on 16 June 2025; reference date 1 March 2027; caste to be enumerated.

- **Pahalgam attack** (22 April 2025) killed 26. India held the **Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance** on 23 April and launched **Operation Sindoor** on 7 May 2025, striking nine terror sites. A ceasefire took effect on 10 May.

- **Mission Sudarshan Chakra** — a national air and missile defence shield by 2035 — announced on 15 August 2025.

- **PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana** — Rs 99,446 crore, 3.5 crore jobs in two years.

- **PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana** — 100 agricultural districts, Rs 24,000 crore a year for six years.

- **Maha Kumbh**, Prayagraj, 13 January - 26 February 2025: more than 66 crore devotees.

- **Chenab Bridge** — the world's highest railway arch bridge (359 m) — opened on 6 June 2025, completing the Kashmir rail link.

- **New Pamban Bridge** — India's first vertical-lift sea bridge — opened on 6 April 2025.

- **Mizoram** joined the railway map: Bairabi-Sairang line opened on 13 September 2025.

- **SpaDeX docking** on 16 January 2025 made India the fourth country to dock two spacecraft in orbit.

- **ISRO's 100th launch** from Sriharikota: GSLV-F15 with NVS-02, 29 January 2025.

- **Shubhanshu Shukla** became the first Indian to visit the International Space Station (Axiom-4, launched 25 June 2025).

- **NISAR**, the NASA-ISRO radar satellite, launched on 30 July 2025.

- **MiG-21 retired** on 26 September 2025 after 62 years.

- **Republic Day 2025** chief guest: Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto.

- **Donald Trump** sworn in as the 47th US President on 20 January 2025.

- **Pope Francis** died on 21 April 2025; **Pope Leo XIV** (Robert Prevost), the first American pope, elected on 8 May 2025.

- **Sanae Takaichi** became Japan's first woman Prime Minister (21 October 2025); **Sushila Karki** Nepal's first woman Prime Minister (12 September 2025).

- **Timor-Leste** became ASEAN's 11th member on 26 October 2025.

- **G20 Johannesburg** (22-23 November 2025) — the first G20 summit in Africa.

- **Nobel Peace Prize 2025:** María Corina Machado (Venezuela).

- **International Booker Prize 2025:** *Heart Lamp* by Banu Mushtaq, translated from Kannada by Deepa Bhasthi.

- **Jnanpith (59th):** Vinod Kumar Shukla. **Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2023):** Mohanlal.

- **India won the Champions Trophy** (9 March 2025) and the **Asia Cup** (28 September 2025).

- **India's women won their first ODI World Cup** — beating South Africa by 52 runs on 2 November 2025.

- **RCB won IPL 2025**, their first title.

- **Divya Deshmukh** won the FIDE Women's World Cup and became India's 88th Grandmaster.

- **Ahmedabad** will host the 2030 Commonwealth Games (decided 26 November 2025).

- **India's Ramsar sites** reached 96 by December 2025.

The Elections of 2025

Two legislative assemblies were elected in 2025, and the country chose a new Vice-President in the middle of the year.

Delhi. Voting for the 70-member Delhi Legislative Assembly was held on 5 February 2025, and the results were declared on 8 February. The Bharatiya Janata Party won 48 seats and returned to power in Delhi after twenty-seven years. The Aam Aadmi Party, which had governed since 2015, won 22. The Indian National Congress did not win a seat.

Rekha Gupta, the BJP member from Shalimar Bagh, was sworn in as Chief Minister on 20 February 2025 at the Ramlila Maidan. Lieutenant Governor V. K. Saxena administered the oath. She is the fourth woman to be Chief Minister of Delhi, after Sushma Swaraj, Sheila Dikshit and Atishi.

Bihar. The 243-member Bihar Legislative Assembly was elected in two phases in November 2025, and the results were declared on 14 November. The National Democratic Alliance won 202 seats: the BJP 89, the Janata Dal (United) 85 and the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) 19, with the rest going to smaller allies. The Mahagathbandhan was reduced to 34 seats; the Rashtriya Janata Dal won 25 and the Congress 6.

Nitish Kumar was sworn in as Chief Minister on 20 November 2025 at the Gandhi Maidan in Patna — for the tenth time, a record.

Governor Arif Mohammed Khan administered the oath to him and a council of 26 ministers.

The Vice-President. On 21 July 2025, the first day of the Monsoon Session, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned, citing his health. He addressed his resignation to the President under Article 67(a) of the Constitution, two years before his five-year term was due to end. The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh, presided over the House in the meantime.

The election was held on 9 September 2025. The NDA's candidate, C. P. Radhakrishnan, then Governor of Maharashtra, received 452 votes; the opposition's candidate, Justice B. Sudershan Reddy, a former judge of the Supreme Court, received 300. Of 781 members of Parliament eligible to vote, 767 voted; 752 votes were valid and 15 were declared invalid. Radhakrishnan was sworn in as the 15th Vice-President on 12 September 2025. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The story continues.

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