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Important Personalities

- Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Mizoram? **Gen. (Dr) Vijay Kumar Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM (Retd.).**
- Who is the outgoing Governor of Mizoram? **Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati.**



- Where has Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati been appointed as Governor? **Governor of Odisha.**
- Who did Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati replace as Odisha's Governor? **Shri Raghubar Das**
- Who was sworn in for their second term as President of Moldova? **Maia Sandu.**
- Who was appointed as the Higher Education Secretary in the latest bureaucratic reshuffle? **Vineet Joshi.**
- Who did Vineet Joshi replace as Higher Education Secretary? **K Sanjay Murthy.**
- What additional charge will Arunish Chawla hold temporarily? **Secretary, Ministry of Culture.**
- Who succeeded Arunish Chawla as Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals? **Amit Agrawal.**
- Who was appointed as Secretary, National Commission for Minorities? **Sanjay Sethi.**
- Who will replace Rachna Shah as Textile Secretary? **Neelam Shammi Rao.**
- Who has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of J&K Bank? **Amitava Chatterjee.**
- Who will Amitava Chatterjee replace as the MD and CEO of J&K Bank? **Baldev Prakash.**

- Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Fortis Healthcare Ltd? **Leo Puri.**
- When does Leo Puri's term as Chairman of Fortis Healthcare begin? **December 27, 2024.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of NABL? **Dr. Sandip Shah**
- Who has been appointed as the new manager of AC Milan? **Sergio Conceicao**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the NHRC in 2024? **Justice V. Ramasubramanian.**
- Who recently assumed charge as the Chief of Indian Air Force's Western Command? **Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Secretary General of Assocham? **Manish Singhal.**
- Who did Manish Singhal succeed as the Secretary General of Assocham? **Deepak Sood.**
- Who was sworn in as the 23rd Governor of Kerala? **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar**
- Who did Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar succeed as the Governor of Kerala? **Arif Mohammed Khan**
- Who was sworn in as the 42nd Governor of Bihar, succeeding Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar? **Arif Mohammad Khan.**
- Faiz Ahmed Kidwai has been appointed as the Director General of which organization? **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of the Food Corporation of India (FCI)? **Ashutosh Agnihotri**
- Who was re-elected as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives? **Mike Johnson**
- Who has been appointed as COO of Akasa Air? **Belson Coutinho.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of ISRO and Secretary of the Department of Space, succeeding S Somanath? **V Narayanan**
- Who has been elected as the new President of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI)? **Bahadur Singh Sagoo.**
- Who has been appointed as the CEO of UnitedHealthcare by UnitedHealth Group? **Tim Noel**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)? **Gyanendra Pratap Singh**

- Who are the newly nominated governing council members of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Trustee Ltd (NIIFTL)? **CS Setty (SBI Chairman) and Uday Kotak (Founder and Director of Kotak Mahindra Bank).**
- Who has been elected as Lebanon's president after over two years of vacancy? **General Joseph Aoun.**
- Who did General Joseph Aoun succeed as Lebanon's president? **Michel Aoun.**
- Who has taken charge as the new Revenue Secretary in the Finance Ministry? **Tuhin Kanta Pandey.**
- Who was sworn in as Austria's interim Chancellor after Karl Nehammer's resignation? **Alexander Schallenberg.**
- Who has been appointed as the captain of Punjab Kings for IPL 2025? **Shreyas Iyer.**
- Which coach has been appointed for Punjab Kings ahead of IPL 2025? **Ricky Ponting.**
- Who is the President of Sao Tome and Principe? **Vila Nova.**
- Who has been elected as the new Secretary of the BCCI? **Devajit Saikia.**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of YourStory? **Sangeeta Bavi**
- Who has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court following Justice Alok Aradhe's transfer? **Justice Sujoy Paul.**
- Who administered the oath of office to Justice K Vinod Chandran? **Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna.**
- Who was sworn in as the 47th President of the United States? **Donald Trump.**
- Who became the 50th Vice President of the United States at the age of 40? **J.D. Vance.**
- Who is the first Indian-American and Hindu Second Lady of the United States? **Usha Vance.**
- Who was recently sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court? **Justice Alok Aradhe**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief AI Officer (CAIO) of LinkedIn? **Deepak Agarwal.**
- Who was appointed as the acting administrator of NASA by US President Donald Trump? **Janet Petro.**
- Who did Janet Petro replace as NASA's administrator? **Bill Nelson.**
- Who has been confirmed as the new Prime Minister of Ireland? **Micheal Martin**
- Who has been confirmed as the new CIA Director by the US Senate? **John Ratcliffe**
- Who is the current CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank? **Ashok Vaswani**
- Who was M T Vasudevan Nair? **A renowned writer, filmmaker, and Jnanpith Award-winning literary icon in Malayalam literature.**
- Who was the Chairman Emeritus of Pharmed Limited and BioPlus Group who recently passed away? **Krishan Kumar Aurora.**
- Name the former chairman of Suzuki Motor Corp. and a global icon in the auto industry who died recently? **Osamu Suzuki**
- Who was the oldest living US President who recently passed away at the age of 100? **Jimmy Carter.**
- Who was Prithvi Nandy? **Prithvi Nandy was a veteran journalist, poet, film producer, and former Rajya Sabha MP.**
- Name the former Executive Director of Sundaram-Clayton (now TVS Holdings Ltd) and a key figure in the TVS family, who died recently? **H Lakshmanan**
- Which country did Denis Law represent in international football, who passed away recently? **Scotland**
- What is the maximum term duration for a Principal as per the new UGC guidelines? **Five years.**
- How many novels did M T Vasudevan Nair write? **9 novels.**
- What is the duration of Leo Puri's term as an independent director at Fortis Healthcare? **5 years.**
- Who was the commander of Indian Airlines Flight IC 814 during the 1999 hijacking? **Captain Devi Sharan.**
- Who announced their resignation as leader of the Liberal Party in Canada? **Justin Trudeau.**
- Who is the newly appointed Governor of Mizoram? **General V.K. Singh (retd)**
- Who was the previous Governor of Mizoram before Gen V.K. Singh (retd)? **Hari Babu Kambhampati**

National & International News

- Which tribunal initially approved Sapphire Media's resolution plan for Big 92.7 FM? **The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).**
- Which summit will India host for the first time in 2025 to promote discussions and innovation in the media and entertainment sector? **World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES)**
- Who is the Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution? **Pralhad Joshi**
- Which department is excluded from the transfer policy lifted by the Rajasthan government? **Education Department**
- Under which Act was the NHRC established? **Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.**
- Who released the book titled 'Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh: Through the Ages'? **Union Home Minister Amit Shah**
- Who authored the book 'Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh: Through the Ages'? **Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)**
- In 2026, India will host the 28th CSPOC conference. What will be the primary focus of this event? **Artificial Intelligence and social media**
- What is the maximum validity of the New e-student visa? **Up to 5 years.**
- Which organizations were involved in compiling the book 'Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh: Through the Ages'? **Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) and National Book Trust (NBT)**
- Which Indian city has emerged as the fastest-growing destination for international travelers? **Guwahati.**
- What report named Guwahati as the fastest-growing international travel destination in India? **Agoda's 'New Horizons' report.**
- What is the theme of the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 inaugurated by PM Modi in New Delhi? **Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047**
- What is the purpose of the newly launched BAANKNET portal by the government? **E-auction**

- Where will India's first-ever 'Coastline-Waders Bird Census' take place? **Marine National Park and Sanctuary, Jamnagar, Gujarat.**
- Where will the 15th edition of Asia's biggest aero show, Aero India 2025, be held? **Bengaluru, Karnataka.**

04 JAN

WORLD BRAILLE DAY

INCEPTION: 2019

Motto

To raise awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication in the full realization of the human rights for blind and partially sighted people.

Importance

In November 2018, the General Assembly decided to proclaim 4 January as World Braille Day to mark the birth anniversary of Louis Braille.

What is Braille?

Braille is a tactile representation of alphabetic and numerical symbols using six dots to represent each letter and number, and even musical, mathematical and scientific symbols.


Braille (named after its inventor in 19th century France, Louis Braille) is used by blind and partially sighted people to read the same books and periodicals as those printed in a visual font. Louis was born in 1809 in France and became blind after a childhood accident. When Louise was only 15 years old, he created a reading and writing system based on Charles Barbier's night writing system.

- Who inaugurated the Panchayat Se Parliament 2.0 programme in New Delhi? **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.**
- Who launched the BHARATPOL portal in New Delhi? **Union Home Minister Amit Shah.**
- Which organization developed the BHARATPOL portal? **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).**
- When was the special campaign for UTPs under Section 479 launched? **November 26, 2024 (Constitution Day).**
- What are the two new e-visa types introduced by India for international students? **E-Student Visa and E-Student-X Visa.**
- On which portal must foreign students register to apply for the new e-student visas? **Study in India (SII) portal.**

- What system helps users manage their mobile connections and detect unauthorized usage in the Sanchar Saathi app? **TAF COP.**
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal recently unveiled the National River Traffic and Navigation System (NRTNS). What is the primary purpose of this system? **To track and manage shipping traffic on Indian waterways**
- Which country recently became the 7th largest coffee producer in the world? **India.**
- What does India's membership in the UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics signify? **India's commitment to leveraging data science for policymaking**
- India recently joined the UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics. What is the main objective of this committee? **To promote the use of big data and data science for enhancing official statistics**
- Which tunnel was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in J&K's Ganderbal district? **Sonamarg Tunnel.**
- What is the purpose of the National Turmeric Board? **To boost turmeric research, farmer welfare, exports, and develop better varieties.**
- Who inaugurated the National Turmeric Board? **Union Minister Piyush Goyal.**
- Who is the Chairperson of the National Turmeric Board? **Palle Ganga Reddy.**
- What AI-driven tool has MeitY integrated at Mahakumbh for language translation? **Bhashini.**
- How many languages does the Bhashini platform support at Mahakumbh? **11 languages.**
- What chatbot did PM Modi launch for Mahakumbh? **Kumbh Sah'AI'yak chatbot**
- What is the aim of Mission Mausam launched by PM Modi? **To make India a weather-ready and climate-smart nation.**
- On which occasion was Mission Mausam launched? **150th Foundation Day of the India Meteorological Department (IMD).**
- How many new CISF reserve battalions have been approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs? **Two**
- What is the total sanctioned strength of each new CISF reserve battalion? **1,025 personnel**
- After the addition of the two new battalions, how many CISF battalions will there be in total? **15**
- What is the theme of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025? **Beyond Boundaries: Co-creating Future Automotive Value Chain**
- How many judges are currently in the Supreme Court after Justice K Vinod Chandran's appointment? **33 judges.**
- What is the new registering authority for LCO registration as per key amendments to the Cable Television Network Rules, 1994? **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**
- What is the duration for LCO registration renewal as per key amendments to the Cable Television Network Rules, 1994? **Five years**
- Which state became the first to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), and who led the expert committee for its draft preparation? **Uttarakhand; Retired Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai.**
- Which initiative aligns with the NITI Aayog-Nasscom Foundation programme? **Pradhan Mantri Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMDISHA).**
- Where was the 3rd National Mining Ministers' Conference held? **Konark, Odisha**
- Which state cabinet approved a health insurance scheme providing coverage of up to ₹10 lakh for state employees and pensioners, along with other initiatives? **Jharkhand Cabinet**
- Which section of the Income-tax Act has been introduced for presumptive taxation of cruise ship operators? **Section 44BBC.**
- Which Ministry developed the 'Entity Locker' platform? **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).**
- What target has the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry set for Geographical Indication (GI) tags by 2030? **10,000 GI tags.**
- How many Geographical Indication (GI) tags have been issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) so far? **605 GI tags.**
- Until what year has the Union Cabinet extended the National Health Mission? **Till 2026.**
- Where was IMTEX 2025 inaugurated? **Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru**
- Who inaugurated IMTEX 2025? **H.D. Kumaraswamy**

- Which industrialist's legacy is being honoured in Jharkhand's Republic Day tableau, highlighting the development of Jamshedpur? **Ratan Tata.**
- Which portal was launched by CM Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Statehood Day? **Him Pariwar Portal.**

09 JAN
**NRI DAY
(PRAVASI BHARTIYA DIWAS)**



Motto
To mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community towards the development of India.

Importance
To commemorate the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to Mumbai on 9 January, 1915. On this day Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards (PBSA) conferred upon by the Indian Government to overseas Indian.

It was first launched in the year - 2003.
PBSA is conferred by President of India as part of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention.

Note
Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention was held on an annual basis till 2014, it is being organized once in 2 years from 2015.

- Which product from Nicobar district recently received the GI tag? **Virgin Coconut Oil**
- Which two prestigious UN panels has India been nominated to recently? **United Nations Statistical Council (UNSC) and UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics (UN-CEBD).**
- What is Turkey planning to negotiate with Syria? **Turkey plans to negotiate maritime boundaries in the Mediterranean Sea with Syria.**
- What is the term limit for the President of Moldova? **4-year terms.**
- Which bird was officially designated as the national bird of the United States in 2024? **The bald eagle.**

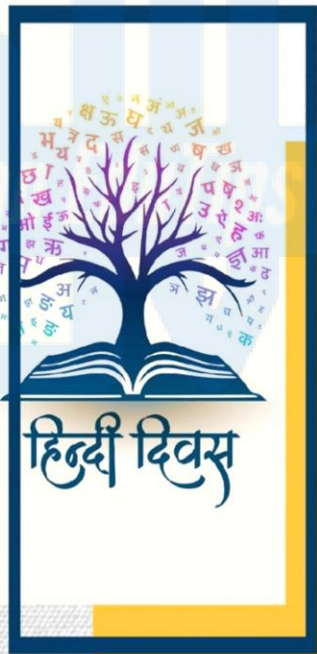
- When did the bald eagle first appear as a US national emblem? **In 1782, on the Great Seal of the United States.**
- Which five countries became non-permanent members of the UN Security Council in 2025? **Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia.**
- Which countries did Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia replace in the UN Security Council in 2025? **Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, and Switzerland.**
- How many US defense companies were added to China's export control list in 2025? **28 companies.**
- Which US companies were mentioned among the blacklisted defense firms by China? **General Dynamics, Boeing Defense, Lockheed Martin, and Raytheon Missiles & Defense.**
- When did France become a member of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)? **2008.**
- Which Egyptian queen's temple foundations were recently discovered near Luxor? **Queen Hatshepsut**
- Which Austrian President conducted the swearing-in ceremony of Alexander Schallenberg? **Alexander Van der Bellen.**
- Which country launched its first Hindi certificate course through open and distance learning? **Sri Lanka.**
- Which two countries agreed to restore and enhance bilateral relations? **Ethiopia and Somalia.**
- Where was the Future Minerals Forum (FMF) 2025 held? **King Abdulaziz International Conference Centre, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.**
- Which country launched its first National Autism Strategy with a funding of 42.3 million Australian dollars to improve the lives of autistic individuals? **Australia.**
- Where will the G20 Leaders' Summit 2025, under South Africa's presidency, be held? **Johannesburg, South Africa.**
- Which short-selling firm recently announced its closure after a controversial report on the Adani Group? **Hindenburg Research**
- Who is the founder of Hindenburg Research? **Nate Anderson**
- What is the duration of the joint digital innovation project between South Korea and ASEAN? **five years, from 2024 to 2029.**

Important Projects & Schemes

- What is the full form of PMGKAY? **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana**
- What scheme allows beneficiaries to access food grains from any Fair Price Shop? **One Nation, One Ration Card**
- What is the total financial outlay approved for PM Fasal Bima Yojana and RWBCIS? **₹69,515 crore.**
- What is the total budget allocated for the ONOS scheme over three years? **₹6,000 crore.**
- What is the annual funding support provided for Open Access journal publications under ONOS? **₹150 crore per year.**
- Which fields are covered by the journals provided under the ONOS scheme? **Science, technology, engineering, medicine, mathematics, management, social sciences, and humanities.**
- Who launched the 'PLI Scheme 1.1' for the steel industry? **H.D Kumaraswamy.**
- Under which scheme were the fisheries projects launched in the Northeastern Region? **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).**
- How much additional renewable energy allocation was sanctioned by the Centre to Rajasthan under the PM Kusum Yojana Component-A? **5,000 MW.**
- Which two hydroelectric power projects will be set up in Arunachal Pradesh? **Tato-II Hydroelectric Project (700 MW) and Kamala Hydroelectric Project (1,720 MW)**
- Where are the Tato-II and Kamala Hydroelectric Projects located? **Tato-II HEP is located on the Siyom River in the Shi Yomi district, and Kamala HEP is located on the Kamala River in the Kamle district.**
- What are the key benefits of the SVAMITVA Scheme? **Economic empowerment, dispute reduction, and improved planning.**
- In which districts of Telangana will Sun Petrochemicals develop its pumped storage hydro power projects? **Nagarkurnool, Mancherial, and Mulugu.**
- When was the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) established? **June 19, 2003**
- What is the monthly stipend provided to interns under the NIXI Internship Scheme? **₹20,000 per month**
- Which ministry oversees the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)? **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**

10 JAN

WORLD HINDI DAY



Importance

- To mark the birth anniversary of first World Hindi Conference which was held in 1975.
- The first World Hindi Conference was inaugurated by the then prime minister Indira Gandhi.
- Since 1975, the World Hindi Conference has been organised in different countries like India, Mauritius, United Kingdom, Trinidad and Tobago, United States.

Note

World Hindi Day was first observed on January 10, 2006. Since then, it is celebrated on January 10 every year.

World Hindi Day vs National Hindi Diwas

National Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on September 14. Because on this day in 1949, the constituent assembly adopted Hindi, written in Devanagari script, as the official language of the Union. While the focus of the World Hindi Day is to promote the language at the global stage.

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Banking & Economy

- What is the amount allocated by Saudi Arabia to support the Yemeni government recently? **\$500 million**
- What is the projected growth rate of the Indian economy for FY2025, as per Deloitte? **6.5-6.8%**
- What percentage stake does Adani Enterprises hold in Adani Wilmar? **44% stake**




- What is the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) GDP growth projection for India in FY25? **6.5%.**
- What action did the RBI take against Asirvad Micro Finance and DMI Finance in October 2024? **Imposed a ban on sanctioning and disbursing loans.**
- What is the projected growth rate of the Indian economy for FY 2025-26, as per the Bank of Baroda report? **6.8%**
- Which country has retained the title of the world's fastest-growing large economy, with a projected GDP growth rate of 6.6% for 2024 according to the UN's World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2025 report? **India**
- What is the primary reason for the Indian Rupee's depreciation to a record low of 86 against the US Dollar? **Rising crude oil prices**
- What is the projected GDP growth rate for India in FY26 according to Crisil? **6.7%.**
- How much grant from the Government of India supports the supply of cabs to Sri Lanka? **300 million Sri Lankan Rupees**
- How much funding has been allocated for the South Korea-ASEAN digital innovation project? **\$30 million.**
- What recent amendment by the RBI allows overseas branches of authorised banks to open INR accounts? **To promote cross-border transactions in INR and local currencies.**
- Which act has the RBI liberalised to allow overseas branches of banks to open INR accounts? **The Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).**
- What is the IMF's growth projection for India for FY26 and FY27? **6.5%**
- Which organization retained India's growth forecast at 6.5% for FY26 and FY27? **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**
- What growth rate has the World Bank projected for India for FY26 and FY27? **6.7%**
- Who will acquire Adani Wilmar's shares from Adani Enterprises? **Lence Pte Ltd, a subsidiary of Wilmar International.**
- What is the projected GDP growth rate for India in FY25 according to the RBI's Financial Stability Report? **6.6%**
- Which sovereign wealth fund became the world's top investor in 2024 with \$29.2 billion in investments? **Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Investment Company.**
- How often is the interest rate for RBI Floating Rate Savings Bonds adjusted? **Semi-annually.**
- What is the revised FY25 GDP growth forecast for India by Nomura? **6.7%**
- What is the objective of the 'when-listed' platform introduced by SEBI? **To facilitate trading of IPO shares before their formal listing and curb grey market trading.**

- What is the total revival package approved by the Union Cabinet for Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)? **₹11,440 crore**
- What is FICCI's revised GDP growth estimate for India in FY25? **6.4%.**
- What is the projected global growth rate for 2025 according to the World Bank? **2.7%**
- What is the goal of the South Korea-Philippines FTA? **To strengthen trade ties, foster investment, and stabilize supply chains.**
- What would the maritime deal between Turkey and Syria increase? **The deal would increase their area of influence in energy exploration.**
- Which company's resolution plan for acquiring Big 92.7 FM was upheld by NCLAT? **Sapphire Media.**
- What percentage of stake in India Cements Ltd did UltraTech acquire from the promoters? **32.72%.**
- What is the duration of the IRECON contract for electrification maintenance in NFR? **The contract duration is two years.**
- What is the total value of the acquisition of Karkinos Healthcare Pvt Ltd by Reliance Industries? **Rs 375 crore.**
- What decision has Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL) made regarding Adani Wilmar? **AEL has decided to fully exit Adani Wilmar by selling its stake.**
- Which Ukrainian mobile operator signed an agreement with Starlink for satellite connectivity? **Kyivstar.**
- What technology will Kyivstar introduce in partnership with Starlink? **Direct-to-cell satellite connectivity.**
- Which organizations signed contracts for the construction of the AIP Plug and its integration? **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.**
- Which institute partnered with the Agriculture Ministry on Project VISTAAR to digitalize the agricultural extension system? **IIT Madras.**
- Which department signed an MoU with SPF to promote India's startup ecosystem globally during the National Startup Week celebrations? **DPIIT**

- Which company has partnered with MeitY to skill 500,000 individuals in AI by 2026? **Microsoft**
- Which two organizations signed an MoU for anti-money laundering efforts in the insurance sector? **Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).**
- Which country is the first partner for the Odisha Investor Summit? **Singapore**

15 JAN

ARMY DAY



EDITION: 77th

Importance
Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa became the first Indian Army Chief of Independent India on 15 January 1949.

Background
Sam Manekshaw was the first Field Marshal of India, and he was awarded this title in January 1973. The second person to receive the title of Field Marshal was 'Konkera M. Cariappa', who was given the rank on 14 January 1986. The Indian army was originated from the East India Company, which later known as the 'British Indian Army' and eventually after Independence it is known as National Army.

Note
Indian army was established on 1st April, but Army Day in India is celebrated on 15th January.

- What are the key areas of cooperation agreed upon during the first India-Malaysia Security Dialogue? **Critical minerals, rare earth elements, counter-terrorism, cyber security, defence industry, and maritime security.**
- Which global energy major has partnered with ONGC to boost oil and gas production from the Mumbai High field? **BP**
- Which port was identified as a key hub for enhancing trade, commercial activities, and facilitating humanitarian assistance between India and Afghanistan during the bilateral talks in Dubai? **Chabahar.**
- What is the partnership between PhonePe and ICICI Lombard offering for travelers to the Maha Kumbh Mela? **Insurance cover with two variants**

- What is the MoU between AWBI and NALSAR University of Law about? **To provide legal training for individuals supporting animal welfare through SPCAs and State Animal Welfare Boards.**
- Which institution signed an MoU with AWBI to train Honorary Animal Welfare Representatives? **NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad.**
- India and Mongolia's mining partnership focuses on which critical resource? **Rare earth minerals**
- Which organizations are collaborating to develop the Wideband Spectrum-Sensor ASIC-Chip? **C-DOT, IIT Mandi, and IIT Jammu.**
- What is the primary aim of Amazon's acquisition of Axio? **To expand its credit-based offerings in India.**
- Which two countries signed the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), marking New Zealand's first trade pact in the Gulf region? **New Zealand and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).**
- How many cabs will India supply to Sri Lanka for its police stations? **80 cabs**
- Which company has EET Hydrogen partnered with for the development of the UK's first large-scale low-carbon hydrogen production plant at the Stanlow Manufacturing Complex? **ENKA**
- Who is acquiring Bengaluru-based fintech firm Axio? **Amazon**
- Which sectors are targeted by the MoUs signed between Odisha and Singapore organizations? **Green hydrogen, petrochemicals, semiconductors, fintech, and skill development**
- What is the primary objective of the Russia-Iran partnership agreement? **To create conditions for stable and sustainable development in Russia, Iran, and the Eurasian region.**
- Which Singapore company signed an MoU with Odisha to establish industrial parks? **Sembcorp**
- What agreement did the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) sign with CG Power and CG Semi to support semiconductor manufacturing in India? **Fiscal Support Agreement (FSA)**
- Which bank acquired Standard Chartered India's personal loan portfolio? **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
- What are the key areas of cooperation in the Russia-Iran strategic partnership? **Trade, investment, defense, security, space, energy, and counterterrorism.**
- What are some key sectors identified for collaboration between India and Belgium? **Sustainable technologies, semiconductors, gems and jewellery, healthcare, renewable energy, and digital technologies.**
- What is Moody's revised GDP growth forecast for India in FY25? **7%.**
- Which Indian state government signed 31 MoUs worth ₹6.25 lakh crore at the World Economic Forum Summit in Davos? **Maharashtra**
- Who signed the executive order restoring the name of North America's tallest peak to Mount McKinley? **US President Donald Trump.**
- Which company signed an MoU with the Telangana government to invest Rs 45,500 crore in renewable energy projects? **Sun Petrochemicals.**
- During which event was the Rs 45,500 crore MoU between Sun Petrochemicals and Telangana signed? **World Economic Forum in Davos.**
- Which state signed three MoUs to enhance climate resilience and sustainable development? **Odisha.**
- With which institution did Odisha sign an MoU under the ECRICC project to restore critical coastal ecosystems? **IIT Bhubaneswar.**
- What ecosystems are the focus of restoration under the ECRICC project in Odisha? **Seagrass beds and salt marshes.**
- Which organization collaborated with Odisha for the ADAT4R project to strengthen farming communities' climate resilience? **World Food Programme (WFP).**
- How much is the investment proposed in the MoUs signed by MMRDA at the World Economic Forum 2025? **USD 40 billion (Rs 3.5 lakh crore)**
- In which year does Indonesia aim to achieve a developed economy as per recent MoU between Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) and the Asosiasi Manajer Investasi Indonesia (AMII)? **2045.**

Awards & Recognitions

- Who was conferred the 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar' for bravery in 2024? **15-year-old Kisen Wanniang from Meghalaya**
- What heroic act earned Kisen Wanniang the 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar'? **He saved four children from drowning in the Maweitksar River during heavy rains.**
- Which two scientists from the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) were recently honoured by the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) for their exceptional contributions? **Dr Eldho Varghese Dr T.G. Sumithra**



- Which eminent Indian physician based in Saudi Arabia, has been awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2025? **Dr. Syed Anwar Khursheed.**
- Who was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom with distinction by US President Joe Biden? **Pope Francis.**
- Who won the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in chess? **D. Gukesh.**
- Which hockey player received the Khel Ratna Award? **Harmanpreet Singh.**
- Who is India's youngest chess world champion? **D. Gukesh.**
- How many athletes received the Arjuna Awards in 2024? **32 athletes.**
- How many para-athletes were honored with the Arjuna Awards in 2024? **17 para-athletes.**
- Who received the Arjuna Award for lifetime achievement in para-swimming? **Murlikant Petkar.**
- What is the cash prize for the Khel Ratna Award? **₹25 lakh.**
- Which Indian short film has been nominated for the Best Short Film (Live Action) category at the Oscars 2025? **"Anuja"**
- Who directed the "Anuja" nominated for the Best Short Film (Live Action) category at the Oscars 2025? **Adam J. Graves and Suchitra Mattai**
- How many Kirti Chakras were awarded, and to whom? **Two Kirti Chakras – Major Manjit (22 Rashtriya Rifles) and posthumously to Naik Dilwar Khan (28 Rashtriya Rifles).**
- How many Shaurya Chakras were conferred, and how many were posthumous? **14 Shaurya Chakras, including three posthumous.**
- Which posthumous award was given to MT Vasudevan Nair? **Padma Vibhushan.**
- Who received the Padma Bhushan award posthumously in 2025? **Bibek Debroy.**
- Who has been awarded the Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025 for her contributions to quantum computing and technology? **Professor Urbasi Sinha**
- Which former US President served from 1977 to 1981 and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002? **Jimmy Carter.**
- Who was awarded a knighthood in the 2024 New Year Honours for services to football? **Gareth Southgate.**
- Who was conferred with the INSA India Fellowship for 2025? **Dr. Krishna M. Ella**
- For what contributions was Dr. Krishna M. Ella awarded the INSA Fellowship? **Vaccine technologies and improvements**
- Which award did Pritish Nandy receive for his contribution to literature? **Padma Shri award in 1977**

Sports

- Who won the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol title at the 67th NSCC? **Vijayveer Sidhu from Punjab won the title.**
- Which Olympian announced his retirement after the men's 25m RFP finals? **Rio Olympian Gurpreet Singh announced his retirement.**
- Who won the gold at the National Equestrian Championships (NEC) from the Amateur Riders' Club (ARC)? **Inaara Mehta Luthria, Freya Thakkar, and Hayden Hussain won gold at the NEC.**
- Who awarded Sachin Tendulkar honorary membership? **The Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC)**
- Who won the Senior National Men's Handball Championship title for the first time? **Kerala**
 - Who was awarded the Best Player of the Senior National Men's Handball Championship? **Devendar**
- Which player received the Best Goalkeeper honor in the Senior National Men's Handball Championship? **Rahul**
- Who became the youngest female in the world to scale the highest peaks on each of the seven continents? **Kaamya Karthikeyan, a 17-year-old from Mumbai.**
- Who won the bronze medal at the inaugural King Cup International Badminton Open 2024? **Lakshya Sen**
- Which French shuttler did Lakshya Sen defeat to secure the bronze at the King Cup 2024? **Alex Lanier.**
- Who has recently announced her retirement from the Chinese national badminton team? **Huang Yaqiong.**
- Who is the only Indian woman in the Top 10 of the FIDE Women's Chess rankings? **Koneru Humpy.**
- Who became the highest-ranked Indian Men's Test bowler in ICC rankings history with 907 rating points? **Jasprit Bumrah**
- Jasprit Bumrah surpassed which Indian bowler's previous record of 904 rating points in the ICC Test Bowling Rankings? **Ravichandran Ashwin**
- Who won the Khel Ratna Award for achievements in shooting in 2024? **Manu Bhaker**

- Which chess player received the Khel Ratna Award in 2024? **D Gukesh**
- Who is the captain of the Indian men's hockey team awarded the Khel Ratna in 2024? **Harmanpreet Singh**

25 JAN

NATIONAL VOTERS DAY



1ST CELEBRATED: 2011
THEME: Vote Ready

Motto
To spread awareness about the necessity of voting and to encourage young generation towards the voting rights.

Importance
To mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India (ECI) which came into existence on 25 Jan 1950.

Note
Initially the eligibility age of the voter was 21 years but in 1988 it was lowered to 18 years (By Sixty-First Amendment Bill of 1998).

Fact
India's First Ever Voter was Shyam Saran Negi.

- For which event did Praveen Kumar win the Khel Ratna Award in 2024? **High Jump T64 at the Paris Olympics**
- How many athletes received the Arjuna Award in 2024? **32 athletes**
- Who received the Dronacharya Award for Para-Shooting in 2024? **Subhash Rana**
- Which award recognizes lifetime achievements in sports coaching in 2024? **Dronacharya Award (Lifetime Category)**
- Who stepped down as Bangladesh's T20I captain in 2024, continuing to lead in Test and ODI formats? **Najmul Hossain Shanto.**

- Who won the Gold medal in the Men's 10m Air Pistol event at the 67th National Shooting Championship 2024? **Varun Tomar (Indian Army).**
- Who won the Gold medal in the Men's Junior 10m Air Pistol event? **Varun Tomar (Indian Army)**
- Which shooter secured Gold in the Men's Youth 10m Air Pistol event? **Chirag Sharma (Uttar Pradesh).**
- Who won the 2025 Brisbane International title? **Aryna Sabalenka.**
- How many career titles does Aryna Sabalenka have after winning the 2025 Brisbane International? **18 career titles.**
- Who announced the sponsorship for the national Kho Kho team? **The Odisha government.**
- What is the duration of Odisha's sponsorship for the national Kho Kho team? **From January 2025 to December 2027.**
- How much funding will Odisha provide for the Kho Kho team over three years? **Rs 15 crore (Rs 5 crore per year).**
- Who won the U-17 Girl's Singles title at the British Junior Open 2025 in squash? **Anahat Singh.**
- Which player did Anahat Singh defeat in the final to win the U-17 Girl's Singles title? **Malika El Karaksy**
- Martin Guptill, who announced retirement from international cricket, represents which national cricket team? **New Zealand**
- Which football team won the Spanish Super Cup 2025? **Barcelona.**
- Where was the Spanish Super Cup final held? **Saudi Arabia.**
- How many Spanish Super Cup titles has Barcelona won after their recent victory? **15 titles.**
- Who became the highest individual scorer in Women's U19 One Day Trophy history? **Ira Jadhav.**
- How many national team appearances did Simon Kjaer make during his football career? **132 for Denmark.**
- Which football title did Kjaer win with AC Milan? **Kjaer won the Serie A title with AC Milan in 2022.**
- Who won the men's title in the Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League Season 2? **Kang Sings**
- Who won the Women's title in the Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League Season 2? **Maryul Spamo**
- Which para-athlete won gold in high jump at the Paris Paralympics? **Praveen Kumar.**
- Who became independent India's first double Olympic medalist in shooting? **Manu Bhaker.**
- Who is India's first Paralympic gold medalist? **Murlikant Petkar.**
- Which sport does Arjuna Award winner Vantika Agrawal play? **Chess.**
- Which university won the MAKAT Trophy in the Khelo India University Games? **Chandigarh University.**
- Who coached para-shooting to win the Dronacharya Award? **Subhash Rana.**
- What is the mandatory requirement for Team India players to remain eligible for national selection as per BCCI's new guidelines? **Participation in domestic matches.**
- Who was recently inducted as the 64th member of the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame? **Michael Clarke.**
- Who became India's No. 1 chess player with a live rating of 2784 in January 2025? **D Gukesh**
- Who previously held the position of India's No. 1 chess player before D Gukesh? **Arjun Erigaisi**
- What is the current global ranking of Magnus Carlsen in live chess ratings? **1st**
- Which former Indian cricketer is inducted into the World Cricket Connects Advisory Board? **Sourav Ganguly**
- What is the role of Jay Shah in the World Cricket Connects Advisory Board? **ICC Chair**
- Which former Sri Lankan cricketer is the chair of the board? **Kumar Sangakkara**
- Who won the 9th Johor International Open chess tournament in Malaysia with a dominant performance? **Indian Grandmaster Iniyar Panneerselvam.**
- Which country won both the Men's and Women's titles in the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup 2025? **India**
- Which country did India defeat in both the Men's and Women's finals of the Kho Kho World Cup 2025? **Nepal**

Science & Technology

- Who co-developed Sintilimab alongside Innovent Biologics? **Eli Lilly co-developed Sintilimab with Innovent Biologics.**
- Which rocket will be used to launch ISRO's SpaDeX mission? **PSLV-C60**
- Which Indian company has partnered with Clean Core Thorium Energy (CCTE) to explore the development of thorium-based nuclear fuel for Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs)? **NTPC**
- What is the name of ISRO's mission to demonstrate in-space docking technology, and where was it launched from? **SpaDeX, launched from Sriharikota.**
- Which rocket was used for the SpaDeX mission, and what were its payloads? **PSLV-C60 rocket carried SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target) satellites.**
- Which prototype unveiled by China recently reached a test speed of 450 kmph, making it the world's fastest high-speed train? **The CR450 prototype.**
- Which three indigenously built warships will the Indian Navy commission on 15th of January, 2025? **Nilgiri, Surat, and Vaghsheer.**
- What is Cipla's new mobile app for asthma screening called? **CipAir.**
- What is the purpose of the CipAir app? **To help users assess their likelihood of having asthma for timely intervention and management.**
- Which institution has launched Asia's largest Shallow Wave Basin Research Facility? **IIT Madras.**
- What is the name of the AI Center of Excellence established by Microsoft in India? **AI Catalysts**
- Who inaugurated the 5G Use Case Test Lab at CMPDI in Ranchi? **Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Coal and Mines.**
- Where is the 5G Use Case Test Lab for the coal industry located? **Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI)**
- Which organization successfully conducted the 3-meter range docking experiment under the SpaDex program? **ISRO**
- Which Union Minister launched the Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform at the Bharat Climate Forum 2025? **Piyush Goyal.**
- Where were the trials of the Nag Mark 2 missile conducted? **Pokhran field range, Rajasthan.**
- What technology does the Nag Mark 2 missile use for precision targeting? **Third-generation fire-and-forget technology.**
- Which naval combatants were commissioned by PM Modi at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai? **INS Surat, INS Nilgiri, and INS Vaghsheer.**
- What is the final ship of the P15B Guided Missile Destroyer Project? **INS Surat.**
- Which helicopters can operate on INS Surat? **Chetak, ALH, Sea King, and MH-60R.**
- Which neighboring countries benefit from India's Flash Flood Guidance system? **Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.**
- Which two private lunar landers did SpaceX launch as part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services program? **Blue Ghost by Firefly Aerospace and Resilience by Japan's ispace.**
- Under which category will the MRSAM missiles be supplied to the Indian Navy? **'Buy (Indian)' category.**
- Which two organisations jointly developed the MRSAM system? **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI).**
- What is the approved cost for establishing the third launchpad at Sriharikota? **₹3,985 crore.**
- What is the payload capacity of the third launchpad for low earth orbit? **30,000-tonne spacecraft**
- Which launch vehicles will the third launchpad support? **Next Generation Launch Vehicles (NGLV) and LVM3 vehicles with a semicryogenic stage.**
- Which organization successfully conducted the ground test of a scramjet engine for hypersonic missiles in India? **DRDO**
- What is the Tianlu-1 satellite, developed by GalaxySpace designed for? **Middle and upper atmosphere research.**

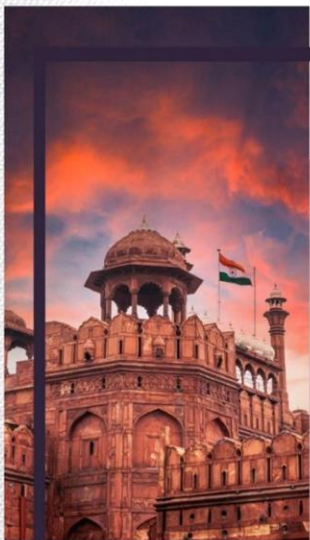
- What technology is being used under the SVAMITVA Scheme for property surveys? **Drone and GIS technologies.**
- Which organization signed a ₹1,561-crore contract with the Defence Ministry for supplying 47 T-72 Bridge Laying Tanks (BLT) to the Indian Army? **Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF), Avadi.**
- What is the combined capacity of the pumped storage hydro and solar power projects under Sun Petrochemicals' investment in Telangana? **8,840 MW (3,400 MW hydro + 5,440 MW solar).**
- Which company will establish India's first Silicon Carbide (SiC) semiconductor manufacturing facility in Odisha? **RIR Power Electronics Limited.**
- Which organization will showcase innovations under the theme 'Raksha Kavach – Multi-layer Protection against Multi-domain Threats' during the Republic Day Parade 2025? **Defence**

Research & Development Organisation (DRDO).

- Which hospital in India performed the first-ever Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) implantation using the HeartMate 3 device in a government institution? **Army Hospital (Research & Referral), Delhi Cantt**
- What technologies are highlighted in IMTEX 2025? **Metal cutting and manufacturing technologies**
- Which battlefield surveillance system, flagged off by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, enhances transparency and is developed by the Indian Army and Bharat Electronics Limited? **SANJAY**
- What is the 100th rocket launch from ISRO's Sriharikota spaceport? **GSLV F-15**
- Which satellite will be launched in ISRO's 100th rocket mission? **NVS-02**

26 JAN

INDIA'S REPUBLIC DAY



Importance

To mark the adoption of the constitution as it was on 26 January 1930 when the Declaration of Indian Independence was proclaimed by the Indian National Congress.

Note

The adoption of the constitution marked the transition to full independence from Britain as it ended Lord Mountbatten's role as governor-general of India. The constitution gave India's citizens the power to govern themselves by choosing their own government.

Award Distribution

On the eve of Republic Day, the President of India distributes Padma Awards to the civilians of India every year. These are the second highest civilian awards in India after Bharat Ratna. These awards are given in three categories, viz. Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.

27 JAN

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY



INCEPTION: 1 November 2005 (By UNGA)

Importance

To commemorate the tragedy of the Holocaust (सर्व-नाश/प्रलय) that occurred during the Second World War. It commemorates the genocide that resulted in the deaths of 6 million Jews and 11 million others, by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

Note

The Holocaust Remembrance Day is also a national event in the United Kingdom and in Italy.

Why 27 Jan

Because on 27 January 1945, Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and death camp, was liberated by the Red Army.

Miscellaneous

- What is M T's most celebrated novel? **Naalukettu (The Ancestral House), a classic in Malayalam literature.**
- Which company is replacing Russian crude oil with Middle Eastern crude? **BPCL**
- Where was India's first glass bridge over the sea inaugurated? **in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu**
- What monuments does the glass bridge connect, and what is its length and width? **Vivekananda Rock Memorial and the Thiruvalluvar statue, and is 77 meters long and 10 meters wide.**
- What is the tenure of the NHRC Chairperson? **Five years or until the age of 70, whichever is earlier.**
- What are the qualifications required for the NHRC Chairperson? **Must be a former Chief Justice of India or a Supreme Court judge.**
- Which shipbuilding facility designed and constructed the three warships Nilgiri, Surat, and Vaghsheer? **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.**
- Which French aircraft carrier arrived in Goa for the 42nd annual naval exercise Varuna? **Charles De Gaulle.**
- Which bilateral military exercises are conducted between India and France? **Shakti (land), Varuna (sea), and Garuda (air).**
- What was the final destination of IC 814 after it was hijacked? **Kandahar, Afghanistan.**
- What is the theme of Aero India 2025? **"The Runway to a Billion Opportunities."**
- Which country ranks first in the Henley Passport Index for 2025? **Singapore**
- What rank did India achieve for Digital Skills in the QS World Future Skills Index? **2nd.**
- By how much has the Maternal Mortality Ratio declined under the National Health Mission since 1990? **By 83%.**
- What popular TV show did Pritish Nandy host? **Pritish Nandy hosted The Pritish Nandy Show on Doordarshan.**
- What rating did SECI receive for its performance under the MoU with MNRE for FY 2023-24? **"Excellent" rating with a score of 96 out of 100.**
- What is Mission Clemenceau 25? **Mission Clemenceau 25 is a French carrier strike group operation led by aircraft carrier FNS Charles de Gaulle in the Indian Ocean.**
- Which Indian Navy ship participated in joint exercises with the French CSG? **INS Mormugao**
- Which three Indian nuclear entities were removed from the US Entity List by the US Department of Commerce? **Indian Rare Earths, Indira Gandhi Atomic Research Centre (IGCAR), and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**
- Which four coal blocks in Jharkhand are set to begin mining operations? **Rajhara coal block (Palamu), Tubed coal block (Latehar), Badam and Moitra coal blocks (Hazaribagh).**
- What are the three areas identified for India's strength in the QS World Future Skills Index? **Digital Skills, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Green Skills.**
- What rank did India secure for Artificial Intelligence and Green Skills in the QS Index? **4th.**
- What was the original name of the peak before it was renamed Mount McKinley? **Denali.**
- What was John Ratcliffe's position before being confirmed as CIA Director? **Director of National Intelligence (DNI)**
- Which three states topped NITI Aayog's Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025? **Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and Goa.**
- Which country holds the 1st position in safety in Africa according to the recent Altezza Travel rankings? **Mauritius.**
- Which Indian naval ship is participating in the fourth edition of the Multinational Exercise La Perouse? **INS Mumbai.**

Important Days

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Theme/Importance
01-Feb	Indian Coast Guard Day	To mark the inception of interim Indian Coast guard on 1 February 1977
02-Feb	World Wetlands Day	Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future
04-Feb	World Cancer Day	United by Unique
06-Feb	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation	Her Voice. Her Future. Investing in Survivor-Led Movements to End Female Genital Mutilation
10-Feb	National De-worming Day	To improve the health and well-being of children in India
11-Feb	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	To recognize the critical role women and girls play in science and technology
13-Feb	National Women's Day	To mark the birth anniversary of India's first women governor Sarojini Naidu.
13-Feb	World Radio Day	Radio and Climate Change
20-Feb	World Day of Social Justice	To promote efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion and unemployment
21-Feb	International Mother Language Day	To promote the awareness of language and cultural diversity all across the world
24-Feb	Central Excise Day	To mark the establishment of the Central Excise and Salt Act on 24th of February in the year 1944.
27-Feb	World NGO Day	To celebrate, commemorate and collaborate with the various NGOs around the world.
28-Feb	National Science Day	Science for a Sustainable Future

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But Very Few Have The Will
To Prepare To Win.

Vince Lombardi

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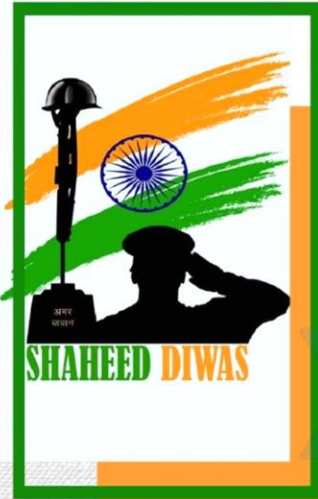


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Let's Recap

- Recently, who has launched National Anganwadi-cum-Crèches program? **Smriti Irani**
- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda has inaugurated which tribal orientation programme for two days? **Adi Vyakhyan**
- When has the National Mathematics Day celebrated recently? **22 December**
- Which company has introduced "Paat-Mitro" app for farmers? **Jute Corporation of India**
- Which state government has initiated tab distribution to class 8 students? **Andhra Pradesh**

30 JAN
MARTYRS' DAY (SHAHEED DIWAS)



Importance
To mark the assassination of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Ji in 1948, by Nathuram Godse.

Motto
To honour our brave martyrs who have sacrificed their life for the country.

Note
The first Martyr's Day, which is also known as Sarvodaya Diwas or Shaheed Diwas, is celebrated all over India on 30th January, while the second Martyr's Day is celebrated on 23rd March.

Other Days to be celebrated as same
23 March -
The anniversary of the deaths of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru on 23 March 1931.
17 November -
Odisha observes 17 November, the death anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai
19 November -
The birthday of Rani Lakshmbai, 19 November 1828, queen of the Maratha-ruled princely state of Jhansi.

- Central Government has officially designated which airport as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry and exit? **Raja Bhoj Airport**
- Who has been appointed as the new Indian high commissioner to Sri Lanka? **Santosh Jha**
- Who has won the 6th Rabindranath Tagore literary prize? **Sukrita Paul Kumar**
- Women's rights champion Dr Mohini Giri has passed away at 86. In context to the same tell us, in which year she was awarded by Padma Bhushan? **2007**

- Good Governance Day 2023 has been observed on which day of December? **25 December**
- Who won the title of Chennai Grand Masters 2023? **Dommaraju Gukesh**
- In which state was the intra-district helicopter service inaugurated recently? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which state government has recently introduced Rs 5 lakh accident insurance for Gig Workers? **Telangana**
- Bengaluru's Slice-backed North East Small Finance Bank has appointed whom as interim MD and CEO? **Satish Kumar Kalra**
- Sony Sports has roped in whom as brand ambassador for football? **Kartik Aaryan**
- Who has chaired the third National Conference of Chief Secretaries in Delhi on 28th and 29th December 2023? **Prime Minister of India**
- Uttar Pradesh has got how much investment in 2023? **Rs 40 lakh crore**
- Central government and ADB secured a \$100m loan aimed at upgrading urban services and tourism in which state? **Tripura**
- Which city is being developed as India's first 'AI City'? **Lucknow**
- Which stealth guided-missile destroyer was recently inducted into the Indian Navy? **INS 'Imphal'**
- Which bank has recently approved the proposal to raise capital worth 7500 crores through QIP or FPO? **Punjab National Bank**
- B P Gopalika has recently taken over as new chief secretary of which state? **West Bengal**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Police for West Bengal? **Rajeev Kumar**
- India has signed a protocol on consultations with which country for next four years? **Russia**
- Who was the founder of 'Desia Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam' (DMDK) who passed away recently? **N Vijayakanth**
- Which company has built Missile Cum Ammunition Barges "LSAM 10", inducted recently in Indian Navy? **SECON Private Limited**

- Which armed force has unveiled new Admirals' Epauettes design inspired by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Rajmudra? **Indian Navy**
- The Centre appointed who as the first woman Director General of Central Industrial Security Force? **Nina Singh**
- Who has been honored with the "Man of the Year-2023" award by India's Home Minister? **Mr L P Hemanth K Srinivasulu**
- The recently launched book "The Babri Masjid Ram Mandir Dilemma" has been authored by whom? **Madhav Godbole**
- What is the primary goal of ISRO's plan to launch 50 satellites in the next five years? **Strengthening national security through geo-intelligence gathering**
- Who has launched the new CA India logo at the Global Professional Accountants Convention (GloPAC)? **Jagdeep Dhankhar**
- Recently, where has the new advanced design and test facility of HAL's Aero Engine Research & Development center has been inaugurated? **Bengaluru**
- Who has been appointed as the ex-officio Chancellor of Pondicherry University after modification in Pondicherry University Act 1985? **Jagdeep Dhankhar**
- P Indira Devi has been conferred with the title of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE) fellow in 2023. why? **Her outstanding achievements in agricultural economics and rural development**
- Recently, who has been awarded the Guard of Honor on concluding his tenure as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff? **Sanjay Jasjit Singh**
- Felix Tshisekedi has been elected as President of which country? **Congo**
- RK Tyagi has recently assumed the role of Chief Managing Director of Power Grid by succeeding whom? **K Sreekanth**
- Vice Chancellor of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Prof. B R Kamboj has received the prestigious MS Swaminathan Award for his contributions in which field? **Agronomy**
- Which country has recently taken over the chairmanship of BRICS 2024? **Russia**


- Recently PM Modi has inaugurated a submarine optical fiber connection, it connects Kochi to which city? **Kavaratti**
- Who has been nominated as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee? **Justice BR Gavai**
- IFS Randhir Jaiswal has assumed the position of Spokesperson for which ministry? **Ministry of External Affairs**
- Rani Velu Nachiyar, whose 294th birth anniversary has been observed on 3rd January 2024, belongs to which present Indian state? **Tamil Nadu**
- Who will co-chair 7th meeting of India-Nepal Joint Commission? **S Jaishankar**
- Khanij Bidesh India Limited to invest Rs 211 Crore for Lithium exploration in which country? **Argentina**

LAST SUNDAY

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WORLD LEPROSY ERADICATION DAY

WORLD LEPROSY DAY



Importance

This date was chosen by French humanitarian Raoul Follereau as a tribute to the life of the Mahatma Gandhi who had compassion for people afflicted with leprosy.

Motto

To increase the public awareness of the Leprosy or Hansen's Disease.

What is leprosy?

Leprosy is an infectious disease of the skin and nerves which, if not diagnosed and treated quickly, can result in debilitating disabilities. It is caused by a bacillus, Mycobacterium leprae (M. leprae).

Background

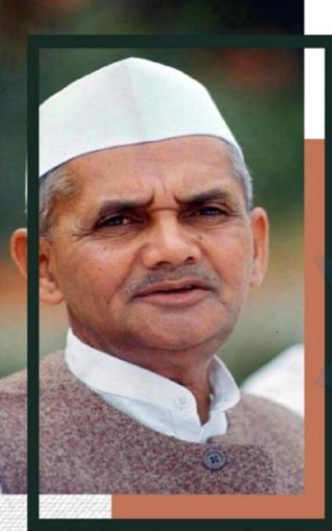
Leprosy is also known as Hansen's disease, named after Norwegian physician, Gerhard Henrik Armauer Hansen, who debunked the prevailing notion of the time that leprosy was a hereditary disease. He showed that the disease had a bacterial cause instead.

- All India Conference of Director Generals and Inspector Generals of Police 2023 concluded in which city? **Jaipur**
- Which neighbouring country will sell 10,000 MW electricity to India for next 10 years? **Nepal**
- What is the theme of World Braille Day 2024? **Empowering Through Inclusion and Diversity**

- In which city did the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh inaugurate the five-day winter carnival? **Manali**
- NHPC Limited will built Kuppam Hydro Storage Project in which state? **Gujarat**
- Beatrice Chebet, who has set a new women's world record in the 5km race in Barcelona, hails from which country? **Kenya**
- Who has been appointed as the first woman Director General of Police in Maharashtra? **Rashmi Shukla**
- Govindayapalli Ram Mohan Rao has recently assumed the role of Executive Director of which government entity? **SEBI**
- Who has been appointed as CEO of Indian Olympic Association? **Raghuram Iyer**

LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI

(2 October 1904 – 11 January 1966)



He was the 2nd Prime Minister of India and a senior leader of the Indian National Congress.

He led the country during the Indo-Pakistan War of 1965.

His slogan of "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan" became very popular.

The war formally ended with the Tashkent Agreement on 10 January 1966; where he died the following day.

Professional Career
 PM: 9 June 1964 – 11 January 1966 •
 Minister of External Affairs: 9 June 1964 – 18 July 1964
 Minister of Home Affairs: 4 April 1961 – 29 August 1963
 Minister of Railways: 1951–1956 •

- India has announced how much financial package for Nepal's earthquake? **\$75 Million**
- Which country has recently declared Snow Leopard as National symbol? **Kyrgyzstan**
- What is the primary objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and USAID/India? **Achieving net-zero carbon emissions in the railway sector by 2030**

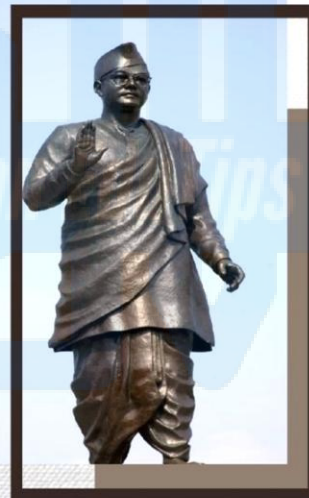
- Which three State/Union Territories have achieved 100 percent coverage under the Jal Jeevan Mission according to the Ministry of Jal Shakti? **Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Puducherry**
- What is Vikas Sheel's current role before becoming the Executive Director at ADB? **Additional Secretary and Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission**
- Which country has clinched United Cup title 2024? **Germany**
- Recently appointed "Class C" director on board of Federal Reserve Rajiv Shah is the current president of which company? **Rockefeller Foundation**
- Who has been elected as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh in January 2024? **Sheikh Hasina**
- Recently, former President Ram Nath Kovind launched a book titled 'Naye Bharat Ka Samveda' focusing on the impactful speeches of which prominent Indian leader? **Narendra Modi**
- What is the name of the lunar lander deployed by Astrobotic Technology for a lunar mission in 2024? **Peregrine Lander**
- Elizabeth Bourne was the Prime Minister of which country who has recently resigned? **France**
- In which state 'College Phagthansi Mission' was started recently? **Manipur**
- Chandubi Mahotsav has recently celebrated in which state? **Assam**
- Which bank has raised \$250 million through green bonds? **State Bank of India**
- Yogyasree scheme for SC/ST students has been launched in which state? **West Bengal**
- In which city has the 27th National Youth Festival be organized? **Nashik**
- In which neighbouring country will the new campus of IIT Madras be opened? **Sri Lanka**
- When has World Hindi Day celebrated recently? **10 January**
- DRDO has recently launched which indigenous assault rifle for armed forces? **Ugram**
- Pandit Hariram Dwivedi, who has passed away recently, was litterateur of which language? **Hindi**
- Where will the Indian Navy's multinational exercise 'MILAN'-24 be organised? **Visakhapatnam**

- With whom has the International Hockey Federation signed an agreement for broadcasting hockey tournaments? **Viacom 18**
- Which bank has introduced the "Samman RuPay Credit Card"? **IndusInd Bank**
- Credit bureau Experian appointed whom as Managing Director for India? **Manish Jain**
- Which country has initiated the Green Fuels Alliance with India for sustainable energy solutions? **Denmark**
- Who has become Asia's wealthiest man by surpassing \$100 billion? **Mukesh Ambani**
- Indian Coast Guard has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which company to enhance Indigenous Content in shipbuilding? **Steel Authority of India**
- What is the position of India in 2024 Henley Passport Index? **80th**
- The recently inaugurated India's longest bridge built on the sea in Mumbai has been named after whom? **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**
- In which city did PM Modi inaugurate the 27th National Youth Festival? **Nashik**
- Who was appointed as the 'Director General of Naval Operations' in the Indian Navy? **Vice Admiral AN Pramod**
- With which country has India signed an agreement for exploration and mining of Lithium? **Argentina**
- Maritime exercise 'Ayutthaya' is conducted between the navies of India and which country? **Thailand**
- Harith Noah, who has become first Indian to win the prestigious Dakar Rally, hail from which state? **Kerala**
- Which company has demonstrated zero emission 'hydrogen cooking'? **NTPC**
- What is India's rank among the world's most powerful armies in the Global Firepower Ranking? **4th**
- With whom has the Maharashtra government signed an agreement for the state's first green ammonia plant? **Inox Air Products**
- Where is the 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace being held? **New Delhi**
- Who will be the next director of Engineering Projects (India) Limited? **Sunil Dahiya**

- Who has recently assumed the position of Controller Personnel Services (CPS) in January 2024? **Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh**
- In which state of India will the "World Economic Forum" establish a center based on "Health Care and Life Sciences"? **Telangana**
- Who launched a series of commemorative postage stamps dedicated to the Ram temple of Ayodhya? **Narendra Modi**
- Which batsman made the record of scoring most centuries in T20 International? **Rohit Sharma**
- What is the projected global unemployment rate in 2024, as per the ILO's 2024 'World Employment and Social Outlook' report? **5.2%**
- 9th edition of Tamil Nadu International Balloon Festival has been kicked off in which city? **Pollachi**
- Which state is hosting the "Khelo India Youth Games" between January 19-31? **Tamil Nadu**

SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE

(23 January 1897 – 18 August 1945)



Subhash Chandra Bose was one of India's greatest freedom fighter.

He revived the Indian National Army, popularly known as 'Azad Hind Fauj' in 1943 which was initially formed in 1942 by Rash Behari Bose.

He cleared the Indian Civil Service examination in 1920 in England.

Subhash Chandra Bose had been a leader of the Indian National Congress in the late 1920s and 1930s, rising to become Congress President in 1938 and 1939.

Note

Although it was believed that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose died in a plane crash, his body was never recovered.

In 2004, Shyam Benegal directed the biographical film, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: The Forgotten Hero depicting his life in Nazi Germany (1941–1943).

- Who has been named as Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal? **Daljit Singh Chaudhary**
- Who has been named as Balkan athlete of the year for a record eighth time? **Novak Djokovic**
- Which stock exchange has retained its position as the world's largest exchange in 2023? **National Stock Exchange**

- Which Indian company has ranked second in world's most valuable IT services brands? **TCS**
- Who is the President of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly who is currently on a visit to India? **Dennis Francis**

LALA LAJPAT RAI

(28 January 1865 – 17 November 1928)



Lala Lajpat Rai played a pivotal role in the Indian Independence movement.

He was popularly known as Punjab Kesari.

He was one third of the Lal Bal Pal triumvirate.

He was also associated with activities of Punjab National Bank and Lakshmi Insurance Company in their early stages in 1894.

His famous writings include

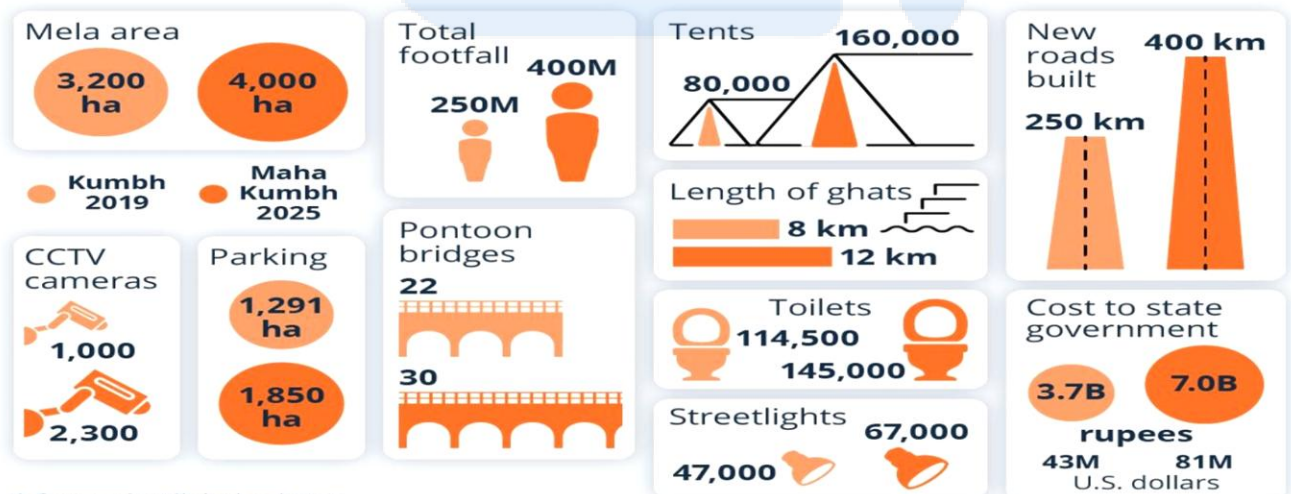
The Story of My Deportation (1908) • Arya Samaj (1915) • The United States of America: A Hindu's Impression (1916) • Young India (1916) • Unhappy India (1928) • England's Debt to India (1917) •

LALA LAJPAT RAI
THE GREAT PATRIOT

- Where has the first pilot project to make jet fuel from alcohol launched by Hardeep Singh Puri? **Pune**
- Which of the following player is the winner of Men's Singles India Open 2024? **Shi Yu Qi**
- Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has laid the foundation stone for cancer hospital in which city? **Rajkot**
- Who has clinched "Asian Marathon Championship"? **Man Singh**
- Who was awarded the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award-2024 in the 'Institutional Category'? **60 Parachute Field Hospital (UP)**
- In which state did the Union Health Minister recently lay the foundation stone of 'Khodaldham Trust Cancer' Hospital? **Gujarat**
- Sri Ram Mahotsav and Khadi Samvad has been organized in which village of Haryana? **Jhumpa**
- Which former Bihar chief minister will be awarded by Bharat Ratna posthumously? **Karpoori Thakur**
- Kachchhi Kharek, which has recently been awarded the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag, is a variety of which fruit? **Dates**

Maha Kumbh Mela: The World's Biggest Festival

Key figures on the Kumbh 2019 and Maha Kumbh 2025 religious gatherings in Prayagraj*, India



* formerly Allahabad City

Sources: Statista research, Times of India

Quick Bytes

- India and USA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation and information sharing on cyber threat intelligence and digital forensics in criminal investigations.
- India Ranked as 3rd Largest Start-Up Ecosystem with Over 100 Unicorns
- Odisha signed MoU with Singapore for Skill, Energy and Industry Growth
- India's First Private Satellite Constellation Launched by Pixxel
- Defence Ministry Signs Contract for MRSAMs with Bharat Dynamics
- China successfully launched Pakistan's first indigenous Electro-Optical (EO-1) satellite, PRSC-EO1, from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center.
- India's FY25 Growth Forecast Cut to 6.5% by IMF
- Justice Arun Mishra: New Ombudsman of BCCI
- First Black-eyed Pea Sprouts in Space by ISRO
- India is now the seventh-largest coffee producer globally
- US ban TikTok a day before swearing in of President-elect Donald Trump
- Donald Trump sworn in as 47th US president
- The Aircraft Leasing Bill, 2024, aims to lower leasing and financing costs for airlines, potentially reducing airfares while ensuring lessors' rights to repossess aircraft.
- Gyanendra Pratap Singh, a 1991 batch IPS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, has been appointed as the Director General of the CRPF till November 30, 2027.
- GI Tag for Virgin Coconut Oil of Andaman
- CII Projects 7% GDP Growth for 2025-26 Amid Rising Investments
- Uttarakhand-Iceland Partnership for Geothermal Energy
- Urbasi Sinha Wins Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025
- Pankaj Mishra's 'The World After Gaza': A Guide to Challenging Times
- Denis Law, Manchester United & Scotland Legend, Dies at 84
- Odisha and Singapore's GFTN signed an MoU to set up a Global Competency Centre, fostering FinTech innovation and inclusive InsureTech solutions.
- Musi River Historic Buildings in Hyderabad added to World Monuments Watch, spotlighting preservation needs amid urbanization and pollution.
- Former Supreme Court judge Arun Mishra appointed BCCI Ombudsman and Ethics Officer to ensure ethical practices and resolve disputes.
- Bharat Biotech founder Dr. Krishna Ella receives INSA Fellowship for 2025, honoring his contributions to vaccine development, including Covaxin.
- Nawaf Salam Appointed Lebanon's New Prime Minister
- Successful field trials of NAG MK 2 Anti-Tank Missile completed
- Aparna Sen Honored with Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal launches National Turmeric Board
- Venezuela's Maduro Sworn in Amid Electoral Controversy
- Kappad and Chal Beaches Receive Prestigious Blue Flag Certification
- ISRO's SpaDeX Mission Achieves Satellite Docking Milestone
- Anju Bobby George Named Chairperson of AFI's Athletes Commission
- Sonowal Launches National River Traffic & Navigation System
- BCCI Elects Devajit Saikia as Secretary, Bhatia as Treasurer
- Singapore Confers Honorary Citizenship on Tarun Das
- India Set to Surpass Japan as World's Fourth-Largest Economy by 2026
- Indian Army Conducts Exercise 'Devil Strike'
- Odisha Government Announces ₹120,000 Pension for Emergency Detainees
- Smriti Mandhana Smashes India's Fastest Women's ODI Century!
- Arjun Erigaisi Stuns Chess World with Wins Against Carlsen, Caruana

- Pixxel and Digantara Launch Satellites for Earth and Space Monitoring
- Cabinet Approves Establishment of 3rd Launch Pad at ISRO's Sriharikota
- Govt Approves 56 Watershed Development Projects Worth ₹700 Cr
- Australia Unveils First National Autism Strategy with AU\$42.3M
- India's Jasprit Bumrah wins ICC Men's Player of the Month after commanding bowling displays in Border-Gavaskar Trophy duels
- L&T Launches Second Multi-Purpose Vessel INS Utkarsh for Indian Navy
- WBFJA Awards: Aparna Sen Honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award
- Sanjay Subrahmanyam's Autobiography: A Journey in Music
- Nidhi Khare Gets Additional Charge as MNRE Secretary
- Renowned Filmmaker David Lynch Passes Away at 78
- V K Singh has been sworn in as the 25th Governor of Mizoram since its statehood in 1987.
- Mridangist TV Gopalakrishnan Honoured with RK Srikantan Award
- Chandigarh University Honored with MAKAT Trophy and Arjuna Award
- Indian government appointed new Managing Directors and Chief Executive Officers for two major public sector banks: Ashok Chandra at Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Binod Kumar at Indian Bank.
- C-DOT and IIT Bombay Unite for Indigenous 6G Optical Chipset
- PV Sindhu Partners with PUMA India.
- Magnus Carlsen, Ian Nepomniachtchi Share World Blitz Title
- 18th India-Nepal 'Suryakiran' Military Exercise Commences
- Nepal Launches Campaign to End Child Marriage
- Russia Introduces New Tourist Tax to Boost Infrastructure
- Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra Assumes Command of Western Air Command
- Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar, a 1995-batch IAS officer from the Uttar Pradesh cadre, has taken charge as the CEO of UIDAI while continuing as Additional Secretary in MeitY.
- Ex-Gilgit-Baltistan CM Sentenced to 34 Years in Prison
- Switzerland Enforces Facial Covering Ban, Raises Pensions in New Year
- Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra Assumes Command of IAF's Western Air Command
- Manish Singhal Appointed Secretary General of ASSOCHAM
- Arif Mohammad Khan Takes Oath as Bihar's New Governor
- Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar Sworn in as Kerala Governor
- Sai Paranjpye to Receive Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award
- Odia Poet Pratiba Satpathy to Receive Gangadhar National Award
- Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Through The Ages' Book Launched by Amit Shah
- India Gets Its First Glass Bridge at Kanniyakumari
- Mike Johnson Re-Elected as US House Speaker
- Nomura Lowers India's FY25 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.7%
- RBI Approves Merger of National and Cosmos Co-operative Banks
- Faiz Ahmed Kidwai Appointed as DGCA Director General
- Pakistan Joins UN Security Council as Non-Permanent Member
- Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Survivor Shigemi Fukahori Passes Away
- Veteran Soldier Havaladar Baldev Singh Passed Away at 93
- Veteran Journalist and Filmmaker Pritish Nandy Passed Away at 73
- John Dramani Mahama Sworn in as Ghana's President
- Karnataka Launches "Garudakshi" Online FIR System for Forest Crimes
- India's Anahat Singh clinched the U-17 Girl's Singles title at the British Junior Open 2024, defeating Egypt's Malika El Karakasy 3-2 in a thrilling final.
- RBI Lifts Lending Restrictions on Asirvad Micro Finance and DMI Finance
- The Jharkhand Mukhyamantri Maiya Samman Yojana is a financial assistance scheme launched by the Jharkhand government to empower women across the state.

- Indonesia has officially become a full member (11th) of the BRICS group of emerging economies.
- V. Narayanan Takes Over as ISRO Chief and Space Secretary
- Asian Games gold medalist and Padma Shri awardee Bahadur Singh Sagoo has been elected unanimously as the new president of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).
- 116-year-old Tomiko Itooka, recognized as the world's oldest person, has died of old age.
- Shigemi Fukahori, Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Survivor Dies at 93
- Tamil Nadu CM Announces \$1 Million Prize for Deciphering Indus Valley Script
- India Ranked Second for Cyberattacks in 2024
- Lieutenant Governor (L-G) V.K. Saxena has approved the appointment of IAS officer Azimul Haque as the CEO of the Delhi Waqf Board.
- Lionel Messi Honoured with the US Presidential Medal of Freedom
- Justice B.N. Srikrishna to Chair Board for ID Verification Firm Equal
- Mo Farah Named Ambassador for Mumbai Marathon
- Indian Navy Took Delivery of Final Scorpene-Class Submarine Vaghsheer
- NZ's Martin Guptill Retires from International Cricket
- PM to Inaugurate Z-Morh Tunnel, Boosting Kashmir-Ladakh Connectivity
- Union Minister Sonowal Unveils National River Traffic & Navigation System
- India is set to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mongolia in the areas of geology and exploration, aiming to enhance resource security and diversify supply chains.
- Lebanon Elects General Joseph Aoun as President After 2-Year Deadlock
- PhonePe, ICICI Lombard Launch Maha Kumbh Mela Insurance
- Renowned Playback Singer P. Jayachandran Passes Away
- H Lakshmanan Key Figure in TVS Passed Away
- J&K Bank Appoints Amitava Chatterjee as New MD & CEO
- Justice G.S. Sandhawalia is appointed Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.
- Martina Devi Wins Silver at Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships
- PM Modi Launches Ken-Betwa River Linking Project
- Maia Sandu Sworn in for 2nd Term as President of Moldova
- Tonga Elects Aisake Valu Eke as New Prime Minister
- ADB to Lend USD \$500 Million to India for Sustainable Infrastructure
- Arunish Chawla Appointed as New Revenue Secretary in Finance Ministry
- MT Vasudevan Nair Creator of Timeless Classics Passed Away
- Dr. Sandip Shah Appointed Chairperson of NABL-QCI
- Goa's Manohar International Airport Won "Best Domestic Airport" Award
- Assamese Filmmaker Bhaskar Jyoti Das Passed Away at 51
- China Approves world's largest \$137 Billion Dam on Brahmaputra River.
- Bald Eagle Officially Declared National Bird of the U.S.
- Manmohan Singh, Architect Of India's Economic Reforms, Dies at 92.
- SLINEX 2024 India Sri-Lanka Naval Drill in Visakhapatnam
- RINL Wins Gold at AP State Energy Conservation Awards 2024
- Nvidia Unveils the Jetson Orin Nano Super Generative AI Supercomputer
- Osamu Suzuki, Former Suzuki Chairman Passes Away Aged 94
- Chaya M V Wins 'Spell Master of India' Title at Spell Bee Season 14
- Justice V Ramasubramanian Appointed NHRC Chairperson
- South Korean Acting President Han Duck-soo Impeached
- ISRO to Launch NVS-02 in January 2025, GSLV's 100th Mission
- Kerala clinches Senior National Men's Handball Championship title
- Mikheil Kavelashvili inaugurated as Georgian president
- Jimmy Carter, 39th US president, Nobel Winner, Passes Away At 100.

Padma Awards 2025



The Padma Awards 2025 have been announced, honoring individuals for exceptional and distinguished service across various fields. These prestigious awards are conferred annually by the President of India on the eve of Republic Day. They are presented in three categories:

- ❖ **Padma Vibhushan:** For exceptional and distinguished service.
- ❖ **Padma Bhushan:** For distinguished service of a higher order.
- ❖ **Padma Shri:** For distinguished service in any field.

This year, the government has awarded 7 Padma Vibhushan, 19 Padma Bhushan, and 113 Padma Shri honors. The awards recognize achievements in fields involving public service, with recommendations made by the Padma Awards Committee, which is formed annually by the Prime Minister.

The President will confer the awards during a ceremonial function at Rashtrapati Bhawan, typically held in March or April.

Padma Vibhushan Recipients

The Padma Vibhushan awards were conferred on:

1. Duvvur Nageshwar Reddy

2. Justice (Retd.) Jagdish Singh Khehar
3. Kumudini Rajnikant Lakhia
4. Lakshminarayana Subramaniam
5. MT Vasudevan Nair (Posthumous)
6. Osamu Suzuki (Posthumous)
7. Sharda Sinha (Posthumous)
8. Padma Bhushan Recipients

The Padma Bhushan awards were presented to:

1. A Surya Prakash
2. Anant Nag
3. Bibek Debroy (Posthumous)
4. Jatin Goswami
5. Jose Chacko Periappuram
6. Kailash Nath Dikshit
7. Manohar Joshi (Posthumous)
8. Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti
9. Nandamuri Balakrishna
10. PR Sreejesh
11. Pankaj Patel
12. Pankaj Udhas (Posthumous)
13. Rambahadur Rai
14. Sadhvi Ritambhara
15. S Ajith Kumar
16. Shekhar Kapur
17. Shobana Chandrakumar
18. Sushil Kumar Modi (Posthumous)
19. Vinod Dham

Gallantry Awards 2025

GALLANTRY AWARDS



On the eve of Republic Day, President Droupadi Murmu approved gallantry awards for 93 armed forces and central armed police forces personnel. These include two Kirti Chakras, 14 Shaurya Chakras (including three posthumously), one Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry), 66 Sena Medals (Gallantry) including seven posthumous, two Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry), and eight Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).

Kirti Chakra Recipients

The Kirti Chakra, India's second-highest peacetime gallantry award, was conferred upon Major Manjit from 22 Rashtriya Rifles and posthumously to Naik Dilwar Khan of 28 Rashtriya Rifles.

Shaurya Chakra Recipients

The 14 Shaurya Chakra awardees include:

- ❖ Major Ashish Dahiya (50 Rashtriya Rifles)
- ❖ Major Kunal (1 Rashtriya Rifles)

- ❖ Major Satender Dhankar (4 Rashtriya Rifles)
- ❖ Captain Deepak Singh (48 Rashtriya Rifles, Posthumous)
- ❖ Assistant Commandant Eshenthung Kikon (4 Assam Rifles)

Other recipients include Subedar Vikas Tomar, Havildar Prakash Tamang, Flight Lieutenant Aman Singh Hans, and others.

Defence Decorations

In addition to the gallantry awards, President Murmu approved 305 defence decorations. These include:

- ❖ 30 Param Vishisht Seva Medals
- ❖ 5 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals
- ❖ 57 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals
- ❖ 10 Yudh Seva Medals
- ❖ 132 Vishisht Seva Medals

Other awards include Bars to Sena Medals, Nao Sena Medals, and Vayu Sena Medals, among others.



Param Vir Chakra



Ashoka Chakra



Maha Vir Chakra



Kirti Chakra



Vir Chakra

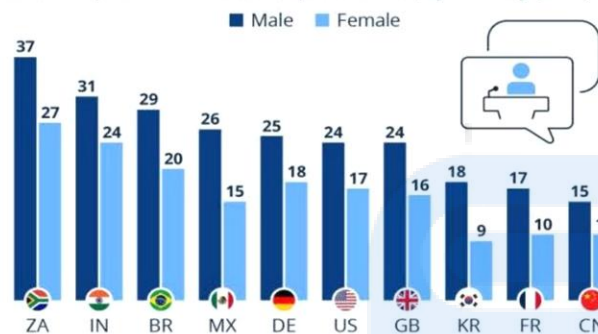


Shaurya Chakra

Infographics

Women Less Likely To Talk About Politics Online

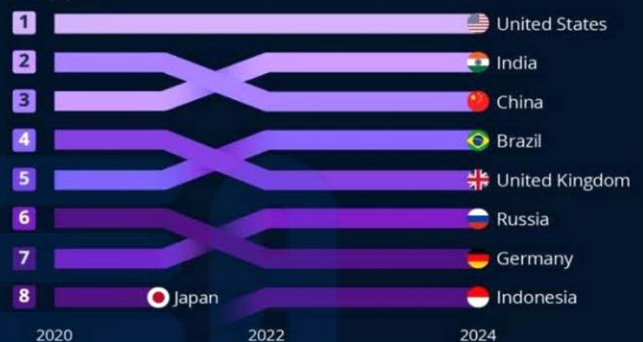
Share of respondents who have expressed their opinion about politics online in the past month, by country (in %)



2,000-10,100 respondents (18-64 y/o) surveyed per country Oct. 2023-Sep. 2024
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

India's Developer Community Grows

Ranking of the largest developer populations on GitHub, by year



Source: GitHub

Where Are the World's Rare Earth Metals?

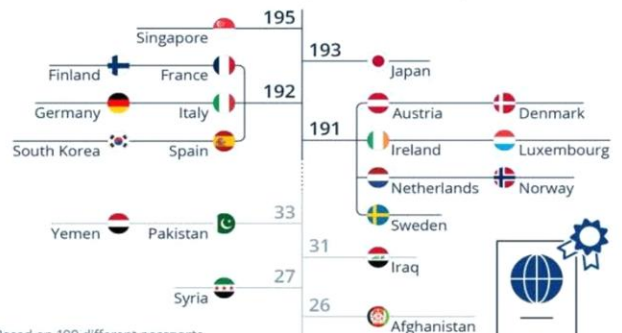
Top 10 countries with the greatest known reserves of rare earth elements in 2023 (in million tonnes of REO)*



* REO = Rare Earth Oxide
Source: USGS

The World's Most (And Least) Powerful Passports

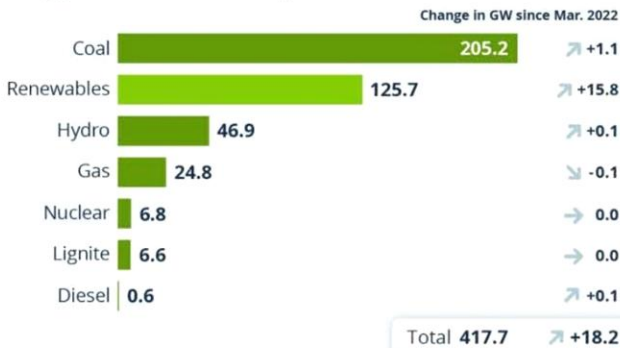
Passports ranked by the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa, as of Jan. 2025



Based on 199 different passports and 227 travel destinations
Source: Henley Passport Index

India Boosts Renewable Energy Capacity

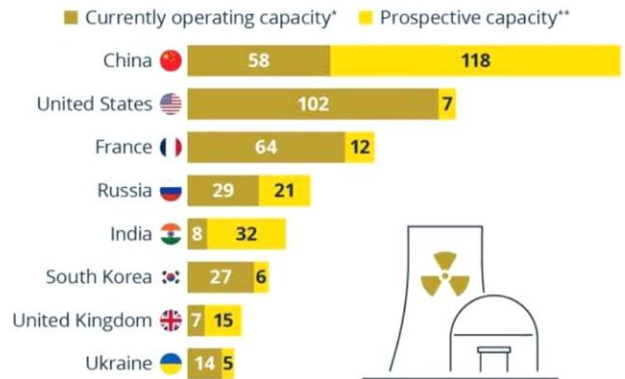
India's total installed capacity by power source as of May 2023 (in GW)



Source: Ministry of Power & Central Electricity Authority via IITA

Who's Building Nuclear Reactors?

Top 8 countries by projected nuclear capacity (in gigawatts)



* As of July 2024

** Capacity from nuclear plants that have been announced or are in pre-construction or construction
Source: Global Energy Monitor

Environmental Protection Not a Major Issue for Majority

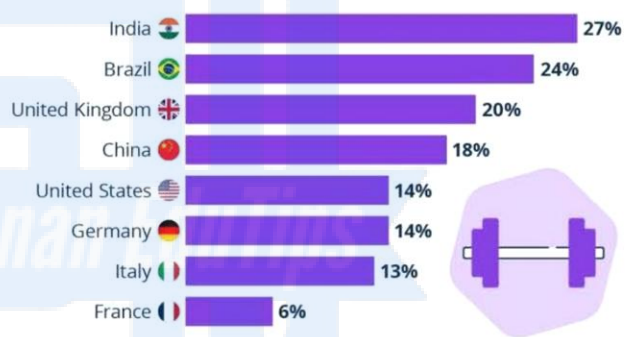
Share of respondents who consider environmental protection among the most important issues in their country (in %)



12,000-60,000 respondents (18-64 y/o) in selected countries surveyed Oct. 2023-Sep. 2024
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

Where Going to the Gym is Most (Un)Popular

Share of respondents who spent money on a gym membership in the past 12 months



2,000-10,000 respondents (18-64 y/o) per country surveyed Oct. 2023-Sep. 2024
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

BRICS Expands Footprint in the Global South

G7 and BRICS member countries (as of Jan. 13, 2025)



* Ethiopia/Egypt/UAE/Saudi Arabia/Iran formally joined on Jan. 1, 2024, Indonesia on Jan. 6, 2025
Source: Statista research

The U.S. Is the Largest Contributor to the WHO



Total assessed and voluntary contributions to the World Health Organization in the 2022-23 biennium



Source: World Health Organization



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