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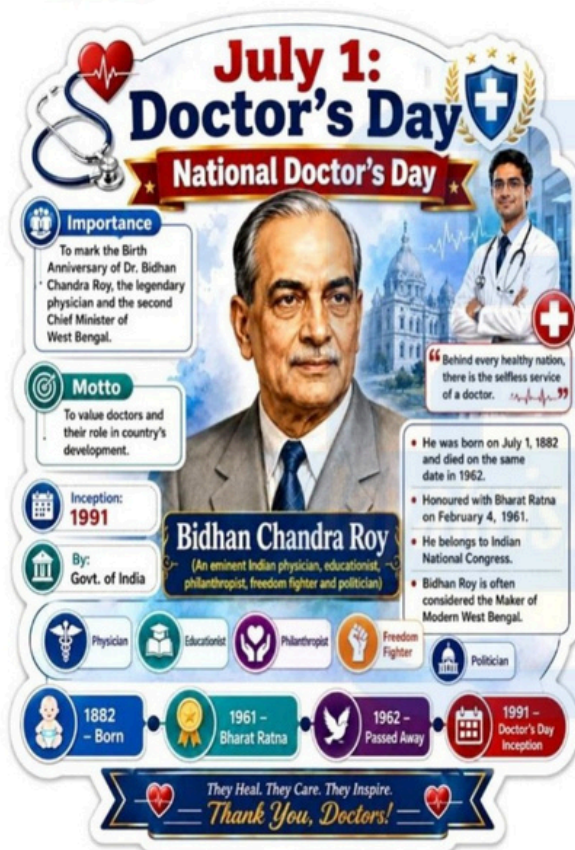
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Important Personalities

- Which political leader recently won Armenia's 2026 parliamentary election? **Nikol Pashinyan**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB)? **Mahesh Dixit.**
- Who recently assumed charge as the 31st Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)? **General Dhiraj Seth**
- Who has been appointed as the Part-Time (Non-Executive) Chairman of HDFC Bank? **Rajiv Kumar**
- Who has been re-appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)? **Ravi Agrawal**
- Who has assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS)? **Lt Gen Sandeep Jain**
- Who has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Malaysia? **Somnath Ghosh**
- Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India? **Ravi Shankar**
- Who has been given the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IREDA from 1 July 2026? **Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty.**
- Who has assumed charge as the new Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Copper Ltd (HCL), succeeding Sanjiv Kumar Singh? **Anupam Misra**
- Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Korea (South Korea)? **Sanjeev Jain.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) in July 2026? **Alok Kumar Mittal (IPS, 1993 batch, Haryana cadre).**
- Who has been approved by the RBI as the new MD & CEO of South Indian Bank? **Mahesh Muralidhar Pai.**
- Who is the Chairman of the Vietnam-India Parliamentary Friendship Group (VIPFG)? **Phan Chi Hieu.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jio Platforms ahead of its planned IPO? **Pankaj Pawar**
- Serhii Koretskyi, recently seen in the news, has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country? **Ukraine.**
- Who has become the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in 2026? **Andy Burnham.**
- Who has been elected as the new Chairman of ECOWAS in 2026? **Senegal's President Bassirou Diomaye Faye.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine? **Major General Mykhailo Drapaty.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog? **Anurag Jain.**
- Who has been appointed as the CEO and Managing Director Designate of Infosys and will assume office from 1 April 2027? **Ashiss Kumar Dash.**



- Who has recently assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS)? **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit**
- Who has received a one-year extension as India's Foreign Secretary? **Vikram Misri**
- Who has recently assumed charge as the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC)? **Air Marshal Tejinder Singh**

- Who has taken charge as the Interim President of FIDE in 2026? **Viswanathan Anand.**
- Who has been reappointed as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR)? **Volker Türk.**
- Volker Türk belongs to which country? **Austria.**
- Which UN body reappointed Volker Türk for a second term? **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).**
- Who has been appointed as the new Union Education Minister of India? **Pralhad Joshi.**
- Which ministries was Pralhad Joshi handling before getting the Education Ministry? **Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and New & Renewable Energy.**
- Who announced that he would step down as the MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank at the end of his current term? **Ashok Vaswani**
- Who resigned as the President of Bangladesh in July 2026? **Mohammed Shahabuddin.**
- Which Union Minister resigned from the post of Education Minister? **Dharmendra Pradhan.**
- Vijaya Mehta, who passes away recently, was associated with which field? **Theatre and Cinema**
- Which renowned Padma Vibhushan awardee is credited with popularising the folk art form 'Pandavani' from Chhattisgarh across the world? **Teejan Bai.**
- Who was popularly known as the "Bridge Man of India" for constructing more than 140 low-cost suspension footbridges in remote rural areas? **Girish Bharadwaj.**
- Who was the former Emir of Qatar who transformed the country into a global LNG and investment hub and passed away in July 2026? **Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.**
- Renowned Tamil writer Poomani, who recently passed away, received the Sahitya Akademi Award for which novel? **Agnyaadi**
- Which renowned American scholar of Islam passed away at the age of 86 in July 2026? **John L. Esposito**
- John L. Esposito was widely known for his research on which subject? **Islam and Muslim-Christian Relations**
- Which prestigious individual football award did Kevin Keegan win twice, who passes away recently? **The Ballon d'Or (1978 and 1979).**



National & International News

- Which ministry launched the SHATAYU Dashboard? **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.**
- Under which Act is an Indian passport issued? **Passports Act, 1967.**
- Which Act governs narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in India? **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.**
- Which GI-tagged mango variety was recently exported to the UAE for the first time? **Rewa Sundarja Mango.**
- The Gram Sabha was given constitutional status through which Constitutional Amendment? **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992**
- Under which Act has the Bureau of Port Security been constituted? **Merchant Shipping Act, 2025**
- Which Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) has recently been granted Miniratna Category-I status? **MECON Limited**
- Which trust manages the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya? **Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust**



- Which three Ayushman Arogya Mandirs in Gujarat recently received NQAS certification? **Shahpur, Kantha and Veda Ayushman Arogya Mandirs.**
- Which state has approved the DPR for India's first offshore airport? **Maharashtra**
- Under which rules has the QR code-based Track-and-Trace framework been expanded? **Drugs Rules, 1945**
- Which Constitutional Article empowers the State to regulate secular activities associated with religious practices? **Article 25(2)**
- Which organisation developed India's first PinS Instrument Approach Procedure? **Airports Authority of India (AAI)**
- Which Indian organisation is the national nodal agency for responding to cybersecurity incidents? **Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)**
- Which Ministry notified the three operational rules under the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, for the transition from MGNREGA? **Ministry of Rural Development.**
- Why is the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the news? **Valley-based groups in Manipur have demanded an NRC before Census 2027.**
- Which state's organisations have demanded an NRC before Census 2027? **Manipur**
- The first NRC was prepared after which Census? **The 1951 Census**
- Which is the only Indian state where the NRC has been updated? **Assam**
- The Government of India is proposing stricter rules for which service providers? **VPN service providers**
- Which semiconductor facility was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Sanand, Gujarat, in July 2026 under India's semiconductor mission? **CG Semi Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) Facility.**
- Which state became the first in India to reconstitute its Waqf Board under the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025? **Madhya Pradesh.**
- Where was the BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting 2026 held? **Guwahati, Assam, India.**

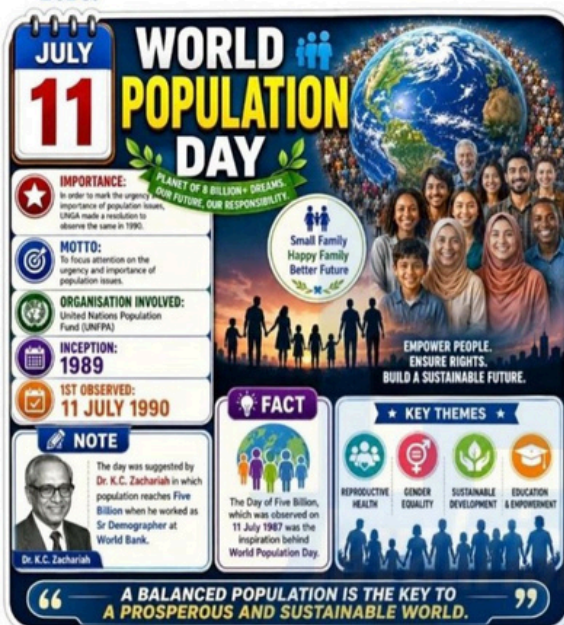
- Which declaration was adopted during the BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting 2026? **The Guwahati Declaration.**
- What is the primary objective of the Guwahati Declaration? **To strengthen cooperation against illicit drug trafficking, synthetic drugs, and transnational organised crime.**
- Which new initiative did India propose during the BRICS Anti-Drug Meeting? **The BRICS Virtual Task Force on Narcotics.**
- Which major port became the second in India, after Visakhapatnam Port, to achieve an operational draft of 18 metres? **Kamarajar Port Limited (Ennore), Tamil Nadu.**
- Which mountain range does the Delhi Ridge belong to? **Aravalli Range.**
- The Aravalli Range extends across which four states/UT? **Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Delhi.**
- Name two major rivers that originate in the Aravalli Range: **Banas and Sabarmati. (Luni also originates from the Aravalli region.)**
- Which High Court recently ruled that Shariat cannot override the child marriage law? **Allahabad High Court.**
- Which Rules were recently amended to strengthen regulation of high alcohol-containing medicinal formulations? **Drugs Rules, 1945.**
- Which afforestation technique was used by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation to set the Guinness World Record by planting 3.61 lakh saplings in one hour? **Miyawaki Method.**
- Under which provision of the Competition Act, 2002 is bid-rigging or collusive bidding specifically prohibited? **Section 3(3)(d) of the Competition Act, 2002.**
- Which two agricultural products from Gujarat recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag? **Unjha Cumin (Jeera) and Unjha Fennel (Saunf).**
- In which state is Unjha, the famous spice trading hub, located? **Gujarat.**
- Which Article of the Constitution empowers the Supreme Court to pass any decree or order necessary for doing "complete justice", a power invoked in directing States and UTs to frame a policy for the early release of elderly and terminally ill prisoners? **Article 142 of the Constitution of India.**
- Where will Tata Electronics set up India's first semiconductor chip fabrication plant? **Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR), Gujarat**
- The Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, frequently seen in the news, were issued by which authority? **Department of Consumer Affairs.**
- In which year was the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) established? **2005.**
- The 'royalty on royalty' judgment is related to which Act? **Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act)**
- What does the term 'royalty' mean in the mining sector? **A payment made by mining companies to the government for extracting minerals.**



- The MMDR Act was enacted in which year? **1957**
- Under which convention are UNESCO World Heritage Sites inscribed? **1972 World Heritage Convention.**
- Which state topped NITI Aayog's first Investment Friendliness Index 2026 among large states? **Gujarat.**
- Which state ranked first in the Hilly & North-Eastern States category of the Investment Friendliness Index 2026? **Uttarakhand.**
- Which new policy was approved by the Union Cabinet to promote domestic urea production?

National Investment Policy for Urea (NIPU)-2026.

- How many new gas-based urea plants are proposed under NIPU-2026? **Eight to nine plants.**
- Which institution directed the Centre to frame a uniform policy for post-retirement facilities of High Court judges? **The Supreme Court of India.**
- Which statute is proposed to be amended through the Draft Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2026? **The Advocates Act, 1961.**
- Which Bill was introduced to increase the strength of Supreme Court judges in 2026? **The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026.**



- Which ministry launched the 'Gems of India' Challenge? **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB).**
- The Karlapat Bauxite Block is located in which state? **Odisha.**
- Which authority regulates the National Pension System (NPS)? **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).**
- From which date was NPS made applicable to new Central Government recruits (except Armed Forces)? **1 January 2004.**
- Which IIT is establishing the ECOGEN Centre of Excellence for Green Hydrogen? **IIT Kanpur.**
- Which state is establishing India's first AI-powered Bird Sanctuary? **Maharashtra.**
- Which Government initiative supports India's self-reliance in critical minerals? **National Critical Minerals Mission.**

- Which four Indian states share a border with Myanmar? **Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, and Mizoram.**
- Myanmar is regarded as India's gateway to which region? **Southeast Asia (ASEAN).**
- Which Article of the Constitution guarantees the Freedom of Speech and Expression? **Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India.**
- Which Article guarantees the Right to Assemble Peacefully and Without Arms? **Article 19(1)(b) of the Constitution of India.**
- Which Article guarantees the Right to Form Associations or Unions? **Article 19(1)(c) of the Constitution of India.**
- Under which Articles can the State impose reasonable restrictions on the freedoms guaranteed under Article 19? **Articles 19(2) to 19(6) of the Constitution of India.**
- Which village has been recognised as Tamil Nadu's first Climate-Resilient Village? **Killai (Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu)**
- Which committee approves the appointment of Secretaries to the Government of India? **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).**
- Which Article of the Indian Constitution prohibits trafficking and forced labour? **Article 23.**
- Which Act provides the legal framework for payment systems in India? **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.**
- Which organisation maintains the Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR)? **CERSAI.**
- Which Act is proposed to be amended to strengthen action against paper leaks? **Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024.**
- Which international declaration on trusted AI supply chains did India recently join? **Pax Silica Declaration.**
- Which operation was launched by India to assist earthquake-hit Venezuela? **Operation Amistad.**
- Which country did Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit on a State Visit in June 2026? **Seychelles**
- Which three countries are included in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's latest three-nation tour? **Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, and Argentina**
- Argentina is part of the "Lithium Triangle" along with which two countries? **Bolivia and Chile**
- What is the full form of NATO? **North Atlantic Treaty Organization.**
- When was the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) established? **NATO was established on 4 April 1949.**

- Which treaty led to the establishment of NATO? **NATO was established under the North Atlantic Treaty (Washington Treaty).**
- Which Article of the North Atlantic Treaty contains the principle of collective defence? **Article 5 contains the principle of collective defence.**
- Which monastery received the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award of Merit for Cultural Heritage Conservation? **Jestha Varna Mahavihar in Nepal.**
- Where is the Jestha Varna Mahavihar located? **It is located in Lalitpur (Patan), Nepal.**
- Which international organisation confers the Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation? **UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).**
- Which country provided financial assistance for the restoration of Jestha Varna Mahavihar? **India provided financial assistance.**
- Approximately how much grant assistance did India provide for the restoration of Jestha Varna Mahavihar? **Around NPR 13.78 crore.**
- Which Indian organisation provided technical support for the restoration of Jestha Varna Mahavihar? **The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH).**
- Which country will host the Global AI Summit in 2027? **Switzerland.**
- Which strategic maritime chokepoint, located near Yemen, connects the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden and the Arabian Sea? **Bab el-Mandeb Strait.**
- Which European capital hosted the meeting where Ukraine and nine European countries announced a coalition to develop a shared ballistic missile defence capability? **Paris, France.**
- Which international tribunal ruled in 2016 that China's "Nine-Dash Line" claims in the South China Sea have no legal basis under UNCLOS? **The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), The Hague.**
- Which traditional ceremonial performance of the indigenous Māori people was performed to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to New Zealand in 2026? **Māori Haka.**
- Which international treaty, signed in 1960 with World Bank mediation, governs the sharing of the waters of the Indus River system between India and Pakistan? **Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), 1960.**
- Which Indian organisation represented the country in signing the BRICS Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Standardisation during the 5th BRICS Heads of National Standardisation Bodies Meeting held in Bengaluru? **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).**
- Which pipeline is planned to be revived under Iraq's new energy agreements? **Iraq-Syria Oil Pipeline**
- What is the main objective of reviving the Iraq-Syria oil pipeline? **To increase Iraq's oil exports through the Mediterranean.**
- Which country became the first EU nation to ban social media access for children under 15? **France.**
- The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is associated with which country? **United States.**
- Which legislative body passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2026? **US House of Representatives.**
- The NDAA 2026 authorises defence spending of: **US\$ 1.15 trillion.**
- The NDAA primarily provides the legal framework for which department? **US Department of Defense (DoD).**
- Which country dominates the global rare earth processing industry? **China.**
- Which state of Myanmar is known for its large reserves of Heavy Rare Earth Elements (HREEs)? **Kachin State.**
- Which international organisation is responsible for promoting the peaceful use of nuclear energy and monitoring nuclear safeguards? **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).**
- Under which U.S. law were the additional tariffs on Indian goods imposed in 2026? **Section 301 of the U.S. Trade Act, 1974.**
- Which country recently decided to withdraw from the International Criminal Court (ICC)? **Venezuela.**
- Which treaty established the International Criminal Court (ICC)? **The Rome Statute (1998).**
- In which year did the International Criminal Court (ICC) become operational? **2002.**
- Where is the headquarters of the International Criminal Court (ICC)? **The Hague, Netherlands.**
- Which Article of the Rome Statute governs the withdrawal of a State from the ICC? **Article 127 of the Rome Statute.**
- Which two new heritage properties were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List during the 48th World Heritage Committee Session in 2026? **Sebastia (State of Palestine) and the Mount Amel Castles (Lebanon).**

Important Projects & Schemes

- Under which scheme has the Divine East Temple Tour been launched? **Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train Scheme.**
- The newly launched Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK) primarily provides integrated healthcare services for children in which age group? **Birth to 36 months (0–3 years).**
- The PM Family Care Tracker Pilot Project was launched in which state? **Gujarat.**
- Under which Act was the OCI scheme introduced? **Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2005**
- Which state has approved the 'Shishu Vatika to Post-Graduation (KG to PG)' scheme? **Odisha**
- What is the total outlay of Odisha's KG to PG free education scheme? **₹5,468 crore**
- The 'Shishu Vatika to Post-Graduation' scheme aims to provide free education from: **Kindergarten (KG) to Post-Graduation (PG)**
- The Odisha KG to PG free education scheme will be implemented during which period? **2025–26 to 2029–30**
- The duration of Odisha's KG to PG free education scheme is: **Five years**
- Which government has launched Mission Kayakalp? **The Delhi Government.**
- What is the primary objective of Mission Kayakalp? **To modernise government schools by improving infrastructure, safety, cleanliness, and learning facilities.**
- Mission Kayakalp is associated with which sector? **Education.**
- Which institutions will benefit under Mission Kayakalp? **Government schools across Delhi.**
- Which state launched the Chief Minister's Cashless Medical Scheme providing cashless health coverage of up to ₹5 lakh for teachers and non-teaching staff? **Uttar Pradesh.**
- Uttarakhand was recently declared India's sixth fully literate state under which of the following programmes? **ULLAS – Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society (New India Literacy Programme)**
- Which smart card has been made mandatory for free bus travel for women in Delhi from August 2026? **Pink Saheli Smart Card.**
- Which Uttar Pradesh government scheme provides free borewell drilling facilities to eligible small and marginal farmers to improve irrigation? **Nishulk Boring Yojana (Free Boring Scheme).**
- Which organisation launched the Amnesty Scheme 2026 to regularise exempted Provident Fund Trusts? **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).**
- Which Delhi Government scheme was officially renamed as the "Delhi Lakshmi Yojana" in 2026? **Mahila Samridhi Yojana.**
- Which Union Minister launched the 'Seafarer-First' initiative? **Sarbananda Sonowal.**
- Which scheme with a budgetary outlay of ₹62,500 crore was approved by the Union Cabinet in July 2026 to strengthen India's mobile phone manufacturing ecosystem? **Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS).**
- Which organisation launched the VISHWAS 2026 Scheme? **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).**
- What does PARIVARTAN stand for in PARIVARTAN Scheme? **Programme for Accelerated Renewal and Incentivization of Vehicle Assets for Reducing Transport Air Pollution and Network Emissions.**
- Which category of vehicles is targeted under the PARIVARTAN Scheme? **Old commercial trucks and buses (BS-IV and older).**
- What does BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme stands for? **Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan.**
- What is the total financial outlay of the BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme? **₹3,030 crore.**
- How many Chemical Parks will be established under the BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme? **Three.**

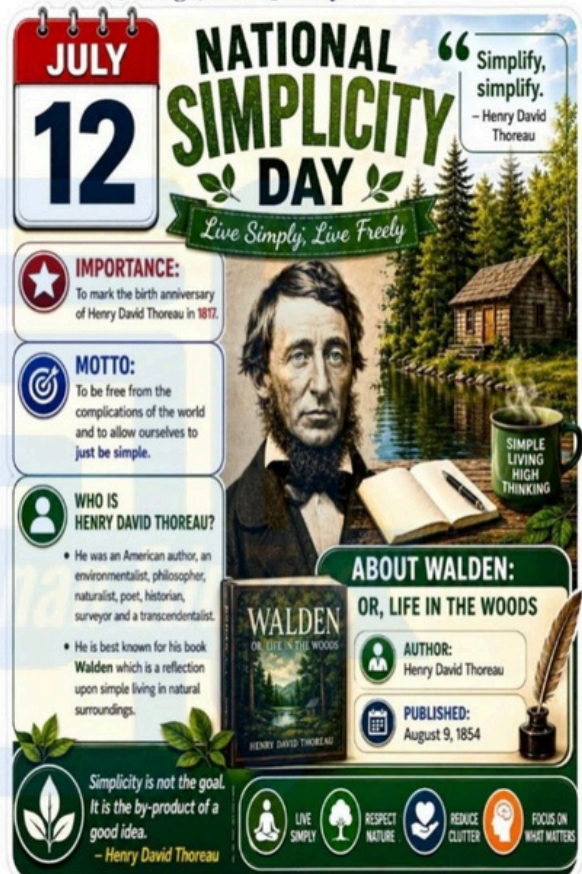


Banking & Economy

- Which RBI liquidity tool was recently used to inject short-term funds into banks? **Variable Rate Repo (VRR).**
- Which Greek bank recently launched a UPI-based remittance service for transfers to India? **Eurobank**
- Which organisation has partnered with HSBC India and J.P. Morgan Payments for real-time FX settlement in overseas UPI payments? **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**
- Which Indian PSU has acquired full ownership of IBV Brasil Petroleo Limitada? **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).**
- What is the name of HDFC Bank's proprietary Generative AI platform? **Neev**
- HDFC Bank developed 'Neev' primarily for: **AI-powered banking operations and customer service**
- Which international financial institution approved a \$182.89 million loan to strengthen Karnataka's public school system? **Asian Development Bank (ADB).**
- Which organisation partnered with NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL) to launch the mobile-first NetBanking solution 'Banking Connect'? **Razorpay.**
- Which global financial organisation has appointed Dilip Asbe to its Supervisory Board? **SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication).**
- What is the full form of SWIFT? **Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication.**
- SWIFT was established in which year? **1973.**
- Which code is used by SWIFT to uniquely identify banks worldwide? **SWIFT Code or Bank Identifier Code (BIC).**
- What does AITIGA stand for? **ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement.**
- Which global credit rating agency awarded Federal Bank its first international investment-grade issuer rating? **S&P Global Ratings.**
- Which RBI monetary policy instrument was used to absorb ₹1.10 lakh crore of surplus liquidity from the banking system on 9 July 2026? **Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF).**
- Which market regulator has allowed mutual funds to avail intraday borrowing facilities for managing

temporary liquidity mismatches? **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).**

- Which ministry released India's first trial Index of Services Production (ISP)? **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).**
- The Reserve Bank of India's Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) measures financial inclusion based on which of the following three dimensions? **Access, Usage, and Quality.**



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- Why did the RBI impose a penalty on Muthoot Finance Ltd.? **Failure to comply with KYC/AML norms, including inadequate review of customer risk categorisation and suspicious transaction monitoring.**
- Which country recently imposed a 50% tariff on selected Canadian imports? **United States.**
- Which company recently agreed to acquire a 26% stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance? **BNP Paribas Cardif.**

- BNP Paribas Cardif belongs to which country? **France.**
- From whom is BNP Paribas Cardif acquiring the 26% stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance? **Warburg Pincus.**
- What percentage stake will BNP Paribas Cardif acquire in IndiaFirst Life Insurance? **26%.**
- Which company has announced a ₹600 crore investment to establish an integrated superalloy manufacturing plant in Telangana? **Raghu Vamsi Aerospace Group.**
- Which two states recently signed the MoA for implementing the Yamuna Water Project? **Haryana and Rajasthan**
- Which Indian organisation signed an MoU with the Agriculture Department of Seychelles? **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**
- In context to India-Japan defence development, what does UNICORN stands for? **Unified Complex Radio Antenna**
- Which proposed agreement recently brought the Sunset Clause into the news? **India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement**
- Which bilateral agreement recently came into force between India and Israel? **India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA)**
- Diplomatic relations between India and Israel were established in: **1992**
- The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) is a type of: **Free Trade Agreement (FTA)**
- Which trade agreement was replaced by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)? **North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)**
- Which three countries are members of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)? **United States, Canada, and Mexico**
- The USMCA came into force on: **1 July 2020**
- The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) came into force in: **1994**
- Which Australian university signed an MoU with TIDCO to establish a Centre for Emerging Technologies in Tamil Nadu? **The University of Melbourne.**
- Which three countries signed a trilateral Memorandum of Cooperation to jointly promote the deployment of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) in third countries? **South Korea, the United States, and Japan.**
- When was the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) signed? **The agreement was signed on 13 August 2009.**
- Which two economic agreements did India and the Maldives reaffirm their commitment to expedite during the meeting between Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Maldivian Minister Mohamed Saeed in July 2026? **The Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) and the proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA).**
- Which four states signed an agreement to resolve the long-pending outstanding dues related to the Narmada (Sardar Sarovar) Project in July 2026? **Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan.**



- Which two countries recently signed an MoU on cooperation in water resources? **India and Saudi Arabia**
- Which ministry signed an MoU with Google India to digitally promote tourism destinations? **Ministry of Tourism**
- How many Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreements has India signed with 26 countries to promote safe, orderly, and legal migration? **28**

- Name any four important critical minerals under the India–Australia Critical Minerals Corridor : **Lithium, Cobalt, Nickel and Graphite.**
- What does AI-PACTS stand for? **Australia–India Partnership on Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains.**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to integrate ZED Certification with digital market access and MSME support initiatives? **Quality Council of India (QCI) and National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC).**
- How many MoUs were signed between India and New Zealand recently? **Five.**
- Which renewable energy company is being acquired by the Aditya Birla Group in a US\$1.8 billion deal announced in 2026? **Sprng Energy.**
- EaseMyTrip signed an MoU with which state government to promote tourism? **Jharkhand**
- Which department signed the MoU with EaseMyTrip? **Department of Tourism, Government of Jharkhand**
- India and Nepal recently held talks to strengthen cooperation in which sector?: **Energy sector**
- What is the full form of CETA signed between India and the United Kingdom? **Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.**
- Which European country agreed with India in July 2026 to strengthen cooperation in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector through digital transformation, innovation, and sustainable manufacturing? **Poland.**
- Which European country agreed with India in July 2026 to expand cooperation in digitalisation, AI, 6G, quantum technologies, semiconductors, and emerging sectors? **Finland.**
- Which country approved a nearly \$2 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia in July 2026? **United States (US)**
- What is the value of the arms sale approved by the US for Saudi Arabia? **Nearly \$1.96 billion**
- Which weapon system is included in the approved arms package for Saudi Arabia? **Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System (APKWS) II**
- Which Indian vaccine manufacturer partnered with Gates Medical Research Institute to develop an experimental TB vaccine? **Serum Institute of India (SII)**
- Serum Institute of India has partnered with which organisation to manufacture an experimental tuberculosis vaccine? **Gates Medical Research Institute (Gates MRI)**
- Which two major Western energy companies signed agreements with Iraq? **BP and TotalEnergies**
- Which country supplied the MH-60R Seahawk helicopter to the Indian Navy? **United States**
- How many MH-60R Seahawk helicopters has India contracted to procure from the United States? **24 helicopters**
- Which company manufactures the MH-60R Seahawk helicopter? **Lockheed Martin (Sikorsky Aircraft)**
- The recently signed Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement is between which two countries? **United States and Saudi Arabia.**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to develop indigenous environmentally sustainable blowing agent technology for strategic applications? **CSIR–Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IIT) and ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)**
- India recently signed agreements in the fields of Science & Technology, Education, and Sports with which European country? **Romania.**

WORLD DAY FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

Justice Today, Peace Tomorrow

IMPORTANCE:
To mark the adoption of the Rome Statute in 1998. With the help of this treaty International Criminal Court (ICC) was established.

MOTTO:
To recognise the strengthening system of international justice

INCEPTION:
17 July 2010

EDITION:
16th

ESTABLISHMENT
ROME STATUTE ADOPTED: 17 July 1998
ENTERED INTO FORCE: 1 July 2002

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CRIMES

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC)

The ICC has jurisdiction to prosecute individuals for the international crimes of **genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and the crime of aggression.**

MEMBER STATES:
123

Cour Pénale Internationale
International Criminal Court

PROMOTING JUSTICE, UPHOLDING DIGNITY, BUILDING A PEACEFUL WORLD.

PEACE & STABILITY

RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS

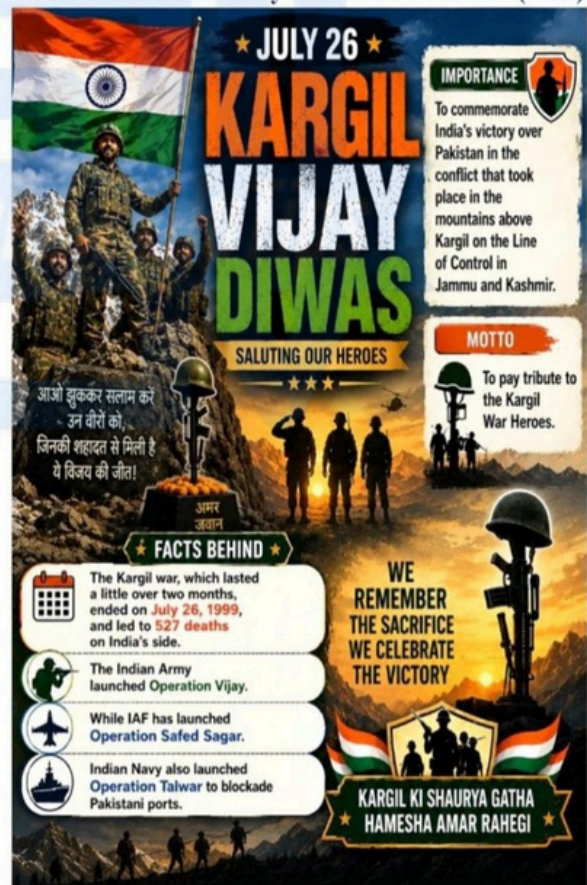
STRONGER TOGETHER

Awards & Recognitions

- Who received the Special Award for Exceptional Leadership in Elevating UK-India Relations in 2026? **Piyush Goyal**.
- Which country conferred its highest civilian honour, "Guardian of the Blue Horizon," upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi in recognition of his contributions to environmental conservation and the Blue Economy? **Seychelles**.
- Who received the USISPF 2026 Leadership Award? **Sunil Bharti Mittal**
- What is the new name of the International Booker Prize from 2027 following a 10-year sponsorship agreement? **Bukhman International Booker Prize**.
- Which ICMR initiative won the Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026? **ICMR-MINDS**
- Which is the highest civilian honour of Indonesia that was conferred upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his 2026 visit to Jakarta? **Bintang Adipurna (Star of the Republic of Indonesia – Adipurna Class)**.
- Which traditional devotional music form earned Acharya Shri Ranchhodlalji Goswami the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (2024–25)? **Haveli Sangeet**.
- Who received the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025)? **R. Vairamuthu**.
- What is the cash prize awarded under the Jnanpith Award? **₹11 lakh**
- Which film won the Best Feature Film award at the 72nd National Film Awards? **Article 370**.
- Who won the Best Actress award at the 72nd National Film Awards? **Yami Gautam**.
- Who has been selected for the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026? **National Security Advisor Ajit Doval**.
- Which filmmaker will receive the Career Pardo Award at the 79th Locarno Film Festival? **James Gray**.
- Which Romanian university conferred the Honorary Doctorate on President Droupadi Murmu in 2026? **Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE)**.



- Which flagship initiative of the Department of Telecommunications won the WSIS Prize 2026



Sports

- Which country topped the medal standings at the ISSF Junior World Championships 2026? **India.**
- Which country's football association was recently suspended by FIFA over governance violations? **Nepal (All Nepal Football Association – ANFA).**
- Who became India's 96th Chess Grandmaster? **Ethan Vaz**
- Which England cricketer recently announced his retirement from international cricket? **Ben Stokes**
- Which Indian shuttler won the silver medal at the US Open Super 300 Badminton Tournament 2026? **Kidambi Srikanth**
- How many medals did India win at the Global Skills Challenge Australia 2026? **Five (3 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze)**
- Who became India's only medallist at the FIDE World Youth Chess Championship 2026 by winning the silver medal in the Girls Under-18 category? **Pratitee Bordoloi.**
- Who won the 2026 Formula One British Grand Prix? **Charles Leclerc**
- Charles Leclerc represents which Formula One team? **Ferrari**
- Which footballer announced his retirement from international football after Brazil's defeat to Norway in the 2026 FIFA World Cup? **Neymar Jr.**
- Which country won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 by defeating England in the final at Lord's? **Australia.**
- How many medals did India win at the Under-20 Asian Wrestling Championships 2026 held in Pattaya, Thailand? **20 medals (4 Gold, 7 Silver, and 9 Bronze).**
- Which country's Olympic committee has recently had its suspension provisionally lifted by the IOC? **The Russian Olympic Committee (ROC).**
- Which edition of the Olympic Games could see the return of Russian athletes following the IOC's latest decision? **The 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, USA.**
- Who became India's 98th Chess Grandmaster after securing the final GM norm at the Pune International Grandmaster Round Robin Tournament 2026? **Aswath S.**
- Who became the 12th Indian cricketer to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame? **Sourav Ganguly.**
- Who won the Men's Singles title at the Wimbledon Championships 2026? **Jannik Sinner (Italy).**
- Which three Indian women won gold medals at the 2026 Asian Under-19 & Under-23 Boxing Championships held in Jakarta? **Chandrika Pujari, Prachi, and Nisha.**
- What is the name of the official mascot unveiled for the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026 to be held in New Delhi? **Mayur.**
- The Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy, frequently seen in the news, is awarded annually by the ICC for: **ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year.**
- Which country won the FIFA World Cup 2026? **Spain.**
- Which three countries jointly hosted the FIFA World Cup 2026? **United States, Canada and Mexico.**
- Where did the Indian Embassy inaugurate the Permanent Exhibition on UNESCO World Heritage Sites of India? **Baku, Azerbaijan.**
- Who became the first Indian to win the Japan Open badminton title? **P. V. Sindhu.**
- Which Japanese player did P. V. Sindhu defeat to win the Japan Open 2026 title? **Akane Yamaguchi.**
- Who became the oldest Indian to score a century in One Day Internationals (ODIs)? **Rohit Sharma.**
- Which country topped the FIFA Men's World Rankings after the 2026 FIFA World Cup? **Spain.**
- Who won the Menuires International Chess Championship 2026 held in France? **Indian Grandmaster Rohith Krishna.**
- Who became the youngest player in the world to score a fifty in international cricket? **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.**



Book: Apnapan: Narendra Modi Sang Mere Anubhav

Author: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

About: Memoir recounting Shivraj Singh Chouhan's political journey, leadership experiences, and association with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Science & Technology

- Which indigenous defence system recently received Final Operational Clearance (FOC), marking a significant milestone in India's defence self-reliance? **Netra Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) System.**
- Which country has commissioned the world's first nuclear process heat-based hydrogen production facility? **India.**
- Which new Fast Patrol Vessel was recently commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard? **ICGS Akshay**
- Which company is set to launch India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket, Vikram-1? **Skyroot Aerospace.**
- Which company partnered with Apollo Hospitals to introduce the SHIELD multi-cancer detection test in India? **Zydus Lifesciences**
- The SHIELD test is primarily used for: **Early detection of multiple cancers**
- SHIELD is a type of: **Multi-Cancer Early Detection (MCED) test**
- Which NASA space telescope is being rescued through the Swift Boost Mission to prevent its re-entry into Earth's atmosphere? **Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory (Swift Space Telescope).**
- Which two organisations jointly developed India's first indigenous tactical aerostat for military surveillance? **IIT Delhi and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).**
- What does SLBM stand for? **Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile.**
- Which indigenous battle rifle, jointly developed by Dvipa Defence and DRDO's ARDE in just 100 days, has cleared Army and MHA trials for procurement by CAPFs? **UGRAM 7.62×51 mm Battle Rifle.**
- Which supersonic cruise missile system was included in the defence agreement signed between India and Indonesia during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2026 visit to Jakarta? **BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile System.**
- Which advanced naval technology is being jointly developed under the first-ever India-Japan defence co-development agreement? **UNICORN (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) Naval Mast System.**
- Which ISRO test vehicle successfully completed its first ground test to support technology validation for the Gaganyaan Human Spaceflight Programme?

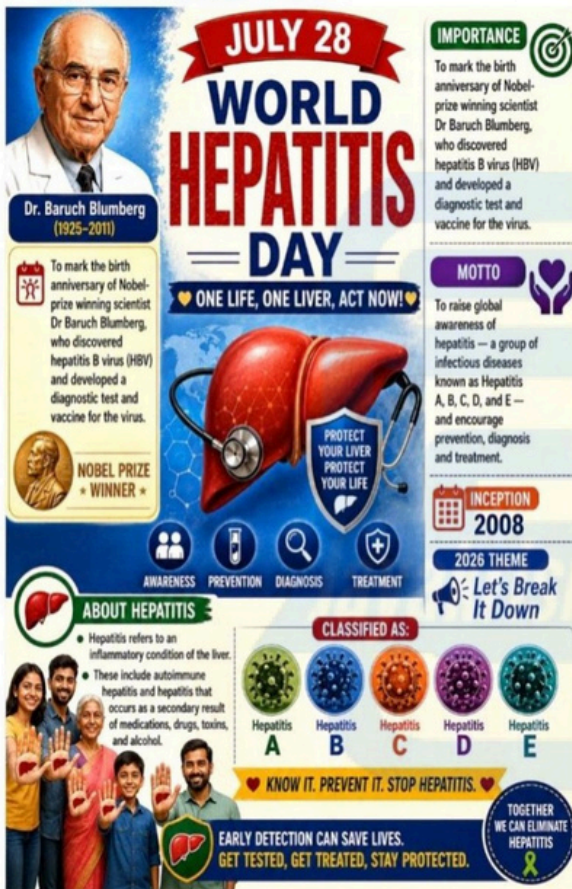
SOLVE (Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments).

- Which indigenous precision-guided rocket system was successfully flight-tested by DRDO at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, in July 2026? **Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR).**
- Which company launched the world's first once-weekly basal insulin in India? **Novo Nordisk.**
- Which three Crew Module systems were recently qualified by ISRO for the Gaganyaan Mission? **Crew Module Uprighting System (CMUS), Crew Module-Service Module Connect & Disconnect System (CSCDS), and Crew Module Structure (Apex Cover Separation Load) Qualification System.**



- Which indigenous stealth frigate, commissioned in July 2026, became the sixth warship under India's Project 17A (Nilgiri-class) programme? **INS Mahendragiri.**

- Which indigenous processor is being used in the NIDAR 2.0 challenge to develop autonomous drones under MeitY's SwaYaan Initiative? **VEGA processor (based on the RISC-V architecture).**
- Which mission recently transported a new crew to the International Space Station (ISS)? **Expedition 75**
- Which organisation approved Reliance Jio's 1,600-satellite Low Earth Orbit (LEO) constellation project? **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe)**
- Which company received approval to establish a 1,600-satellite LEO constellation in India? **Reliance Jio Platforms Ltd.**
- Which company successfully launched Mission Aagaman? **Skyroot Aerospace**
- Which rocket was used in Mission Aagaman? **Vikram-1**
- Which maritime helicopter was recently delivered to the Indian Navy by the United States? **MH-60R Seahawk**
- Which country hosted the 37th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2026? **Lithuania.**
- How many medals did India win at the 37th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2026? **Four medals (1 Gold and 3 Silver).**
- Who won India's Gold Medal at the IBO 2026? **Bhavyaa Gunwal (Haryana).**
- Which country hosted the 58th International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) 2026? **Uzbekistan (Tashkent).**
- How many gold medals did India win at the 58th International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) 2026? **Four Gold Medals.**
- Which is the first dengue vaccine approved in India? **QDENG (TAK-003).**
- Which organisation approved India's first dengue vaccine, QDENG? **Drug Controller General of India (DCGI).**
- INS Malvan, recently commissioned by the Indian Navy, belongs to which class of warships? **Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC).**
- INS Malvan has been built by which shipyard? **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.**
- The Mahe-class ASW Shallow Water Craft is being inducted to replace which class of ships? **Abhay-class Corvettes.**
- Which Hyderabad-based startup unveiled the 'Yantur 4.5 kN Turbofan Engine Programme'? **Paninian India Private Limited.**
- Which organisation developed India's first indigenous expendable turbojet engine? **DRDO's Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE).**
- DRDO's Kusha belongs to which category of missile? **Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM)**



JULY 28
WORLD HEPATITIS DAY
ONE LIFE, ONE LIVER, ACT NOW!

Dr. Baruch Blumberg (1925-2011)
To mark the birth anniversary of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered hepatitis B virus (HBV) and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus.

IMPORTANCE
To mark the birth anniversary of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered hepatitis B virus (HBV) and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus.

MOTTO
To raise global awareness of hepatitis -- a group of infectious diseases known as Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E -- and encourage prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

INCEPTION 2008
2026 THEME
Let's Break It Down

ABOUT HEPATITIS
Hepatitis refers to an inflammatory condition of the liver. These include autoimmune hepatitis and hepatitis that occurs as a secondary result of medications, drugs, toxins, and alcohol.

CLASSIFIED AS:
Hepatitis A, B, C, D, E

KNOW IT. PREVENT IT. STOP HEPATITIS.
EARLY DETECTION CAN SAVE LIVES. GET TESTED, GET TREATED, STAY PROTECTED.
TOGETHER WE CAN ELIMINATE HEPATITIS

- How many satellites are proposed under Reliance Jio's LEO satellite constellation project? **Up to 1,600 satellites**
- Which company is set to establish India's first semiconductor chip fabrication (Fab) plant? **Tata Electronics**
- What is the name of the experimental tuberculosis vaccine under Phase III clinical trials? **M72/AS01E**
- What is the name of India's first successful private orbital rocket mission? **Mission Aagaman**



Book: The Population Myth: Islam, Family Planning and Politics in India
Author: S. Y. Quraishi
About: Examines population growth debates, misconceptions about religion and family planning, and demographic trends in India.



Book: Unscripted: Conversations on Life and Cinema
Authors: Vidhu Vinod Chopra & Abhijat Joshi
About: Explores filmmaking, creativity, personal experiences, and behind-the-scenes stories from Indian cinema.

Miscellaneous

- CA Day is celebrated every year on which date? **1 July**
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) was established in which year? **1949**
- A provision that automatically expires after a specified period unless renewed is known as? **Sunset Clause**
- What does VPN stand for? **Virtual Private Network**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-nation tour aims to strengthen India's engagement with which regions? **Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America**
- Which country topped the Global Passport Index 2026? **Sweden**
- What is India's rank in the Global Passport Index 2026? **125th**
- Which organisation publishes the Global Passport Index? **Global Citizen Solutions.**
- How many destinations can Indian passport holders access visa-free or with visa-on-arrival according to the Global Passport Index 2026? **26 destinations.**
- Which Indian city was ranked among the World's Happiest Cities 2026? **Jaipur**
- Which city topped the World's Happiest Cities 2026 rankings? **Bath, United Kingdom..**
- Which two epics are the focus of the International Centre for Civilizational Studies inaugurated jointly by India and Kyrgyzstan? **Mahabharata (India) and Manas (Kyrgyzstan).**
- According to the AISHE 2023–24 report, what was India's Female Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education? **31.2%.**
- Which organisation publishes the Global Air Power Rankings that ranked the Indian Air Force as the world's 3rd most powerful air force in 2026? **World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA).**
- Which Indian-origin NASA astronaut began his first eight-month mission to the International Space Station aboard the Soyuz MS-29 spacecraft in July 2026? **Anil Menon.**
- Which Indian-origin NASA astronaut made his first spaceflight in the Expedition 75 mission? **Anil Menon**
- Which state recorded the highest number of cyber fraud complaints in India according to the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP)? **Uttar Pradesh.**
- Which famous book on Islam was authored by John L. Esposito? **Islam: The Straight Path**
- Exercise Pitch Black, frequently seen in the news, is a multinational air combat exercise hosted by which country? **Australia (Royal Australian Air Force).**
- Rare Earth Elements (REEs) comprise how many metallic elements? **17.**
- Samudra Pradakshina', recently in the news, is associated with which of the following? **India's first-ever Tri-Service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition.**



Important Days of the Month

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
1 August	Yorkshire Day	To mark the anniversary of the Battle of Minden and the emancipation of slaves.
6 August	Hiroshima Day	To mark the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States in 1945.
8 August	Quit India Movement Day	To mark the inception of the Quit India Movement on August 8, 1942.
9 August	Nagasaki Day	To pay tribute to the victims of the people who died when US dropped atomic bomb on the Nagasaki city of Japan in 1945 during World War II.
12 August	International Youth Day	Youth Localizing the SDGs
13 August	World Organ Donation Day	This day strives to motivate people to donate their healthy and precious organs after death to save lives.
15 August	Independence Day in India	To mark the end of British rule in 1947 and the establishment of a free and independent India.
19 August	World Photography Day	To mark the purchase of patent of Daguerreotype process by French government and make it free to the world as a gift in 1839.
20 August	World Mosquito Day	This day commemorates Sir Ronald Ross' 1897 discovery of the link between mosquitoes and malaria transmission
20 August	Sadbhavna Diwas	To mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
21 August	World Senior Citizen Day	It's a day to remember and celebrate the older persons and thank them for their contributions.
23 August	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	To honour men and women who revolted and paved the way for the end of slavery and dehumanization.
26 August	Women's Equality Day	This act stopped the federal government and states from preventing people the right to vote based on their sex.
29 August	National Sports Day	To commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.
30 August	Small Industry Day	To provide balanced growth to existing small, medium, and large scale enterprises to support and promote small industries.

Let's Recap

- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN)? **Mukesh Dangol.**
- Which ministry is launching the PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App for Scheduled Caste welfare? **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.**
- Under which flagship programme was PM-WANI launched? **Digital India Programme.**
- Which company discovered new natural gas reserves in Rajasthan's Dandewala Field? **Oil India Limited (OIL).**
- Which Indian cricketer received Padma Shri in 2026? **Rohit Sharma.**
- What is the full form of CLEAR technology developed by Indian scientists? **Cleavable Light-Erased Antibody Reporter.**
- What does CHIRAG stand for in Indian Railways? **Centre for HR Information Systems, Research and Analytics in Governance.**
- Which two countries reaffirmed cooperation for a prosperous Indo-Pacific region in 2026? **India and Japan.**
- Which two countries signed a framework agreement on critical minerals in 2026? **India and the United States.**
- Which recently approved scheme aims to modernise India's Public Distribution System using advanced digital technologies? **SARTHAK-PDS Scheme**
- Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the High-Level Committee on Demographic Change constituted by the Centre in 2026? **Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar**
- Which Indian city will host the 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships? **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**
- Which country recently established a National Intelligence Council to strengthen coordination against overseas threats and espionage activities? **Japan**
- Which new rural employment framework will replace MGNREGA from July 1, 2026? **Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) - VB-G RAM G**
- How much financial assistance did the IMF approve for Sri Lanka under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme in May 2026? **US\$695 million.**
- Which state police force received the President's Police Colour (Nishaan) from President Droupadi Murmu? **Sikkim Police.**
- Which state became India's 5th Fully Literate State under the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram? **Sikkim**
- Which Indian shooter won the women's 25m pistol gold medal with a world record score of 43 at the ISSF World Cup Munich 2026? **Esha Singh.**
- Which Article of the Constitution empowers the Governor to appoint the Chief Minister and accept the resignation of the Chief Minister of a state? **Article 164.**
- Who served as the second Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India and retired in May 2026 after over four decades of military service? **General Anil Chauhan.**
- Which digital platform was recently launched by the Government of India to monitor implementation of tobacco-free norms in educational institutions? **Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI) App.**
- Which two countries recently signed a Joint Declaration on Enhanced Security and Defence Cooperation that includes military aid and Gripen fighter jet cooperation? **Ukraine and Sweden.**
- Who recently assumed charge as the 48th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) of the Indian Navy in May 2026? **Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar.**
- Which Navratna PSU recently signed an MoU with CRISIL to provide data-driven infrastructure consultancy and advisory solutions? **RITES Limited.**
- PM SVANidhi is a Central Sector Scheme for which group? **Street vendors.**
- What is the name of the AI-enabled voice chatbot launched for CPGRAMS? **Samadhan Didi.**
- Which Indian pair won the Singapore Open 2026 men's doubles title? **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**
- What does QE stand for in economics? **Quantitative Easing.**
- BHASHINI, recently seen in news, is associated with which mission? **National Language Translation Mission (NLTM).**
- Which four countries are members of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad)? **India, Australia, Japan, and the United States.**
- Which Indian students won The Earth Prize 2026 Global Award? **Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal, and Aavyana Mehta.**
- Which section of the Indian Evidence Act deals with the presumption of legitimacy of a child? **Section 112.**
- Which region's ongoing conflict is raising concerns about India's fuel and fertiliser security? **West Asia (Middle East).**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in June 2026? **Lokhande Prashant Sitaram**
- Which country was described by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh as having scientific collaboration that forms the strongest pillar of India's bilateral engagement? **Germany**

- Which ministry has launched the Prime Minister Research Chair (PMRC) Scheme 2026? **Ministry of Education (Department of Higher Education).**
- Project Shikhar, launched by Meesho and BSE, is designed to help which category of businesses access capital markets through the BSE SME Platform? **MSMEs and digital sellers.**
- Which Cambodian bank partnered with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) to launch UPI payments in Cambodia? **ACLEDA Bank Plc.**
- Who was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Karnataka in June 2026? **D.K. Shivakumar.**
- Which Sikkim High Court judge was appointed as the 48th Chief Justice of the Patna High Court in June 2026? **Justice Meenakshi M. Rai.**
- Which award did Major Prabhat Mishra receive for the best military research thesis? **Birrer-Brookes Award.**
- Who was appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Protean eGov Technologies in June 2026? **Ajay Rajan.**
- Who has been appointed to lead Bank of America's investment banking business in India in 2026? **Anshul Gupta.**
- Which noted constitutional expert and former Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha passed away at the age of 97 in 2026? **Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap.**
- Who has been appointed as India's Executive Director at the World Bank in 2026? **Neelkanth Mishra.**
- Telangana recently signed a cooperation agreement with which German federal state to enhance collaboration in manufacturing, innovation, and skill development? **Thuringia.**
- In the June 2026 Monetary Policy Review, at what level did the RBI keep the repo rate unchanged? **5.25%.**
- Which footballer became the first individual player to receive the Princess of Asturias Award for Sports in 2026? **Lionel Messi (Argentina).**
- Who has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force in 2026? **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit.**
- Who is set to begin a third term as the Prime Minister of Denmark in 2026? **Mette Frederiksen**
- Who became the first Indian to win the Norway Chess Tournament in 2026? **R Praggnanandhaa.**
- Whose tenure as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India was extended by two years in June 2026? **Swaminathan Janakiraman.**
- Who received the Safdar Hashmi Award for 2024 at the Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards? **Shubhdeep Raha (Lucknow).**
- Under which rules has the Government introduced standard pack sizes for edible oils and fats? **Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.**
- Which country won the SAFF Women's Championship 2026 by defeating Bangladesh in the final? **India.**
- Who has recently taken additional charge as the CEO of the IndiaAI Mission? **Saurabh Vijay, CEO of UIDAI.**
- Which global bond benchmark is currently reviewing the inclusion of Indian government securities and could attract significant foreign investment inflows into India? **Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index.**
- Which authority confers India's gallantry awards such as the Kirti Chakra, Vir Chakra and Shaurya Chakra? **The President of India.**
- What is the full form of BHAVYA, the scheme under which 100 industrial parks will be developed across India? **Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA)**
- Under which category did e-Jagriti win the Silver Award at the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026? **Government Process Re-engineering by Use of Technology for Digital Transformation.**
- Which island in the Chagos Archipelago hosts the strategically important joint U.S.-UK military base? **Diego Garcia.**
- Who was elected President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in June 2026? **Banwarilal Purohit.**
- Which digital platform was launched by Amit Shah to modernize cargo and passenger processing at India's land ports? **Land Port Management System (LPMS) 'VINIMAY'.**
- Who was appointed as the new Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) in June 2026? **Kumar Shanker.**
- What does FCNR(B) stand for in the Indian banking system? **Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) Deposit.**
- Which Indian company emerged as the highest-ranked Indian firm in Wood Mackenzie's Global Solar PV Module Manufacturer Ranking 2026? **Adani Solar.**
- Which National Award-winning filmmaker, popularly known as "Iyakkunar Imayam", passed away at the age of 84 in Chennai in 2026? **Bharathiraja.**
- What is the name of the India-designed server platform launched by Zoho as its entry into the hardware sector in 2026? **Nathu La.**
- Which organization will absorb REC under the approved merger plan? **Power Finance Corporation**
- Lee Raymond was the former CEO of which global energy company? **ExxonMobil**
- What is considered the replacement-level fertility rate for a stable population? **2.1 children per woman**
- What percentage stake did the Oman India Joint Investment Fund sell in Capital Small Finance Bank? **7.97%**
- Which Indian bank is known as the country's first Small Finance Bank? **Capital Small Finance Bank**
- Which organization awarded the Bharat BillPay Operating Unit (BOU) certification to Viyona Fintech? **National Payments Corporation of India**
- Bharat BillPay is operated and managed by which organization? **National Payments Corporation of India**

- A Bharat BillPay Operating Unit (BOU) is authorized by which organization? **NPCI**
- Which military transport aircraft recently completed its maiden test flight as the first Made-in-India aircraft manufactured at the Tata-Airbus facility in Vadodara? **Airbus C-295.**
- Which country was ranked as the second most peaceful nation in South Asia in the Global Peace Index 2026? **Sri Lanka.**
- Which government organisation is primarily responsible for operating nuclear power plants in India? **Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL).**
- Which organization provides guarantee cover under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions 2.0 (CGSMFI-2.0)? **National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC).**
- Which organisation successfully conducted three consecutive flight tests in June 2026 to demonstrate India's multi-layered Ballistic Missile Defence capability? **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).**
- Which cooperative bank was placed under six-month restrictions by the Reserve Bank of India in June 2026, with a withdrawal limit of ₹1 lakh per depositor? **Mogaveera Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai.**
- Who were appointed as Whole-Time Members of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) in June 2026? **Dinesh Pant and Girija Subramanian.**
- Which IIT has developed the portable arsenic detection device 'ArsenSafe' for rapid on-site testing of drinking water? **IIT Bhubaneswar.**
- According to the Delhi Bird Atlas 2025, which city ranks as the second most bird-diverse national capital in the world after Nairobi? **Delhi.**
- Which two Indian organizations are collaborating to develop advanced lunar lander technology capable of surviving lunar nights? **ISRO and the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).**
- Recently, legal approval was granted in India for the use of which fuel in its pure form (E100)? **Ethanol.**
- Which strategic maritime chokepoint is expected to reopen following the US-Iran peace agreement? **Strait of Hormuz.**
- Which Indian connectivity project is located in Iran and provides access to Central Asia? **Chabahar Port Project.**
- What is the name of the radioligand therapy launched by Novartis for prostate cancer? **Pluvicto (177Lu-PSMA-617).**
- What does RLT stand for in cancer treatment? **Radioligand Therapy.**
- Which four products from Jharkhand received the GI Tag in June 2026? **Bhagaiya Silk, Kuchai Silk, Munda Jewellery, and Jharkhand Bamboo Craft.**
- Munda Jewellery is associated with which tribal community? **Munda Tribe.**
- Where is the GI Registry of India located? **Chennai.**
- Which was the first product in India to receive a GI Tag? **Darjeeling Tea.**
- The United Kingdom recently announced a ban on social media access for children below which age? **16 years.**
- Who became the first Indian to win the Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026? **Sudarsan Pattnaik.**
- Which organisation successfully tested the Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) in June 2026? **DRDO.**
- Venezuela recently signed an MoU with which company to improve its electricity supply system? **General Electric (GE)**
- Which country is hosting the 52nd G7 Summit in 2026? **France.**
- The Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project is being constructed on which river? **Tons River.**
- Which traditional musical instrument of Tripura received the GI Tag in 2026? **Tripura Sarinda.**
- Who stepped down as CEO of BigBasket in June 2026? **Hari Menon.**
- Which new Grammy category was introduced in 2026 to recognize Asian music? **Best Asian Pop Music Performance.**
- Which Indian sportsperson was named in TIME's 100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026 list? **Smriti Mandhana.**
- Thailand is an important partner of India under which foreign policy initiative? **Act East Policy.**
- From which date will the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) come into force? **15 July 2026.**
- Which two multilateral institutions are being approached by India for \$2.5 billion in infrastructure funding in 2026? **World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB).**
- Who was appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Bata India in June 2026? **Sanjay Rao.**
- Which disease is caused by brain-eating amoeba "Naegleria fowleri"? **Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM).**
- Which five countries account for more than 99% of India's bitumen imports? **Iraq, UAE, Iran, Oman, and Bahrain.**
- Which country is hosting the multinational military exercise 'KHAAN QUEST 2026', in which an Indian Army contingent is participating? **Mongolia.**
- Who has recently been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)? **Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi.**
- Who has recently been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC)? **Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay.**
- The famous "Dancing Girl" statue belongs to which civilization? **Indus Valley (Harappan) Civilization.**

- Which company recently signed a ₹425 crore contract with the Ministry of Defence for Marine Gas Turbine Generators? **Bharat Forge Limited.**
- What is the highest award presented at the Shanghai International Film Festival? **Golden Goblet Award.**
- Which long-pending railway project in Punjab was recently revived after nearly 100 years? **Qadian-Beas Railway Line Project.**
- The Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf with which water body? **Gulf of Oman.**
- Who became the first Indian-origin physicist to receive the Wolf Prize in Physics? **Jainendra K. Jain.**
- Who has been given the additional charge of MD & CEO of UCO Bank? **Rajendra Kumar Saboo.**
- Which Haryana project has received a ₹4,000 crore World Bank loan to improve water security and management? **Jal Sanrakshit Haryana Project.**
- Who announced his resignation as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in June 2026? **Keir Starmer.**
- Which country became the world's top ship recycling nation in 2025? **India.**
- Which organization maintains the national registry for organ donation and transplantation in India? **NOTTO (National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization).**
- Which artillery system is covered under the recently announced \$230 million US sustainment package for India? **M777A2 Ultra-Light Howitzer.**
- What is the maximum power generation capacity generally associated with Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)? **Up to 300 MWe.**
- Which product from Madhya Pradesh recently received a GI Tag? **Khurasani Imli of Mandu.**
- Which organisation has signed an MoU with NCAER to establish a centre for transportation economics? **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).**
- Which company was recently granted Navratna status by the Government of India in 2026? **Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL).**
- Who was reappointed as the Solicitor General of India for a further term of three years in June 2026? **Tushar Mehta.**
- Which Indian fintech startup recently received a \$900 million investment from Meta? **CRED.**
- Who resigned as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IRCTC in June 2026? **Sanjay Kumar Jain.**
- Which international organisation is expected to resume nuclear inspections in Iran under a preliminary US-Iran understanding? **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).**
- Which state recently formed a 5-member committee to draft a Uniform Civil Code in 2026? **Rajasthan.**
- According to the recent HelpAge India report, what percentage of elderly respondents faced at least one climate-related hazard in the last three years? **78%.**

3RD SUNDAY OF JUNE
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Celebrating the Strength, Love & Guidance of Every Father

IMPORTANCE
In 1910, a US woman, Sonora Smart Dodd was inspired by the American Mother's Day celebrations to plan a day to honor fathers.

Since then in USA, the Father's Day has been celebrated in June since 1910.

INCEPTION
19 June 1910

EDITION
117th Edition

MOTTO
To recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children.

NOTE
★ President Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honouring fathers in 1966, making the third Sunday in June Father's Day.
★ Six years later President Richard Nixon signed it into law, establishing the day as a national holiday – though in the UK it does not enjoy this status.

TO THE WORLD YOU ARE A DAD,
TO YOUR FAMILY YOU ARE THE WORLD.

BEST DAD EVER

THANK YOU DAD

LYNDON B. JOHNSON **RICHARD NIXON**

JUNE 7
WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY
Safe Food Today, Healthy Tomorrow

SAFE FOOD HEALTHY LIFE

FOOD SAFETY EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

IMPORTANCE
In 2017 FAO together with WHO adopted a resolution to promote and facilitate actions for global food safety and designate 7 June as World Food Safety Day.

INCEPTION
2019

EDITION
8th

ORGANISATION INVOLVED
WHO & FAO

2026 THEME
From burden to solutions - safe food everywhere

MOTTO
To ensure the safe food to every consumer.

WHAT IS FOOD SAFETY?
Food safety is the absence – or safe, acceptable levels – of hazards in food that may harm the health of consumers.

FOOD SAFETY: FROM FARM TO FORK
GROW → PROCESS → DISTRIBUTE → SELL → CONSUME

Safe Food Builds Trust, Trust Builds Healthier Nations.

Food safety is everyone's responsibility.

Quick Bytes

- Cabinet Approves Additional ₹30,000 Crore Investment in NIIF to Accelerate Infrastructure Development and Expand Strategic Investment Funds.
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs Launches Corporate Mitra Scheme to Support MSMEs with Compliance, Governance and Business Growth.
- Indian Navy Participates in RIMPAC 2026, the World's Largest Multinational Maritime Warfare Exercise Held in Hawaii.
- Chinese Taipei's Su Li-yang Wins US Open 2026 Badminton Men's Singles Title as Kidambi Srikanth Finishes Runner-Up.
- Mercedes Driver George Russell Wins Austrian Grand Prix 2026 to Secure His Second Formula One Victory of the Season.
- Southern Birdwing, India's Largest Butterfly, Recorded in Telangana for the First Time at Amrabad Tiger Reserve.
- Assam's Borjuli Wild Rice Conservation Site Declared Biodiversity Heritage Area to Protect Valuable Climate-Resilient Genetic Resources.
- NPCI Partners with HSBC India and JP Morgan to Enable Real-Time Foreign Exchange Settlement for Cross-Border UPI Payments.
- Reserve Bank of India Appoints Ravi Shankar as Executive Director to Head Statistics and Information Management Department.
- MECON Granted Miniratna Category-I Status, Enhancing Financial and Operational Autonomy for Future Business Expansion.
- Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann Assumes Charge as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Air Command.
- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Takes Charge as Vice Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force.
- Lieutenant General Rajesh Pushkar Assumes Charge as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Command.
- Air Marshal Tejinder Singh Assumes Charge as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Strengthen Joint Military Coordination.
- Shirish Godbole Appointed Chairperson of Indian REITs Association to Promote Growth, Transparency and Investor Confidence.
- Centre Extends Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's Tenure by One Year to Ensure Continuity in India's Foreign Policy.
- Sunil Bharti Mittal Receives 2026 USISPF Leadership Award for Strengthening India-US Economic and Business Relations.
- India Approves First Satellite-Based Private Point-in-Space Helicopter Landing Procedure to Enhance Aviation Safety and Connectivity.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Visits Seychelles, Signs Nine MoUs, Receives Highest Civilian Honour and Strengthens Bilateral Strategic Partnership.
- Bank of Baroda Partners with Japan's Mizuho Bank to Enhance Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions Financing and Advisory Services.
- Himachal Pradesh Secures Eight New GI Tags, Raising Total Geographical Indication Registered Products in the State to Seventeen.
- HDFC Bank Appoints Former Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar as Part-Time Chairman for a Three-Year Term.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank to Acquire Deutsche Bank's India Retail, Private Banking and Wealth Business for Rs 281.7 Crore.
- BPCL Acquires Forty Percent Stake in Tiki Tar-Shell India Joint Venture to Strengthen Bitumen and Road Infrastructure Business.
- Former Mizoram Governor Lieutenant General M.M. Lakhera Passes Away at 88, Remembered for Distinguished Military and Public Service.
- Renowned Tamil Poet and Sahitya Akademi Award Winner Puviyarasu Passes Away at the Age of Ninety-Six.
- Biswanath Sinha Assumes Charge as the New Chief Secretary of Kerala.
- ACME Signs \$1 Billion Green Methanol Export Agreement with Japan to Boost India's Green Hydrogen Mission
- Government Launches e-OCI Card to Provide Digital Overseas Citizen of India Identity for Global OCI Cardholders
- West Bengal's Jalbhara Sandesh, Janai Manohara and Balagarh Dingi Boats Receive Geographical Indication Tags

- Eight Traditional Products from Himachal Pradesh Receive Geographical Indication Tags to Promote Heritage and Rural Economy
- Assam Becomes India's First State to Commercially Produce Matcha Tea Using Advanced Japanese Processing Technology
- India and Mali Launch First Export Promotion Forum to Strengthen Bilateral Trade, Investment and Strategic Economic Cooperation
- VB-G RAM (G) Act Replaces MGNREGA with 125 Days Guaranteed Rural Employment from July 2026
- Uttar Pradesh Rashtriya Parivarik Labh Yojana Continues Financial Assistance for Eligible BPL Families Through Direct Benefit Transfer
- Scientists Identify Bihar's Seven-Hundred-Year-Old Munger Banyan as the Oldest Scientifically Dated Banyan Tree in India
- India Hosts BRICS Anti-Drugs Summit to Strengthen Global Cooperation Against Drug Trafficking, Synthetic Narcotics and Cross-Border Organized Crime
- India Ranked 125th in Global Passport Index 2026 Despite Achieving Highest-Ever Score for Mobility, Living Standards and Investment Potential
- Delhi Launches Mission Kayakalp to Upgrade Government School Infrastructure, Promoting Safe, Inclusive and Modern Learning Environment for Students
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Begins Six-Day Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand Tour to Strengthen Strategic, Economic and Regional Partnerships
- ICMR Wins National Gold Award for AI-Powered Mental Health Platform, Expanding Accessible Healthcare Through Innovative Digital Solutions Across India
- Japan's Hayabusa2 Successfully Completes High-Speed Torifune Asteroid Flyby, Advancing Deep-Space Exploration and Planetary Defence Research Efforts
- Neymar Jr Retires from International Football as Brazil's Highest Men's Goal Scorer Following FIFA World Cup 2026 Exit
- Australia Wins Record Seventh ICC Women's T20 World Cup Title After Defeating England in Dominant Final Performance at Lord's
- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Becomes India's Youngest International Cricketer, Surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's Long-Standing National Record at Fifteen Years
- Charles Leclerc Wins 2026 British Grand Prix at Silverstone, Securing Ninth Formula One Career Victory for Ferrari Team
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Inaugurates India's First Greenfield Integrated Refinery-Cum-Petrochemical Complex at Pachpadra in Rajasthan
- Uttar Pradesh Government Renames Jalalabad Town as Parashurampuri to Reflect Its Historical and Religious Heritage
- Sirsa Kinnow Receives Geographical Indication Tag, Becoming Haryana's First Fruit to Receive GI Recognition
- West Bengal Approves ₹313.3 Crore PM Cha Shramik Protsahan Yojana for Welfare and Development of Tea Garden Workers
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Receives Indonesia's Highest Civilian Honour 'Bintang Adipurna' During Official Visit to Jakarta
- Sanjeev Jain Appointed India's New Ambassador to North Korea to Strengthen Bilateral Diplomatic Engagement and Cooperation
- Adani Defence Launches ₹2,500 Crore Missile Manufacturing Plant in Madhya Pradesh to Boost Indigenous Defence Production
- INS Mahendragiri to Join Indian Navy as Sixth Indigenous Project-17A Stealth Frigate Strengthening Maritime Defence Capability
- Indonesia to Import India's Indigenous Astra Missiles, Strengthening Bilateral Defence Cooperation and Defence Export Capabilities
- ISRO Successfully Conducts SOLVE Vehicle Ground Test to Advance Gaganyaan Mission and Human Spaceflight Crew Recovery Systems
- China Conducts Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile Test in South Pacific, Strengthening Strategic Nuclear Deterrence Capabilities
- NHM Mizoram Declared India's 21st Designated Repository Under Biological Diversity Act to Strengthen Biodiversity Conservation and Scientific Research
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs Launches TribeX, India's First Digital Platform to Preserve Tribal Heritage and Promote Traditional Knowledge
- India and Indonesia Strengthen Comprehensive Strategic Partnership by Signing Fourteen Agreements Across Defence, Trade and Critical Technology Sectors
- India Becomes First Country to Introduce Eco-Friendly Jute Apparel for Commonwealth Games 2026 International Multi-Sport Event

- UP Mahila Samarthyta Yojana Continues Empowering Rural Women Through Skill Development, Entrepreneurship Support and Financial Inclusion Initiatives
- United States FDA Approves Vepdegestrant as World's First PROTAC Drug for Advanced Breast Cancer Treatment
- Padma Shri Awardee and 'Bridge Man of India' Girish Bharadwaj Passes Away at the Age of Seventy-Six
- India Hosts Thirteenth AITIGA Joint Committee Meeting to Accelerate ASEAN Trade Agreement Review and Strengthen Regional Economic Integration
- Jaipur Ranked Sixth Globally in Happy City Index 2026, Becoming India's Only City Featured in the Global Top Ten
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Visits Prambanan Temple and Launches ASI Restoration Project to Strengthen India-Indonesia Cultural and Civilizational Ties
- Uttarakhand Becomes India's Sixth Fully Literate State Under ULLAS Programme Promoting Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning Opportunities
- India and Myanmar Hold Twenty-Third Border Coordination Meeting to Enhance Border Security, Connectivity and Counter Transnational Crime Cooperation
- RBI Approves Mahesh Muralidhar Pai as South Indian Bank Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer from October 2026
- IMF Revises India's FY27 Growth Forecast to 6.4 Percent While Retaining Fastest-Growing Major Economy Status Globally
- Acharya Ranchhodlal Goswami to Receive Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2025 for Preserving India's Haveli Sangeet Musical Tradition
- DRDO Successfully Flight Tests Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket, Strengthening Indian Army's Indigenous Precision Strike Capabilities and Firepower
- Aswath S Becomes India's Ninety-Eighth Chess Grandmaster After Securing Final Norm at Pune International Chess Tournament
- India and Kyrgyzstan Inaugurate Civilizational Studies Centre in Bishkek to Strengthen Cultural, Academic and Historical Cooperation
- India and Australia Launch PACTS to Enhance Cybersecurity, Critical Technologies, Semiconductor Cooperation and Resilient Supply Chains
- India and Australia Sign Eighteen Agreements to Expand Strategic Cooperation Across Defence, Energy, Education and Critical Technologies
- Sourav Ganguly Inducted into ICC Hall of Fame, Becoming Twelfth Indian Honoured for Outstanding Cricketing Achievements
- Novo Nordisk Launches World's First Once-Weekly Basal Insulin, Transforming Diabetes Care Through Reduced Injection Frequency
- UP Nishulk Boring Yojana 2026 to Provide Free Borewells and Irrigation Support for Small and Marginal Farmers Across Uttar Pradesh
- Delhi Introduces Pink Saheli Smart Card for Free Bus Travel, Replacing Paper Tickets with Digital Ticketing System from August
- India and New Zealand Target ₹35,000 Crore Bilateral Trade by 2030 Under New Strategic Partnership Framework
- India and New Zealand Adopt Strategic Partnership Roadmap 2030 to Expand Cooperation Across Defence, Trade, Education and Clean Energy
- Indian Air Force Retains Third Position in Global Air Power Rankings, Maintaining Edge Over China for Fifth Consecutive Year
- INS Mahendragiri Joins Indian Navy Eastern Fleet, Strengthening Indigenous Maritime Defence and Advanced Stealth Warfare Capabilities
- EIU Global Liveability Index 2026 Ranks Delhi Highest Among Indian Cities While Copenhagen Retains World's Most Liveable City Position
- World Bank Approves USD 890 Million to Expand India's Rooftop Solar Programme Under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana
- China Successfully Recovers Reusable Long March-10B Rocket Booster, Advancing Indigenous Orbital Reusable Space Launch Technology Capabilities
- Ahmedabad Creates Guinness World Record by Planting 3.61 Lakh Saplings Within One Hour Through Massive Afforestation Campaign
- West Bengal Renames August 16 as Ayushman Diwas to Promote Healthcare Awareness Under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY Scheme
- Andhra Pradesh Launches Pillale Sampada Initiative Promoting Balanced Population Growth, Maternal Welfare and Long-Term Demographic Stability Across State
- Fourteen Nations Reaffirm South China Sea Arbitration Ruling, Reject China's Maritime Claims and Support Rules-Based International Order
- Japan Successfully Tests RV-X Reusable Rocket, Strengthening Future Affordable Space

- Transportation and Reusable Launch Vehicle Technologies
- ISRO Successfully Completes Critical Gaganyaan Crew Module Qualification Tests, Enhancing Mission Safety for India's First Human Spaceflight Programme
- Nita Ambani Receives Fortune India Most Powerful Women Honour for Leadership in Philanthropy, Institution Building and Inclusive Development
- Indian Navy Commissions Indigenous Stealth Frigate INS Mahendragiri, Strengthening Maritime Security and Eastern Fleet Combat Capabilities
- Jannik Sinner and Linda Nosková Win Wimbledon 2026 Men's and Women's Singles Titles with Historic Championship Performances
- Legendary Playback Singer S. Janaki Passes Away at 88, Leaving Behind an Extraordinary Musical Legacy Across Indian Languages
- Former Qatar Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani Passes Away, Remembered for Transforming Qatar into Global Powerhouse
- Karnataka Announces India's First Government-Led AI University to Promote Artificial Intelligence Education, Innovation and Industry Collaboration Nationwide
- Europe and Ukraine Launch Joint Missile Defence Coalition to Enhance Regional Security and Reduce External Defence Dependence Across Europe
- India Hosts Twelfth BRICS Labour Ministers' Meeting in Hyderabad Focusing on Employment, Social Security and Digital Worker Welfare
- India-United Kingdom CETA Comes into Force to Double Bilateral Trade and Boost Export Opportunities for Indian Industries by 2030
- MRF Becomes India's Most Valuable Tyre Brand and World's Third Strongest Tyre Brand in Brand Finance Rankings 2026
- Renowned Tamil Poet R. Vairamuthu Receives Sixtieth Jnanpith Award, Becoming Third Tamil Recipient of India's Highest Literary Honour
- Delhi Unveils 'Mayur' Mascot for Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2026 Celebrating Unity, Sportsmanship and India's National Bird Proudly
- India Hosts Fifth BIMSTEC Security Advisers' Meeting in New Delhi to Enhance Regional Cooperation Against Cybercrime, Terrorism and Trafficking
- Delhivery Financial Services Receives RBI Approval for Type-II NBFC Licence to Expand Financial Services Across India's Logistics Ecosystem
- Brand Finance India 100 Report 2026 Ranks Adani Group Among India's Top Ten Most Valuable Brands for First Time
- Ukraine's Parliament Appoints Serhii Koretskyi as Prime Minister to Strengthen Governance, Energy Security and Critical Infrastructure During Ongoing Conflict
- Kerala-Based HEX20 Successfully Launches Second Satellite KOYO Aboard SpaceX Mission to Demonstrate Advanced Indigenous Space Technologies and Payload Validation
- Vice-President Releases Book 'The Voice of Justice: Justice Gavai Speaks' Highlighting Constitutional Values, Judicial Philosophy and Legal Reforms in India
- Madhya Pradesh Secures USD Two Billion Semiconductor Investment from Spain's Submer to Strengthen India's Electronics Manufacturing Ecosystem and Industrial Growth
- Social Activist Dr. Nandini Azad Receives Bharat Samman 2026 for Outstanding Contributions to Women's Empowerment and Financial Inclusion
- Mindaugas Sinkevičius Sworn in as Lithuania's New Prime Minister Following Parliamentary Approval of Government Manifesto and Coalition Formation
- Policybazaar Appoints Amitabh Bachchan as Brand Ambassador to Promote Insurance Awareness and Financial Protection Across India Through Campaign
- India Finishes Third with Twenty-Nine Medals at Asian Under-19 and Under-23 Boxing Championships 2026 in Jakarta Indonesia
- Padma Shri Awardee and Nokkuvidya Puppetry Exponent Moozhikkal Pankajakshi Passes Away at Age Ninety in Kerala
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Launches India's First Hydrogen Train and Inaugurates Development Projects Worth ₹26,800 Crore Across Three Regions
- NITI Aayog's Investment Friendliness Index 2026 Ranks Gujarat First Among States for Investment Climate and Business Ecosystem Development
- Government Approves PARIVARTAN Scheme Guidelines to Replace Polluting Vehicles with BS-VI and Electric Vehicles Across National Capital Region
- India Launches White Rabbit Technology-Based IST Network to Deliver Precise Indigenous Time Synchronisation for Critical National Infrastructure Sectors

- Skyroot Aerospace Successfully Launches India's First Private Orbital Rocket Vikram-1 Under Mission Aagaman from Sriharikota Space Centre
- Reliance Jio Receives IN-SPACe Approval to Deploy India's First Indigenous Low Earth Orbit Satellite Broadband Constellation Network Successfully
- West Indies Cricket Legend Sir Garfield Sobers Passes Away at 89, Leaving Behind an Unmatched Legacy in International Cricket
- AR Signs MoU with Norway's Tidal Sail AS for India's First River Kinetic Energy Demonstration Project to Promote Clean Energy
- Spain Lift Second FIFA World Cup Trophy, Defeat Argentina 1-0 in Extra Time to Become Champions of the First-Ever Expanded 48-Team FIFA World Cup.
- Manipal Academy of Higher Education Secures Top Global Ranking in THE Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026 for Gender Equality.
- RBI Revises NBFC Framework, Classifying Companies with Assets Above ₹1 Lakh Crore as Upper Layer Entities.
- Asian Development Bank Approves USD 42.2 Million Loan to Develop Bamboo Industry Across Northeast India.
- Goldman Sachs Raises India's 2026 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.8 Percent on Improved Economic Outlook.
- French Meteorologist Dr. Florence Rabier Receives WMO's Highest IMO Prize for Excellence in Weather Forecasting.
- Jaime de la Espriella Wins Colombia's Presidential Election and Will Assume Office in August 2026.
- Dr. U.P. Rajeev Appointed Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre to Lead India's Launch Vehicle Programme.
- India Tops ISSF Junior World Championship 2026 Medal Tally with Twenty-Five Medals Including Seven Golds.
- Veteran Tamil Filmmaker K. Bhagyaraj Passes Away at 73 After Nearly Five Decades in Indian Cinema.
- Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh Releases Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's Memoir 'The Second Orbit' in New Delhi.
- World Refrigeration Day 2026 Highlights Sustainable Cooling Technologies Under the Theme 'Cool Intelligence'.
- Telangana Government Appoints Sanjay Jaju as the New Chief Secretary of the State.
- GBU, IN-SPACe and Space Kidz India Partner for Mission ShakthiSAT, the World's First All-Girls International Lunar Mission.
- Indian Conservationists Parveen Sheikh and Barkha Subba Win 2026 Green Oscar Awards for Outstanding Wildlife Conservation Efforts.
- Indian Coast Guard Commissions Indigenous Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Akshay to Strengthen Maritime Security and Coastal Surveillance.
- Ethan Vaz and Harshavardhan G.B Become India's 96th and 97th Chess Grandmasters with Landmark Achievements.
- England Test Captain Ben Stokes Announces Retirement from International Cricket After a Distinguished Fifteen-Year Career.

— 29 AUGUST —

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS

A GLOBAL COMMITMENT TO A NUCLEAR-FREE FUTURE

IMPORTANCE

To mark the adoption of resolution by UNGA on 2 Dec 2009 in order to commemorate the closure of the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site on 29 August 1991.

INITIATOR

Republic of Kazakhstan

INCEPTION

2009

MOTTO

To raise people's awareness on the need to prevent nuclear catastrophes to avert devastating effects on humankind, the environment and the planet.

1st OBSERVANCE

2010



SEMIPALATINSK TEST SITE CLOSED 29 AUGUST 1991

NOTE

- This day marks the closing of one of the world's largest nuclear test sites (in Kazakhstan) in 1991.

The international instrument to put an end to all forms of nuclear testing is the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT).

CTBT

Towards a World Free of Nuclear Explosions

KEY FACTS

- Adoption of UNGA Resolution 2 Dec 2009
- Commemorates closure of Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site 29 August 1991
- Mission to raise awareness and prevent nuclear catastrophes
- Protects humankind, environment and the planet

HISTORICAL REFERENCE: SEMIPALATINSK NUCLEAR TEST SITE

Operated by the Soviet Union from 1949 to 1991

Local and international movements campaigned for closure

Officially closed on 29 August 1991 A landmark step towards a nuclear-free world

KEYWORDS Disarmament | Peace | Humanity | Environment | Safety | Sustainability

Trending Topic of the Month

Indian Citizenship: What Determines Who Is an Indian Citizen?

The issue of Indian citizenship has once again come into focus following recent debates over the legal status of individuals and the documents that establish citizenship. A common misconception is that possessing an Indian passport, Aadhaar card, or Voter ID automatically proves Indian citizenship. However, under Indian law, citizenship is determined by the Constitution and the Citizenship Act, 1955, and not merely by possession of government-issued identity documents. Understanding the legal framework governing citizenship is important as it defines who enjoys the full political and constitutional rights available in India.

What is Citizenship?

Citizenship is the legal relationship between an individual and the State, under which a person enjoys constitutional rights and performs certain duties. An Indian citizen enjoys rights such as voting in elections, contesting elections, holding constitutional offices, obtaining an Indian passport, and receiving diplomatic protection abroad.

The Constitution of India initially dealt with citizenship under Articles 5 to 11, while Parliament was empowered under Article 11 to enact laws governing citizenship. Accordingly, Parliament enacted the Citizenship Act, 1955, which remains the principal legislation governing citizenship in India.

Constitutional Provisions on Citizenship

Articles 5–11 of the Constitution

The Constitution did not create permanent rules for citizenship. Instead, it identified who would be considered citizens on 26 January 1950, the day the Constitution came into force.

Article 5: Citizenship at the commencement of the Constitution.

Article 6: Rights of migrants from Pakistan to citizenship.

Article 7: Citizenship of persons who migrated to Pakistan but later returned.

Article 8: Citizenship of Indians residing abroad.

Article 9: Persons voluntarily acquiring foreign citizenship cannot remain Indian citizens.

Article 10: Continuance of citizenship.

Article 11: Parliament's power to regulate citizenship through law.

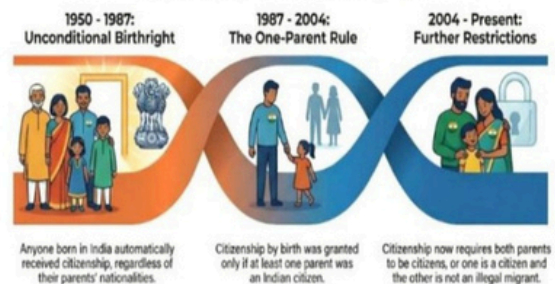
Citizenship Act, 1955

The Citizenship Act lays down the methods through which Indian citizenship can be acquired and terminated. Modes of Acquiring Citizenship

1. By Birth

- A person born in India becomes a citizen depending on the date of birth and the citizenship status of parents.
- Born between 26 January 1950 and 1 July 1987: Citizen by birth irrespective of parents' nationality.
- Born between 1 July 1987 and 3 December 2004: At least one parent must be an Indian citizen.
- Born after 3 December 2004: One parent must be an Indian citizen and the other should not be an illegal migrant.

Citizenship by Birth: An Evolving Law



2. By Descent

A person born outside India may acquire citizenship if at least one parent is an Indian citizen, subject to conditions prescribed under the Act.

3. By Registration

Certain categories of persons, including persons of Indian origin, spouses of Indian citizens, and overseas Indians fulfilling prescribed conditions, may obtain citizenship through registration.

4. By Naturalisation

A foreign national can acquire Indian citizenship after fulfilling residency and other conditions laid down in the Act.

5. By Incorporation of Territory

If a new territory becomes part of India, the Government may specify the persons who become Indian citizens.

Other Paths to Citizenship



How Can Citizenship be Lost?

Citizenship may cease in three ways:

- Renunciation: Voluntary surrender of citizenship.
- Termination: Automatic loss upon voluntarily acquiring another country's citizenship.
- Deprivation: Government may deprive a person of citizenship under specified grounds such as fraud or disloyalty.

Does an Indian Passport Prove Citizenship?

A major legal issue is whether an Indian passport is conclusive proof of citizenship.

The answer is No.

A passport is primarily a travel document issued under the Passports Act, 1967. It enables international travel and identifies the holder as an Indian passport holder. However, courts have clarified that the issuance of a passport does not conclusively establish

citizenship if it was obtained based on incorrect information, fraud, or incomplete verification.

Authorities may cancel or impound a passport if it is found to have been obtained fraudulently or if the holder is subsequently found not to be an Indian citizen.

Thus, while a passport is strong evidence of nationality, it is not final or irrefutable proof of citizenship under Indian law.

If Not a Passport, Then What Proves Citizenship?

India does not have a single citizenship certificate issued to every citizen.

Instead, citizenship is established through legal evidence depending on the circumstances of each case.

Authorities examine a combination of documents such as:

1. Birth certificate
2. Parents' citizenship records
3. School records
4. Land and residence records
5. Electoral rolls
6. Government records
7. Citizenship certificate issued under the Citizenship Act (where applicable)

Courts and competent authorities assess the overall evidence rather than relying on one document alone.

Do Aadhaar and Voter ID Prove Citizenship?

Aadhaar

No.

Aadhaar is only a proof of identity and residence issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). It can also be issued to eligible residents who are not Indian citizens.

Therefore, Aadhaar cannot be treated as proof of citizenship.

Voter ID (EPIC)

A Voter ID is issued only after enrolment in the electoral roll.

While only Indian citizens aged 18 years or above are eligible to vote, the Election Commission has

clarified that the Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) itself is not a citizenship certificate. If a person is found to be ineligible or wrongly enrolled, their name can be removed from the electoral roll.

Is PAN Card Proof of Citizenship?

No.

A Permanent Account Number (PAN) is issued for taxation purposes. Foreign nationals and companies may also possess PAN cards.

Hence, PAN is not proof of Indian citizenship.

Citizenship and the National Register of Citizens (NRC)

The issue of citizenship is often discussed in relation to the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

The NRC is a register containing details of genuine Indian citizens. The only NRC prepared so far is for Assam, under the supervision of the Supreme Court, primarily to identify illegal migrants as required under the Assam Accord.

The NRC process demonstrated that determining citizenship requires verification of multiple historical and legal documents rather than reliance on a single identity card.



Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA)

The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 amended the Citizenship Act, 1955 to provide a fast-track route to Indian citizenship for Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis, and Christians from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan who entered India on or before 31 December 2014 due to religious persecution.

The Act does not take away the citizenship of any existing Indian citizen. Instead, it modifies eligibility

for acquiring citizenship by naturalisation for specified communities.

Why is Citizenship Important?

Citizenship determines eligibility for several constitutional and political rights, including:

- Right to vote.
- Right to contest elections.
- Eligibility for constitutional offices such as President, Vice-President, Governor, and Member of Parliament (subject to constitutional requirements).
- Right to obtain an Indian passport.
- Diplomatic protection by India abroad.
- Access to certain public employment and constitutional protections reserved for citizens.

Challenges in Determining Citizenship

Determining citizenship can become difficult due to:

- Lack of birth registration in earlier decades.
- Migration across borders.
- Forged or fraudulent identity documents.
- Inconsistent government records.
- Absence of a universal citizenship register.

Consequently, authorities often rely on documentary evidence, legal procedures, and judicial scrutiny to determine citizenship on a case-by-case basis.

Way Forward

India requires a transparent, fair, and legally robust system for determining citizenship that protects national security while safeguarding the constitutional rights of genuine citizens. Strengthening civil registration, improving birth and identity record management, ensuring due process in citizenship verification, and enhancing coordination among government agencies will reduce disputes. At the same time, public awareness is essential to distinguish between proof of identity, proof of residence, and proof of citizenship, thereby preventing misinformation and ensuring that citizenship-related decisions remain consistent with constitutional principles and the rule of law.

Infographics

Messi and Mbappé Make World Cup History

All-time leading goalscorers at the Men's FIFA World Cup (as of the end of the respective tournament)

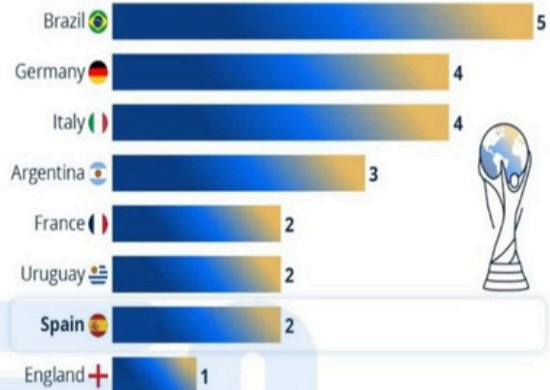
● Germany ● Brazil ● France ● Hungary ● Argentina ● England



Source: FIFA

Spain Joins Short List of Multiple World Cup Winners

Number of Men's FIFA World Cup titles won since 1930



Source: FIFA

Residents Rate American and European Downtowns Poorly

Share of respondents who rate their city's central business districts as good or excellent* (in percent)



93% in the Gulf region
82% in developing Asia
76% in Africa
75% in North America
75% in Europe



rated their downtowns as

beautiful
welcoming to everyone
memorable & vibrant
enjoyable for walking
vibrant

* Across seven characteristics (authentic, beautiful, welcoming, iconic, memorable, walkable, vibrant)
35,000 urban residents in 75 cities surveyed Jul. - Nov. 2025
Source: Gensler The Downtown Report 2026

The Highest-Earning Creators of the Internet Content Machine

Highest-paid online content creators and most significant platform of activity

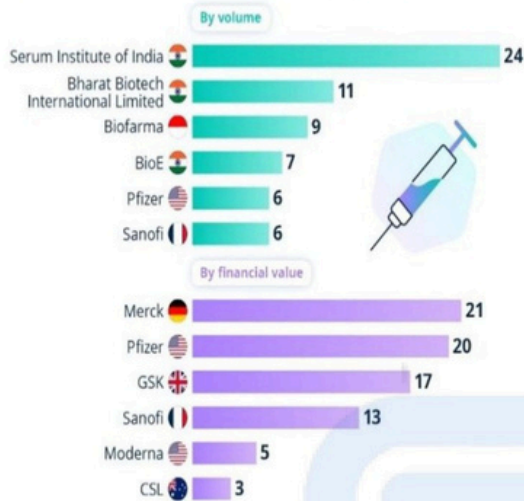


Mar. 2025 - Mar. 2026 earnings

Source: Forbes Top Creators 2026

Vaccine Production: Volume or Profits?

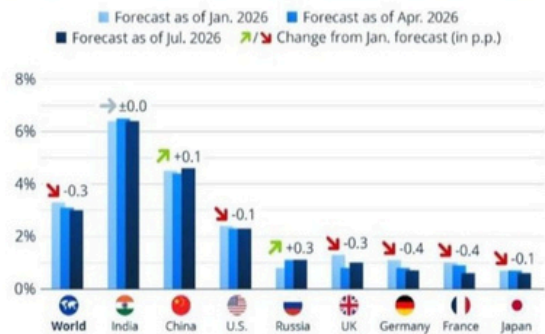
Biggest vaccine manufacturers in the world by volume and financial value in 2024 (in percent)



Source: WHO Global Vaccine Report

IMF Downgrades Global Growth Forecast Second Time in a Row

Real GDP growth projections for selected countries in 2026

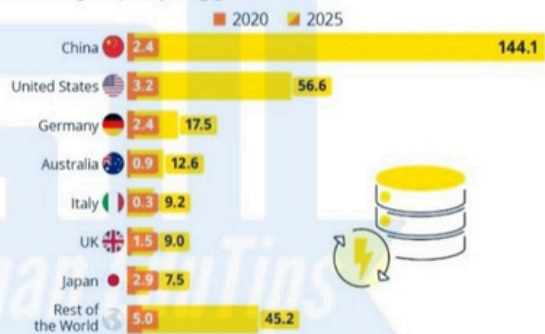


As of Jul. 8, 2026

Source: International Monetary Fund

China's Massive Battery Capacity Buildout

Installed grid-scale battery energy storage capacity (in gigawatts)



Source: Energy Institute | Statistical Review of World Energy 2026

The World's Megacities

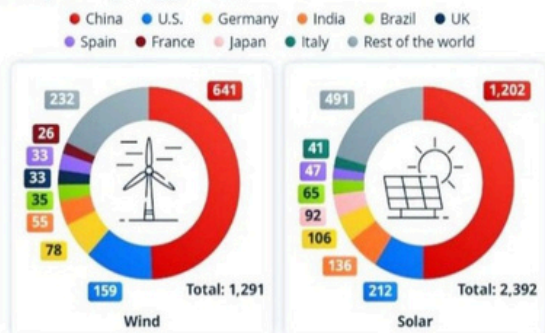
Cities with the most inhabitants in the world (in millions)



Source: UN Population Division

China Accounts for Half the World's Wind and Solar Capacity

Global installed wind and solar power capacity in 2025, by country (in gigawatts)



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