



Summits and Conferences Capsule for SBI PO Mains

Summits | Events | Festivals (National/International) of April 2025

Category	Event	Key Points
Summits	9th Global Technology Summit (GTS) 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 9th Global Technology Summit (GTS) 2025, co-hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs and Carnegie India, will be held in New Delhi from April 10-12 with the theme "Sambhavna" (Possibilities). The summit will explore how emerging technologies can drive inclusive growth, digital governance, and global cooperation, featuring 150+ speakers from 40+ countries.
Events	11th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the 11th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting in Brasilia (April 3, 2025), India called for stronger climate cooperation, emphasizing the Baku to Belem Roadmap to mobilize USD 1.3 trillion for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Represented by Amandeep Garg from MoEFCC, India highlighted sustainable development, energy security, and a Just Transition. India stressed BRICS' global role, covering 47% of the world's population and 36% of GDP, and advocated for enhanced climate finance, energy diversification, and the Green Grids Initiative. The meeting also emphasized resource efficiency and circular economy principles.
Events	United Nations Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India has been appointed to the United Nations Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) for the 2025–2027 term, marking a significant step in shaping global financial reporting frameworks. This appointment underscores India's growing influence and trust in its capabilities, particularly in enhancing transparency, accountability, and corporate governance. As a member of ISAR, India will contribute to the development of international standards for financial and non-financial reporting, including areas like corporate social responsibility, environmental issues, and governance, under the umbrella of UNCTAD.
Events	Global Climate Action Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brazil has proposed the creation of a Global Climate Action Council under the UNFCCC to enhance global coordination and accelerate climate action, ahead of COP30 in Belem, Brazil (November 2025). Aimed at simplifying complex climate negotiations, the proposal seeks to boost effective decision-making. While it has received mixed international reactions, it highlights Brazil's proactive role in addressing the climate crisis.
Conference	National Conference on 'Environment – 2025'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the National Conference on 'Environment – 2025' in New Delhi (March 29, 2025), emphasizing environmental protection as a daily responsibility and urging efforts toward sustainability for future generations. Organized by the National Green Tribunal (NGT), the event discussed environmental challenges, best practices, and policy collaborations.
Conference	Army Commanders' Conference (ACC) 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Army Commanders' Conference (ACC) 2025 is being held in New Delhi from April 1-4, 2025, serving as a biannual platform for senior Army leadership to review national security, operational priorities, and emerging challenges. Key discussions include military preparedness, technological integration, and soldier welfare. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, along with the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and NITI Aayog CEO, will provide strategic insights on India's defence vision and the armed forces' role in nation-building.





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Conference	Conference for large NBFCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hosted a conference for large NBFCs on March 28, 2025, in Chennai, under the theme "Shared Vision, Shared Responsibility: Strengthening the NBFCs." Attended by over 200 participants, including RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J and ICAI President Charanjot Singh Nanda, the event focused on regulatory supervision, risk management, fair lending practices, and audit transparency.
Conference	6th BIMSTEC Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Thailand on April 3, 2025, for a two-day visit to attend the 6th BIMSTEC Summit, aiming to enhance trade, connectivity, and economic collaboration among BIMSTEC countries. The summit will focus on the Bay of Bengal region's growth, with discussions involving leaders from Thailand, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Bhutan. PM Modi highlighted India-Thailand cultural ties and emphasized the strategic importance of the region. After the summit, he is scheduled to visit Sri Lanka to continue diplomatic engagement.

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Summits	World Sustainable Development Summit	New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2025 in New Delhi, organized by TERI, to promote global partnerships for sustainable development and climate solutions. He highlighted India's leadership in climate action through initiatives like the International Solar Alliance (ISA), Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), and Mission LiFE. The summit saw participation from global leaders, including Guyana's PM Brigadier Mark Phillip and Brazil's Minister Marina Silva, reinforcing international cooperation on environmental sustainability.
Summits	WAVEX 2025	Mumbai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WAVEX 2025, launched by the Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and IAMAI, aims to empower startups in the media and entertainment sector. Held at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, from May 1-4, it offers funding, networking, and exposure opportunities. Startups can pitch to venture capitalists and celebrity investors, with a focus on gaming, animation, XR, metaverse, generative AI, and next-gen content platforms.
Events	WAVES India: A Bird's Eye View Challenge		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WAVES India: A Bird's Eye View Challenge is a Create in India initiative organized by BECIL in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The competition invites drone pilots and filmmakers to create 2-3 minute videos showcasing India's landscapes, heritage, and vibrant life through aerial cinematography, capturing the country's beauty from a bird's-eye view.





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Events	Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2025	Barcelona, Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia represented India at the Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2025 in Barcelona, Spain. • He highlighted India's 5G expansion, lowest data tariffs, indigenous telecom infrastructure, and cybersecurity framework. Scindia emphasized tech governance, innovation, and global partnerships while unveiling the India Mobile Congress 2025 and inaugurating the Bharat Pavilion to showcase India's telecom capabilities.
Events	GRIDCON 2025	New Delhi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRIDCON 2025, an International Conference cum Exhibition, was inaugurated by Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, on March 9, 2025, at IICC, Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi. • The event, which runs from March 9 to March 11, 2025, is organized by the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) under the patronage of the Ministry of Power and in association with CIGRE India. • It aims to strengthen India's power grid and promote innovations in renewable energy integration, with the Union Minister of State for Power & New & Renewable Energy, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, also in attendance.
Events	69th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW)	New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India, led by Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annpurna Devi, participated in the 69th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) from March 10-21, 2025 in New York. • The session focused on gender equality and women's empowerment, with India reaffirming its commitment to holistic development, inclusive policies, and international cooperation for women's rights.
Events	353rd ILO Governing Body Meeting	Genev	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India participated in the 353rd ILO Governing Body Meeting in Geneva (March 10-20, 2025), led by Ms. Sumita Dawra, Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment. • India highlighted its achievements in social protection, living wages, and fair migration, with initiatives like EPFO, ESIC, and e-Shram Portal. • India supported ILO's Global Coalition for Social Justice, the Second World Summit for Social Development, and ILO's Fair Migration Agenda. The country also emphasized its Factories Act, 1948 and Occupational Safety Code, 2020 for worker safety.
Conference	Water Sustainability Conference 2025		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Water Sustainability Conference 2025, organized by BWUE and TERI, focused on enhancing Industrial Water Use Efficiency. Inaugurated by Union Minister C. R. Patil, the conference emphasized the 4R approach (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Recharge), with Respect added as the 5th principle for sustainable water management in industries.
Conference	4th 'No Money for Terror' (NMFT) Conference		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the 4th 'No Money for Terror' (NMFT) Conference in Munich, India emphasized the need for international cooperation to combat terror financing, particularly concerning cross-border fund flows and digital transactions. • India highlighted the evolving methods terrorists use for financial transfers and called for unified global action to tackle the growing threat.





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Summits	Global Justice, Love & Peace Summit	Dubai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dubai will host the Global Justice, Love & Peace Summit on April 12-13, 2025, at the Dubai Exhibition Centre. Organized by the I am Peacekeeper Movement, the summit will feature 2,800 peacekeepers and 72 speakers, including 10 Nobel Laureates and heads of state. Under the patronage of Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan, the event aligns with the UAE's Year of Community initiative and aims to foster justice, love, and peace globally.
Summits	BIMSTEC Youth Summit 2025	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BIMSTEC Youth Summit 2025 will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from 7th to 11th February 2025, bringing together young leaders from BIMSTEC nations. Inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, the summit aims to strengthen ties among Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Focused on youth-led initiatives, leadership, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it is organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.
Summits	AI Paris Summit	Paris	<p>Key Takeaways from PM Modi's Speech at AI Paris Summit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> AI's Transformative Impact – AI is revolutionizing governance, economy, security, and society at an unprecedented pace. Global AI Governance – Collaboration is crucial for fair regulations that promote trust and shared values. Beyond Risk Management – AI governance must balance risk mitigation with fostering innovation and accessibility. AI for Global Good – AI can advance healthcare, education, and agriculture while tackling cybersecurity threats. AI and Jobs – AI reshapes jobs, necessitating investment in skilling and re-skilling workforces. Sustainability in AI – AI's high energy consumption demands green energy solutions and efficient AI models. India's AI Leadership – India's Digital Public Infrastructure and National AI Mission drive inclusive AI growth. Human-Centric AI – AI must serve humanity with ethical responsibility and inclusivity.
Summits	Summit for Action on Artificial Intelligence	Paris	<p>The "Summit for Action on Artificial Intelligence" has started in Paris, co-chaired by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron. The summit brings together world leaders, industry experts, and researchers to discuss AI ethics, regulation, and responsible development, aiming to shape the future of AI as it transforms industries, economies, and governance globally.</p>
Summits	World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES)	Mumbai	<p>India will host the inaugural World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai from May 1 to 4, 2025. The summit aims to establish India as a global media and entertainment hub, bringing together industry leaders, CEOs, professionals, and creative minds to foster collaboration, investment, and technological advancements in the entertainment sector.</p>





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Summits	Global AI Summit	Paris	Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that India will host the next Global AI Summit , following discussions at the AI Action Summit in Paris. Co-chaired by PM Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron , the summit focused on global cooperation in AI . India's leadership in AI , commitment to inclusivity , and key AI initiatives were highlighted.
Summits	World Government Summit (WGS) 2025	Dubai	The World Government Summit (WGS) 2025 was held in Dubai from February 11-13 , focusing on " Shaping Future Governments. " India, represented by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav , highlighted its commitment to green growth and climate resilience . Yadav discussed clean technology , electric vehicles , and climate-resilient infrastructure , emphasizing the need for financial resources to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and tackle climate change .
Summits	17th BRICS Summit	Brazil, Russia	The 17th BRICS Summit will be held in Rio de Janeiro on July 6-7, 2025 , bringing together Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa , and invited nations. The summit will focus on global governance reforms , economic cooperation , and shared prosperity among Global South countries. With BRICS expanding to include nations like Iran, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia , this event will shape future global trade, finance , and diplomatic ties .
Events	14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum	New Delhi	The 14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (14AFAF) held from February 12-14, 2025 , at ICAR Convention Centre, New Delhi , with the theme " Greening the Blue Growth in Asia-Pacific. " Organized by the Asian Fisheries Society (AFS) , ICAR, Department of Fisheries (DoF) , and AFS Indian Branch (AFSIB) , the forum focus on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture development . With over 1,000 delegates from 24 countries, the event address issues like resource management , climate change , aquaculture sustainability , and policy advancements . Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh inaugurate the event.
Events	All India Kinnar Mahasammelan	Ajmer	Ajmer hosted the first-ever All India Kinnar Mahasammelan from February 17, 2025, at a private school in Vaishali Nagar. The 10-day transgender conference, organized in memory of Anita Bai , addresses issues faced by the transgender community. Over 2,000 members participated, engaging in religious rituals like Kalash Puja and Chak Puja . The event also features stalls on medical services, banking, and travel, with strict supervision for invited members.
Events	SOUL (School of Ultimate Leadership) Conclave 2025	New Delhi	The SOUL (School of Ultimate Leadership) Conclave 2025 , inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi , focuses on developing future leaders for a Viksit Bharat (Developed India) . The event aims to train individuals in governance, business, technology, sports, and social sectors , fostering strategic decision-making and a solution-driven mindset . A dedicated SOUL campus will be set up near GIFT City, Gujarat to provide world-class leadership training.





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Events	Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO)	Bangladesh	India has taken over the Chairmanship of the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) from Bangladesh during the 13th Governing Council Meeting in Malé, Maldives . The transition occurred during the “ Policy Guidance for Mainstreaming Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) in Small-Scale Fisheries ” conference, held from February 20 to 22, 2025 , organized by the Ministry of Fisheries & Ocean Resources of the Maldives in collaboration with BOBP-IGO.
Events	SAMVAD programme		Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a video message at the SAMVAD programme in Thailand , emphasizing India's cultural ties with Thailand and Asia. He recalled SAMVAD's origins with former Japanese PM Shinzo Abe in 2015 and its role in promoting debate and understanding . His speech focused on shared Asian heritage, conflict avoidance, environmental harmony , and the teachings of Bhagwan Buddha for a peaceful, prosperous future.
Conference	IIAS-DARPG India Conference 2025		India is hosting the IIAS-DARPG India Conference 2025 in New Delhi from February 10-14, 2025 , marking the first time it's held in the country. The conference brings together experts from over 55 countries to discuss public administration, governance, and policymaking innovations, and includes the annual General Assembly of the International Institute of Administrative Science (IIAS) .

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Summits	World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit	New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India will host the first-ever World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in New Delhi from February 5-9, 2024. Announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this global event aims to position India as a hub for content creation and creative collaboration, drawing leaders from the media, entertainment, and creative industries worldwide.
Summits	AI Action Summit	Paris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the AI Action Summit in Paris on February 10-11, 2025, hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron. The summit will focus on Public Interest AI, Future of Work, Innovation, Trust in AI, and Global AI Governance, with a special emphasis on combating misinformation and misuse of AI. The event will bring together global leaders, including heads of state, CEOs, academia, and NGOs. India's participation highlights its role in shaping global AI discussions.
Events	Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025	New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025, organized by the Department of Youth Affairs under Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, began on January 10, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. This reimagined version of the National Youth Festival aims to celebrate youth leadership, with over 3,000 participants selected from 30 lakh applicants. The event focuses on empowering young leaders to contribute to India's vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047, through thematic discussions, creative competitions, and cultural experiences.





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Conference	Sun, Space Weather, and Solar-Stellar Connections'	Bengaluru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An international conference titled 'Sun, Space Weather, and Solar-Stellar Connections' was held in Bengaluru from January 20 to 24, 2025, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory (KSO). Organized by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), the event gathered over 200 solar physicists from India and abroad to discuss advancements in solar magnetism, solar-stellar connections, and space weather.
Conference	Raisina Middle East Conference	Abu Dhabi, UAE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first Raisina Middle East Conference was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, on January 28-29, 2025, with Dr. S. Jaishankar, India's External Affairs Minister, as the Chief Guest. Organized by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in collaboration with the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, the conference focused on regional geopolitics, trade, and strategic partnerships.
Conference	BRICS Youth Council Entrepreneurship Working Group Meeting	India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India will host the BRICS Youth Council Entrepreneurship Working Group Meeting from March 3-7, 2025. The event, themed "Youth Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Growth," will bring together around 45 youth representatives from BRICS nations to strengthen entrepreneurship and innovation cooperation. Key discussions will focus on building a framework for young entrepreneurs and increasing their participation in global markets.

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Conclave	India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 1st India Maritime Heritage Conclave (IMHC 2024), organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) on December 11-12, marked a significant occasion to honor India's rich maritime legacy while envisioning its future as a global maritime leader. This landmark event brought together key ministers, maritime experts, and international dignitaries, reaffirming India's crucial role in global trade and culture. The conclave also highlighted the nation's growing maritime potential, emphasizing sustainable practices and opportunities for employment and innovation in the sector. A focal point of the conclave was the upcoming National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) in Lothal, Gujarat, a city with historical significance dating back to 2600 BCE. The NMHC will showcase ancient shipbuilding methods and trade techniques, celebrating India's historical contributions to global maritime practices. The conclave was a collaborative effort, with contributions from the Ministry of Labor and Employment, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Tourism and Culture, alongside the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways. States like Gujarat, Goa, Bihar, and Arunachal Pradesh also played a key role, reflecting the event's national importance.





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Conference	14th Asia-Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference (AOMSUC-14)	New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 14th Asia-Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference (AOMSUC-14) is being held from December 4–6, 2024 in New Delhi, hosted by the India Meteorological Department (IMD). The event brings together meteorologists, satellite operators, scientists, and researchers to promote collaboration and advance satellite meteorology through presentations, panel discussions, and a training workshop.
Conference	World Maritime Technology Conference	Chennai, India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC), held every three years, will take place in Chennai, India from December 4-6, 2024. Organized by the World Maritime Technology Congress, the event brings together 21 member organizations from 17 countries in the maritime technology sector. It will be hosted by the Institute of Marine Engineers (India) Chennai Branch.
Conference	10th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC 2024)	Dehradun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 10th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC 2024) and Arogya Expo were inaugurated in Dehradun, with a focus on "Digital Health: An Ayurveda Perspective." Dignitaries like Union Minister Prataprao Jadhav and Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami attended the event, emphasizing Ayurveda's integration with modern technology. Key announcements included the launch of Prakriti Parikshan Abhiyan, aiming to assess the constitution of 1 crore individuals, and the introduction of the Ayush Grid to enhance healthcare delivery, supported by a \$1.3 billion investment pipeline.

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Summits	COP29 Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COP 29 Venue: The 2024 UN Climate Change Conference (COP 29) held in Baku, Azerbaijan, 22nd November 2024. Key Focus: Enhanced transparency framework, collective quantified goal on finance, and the next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Parallel Meetings: CMP 19 (Kyoto Protocol), CMA 6 (Paris Agreement), SBSTA 61, and SBI 61 will also take place alongside COP 29. Theme: Azerbaijan's COP 29 Presidency operates under the theme "In Solidarity for a Green World." COP 29 Presidency Pillars: Enhancing Ambition for the 1.5°C goal and Enabling Action with financial and technical support for NDCs. Minister Mukhtar Babayev: Leads Azerbaijan's COP 29 Presidency. Roadmap to Mission 1.5°C: Joint initiative by COP 28, COP 29, and COP 30 Presidencies to enhance NDC ambition through global cooperation. Climate Finance Focus: Discussions on achieving the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) for developing nations. Unmet Commitments: Developed countries pledged \$100 billion annually in 2009 but remain short of targets. Estimated Needs: \$580 billion is required by 2030 for addressing climate-induced loss and damage. Carbon Markets: Key discussions on carbon trading to meet Paris Agreement targets.





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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDC Submission Deadline: New NDCs due by February 2025 with updated emission reduction goals. • US Political Influence: Possible re-election of Donald Trump could impact global climate cooperation. • Azerbaijan's Controversies: Critics question its human rights record and reliance on fossil fuels as a "petro-state." • Financial Goals: Success indicators include securing financial agreements and advancing carbon market mechanisms. • Future COP Host: Australia is likely to host COP 31, with a focus on Pacific region climate issues.
Summits	SATRC-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SATRC-25 held in New Delhi (Nov 11-13, 2024), inaugurated by Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia. • Highlighted India's role as the "Voice of the Global South" and need for collaborative telecom policies. • Focused on digital inclusivity, sustainable infrastructure, consumer protection, and regulatory innovation. • India's digital economy: 1.2 billion phones, 970 million internet users, projected to reach 20% of GDP by 2026-27. • Emphasized knowledge sharing, regional cooperation, and policy harmonization for sustainable growth. • Organized by Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT); hosted by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
Summits	Asian Buddhist Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India is hosting the first-ever Asian Buddhist Summit (ABS) in New Delhi from November 5 to 6, 2024, under the theme, "Role of Buddha Dhamma in Strengthening Asia." • This event, organized by the Ministry of Culture and the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), celebrates the deep-rooted Buddhist heritage in India and underscores its role in promoting peace and unity across Asia.
Summits	G-20 Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why in News: 2024 G20 Summit held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, addressing global challenges like hunger, poverty, and climate change. • Brazil's Role: Hosted by Brazil under President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. • Key Proposals: Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, Tropical Forest Forever Fund, and a transition to a low-carbon economy. • Key Declaration: Rio de Janeiro Declaration emphasizing food sovereignty, agroecological practices, and governance reform. • Climate Change: Focus on emission reduction, deforestation prevention, and sustainable economies. • Global Governance Reform: Call to reform the UN Security Council for better Global South representation. • Tax Justice: Advocacy for progressive taxation of the super-rich to fund social policies. • Participating Countries: Brazil, with contributions from civil society groups and marginalized communities. • Social Movements Representation: Involvement of women, black communities, indigenous peoples, workers, and LGBTQIA+ communities. • Notable People: President Lula da Silva, Mazé Morais, Oliver Röpkke. • Key Schemes: Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty aligned with SDGs for food sovereignty. • Next G20 Host: South Africa will host the next G20 Summit.





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Summits	India-Australia 2nd Annual Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why in the news? India and Australia concluded their 2nd Annual Summit alongside G20 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. • Economic and Trade Relations: Surge in bilateral trade under ECTA, progress on CECA, and extension of AIBX till 2028. • Energy, Science, and Technology: Launch of Renewable Energy Partnership (REP) for green hydrogen, solar PV, and energy storage, collaboration on critical minerals, and deepening space cooperation. • Defence and Security: Renewal of Defence and Security Declaration in 2025, joint maritime security roadmap, and enhanced interoperability. • Parliamentary Cooperation: Agreement to strengthen inter-parliamentary exchanges. • Education and People-to-People Ties: New consulates in Bengaluru and Brisbane, launch of Working Holiday Maker Visa and MATES Scheme, and expansion of Australian university campuses in India. • Sports Diplomacy: Collaboration in training, workforce development, and sports science. • Regional and Multilateral Cooperation: Commitment to an open Indo-Pacific, enhanced cooperation in Quad and IORA, and bilateral efforts under IPOI for maritime ecology. • Global Peace and Security: Joint condemnation of terrorism, support for FATF initiatives, and advocacy for conflict resolution via diplomacy. • Looking Ahead: Plans to commemorate the 5th anniversary of CSP in 2025 and India to host the 3rd Annual Summit.
Events	352nd Governing Body meeting of the International Labour Organisation	<p>The 352nd Governing Body meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) is currently taking place in Geneva. Dates : 28th October to November 7th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From India Sumita Dawra, Labour and Employment Secretary of India, presented India's initiatives and progress in improving living standards and employment. <p>Agenda Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan for 2026–2029 • Global Coalition for Social Justice • Democratization of Governance <p>World Summit for Social Development 2025</p>
Events	ISA's Key Decisions In 7 th Assembly Session	<p>India, France elected President, Co-president of International Solar Alliance for 2 years from 2024-2026 Decision was taken at the 7th Session of ISA at Bharat Mandapam. Regional Vice Eight Vice Presidents appointed across four regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa: Ghana and Seychelles (Vice Presidents); South Sudan and Comoros (Vice Chairs). • Asia and the Pacific: Australia and Sri Lanka (Vice Presidents); UAE and Papua New Guinea (Vice Chairs). • Europe and Others: Germany and Italy (Vice Presidents); Greece and Norway (Vice Chairs). • Latin America and Caribbean: Grenada and Suriname (Vice Presidents); Jamaica and Haiti (Vice Chairs). <p>Ashish Khanna appointed Director General-Designate, to assume office in March 2025 following Ajay Mathur's term.</p>





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Conference	Sagarmanthan Dialogue 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sagarmanthan Dialogue 2024 highlights India's push to lead in sustainability, innovation, and connectivity. India's maritime sector is crucial to its economic growth, with a 7,500-kilometer coastline, 12 major ports, and over 200 minor ports. It handles 95% of trade by volume and 70% by value, and ranks as the third-largest in ship recycling globally. In 2023, India had a fleet of 1,530 ships. The sector has seen significant growth, with cargo capacity at major ports increasing by 87.01% from 2014-15 to 2023-24. Merchandise exports reached USD 451 billion in FY23. Paradip Port: Became India's largest port by cargo volume in FY24, handling 145.38 million tonnes.
Conference	Global Cooperative Conference 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Global Cooperative Conference 2024 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marking the launch of the United Nations' International Year of Cooperatives 2025. The event highlighted the role of cooperatives in global development, particularly for rural populations, women, and farmers. Key moments included the release of a commemorative postal stamp and an address by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

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Summits	16th BRICS Summit	<p>Why in News: 16th BRICS Summit held in Kazan, Russia; Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and UAE join as new members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edition: 16th BRICS Summit. Name: BRICS Summit 2024. Organized by: Hosted by Russia. Place: Kazan, Russia. Theme: "Strengthening Multilateralism for Fair Global Development and Security." Last Venue: 15th Summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa. Chairmanship: Russia. <p>Organisation Facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acronym: BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa). Established: BRIC concept in 2001, first summit in 2009, expanded to BRICS in 2010. <p>Important Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRICS Pay: Introduced as an alternative payment system to reduce SWIFT/US dollar reliance. Kazan Declaration: Endorsed UN reforms, supported Palestine's UN membership, encouraged national currency use in trade. <p>Bilateral Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> China-Russia: Strengthened Belt and Road Initiative, Eurasian Economic Union integration. India-China: Resolved military standoff, enhanced bilateral ties. India-Iran: Focused on Chabahar Port, regional stability, and Central Asia. Russia-South Africa: Reinforced historical ties; acknowledged Russia's apartheid-era support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcement by Indian Leader: PM Modi advocated for inclusive UN reforms to ensure relevance. Next Summit: To be hosted by Brazil in 2025.





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		<p>Important Past Editions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th Summit (Johannesburg, 2023): Expansion of BRICS with six new members effective from January 2024. • 5th Summit (Durban, 2013): Formation of BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) and Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA). • 6th Summit (Fortaleza, 2014): Official NDB launch. • 9th Summit (Xiamen, 2017): "BRICS Plus" concept introduced.
Summits	12th Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Bioenergy Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), addressed the 12th CII Bioenergy Summit. • The summit's theme was "Fueling the Future - Securing India's Green Growth Goals". Gadkari highlighted that ethanol blending in petrol has increased from 1.53% in 2014 to 15% in 2024, with a target of reaching 20% by 2025.
Summits	2024 AYUSH Medical Value Travel Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inauguration of the Ayush Medical Value Travel Summit 2024, held in Mumbai, aims to strengthen India's position in the global Medical Value Travel (MVT) sector by integrating Ayush with modern healthcare. • The summit, themed "Global Synergy in Ayush: Transforming Health and Wellness through Medical Value Travel," is organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Ayush (India), the Ministry of Tourism, the Government of Maharashtra, and the Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC). • The event seeks to promote India's traditional healing systems as an essential part of the global health and wellness industry.
Summits	Asia Clean Energy Summit 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Asia Clean Energy Summit (ACES), a cornerstone event of the annual Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW), is held on the 11th edition from October 22-24, 2024, in Singapore.
Summits	44th and 45th ASEAN Summits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: "ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience." • Lao President: Thongloun Sisoulith emphasized peace, stability, and multilateralism. • Focus Areas: Regional integration, addressing climate change, tackling transnational crime, and promoting socio-economic development. • Prime Minister: Sonexay Siphandone outlined 9 priorities aligned with ASEAN Community Vision 2045.
Summits	ASEAN Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN Summits (Oct 8-11, 2024): Held in Vientiane, Laos; nearly 90 documents adopted focusing on resilience, connectivity, digital economy, and green transition. • ASEAN Vision Statement on Indo-Pacific: Emphasizes ASEAN's role in regional security; declarations on supply chain resilience, biodiversity, and climate action. • Vietnam's Bilateral Engagements: Promoted trade, food security, and digital transformation, focusing on AI, green energy, and trilateral cooperation with Laos and Cambodia. • ASEAN-Australia Special Summit 2024: Australia announced over \$500 million in initiatives, including a \$2 billion investment facility, startup programs, scholarships, and maritime cooperation. • 21st ASEAN-India Summit Key Outcomes: PM Modi emphasized ASEAN unity and economic growth; India-ASEAN trade doubled to \$130 billion in a decade; called for a review of ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (AITIGA). • 10-Point Plan for Connectivity & Resilience: Includes initiatives such as Tourism Year 2025, youth summits, women scientists conclave, disaster resilience funding, health initiatives, and green hydrogen workshops. • Future Plan of Action (2026-2030): A new ASEAN-India action plan under development, with statements on strategic partnerships and digital transformation.





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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Digital Transformation Statement: Focuses on digital infrastructure, fintech collaboration, cybersecurity, AI workforce development, capacity building, and sustainable financing.
Events	79th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 79)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The session took place from 10th to 30th September 2024 at the UN headquarters. The State of Palestine was granted a seat among the UN member states. • The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) organized the “CSIR for Connect, Collaborate, Converge and Convert (5C) for Global Sustainable Development” on 18th-19th September 2024. India signed the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement and joined the US-led Minerals Security Finance Network.
Events	75th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The congress was held from 14th to 18th October 2024 at the Milano Congress Center. • The IAF World Space Award 2024 was awarded to ISRO Chairman Dr. S. Somanath. • The European Space Agency (ESA) launched the Moonlight Programme for lunar communication, aimed at establishing Europe’s first satellite constellation for telecommunication and navigation on the Moon.
Events	3rd edition of World Food India (WFI 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event was held from 19th to 22nd September 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, under the theme 'Processing for Prosperity'. • The National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship, and Management (NIFTEM) signed 19 MoUs and completed 3 technology transfers. • Sarathi, an IoT-based hybrid dryer, biodegradable packaging films, and rapid detection kits were key highlights.
Events	Climate and Health Solutions (CHS) India Conclave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2-day conclave, organized by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), focused on climate change and its impact on public health in India. • The conclave brought together policymakers, experts, and stakeholders to develop actionable strategies for improving the health sector.
Events	6th consecutive India-US Commercial Dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chaired by Union Minister Piyush Goyal and US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, the dialogue in Washington, D.C. focused on enhancing bilateral trade. • India and the USA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand the critical minerals supply chain.
Events	ITU WTSA Hackathon 2024 Phase-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase-2 of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) Hackathon was held in New Delhi on 8th October 2024. • It was hosted by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and focused on the theme “AI Bharat 5G/6G Sandbox.” • This event was a precursor to the WTSA 2024, which took place alongside the India Mobile Congress (IMC).
Events	Modern Technologies in Survey-Resurvey for Urban Land Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaugurated by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the international workshop at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre focused on showcasing modern technologies for urban land record modernization. • The aim was to present global best practices and plan pilot projects for selected urban areas.
Events	149th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held from 13th to 17th October 2024, the assembly's theme was “Harnessing science, technology, and innovation (STI) for a more peaceful and sustainable future.” • The assembly adopted a resolution on the UN Secretary-General’s plea for recommitment to multilateralism for global peace. • The Parliament of Jamaica rejoined the IPU as its 181st member after a gap of almost two decades.





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Conference	National Conference on the PESA Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inaugurated by Union Minister of State Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel, this conference addressed the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA) at Dr. Ambedkar International Central. It launched the PESA-GDPD (Gram Panchayat Development Plan) portal and seven specialized training modules aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of GDPDs.
Conference	The 21st Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Zone III Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conference focused on the theme “Democratic Sanctity, Transparency, Accountability, and Results from Democracy.” Delegates discussed ways to strengthen democracy and ensure accountability in parliamentary practices.
Conference	The 2nd India Sugar & BioEnergy Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This conference brought together policymakers, industry leaders, and researchers to encourage dialogue and innovation in the sugar and bioenergy sectors. It aimed at exploring sustainable growth and development strategies for the industry.
Conference	Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held with the theme “Resource Geopolitics and Security in the Indo-Pacific,” this conference focused on the geopolitical importance of resources in the region and their impact on regional security and economic stability.
Conference	International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife, Vatavaran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme for the festival was “Wetlands for Life,” aiming to raise awareness about the importance of wetlands ecosystems and promote their conservation.
Conference	Second Army Commanders' Conference 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two-day conference served as a forum for Senior Commanders to review operational preparedness, discuss critical strategies, and outline directives for the future of the Indian Army.
Conference	19th East Asia Summit (EAS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The summit focused on the role of the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) in shaping the future of the Indo-Pacific. The Prime Minister emphasized ASEAN's importance in the region's stability and growth.
Conference	19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conference featured sessions on smart regulation for medical products. It focused on delivering quality assured products and addressing global challenges in drug and medical device regulation.
Conference	ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the WTSA 2024 alongside the India Mobile Congress. The event focused on discussions around 5G/6G technology and telecommunication standards.
Conference	2024 Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme “Surge to 2030: Enhancing ambition in Asia-Pacific to accelerate disaster risk reduction” emphasized strengthening disaster resilience and response in the region.
Conference	Advancements of Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda (AROHA-2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme was Advancements in Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda, positioning Ayurveda as a key pillar for global health and wellness.
Conference	149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme was “Harnessing Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for a More Peaceful and Sustainable Future.” Delegates discussed the role of science and technology in advancing peace and sustainability.
Conference	The 23rd Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was the first visit of an Indian minister to Pakistan since the 2015 visit of the then External Affairs Minister. The SCO discussed regional cooperation and strengthening multilateral engagements.
Conference	International Workshop on Modern Technologies in Survey-Resurvey for Urban Land Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This workshop focused on urban land record modernization, presenting best practices, and planning pilot projects for selected urban areas.





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Conference	G7 Defence Ministers Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting discussed global security challenges and cooperation. Representatives from NATO and the European Union, along with Ukrainian Defence Minister Rustem Umerov, participated.
Conference	NHRC Concludes National Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On its 31st Foundation Day, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) organized a day-long national conference on the "Rights of Older Persons" at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
Conference	16th BRICS Summit and BRICS+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme was "Strengthening Multilateralism for Fair Global Development and Security." BRICS members discussed regional stability, security, and economic growth in a multilateral framework.
Conference		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event: 17th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2024, Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Organizers: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Institute of Urban Transport (India), supported by Government of Gujarat & Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. Theme: Standardisation and Optimisation of Urban Transport Solutions. <p>Focus Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standardization of urban mobility, integration of transport modes, funding opportunities, E-Bus ecosystem development. <p>Award Winners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most Sustainable Transport System: Kochi Best Public Transport System: Bhubaneswar Best Non-Motorized Transport: Srinagar Best Safety System: Gandhinagar Best Intelligent Transport System: Surat Most Innovative Financing Mechanism: Jammu Best Public Involvement: Bengaluru Best Multimodal Integration (Metro): Bengaluru Best Passenger Services (Metro): Mumbai <p>Purpose: Platform for manufacturers to showcase best practices, technologies, and discuss urban mobility challenges.</p>
Conference	India Digital Agri Conference 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event: Co-organized by ICFA and IIT Ropar TIF – AWaDH in New Delhi, focused on using digital technologies like AI, IoT, drones, and data analytics to modernize agriculture. Focus: Transition to digital farming, collaboration between farmers, researchers, and tech developers, and promotion of the Digital Agriculture Mission.

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