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Important Personalities

- Who has been appointed as the CEO of Coal India Limited while serving as CMD? **B. Sairam.**
- Who has been nominated as South Korea's first Minister for Planning and Budget following government restructuring? **Lee Hye-hoon.**
- Who has been appointed as MD & CEO of Hyundai Motor India Ltd from January 1, 2026? **Tarun Garg**
- Who is the new governor of the Central Bank of Iran? **Abdolnasser Hemmati**
- Who has been appointed as the chief coach of the Indian women's hockey team in 2026? **Sjoerd Marijne**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Sikkim High Court in January 2026? **Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque.**
- Who has been appointed as the Interim President of Venezuela after Nicolás Maduro's capture in January 2026? **Delcy Rodríguez.**
- Who has taken charge as the Director General of Police (DGP) of Maharashtra in January 2026? **Dr. Sadanand Vasant Date.**
- Who was appointed as Economic Development Adviser to the President of Ukraine in January 2026? **Chrystia Freeland.**
- Who was appointed CEO of HSBC Private Bank effective January 2026? **Ida Liu.**
- Who took charge as the Chairman of AERB in January 2026? **Shri A.K. Balasubrahmanian.**
- Who has taken charge as the Charge d' Affaires at the Afghanistan Embassy in India? **Mufti Noor Ahmad Noor.**
- Who has been appointed as President of Nissan India? **Thierry Sabbagh.**
- Who is the Managing Director of Nissan Motor India? **Saurabh Vatsa.**
- Who has been appointed as President and Vice Chairman of Meta Platforms? **Dina Powell McCormick.**
- Before appointed as the President of Meta, what high-level government role did Dina Powell McCormick previously hold? **Deputy National Security Adviser to US President Donald Trump.**
- Who has been appointed DG of ITBP? **Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor**
- Who is the new DG of BSF? **Praveen Kumar**
- Who has been appointed as the Director General of NIA? **Rakesh Aggarwal**
- Who has been appointed Global CEO of TVS Supply Chain Solutions? **Vikas Chadha**
- Who has been appointed as the Managing Director for India by US-based AI research company Anthropic? **Irina Ghose.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Yemen after Salem bin Breik's resignation? **Shaya Mohsen Zindani.**
- Which three High Courts received new Chief Justices after Union Government approval in January 2026? **Kerala High Court, Patna High Court, and Meghalaya High Court**
- Who assumed charge as AOC-in-C of the IAF Training Command on 1 January 2026? **Air Marshal Seethepalli Shrinivas**
- Who became the Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force on 1 January 2026? **Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor**



Family Day

01 JAN

Globally Accepted:
2001 (By UN)

Motto:
To promote the idea that the Earth is one Global Family and we should live in peace.

Importance:
In November 1997, UNGA made a declaration that the first year of the new millennium would be International Decade for the Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World.

United Nation Millennium celebration themed "One Day in Peace"

Note:
Global Family Day, One Day of Peace and Sharing, is celebrated every January 1 in the United States


- Who has been named Goodwill Ambassador for the Pune Grand Tour 2026? **Mahendra Singh Dhoni.**
- Who appointed Praveen Vashista as a Vigilance Commissioner of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)? **President Droupadi Murmu**
- Who has been appointed as the head coach of the senior Indian women's football team? **Amelia Valverde**
- What key leadership change has Eternal announced? **Deepinder Goyal will step down as Group CEO of Eternal from February 1, 2026.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Group CEO of Eternal? **Blinkit CEO Albinder Dhindsa**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of IndusInd Bank? **Arijit Basu**
- Who has been appointed as the Country Head – India of Guardian India Operations Pvt Ltd? **Karunakaran (Karun) Azhisur.**
- Which former England cricketer and former Chief Executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) passed away recently? **Hugh Morris.**
- Which French actor and singer passed away recently at the age of 91? **Brigitte Bardot.**
- Which former Prime Minister of Bangladesh recently passed away at the age of 80? **Khaleda Zia.**
- Who was named a former world billiards champion and passed away at 67 in January 2026? **Manoj Kothari.**
- Suresh Kalmadi, who passed away in January 2026, was a ____? **former Union Minister of State for Railways, and long-time president of the Indian Olympic Association.**
- Kabindra Purkayastha, who passed away recently, was related to which field? **Politics**
- Who was Madhav Gadgil, who passed away in January 2026? **Indian ecologist and environmental scientist**
- Former Indian player Davinder Singh Garcha, who passed away recently, was associated with which sport? **Hockey**
- Which veteran Bangladeshi singer and Awami League leader passed away in police custody? **Prolay Chaki.**
- Who was Valentino Garavani? **Valentino Garavani was a legendary Italian fashion designer and founder of the Valentino fashion house.**
- Why was Valentino famous worldwide? **He was known for elegant couture designs and defining Italian luxury fashion globally.**
- Who was Ilyas Pasha? **Ilyas Pasha was a former India and East Bengal football defender.**
- Which club was Ilyas Pasha most associated with? **East Bengal**

Braille Day

WORLD

04 JAN

Inception: 2019



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

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.

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.

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Life is very interesting...in the end, some of your greatest pains become your greatest strengths.

DREW BARRYMORE

National & International News

- Which Indian state recently regained its 'Tiger State' status after 33 years? **Gujarat.**
- Which government approved the Delhi Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill? **The Delhi Government.**
- Which AI-based grievance system is being launched by the Delhi Government? **Intelligent Grievance Monitoring System (IGMS).**
- What major aquaculture facility was inaugurated in Ranga Reddy district, Telangana in January 2026? **The country's largest integrated inland rainbow trout farm.**
- Who chaired the first meeting of the Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) in January 2026? **RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.**
- Under which Act is the Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) constituted? **The Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.**
- Which Indian city became the fastest-growing destination for foreign travellers in 2025? **Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).**
- Which Indian district hosts the country's first fully paperless District Court? **Kalpetta, Wayanad district, Kerala.**
- What is the name of the Aadhaar mascot launched by UIDAI in January 2026? **Udai, a resident-facing mascot to simplify Aadhaar communication.**
- Name An AI-enabled learning feature for personalised capacity building of civil servants launched by the Government of India? **Karmayogi Classroom**
- How many languages are recognised in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution? **22 languages.**
- Recently 'Asha Van' was inaugurated in which state? **Gujarat.**
- What new services were launched by India Post to ensure time-bound delivery? **Speed Post 24 and Speed Post 48 services.**
- Which sanctuary has been renamed as Kerala's first Butterfly Sanctuary? **Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary has been renamed as the Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary.**
- Which GI-tagged rice variety was highlighted during Dahi-Chura celebrations in Bhagalpur? **Katarni rice.**
- Which new legislation does the government plan to introduce in the Budget Session of Parliament 2026? **The Seed Act 2026.**
- Who released the books Gen V Bano and Mahatma at the first NAMO Book Festival in 2026? **Dr. Jitendra Singh**
- Which edition of the NAMO Book Festival was held in New Delhi in January 2026? **The first edition**

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

NRI DAY

09 JAN

प्रवासी भारतीय दिवस

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.

- How many laws were repealed under the Repealing and Amending Act, 2025? **71 laws.**
- Piprahwa relics are associated with which religious tradition? **Buddhism**
- Which broader government initiative does the e-Bill system support? **Digital India.**
- Which ministry introduced the mascot 'Saankhyiki'? **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**
- What is the "Malta Mission" announced by the Uttarakhand government aimed at? **To promote**

- Which state will host India's first green hydrogen and green ammonia complex? **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Which platform did the Department of Posts use to deliver its first online order as a Logistics Service Provider? **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).**
- What is Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act? **It requires prior government approval before investigating a public servant for official decisions.**
- Why was Section 17A introduced in 2018? **It was introduced to protect officials from harassment and prevent policy paralysis.**
- What did the Supreme Court suggest regarding the POCSO Act? **The Supreme Court asked the government to consider a "Romeo-Juliet exception" in the POCSO Act.**
- What is the POCSO Act meant to do? **The POCSO Act is designed to protect children below 18 from sexual abuse and exploitation.**
- What is meant by a Romeo-Juliet exception? **It is a legal provision that protects consensual relationships between adolescents close in age.**
- Why has the Karnataka government decided to draft a new law on honour killings? **To prevent caste- or community-based murders and protect the right of adults to choose their partners.**
- What is the name of the proposed honour-killing law in Karnataka? **The law is called 'Eva Nammava Eva Nammava Kanoonu, 2026'.**
- Which rules were amended to strengthen user fee (toll) payment compliance on National Highways? **Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.**
- Under which Act are Eco-Sensitive Zones notified in India? **Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.**
- What did the Madras High Court rule about women in live-in relationships? **The court ruled that a woman in a live-in relationship can be treated as a "wife" for legal protection under certain laws.**
- Which legal provision was discussed by the Madras High Court about women in live-in relationships? **The case involved Section 69 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which deals with cheating and exploitation.**
- The Republic Day tableau of 2026 will commemorate how many years of Vande Mataram? **150 years**
- Which country became the first to formally recognise Somaliland as an independent nation? **Israel**
- Which country has inaugurated the world's longest expressway tunnel? **China.**
- What is the name of the world's longest expressway tunnel opened in Xinjiang? **Tianshan Shengli Tunnel.**
- Which country hosts the newly launched One Stop Centre for Women by the Indian Consulate to assist Indian women nationals in distress? **Canada.**

Hindi Day

10 JAN



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.

- Which Central Asian country legalised crypto mining and exchanges effective 1 January 2026? **Turkmenistan**
- Which country was still in the year 2018 when the world entered 2026? **Ethiopia**
- What calendar does Ethiopia officially use? **The Ge'ez (Ethiopian) calendar**
- Which country did India surpass to become the top rice producer? **China.**
- What major foreign policy move did the United States announce in January 2026? **Withdrawal from 66 international organisations and agencies as part of a retreat from global cooperation.**
- Which year will India host the BRICS Summit during its presidency? **2026.**

- Who announced a 25% tariff on countries trading with Iran? **United States President Donald Trump.**
- Who introduced the Greenland Annexation and Statehood Act in the US? **Republican US House member Randy Fine.**
- What is Havana Syndrome? **A set of unexplained health incidents affecting US diplomats and officials since 2016.**
- Where was Havana Syndrome first reported? **In Havana, Cuba**
- Who presented her Nobel Peace Prize medal to former US President Donald Trump at the White House? **María Corina Machado.**
- Which country does Greenland belong to? **Greenland is part of Denmark.**
- Which nations are part of the BRICS group? **Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa are BRICS members.**
- What is Donald Trump's Board of Peace? **It is a proposed international body aimed at managing post-war peace, governance, and reconstruction, especially in Gaza.**
- Why did Trump propose the Board of Peace? **It was proposed to guide Gaza's transition from conflict to stability after the Israel-Hamas war.**
- What controversy arose over the Board of Peace's membership model by Trump? **A possible \$1 billion fee for permanent membership, causing criticism.**
- What is the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG)? **It is a Palestinian-led body meant to run daily civil administration in Gaza.**
- Who is expected to head the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza? **The committee is to be led by Palestinian administrator Dr. Ali Sha'ath.**
- What is the main role of the Gaza Executive Board? **It is meant to oversee governance, reconstruction, and service delivery in Gaza.**
- How many members are part of the Gaza Executive Board? **The Gaza Executive Board consists of 11 members from different countries.**
- Who is María Corina Machado? **She is a Venezuelan opposition leader and the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize laureate.**
- What unusual gesture did Machado make involving her Nobel Prize? **She symbolically handed her Nobel Peace Prize medal to US President Donald Trump.**
- How have Trump's trade policies affected China? **Despite U.S. tariffs, China's trade surplus has grown and its global trade position has strengthened.**
- Why are global leaders engaging more with China? **Many countries are turning to China to stabilise trade ties amid uncertainty caused by U.S. policies.**
- What percentage of Trump's tariff burden falls on Americans according to the study? **Nearly 96% of the tariff burden is borne by Americans.**

NATIONAL Youth Day

12 JAN



Inception:
In 1984, Indian Government first declared to celebrate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda i.e. 12 January as National Youth Day.

Importance:
To mark the birth anniversary of the Swami Vivekananda.

Motto:
To imbibe the students and youth with the philosophy and ideals of Swami Vivekananda

Swami Vivekananda
(12 Jan 1863 to 4 Jul 1902)
Swami Vivekananda's pre-monastic name was Narendra Nath Dutta. He was a renowned philosopher, poet, writer, social reformer and orator.


- Which country designated the Egyptian, Lebanese and Jordanian branches of the Muslim Brotherhood as terrorist organisations? **United States of America.**
- Which country is expanding its scientific presence in both the Arctic and Antarctic regions? **United Arab Emirates (UAE).**
- What action has the United States taken regarding immigrant visas? **The US has frozen immigrant visa processing for nationals of 75 countries.**
- What is the main objective of the Japan-Philippines ACSA? **Tax-free logistical support during joint military operations.**

- Who is legally required to pay tariffs at the US border? **US importers are legally required to pay tariffs to customs authorities**
- Why is Greenland strategically important in the Arctic region? **Greenland is important because of its location between North America and Europe, making it vital for defence and surveillance.**
- What major US military facility is located in Greenland? **The US operates the Pituffik Space Base (earlier Thule Air Base) in Greenland.**
- What is the main role of the Pituffik Space Base? **It supports missile warning, space surveillance, and early detection systems for North American defence.**
- How does Greenland support US and NATO security systems? **The base contributes to NORAD by tracking missile launches and monitoring space activity.**
- Which country controls Greenland politically? **Greenland is an autonomous territory under the sovereignty of Denmark.**
- Why was India previously unable to import oil from Venezuela? **India stopped buying Venezuelan oil due to U.S. sanctions imposed on Venezuela.**
- Why is Venezuelan crude important for Indian refiners? **Indian refineries are technically suited to process Venezuela's heavy crude oil.**
- What is NATO's Article 5? **Article 5 is NATO's collective defence clause where an attack on one member is treated as an attack on all.**
- Which country has officially exited the World Health Organization? **The United States has officially exited the WHO.**
- What reason did the US give for leaving WHO? **The US cited WHO's failures during the COVID-19 pandemic as the reason.**
- What decision did the US President take regarding Canada? **The US President removed Canada from the newly announced Board of Peace.**
- What is the Board of Peace? **It is a proposed global group aimed at promoting peace and resolving conflicts.**
- Where was the Board of Peace announced? **At the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos.**
- Who has been appointed as the UK's special envoy to the US? **Varun Chandra, the Prime Minister's business adviser.**
- Where is the Dorjilung Hydropower Project located? **Bhutan.**
- What is an autonomous territory? **It is a region that governs itself to some extent while remaining part of a larger country.**
- What is an overseas territory? **It is a territory that belongs to a country but is located outside its mainland.**
- Which country has Greenland and the Faroe Islands as autonomous regions? **Denmark.**

ARMY DAY

15 JAN

Edition: 78th



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 'Konkanderao 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.

Important Projects & Schemes

- Which government scheme aims to establish India's first integrated domestic manufacturing ecosystem for sintered rare earth permanent magnets? **Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPM).**
- What are the two major shipbuilding schemes notified by the Government of India with a combined outlay of Rs 44,700 crore to boost domestic shipbuilding capacity? **Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) and Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS).**
- Which state launched a monthly assistance scheme for Udasin Bhakats? **Assam**
- What hydroelectric project in Arunachal Pradesh recently received environmental clearance amid concerns over the white-bellied heron's habitat? **The 1,200 MW Kalai-II hydroelectric project on the Lohit River.**
- Which Union Minister inaugurated development projects worth ₹373 crore in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands? **Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah.**
- Name one flagship scheme under the Ministry of Women and Child Development that supports children's nutrition and development? **Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS).**
- What is Paripoorna Mediciclaim Ayush Bima? **It is a comprehensive health insurance scheme launched for CGHS beneficiaries.**
- Which systems of medicine are covered under AYUSH in Paripoorna Mediciclaim Ayush Bima? **Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy.**
- At which locations in Himachal Pradesh will the new MSME Technology Centres be set up? **Parwanoo (Solan district) and Pandoga (Una district).**
- Under which initiative has the Second Rangewide Dolphin Survey been launched? **Project Dolphin.**
- Which scheme is showcased by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj's tableau at the 77th Republic Day Parade? **SVAMITVA Scheme.**
- Which scheme was showcased in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj tableau at the 77th Republic Day Parade? **SVAMITVA Scheme.**
- Who is backing the Dorjilung Hydropower Project from India? **Tata Power.**
- What new scheme has the Punjab government launched? **Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana.**
- What is the main benefit of the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana? **It provides free cashless medical treatment up to ₹10 lakh per family per year.**
- Who launched the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana? **Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann**
- Which government body approved the project to protect sandbar-nesting birds in the Ganga basin? **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).**
- Under which mission was Jal Seva Aankalan launched? **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).**



Girl Child Day

24 JAN

Inception: 2008
By: Ministry of Women and Child Development

Motto:
To increase awareness among the people and ensure every girl gets equal importance as their counterparts.

Various Central Schemes regarding above are:

- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- Sukanya Samridhi Yojana
- Balika Samridhi Yojana
- CBSE Udaan Scheme
- National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education
- Dhanalakshmi Scheme

Banking & Economy

- Which ministry announced major reforms for EPFO? **Ministry of Labour & Employment.**
- What is India's projected real GDP growth rate for FY26? **7.4 per cent.**
- Which country did India surpass to become the fourth-largest economy? **Japan.**
- By what year is India projected to become the world's third-largest economy? **2030.**
- What is the revised GDP growth forecast of India for FY26 as projected by Bank of America (BofA)? **7.6 per cent.**
- What financial instruments will Delhi use to raise funds from the market under the new MoU with RBI? **State Development Loans (SDLs).**
- Which bank launched the Zero-Forex Diamond Reserve Credit Card in January 2026? **IDFC FIRST Bank**
- What is the estimated GDP growth rate of India for the financial year 2025-26? **7.4 per cent.**
- Which Indian bank unveiled the "Fortuna Wave" digital-first brand identity in January 2026? **Federal Bank Ltd.**
- Under which section of the RBI Act, 1934 did the RBI cancel the registration of NBFCs? **Section 45-IA of the RBI Act, 1934.**
- What GDP growth rate does the UN project for India in 2027? **6.7%.**
- Which fintech company received RBI approval to operate as a Payment Aggregator-Cross Border? **Skydo.**
- Which Japanese bank has received in-principle approval from RBI to set up a wholly owned subsidiary in India? **Japan's Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC).**
- What type of banking entity has SMBC been approved to establish in India? **A wholly owned subsidiary (WOS).**
- Under which legal provision will RBI grant the final banking licence to SMBC? **Section 22(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.**
- Which state will benefit from the World Bank's USD 286 million loan to improve healthcare access? **West Bengal.**
- What is the full form of CRPC being set up under the RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme? **Centralised Receipt and Processing Centre.**
- Why does RBI want BRICS digital currencies to be linked? **To reduce dependence on the US dollar in cross-border transactions.**
- What growth rate has the IMF projected for India for FY26? **7.3 %.**
- By how much is SIDBI expected to increase its number of MSME beneficiaries from FY25 to FY28? **From 76.26 lakh to around 1.02 crore**
- What is meant by the demerger of LIC? **It refers to splitting LIC into smaller independent entities instead of operating as one unified institution.**

National Voters day

25 JAN

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

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

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).

- Why was LIC originally created in India? **LIC was formed after the failure of private insurers to protect policyholders and build public trust in insurance.**
- What economic role does LIC play beyond insurance? **LIC mobilises household savings and supports government borrowing and infrastructure financing.**

- How much funding has the World Bank approved for the Dorjilung Hydropower Project? **USD 815 million.**
- Which two Southeast Asian countries recently signed a ceasefire agreement to end border clashes? **Thailand and Cambodia.**
- Which company has LIC partnered with to expand insurance access in rural India? **Sahaj Insurance Services Private Limited.**
- Which two institutions signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation in research, testing, evaluation and training in defence-related materials? **National Test House (NTH) and DRDO's Defence Materials and Stores Research and Development Establishment (DMSRDE).**
- Which two countries agreed to expand cooperation in the agriculture sector in December 2025? **India and Nepal.**
- Which Indian and Nepali institutions will enhance collaboration under agriculture sector? **India's ICAR and Nepal's NARC.**
- Which project has India signed an agreement for under the Indo-Canada Collaborative Industrial R&D Programme? **Smart Sea Project.**
- What is the total value of contracts signed by the Defence Ministry for CQB Carbines and Heavyweight Torpedoes? **Rs 4,666 crore.**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to reinforce quality assurance in National Highway projects? **NHAI and National Test House (NTH).**
- Which institute is partnering with the Delhi Government to develop the AI-based grievance system? **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur.**
- Which company has partnered with Ikonz Studios to introduce India's first holographic advertising platform in cinemas? **PVR INOX.**
- Which Government of India initiative signed an MoU with FITT-IIT Delhi to accelerate media technology entrepreneurship? **WaveX, the startup accelerator under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.**
- Which two apex courts signed the MoU for an exchange of law clerks in January 2026? **The Supreme Court of India and the Supreme Court of Bhutan.**
- Which strategic maritime corridors are associated with India-Russia trade cooperation? **The International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and the Chennai-Vladivostok maritime corridor.**
- Which two departments signed an MoU to speed up testing of pesticide, seed and fertiliser samples in January 2026? **Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Department of Posts.**
- Which two organisations are collaborating to launch the Indian Natural Gas Futures product? **The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) and Indian Gas Exchange (IGX).**
- With which country, India is strengthening collaboration in fisheries and aquaculture? **Israel.**
- Which two countries signed key MoUs with bilateral trade crossing USD 50 billion? **India and Germany.**
- As per US, what penalty will countries face for doing business with Iran? **A 25% tariff on all their trade with the United States.**
- Which company signed an MoU with the Gujarat government for a bio-fuel project? **Essar Future Energy Limited.**
- Which OTT platform has partnered with the Government of India for a skilling initiative? **Netflix.**
- Which defence agreement was signed between Japan and the Philippines in 2026? **Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA).**
- With which organization did the Ministry of Coal sign the coal block development agreements? **Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC).**
- With which country, India signed a joint declaration to boost cooperation in fisheries and aquaculture? **Israel.**
- Which two ministries signed the JDI on Telecommunications Cooperation between India and Germany? **Department of Telecommunications (India) & Federal Ministry for Digital Transformation**
- Which Indian state signed 19 MoUs worth ₹14.50 lakh crore at the World Economic Forum in Davos? **Maharashtra.**
- Which UAE company signed a 10-year LNG supply agreement with HPCL? **ADNOC Gas.**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to strengthen integrated infrastructure development in India? **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL)**
- MSDE signed the MoU on skills and technical education with which international organization? **World Economic Forum (WEF).**

Awards & Recognitions

- Who was awarded the 2nd Professor (Dr.) S.R. Bhansali National Award for Excellence in Law in January 2026? **Prof. (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of O.P. Jindal Global University.**
- Who won the world's largest AI film award for the film Lily and received a USD 1 million prize? **Tunisian filmmaker Zoubeir Jlassi**
- Which new category was introduced at the 83rd Golden Globe Awards? **Best Podcast.**
- Who won the Best Actress – Drama award at the 83rd Golden Globe Awards? **Jessie Buckley (Hamnet).**
- Who won the Best Actor – Drama award at the 83rd Golden Globe Awards?? **Wagner Moura (The Secret Agent).**
- Which bank won multiple awards at the IBA Banking Technology Awards? **Karnataka Bank**
- Who won the 2026 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement for research on fungal networks? **Dr. Toby Kiers.**
- Which organization won the SKOCH Award 2025 for Cell Broadcast Solution? **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT).**
- Who will receive the Padmapani Award at the 11th Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival? **Legendary composer Ilaiyaraaja.**
- Who was honoured with the S. D. Burman International Music Award? **Renowned violinist and composer Amar Haladipur**
- Which film won the Best International Film award at PIFF? **"The Elysian Field"**
- Who won the Best Director award at PIFF? **Santosh Dawkhare for the film "Gondhal."**
- Which actors received Best Acting awards at PIFF? **Girish Kulkarni and Rajshri Deshpande**
- What national honour has the Sikkim Police recently received? **President's Police Colour Award**
- Who will receive the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2025? **Mozambican rights activist Graça Machel**



INDIA'S
Republic Day

26 JAN

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.



Holocaust Remembrance Day

27 JAN

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.

Sports

- Who became the first England bowler this century to take a five-wicket haul in a Men's Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground? **Josh Tongue.**
- Who won the Women's Singles title at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships held in Vijayawada? **Surya Charishma Tamiri.**
- Which Indian tennis player clinched the women's singles title at the W35 Solapur Tennis Tournament in Maharashtra? **Vaidehi Chaudhary.**
- Who was crowned national champion in the women's 50m rifle three positions event at the National Shooting Championships in Bhopal? **Tilottama Sen of Karnataka.**
- Who won the gold medal in the women's trap event at the 68th National Shooting Championship Competitions (Shotgun) held at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi? **Neeru Dhanda.**
- Doug Bracewell, who has retired from international cricket recently, played for which national cricket team? **New Zealand (Black Caps)**
- Which Indian male chess player won bronze at the 2025 FIDE World Rapid Championships? **Arjun Erigaisi.**
- Which Indian female chess player won bronze at the 2025 FIDE World Rapid Championships? **Koneru Humpy.**
- Who won the women's 10m air rifle gold at the 68th National Shooting Championship? **Ameerah Arshad**
- Which shooter clinched the men's trap gold at the 68th National Shooting Championship? **Zuhair Khan**
- Which tennis player will become the oldest female to compete in the Australian Open main draw at the age of 45? **Venus Williams**
- Who won the men's 10m air pistol gold at the 68th National Shooting Championship Competitions? **Army shooter Ajay Kumar.**
- Who became the first Indian to finish in the top five at the IAME UAE Karting Championship in January 2026? **Indian racer Atiqa Mir.**
- Who announced his retirement from international cricket after the fifth Ashes Test in 2026? **Usman Khawaja, Australia's veteran Test batsman.**
- Which Indian cricketer became the second-highest run-scorer in international cricket? **Virat Kohli**
- Which organisation signed an MoU with the Telangana Government to host the Women's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 Qualifiers? **Hockey India.**
- Which city will host the Women's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 Qualifiers in India? **Hyderabad.**
- Which countries will jointly host the Women's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026? **Belgium and the Netherlands.**
- How many international runs did Alyssa Healy score? **Over 7,000 runs.**
- Who was named ICC Men's Player of the Month for December 2025? **Mitchell Starc**
- Which team won the 5th LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship held in Kargil in 2026? **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)**
- Which tennis player won the 2026 ASB Classic men's singles title in Auckland? **Jakub Mensik (Czech Republic)**
- Who became India's 92nd Chess Grandmaster in January 2026? **Aaryan Varshney**
- What historic milestone did Vidarbha achieve in the Vijay Hazare Trophy? **Vidarbha won the Vijay Hazare Trophy for the first time in their history.**
- Which team did Vidarbha defeat to win the title? **Vidarbha defeated Saurashtra in the final to lift the trophy.**
- Who won the women's singles title at the India Open 2026? **An Se Young**
- Who won the men's singles title at the India Open 2026? **Lin Chun-Yi**
- Who won the men's doubles title at the India Open 2026? **Liang Weikeng and Wang Chang**
- Who won the women's doubles title at the India Open 2026? **Liu Shengshu and Tan Ning**
- Which company signed a ₹270 crore sponsorship deal with BCCI ahead of IPL 2026? **Google's AI platform Gemini**
- Which Indian badminton star announced her retirement, who won the bronze medal in women's singles at the 2012 London Olympics, marking India's first Olympic medal in badminton? **Saina Nehwal.**
- Which team is set to replace Bangladesh in the ICC T20 World Cup 2026? **Scotland**
- In which countries will the 2026 T20 World Cup be held? **India and Sri Lanka.**

Science & Technology

- Where is the WHO-Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) being established in India? **Jamnagar, Gujarat.**
- Which traditional Indian medicine systems are included in the WHO International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI) module? **Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani.**
- What is the range of the newly tested Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket? **120 kilometres.**
- Which Indian state launched the 'Quantum Valley' initiative? **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Where is the WHO-Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) being established in India? **Jamnagar, Gujarat.**
- Which telecom operator has launched VoWiFi services nationwide? **BSNL**
- What eligibility requirement was removed by the Government for deep-tech startups to avail DSIR recognition? **The mandatory three-year existence condition.**
- Which shipyard built the ICGS Samudra Pratap? **Goa Shipyard Limited.**
- What paradoxical phenomenon did Indian scientists simulate using a supercomputer for the first time? **The Mpemba effect, where hot water can freeze faster than cold water.**
- Which state will debut India's first hydrogen-powered train on the Jind-Sonepat route? **Haryana.**
- Which country became the first in the world to commercially produce bio-bitumen for road construction? **India.**
- Where has the PARAM Rudra supercomputer been installed? **IIT Bombay.**
- Which organisations jointly implement the National Supercomputing Mission? **Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) and Department of Science & Technology (DST).**
- What type of engine was tested by DRDO for the hypersonic missile programme? **Full-scale actively cooled scramjet engine.**
- Which company has set up the EV manufacturing facility in Lucknow? **Ashok Leyland.**
- Which organisation developed the National IED Data Management System? **National Security Guard (NSG).**
- Which mission was called off by ESA and NASA recently? **Mars Sample Return (MSR) mission.**
- Which was ISRO's first satellite launch of 2026? **PSLV-C62 mission.**
- Which organisation successfully flight-tested the Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)? **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**
- What is the name of the anti-tank missile recently flight-tested by DRDO in Hyderabad? **Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)**
- Which key technology allows MPATGM to operate without continuous operator guidance? **Fire-and-forget technology**



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.

- What type of software is PathGennie developed by Ministry of Science and Technology? **Open-source software.**
- What is the maximum allowed dose of oral Nimesulide after the ban? **100 mg in immediate-release form.**
- Under which act was the use of all oral formulations of the drug Nimesulide containing more than 100 mgban imposed? **Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (Section 26A).**

- What is Assam's first satellite called? **Lachit-1.**
- Which university's students developed Lachit-1? **Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU).**
- On which rocket was Lachit-1 launched? **ISRO's PSLV-C62 rocket**
- Which US agency is testing the suspected Havana Syndrome-linked device? **The US Defense Department (Pentagon).**
- Which ministry implements the Bhashini platform? **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).**
- Where is India's first state-run BSL-4 lab being established? **Gandhinagar, Gujarat.**
- Which drug has been approved by the FDA for Menkes disease? **Zycubo (copper histidinate).**
- What is meant by a "data embassy"? **A data embassy is a secure facility abroad that stores a country's critical digital data under its own legal control.**
- Why does India want to set up a data embassy outside its borders? **To protect critical government data and ensure continuity during cyberattacks, disasters, or emergencies.**
- What is the name of the world's largest nuclear power plant by capacity? **Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Plant**
- Where is India's first integrated private satellite manufacturing plant inaugurated recently? **Sanand, Gujarat.**
- What has the United States proposed regarding Venezuelan oil? **The U.S. has shown willingness to allow India to buy Venezuelan oil under a new U.S.-controlled framework.**
- Which institution launched the ECINET digital platform? **Election Commission of India (ECI).**
- In how many languages is the ECINET platform available? **22 Scheduled Indian languages and English.**
- What is the C295 aircraft? **It is a medium-lift military transport aircraft used by the Indian Air Force.**
- How many C295 aircraft has India ordered? **56 C295 aircraft.**
- Who is manufacturing the C295 aircraft in India? **Tata Advanced Systems Limited**
- Which aircraft is the C295 replacing in the Indian Air Force? **Avro-748 transport aircraft.**

Leprosy Eradication Day

WORLD

LAST SUNDAY JAN



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

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.

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.

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Where there is no struggle,
there is no strength.


OPRAH WINFREY

Southern Living

Miscellaneous

- Who resigned as Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser at Bangladesh's Ministry of Home Affairs? **Khuda Baksh Chowdhury.**
- What does VoWiFi stand for? **Voice over Wi-Fi**
- Bulgaria became which number member of the eurozone? **21st**
- The India-UAE joint exercise Desert Cyclone-II concluded in which city? **Abu Dhabi**
- To which global position did India rise in WHO pharmacovigilance contributions in 2025? **8th position**
- banks for charging devices during flights due to safety concerns related to lithium batteries.
- Which country has become the world's largest rice producer in 2025? **India with 150.18 million tonnes of rice production.**
- Who became the longest-serving Chief Minister of Karnataka in January 2026 by breaking a decades-old record? **Siddaramaiah.**
- What are the three main focus areas of India Energy Week 2026? **Strengthening energy security, catalysing investment, and advancing decarbonisation.**
- Which Indian middle-distance runner announced his retirement in January 2026? **Binson Johnson.**
- What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2026? **80th.**
- What achievement has Jammu and Kashmir recorded in the Export Preparedness Index 2024? **Jammu and Kashmir secured the second rank among States and Union Territories.**
- Which institution released the Export Preparedness Index 2024? **The Export Preparedness Index 2024 was released by NITI Aayog**
- Which force guards India-China border? **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)**
- Which country topped the Responsible Nations Index 2026? **Singapore.**
- What rank did India secure in RNI 2026? **16th position.**
- Who retired from NASA after completing 27 years of service in 2025? **Sunita (Suni) Williams.**
- Which major brands operate under Eternal? **Eternal operates Zomato for food delivery and Blinkit for quick commerce.**
- Which city is the second most congested in the world according to the TomTom Traffic Index 2025? **Bengaluru**
- Which city tops the global congestion ranking in 2025? **Mexico City**
- Who is stepping down from IndusInd Bank's chairman? **Sunil Mehta**
- What recent in-flight safety rule did the DGCA issue regarding the use of power banks? **The use of power**

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

Important Days of the Month

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	Wetlands and traditional knowledge: Celebrating cultural heritage
04-Feb	World Cancer Day	United by Unique
06-Feb	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation	Step up the Pace
10-Feb	National De-worming Day	Eliminate STH: Invest in a healthier future for children
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 Artificial Intelligence
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	Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for Viksit Bharat

Let's Recap

- Which rocket carried Russia's new undisclosed military satellites? **Angara-1.2 light launch vehicle.**
- Where is Exercise SURYAKIRAN XIX – 2025 being held? **Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.**
- Which two organisations signed the new malaria vaccine access agreement? **Gavi and UNICEF.**
- On which day is National Milk Day celebrated in India? **26 November.**
- Which bank won the “Best Profit-Making Bank in Belagavi District 2025” award? **Rani Channamma Mahila Sahakari Bank.**
- According to the UN DESA report, which city is now the second-largest in the world? **Dhaka, with an estimated 36.6 million people.**
- Why does Pokrovsk matter beyond military reasons? **Its loss would damage Ukraine's coal-based steel sector and economic stability.**
- Who are the “Lost Canadians”? **People who were denied citizenship due to previous restrictive descent rules.**
- What is Chandigarh's present administrative status? **It is a Union Territory administered by the Governor of Punjab as its Administrator.**
- What would applying Article 240 to Chandigarh mean? **Chandigarh would get a standalone Administrator, and the President could directly regulate the UT.**
- Which rocket will PM Modi unveil at Skyroot's Infinity Campus? **Vikram-I orbital rocket.**
- Who founded Skyroot Aerospace? **Pawan Chandana and Bharath Daka.**
- Which city has been designated as the hub for global expansion of Indian brands? **Dubai.**
- Where was the ITTF World Youth Championships 2025 held? **Romania.**
- Which UN bodies adopted the twin resolutions? **UNSC and UNGA.**
- Which organization introduced the ‘UPI Circle – Full Delegation’ feature? **NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL)**
- Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of PUMA India? **Ramprasad Sridharan**
- What does Tex-RAMPS stand for? **Textiles-Focused Research, Assessment, Monitoring, Planning and Start-up Scheme.**
- Which spacecraft carried the US–Russian crew to the ISS in the latest mission? **Soyuz MS-28.**
- Since which year has Goa been the permanent venue of IFFI? **2004.**
- Which company announced a \$11 billion investment for AI-native data centres in Andhra Pradesh? **Digital Connexion.**
- Which country topped the Asia Power Index 2025? **The United States**
- What major bill did the Assam Assembly pass in 2025? **The Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025.**
- What is the jail term for entering a second marriage without divorce under the Bill? **Up to 7 years.**
- Who has resigned as the Managing Director of Mother Dairy? **Manish Bandlish has resigned as the MD of Mother Dairy.**
- What exercise is INS Karmuk participating in? **Singapore-India-Thailand Maritime Exercise (SITMEX-25)**
- Which country hosted SITMEX-25? **Singapore hosted SITMEX-25.**
- Where was the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2025 held? **At Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Goa.**
- Who won the Silver Peacock for Best Director at the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2025? **Santosh Davakhar for Gondhal.**
- Who won Best Actor (Male) at IFFI 2025? **Ubeimar Rios.**
- What rank does India hold in global tea exports? **India is the world's fourth-largest tea exporter.**
- Which country is the world's largest tea exporter? **China.**
- Which group is excluded from land entitlement under the amendment? **Joloha tea garden workers belonging to the Muslim community.**
- What phenomenon causes coastal areas to flood even before rainfall during a cyclone? **Storm surge.**
- Which helicopters are receiving long-term sustainment support from India-US agreement? **Indian Navy's MH-60R multi-role helicopters.**
- Who has been sworn in as the transitional president of Guinea-Bissau? **General Horta Inta-A.**
- Which agreement is Russia set to ratify with India ahead of Putin's December 2025 visit? **The Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS).**

- Who has assumed the additional charge of CMD at THDC India? **Sipan Kumar Garg.**
- Who was awarded “Indian of the Year 2025”? **Jay Shah, Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC).**
- Who won the World Athlete of the Year (men) in 2025? **Sweden’s Armand Duplantis.**
- Who won the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2025? **Belgium**
- Who won the 41st All India Governor’s Gold Cup 2025? **Rajasthan United FC.**
- Who assumed charge as the Indian Navy’s Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition in November 2025? **Vice Admiral Sanjay Sadhu.**
- What type of aircraft is Hansa-3 NG? **India’s first all-composite two-seat pilot trainer aircraft.**
- Which organisation proposed a partnership with MoRTH for road safety audit certification? **The Geneva-based International Road Federation (IRF) and its India Chapter proposed the partnership.**
- What does CRISIL stand for? **Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited.**
- Which record did Kohli surpass by scoring his 52nd century? **Sachin Tendulkar’s record for most hundreds in a single format.**
- Which political party did Sriprakash Jaiswal belong to? **Indian National Congress.**
- What is the purpose of the new university bills in Assam? **To expand higher-education infrastructure and offerings in Assam.**
- How many medals did India win at the competition? **India won 1 Silver, 2 Bronze, and 3 Medallions for Excellence.**
- Who will assume the Chairship of International IDEA on behalf of India? **Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.**
- What are the three categories of the PM’s Awards 2025? **Holistic District Development, Aspirational Blocks Programme, and Innovations.**
- What does each award winner receive? **A trophy, a scroll, and ₹20 lakh for public welfare work.**
- What is the main purpose of the sanctioned PMJUGA projects? **To develop tribal homestays and support village-community needs.**
- Which airport in India became the first to achieve water-positive status with over 40 million passengers annually? **Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA).**
- Which countries participate in Exercise EKVURIN? **India and the Maldives.**
- Which bill did the Lok Sabha pass related to GST in Manipur in 2025? **The Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025.**
- Which league won the ‘Emerging Professional Sports Event of the Year’ at the India Sports Awards 2025? **Archery Premier League (APL).**
- Who organises the Archery Premier League? **Archery Association of India (AAI).**
- What does SAFE stand for? **Security Action for Europe.**
- How much financial support does SAFE provide to member states? **€150 billion.**
- Which company did Wipro acquire for \$375 million? **HARMAN’s Digital Transformation Solutions (DTS) business unit.**
- Which federation manages the India women’s national hockey team? **Hockey India.**
- Which three banks continue as D-SIBs in India? **SBI, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank.**
- Which company partnered with J.P. Morgan Payments for cross-border payment flows? **Cashfree Payments**
- Where was the BrahMos missile launch conducted? **Bay of Bengal test range**
- What reforms is India undertaking in its statistical system? **India is modernising key statistical indices to improve accuracy and global alignment.**
- What submarine is India preparing to commission next? **India is preparing to commission the nuclear-powered SSBN INS Aridhaman.**
- Which fighter aircraft did the IAF deploy for Exercise Garuda-VIII? **Su-30MKI fighter jets.**
- Which Indo-French army exercise focuses on counter-terrorism operations? **Exercise Shakti.**
- Who has assumed the chairship of International IDEA’s Council for 2026? **Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.**
- What did the Lok Sabha pass regarding tobacco taxation? **The Lok Sabha passed the Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025 to increase excise duty on tobacco products.**
- What is the current total tax incidence on cigarettes? **About 53 percent of the retail price.**
- Who has been dismissed as Jaguar Land Rover’s Chief Creative Officer? **Gerry McGovern.**
- What does RELOS stand for? **RELOS stands for Reciprocal Exchange of Logistic Support.**
- Who ratified the RELOS pact in Russia? **Russia’s State Duma ratified the RELOS pact.**

- What operations are covered under RELOS? **It covers joint exercises, training, humanitarian missions, and disaster relief.**
- Which authority approved Vikram Sahu's appointment as CEO of Bank of America India? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**
- Who took charge as Member (Finance), Railway Board effective 1 December 2025? **Aparna Garg**
- Who is the Group Chief Executive of HSBC? **Georges Elhedery.**
- Who has been appointed Pakistan's first Chief of Defence Forces (CDF)? **General Asim Munir.**
- By how much has the RBI reduced the repo rate in its latest monetary policy review? **25 basis points.**
- What is the current Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate after the latest policy announcement? **5.50 per cent.**
- What is the current Fixed Reverse Repo Rate after the latest policy announcement? **3.35 per cent.**
- What is the maximum GST rate applicable on pan masala based on consumption? **40 per cent.**
- Which country assumed the G20 Presidency on December 1? **The United States.**
- Where will the 2026 G20 Leaders' Summit be held? **Miami, United States.**
- Which US agency issued the federal notification for the sonobuoy sale to India? **The Defence Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA).**
- Which ministries launched paperless Passport Verification Record (PVR) on DigiLocker? **MeitY and MEA.**
- Which Russian design bureau is responsible for developing the Su-57 fighter jet? **Sukhoi Design Bureau.**
- Collaboration on the Su-57 may support the advancement of which Indian indigenous fighter programmes? **AMCA and Tejas Mk-2.**
- Which new partnership expands India-Russia cooperation beyond traditional defence ties? **Cooperation in labour mobility and health sectors.**
- What is the primary purpose of the India-Russia ITPS agreement? **To enable a cost-effective, trackable, and reliable logistics channel for low-value international consignments.**
- Which two organisations signed a cooperation agreement to strengthen India-Russia economic ties? **Roscongress Foundation (Russia) and ASSOCHAM (India).**
- India and Russia signed an agreement facilitating what type of workforce mobility between the two countries? **Temporary labour activity of citizens between India and Russia.**
- With which Russian company did Indian firms sign a deal to set up a urea plant in Russia? **URALCHEM.**
- Who presented the 2025 FIFA Peace Prize to Donald Trump? **FIFA President Gianni Infantino.**
- Who was Simone Tata, who passed away recently at age 95? **She was the mother of Noel Tata and former Chairperson of Lakmé.**
- Why was Lakmé created in the 1950s? **To reduce foreign exchange outflow by providing an Indian alternative to imported cosmetics.**
- Which payments bank became the first in India to receive RBI's in-principle approval to convert into an SFB? **Fino Payments Bank.**
- What new service will Fino be allowed to offer after converting into a Small Finance Bank? **Lending and credit facilities.**
- Which process handed over by DRDO aids in resource recycling? **Recovery of lithium precursors from used lithium-ion batteries**
- Which company has agreed to acquire Warner Bros Discovery's studios and streaming division? **Netflix**
- Which AI assistants won the Microsoft Store Awards 2025? **Perplexity and ChatGPT**
- Which business app received recognition at the Microsoft Store Awards 2025? **Moon Invoice (Invoice Maker & Estimate Creator)**
- Name the iconic concert hall in Los Angeles designed by Frank Gehry. **Walt Disney Concert Hall**
- Frank Gehry is considered a pioneer in which architectural approach? **Modern sculptural and contemporary architecture**
- Who won the men's title at the HCL Squash Indian Tour 4? **Velavan Senthilkumar**
- Which organisation launched Abhijeet Joag's book "Bharat: That Is India – Reclaiming Our Real Identity"? **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).**
- Which country is hosting the Squash World Cup for the third consecutive time? **India.**
- Who won the Australian Open Golf 2025? **Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen (Denmark).**
- Which two countries are strengthening economic ties through new connectivity and energy projects? **India and Nepal.**
- What was inaugurated in Kohima to boost water conservation? **The State-Level Watershed Mahotsav 2025 and Mission Watershed PUNARUTTHAN.**

- Which Bill proposes a cess on pan masala for funding health and national security? **Health Security and National Security Cess Bill, 2025**
- What type of courses will India and Australia co-design? **Bridge courses for skilled professional mobility**
- Which new global index was launched at ADFW 2025? **NYU Stern Global Financial Competitiveness Index**
- What is the key theme highlighted in the symposium of the 3rd India–Nepal Cultural Festival 2025? **Shared Buddhist heritage & philosophical values**
- Which international institution approved a USD 1.2 billion tranche for Pakistan? **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**
- Which state ranked first in implementing power sector reforms as per the Ministry of Power? **Maharashtra**
- Which country received humanitarian assistance from India under Operation Sagar Bandhu? **Sri Lanka**
- Sarwagya Singh Kushwaha, who has become the youngest rated chess player in history, belongs to which Indian state? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Where was Exercise SURYAKIRAN-XIX conducted? **Pithoragarh.**
- Who is the current MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank? **Rajiv Anand.**
- Which Indian programme is Lockheed Martin bidding for? **The Indian Air Force's Medium Transport Aircraft (MTA) programme.**
- Why did the US impose a 5% tariff on Mexico? **For allegedly violating the 1944 Water Treaty by failing to deliver required water.**
- Which treaty governs water sharing between the US and Mexico? **The 1944 United States–Mexico Water Treaty.**
- Which country killed the most journalists in 2025 according to RSF? **Israel.**
- Which institution launched India's first incubator-linked deep-tech VC fund? **IIT Bombay's SINE.**
- Who received the 2023 Shilp Guru Award for hand-painted textiles? **Ajit Kumar Das (West Bengal).**
- In which year were the National Handicrafts Awards instituted? **1965.**
- Which organisation awarded Anant Ambani the Global Humanitarian Award? **Global Humane Society.**
- What is the total funding target of the UN's Global Humanitarian Overview 2026? **About US\$ 33 billion.**
- Which city ranks second on the 2025 list of most polluted cities? **New Delhi, India.**
- What portal was launched along with the Jal Shakti Hackathon-2025? **Bharat-WIN Portal.**
- What is the broader aim of the Zydus–Formycon deal? **To improve access to affordable oncology treatments.**
- Deepavali is the ____ Indian element added to the UNESCO Intangible Heritage List. 16th.
- What is ADB's revised growth forecast for India for FY 2025–26? **7.2%.**
- What is the total outlay for India's coal gasification programme? **₹85,000 crore.**
- Which country became the first in the world to ban social media for children under 16? **Australia.**
- Which countries' navies signed a tripartite MoU with MDL for Scorpène-class submarine maintenance? **India and Brazil.**
- India and Malaysia agreed to cooperate in which regional security forum? **ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).**
- Who won two gold medals for India at the Asian Youth Para Games 2025? **Abdul Quadir Indori.**
- How many consecutive years has Amul been associated with the Argentina Football Association? **Four years.**
- Shivraj Patil, who recently passed away, served as the Union Home Minister during which years? **2004–2008.**
- What is the age limit set by Austria for the headscarf ban? **Below 14 years.**
- Which country approved the implementation of a 10-point agreement with Gen Z representatives? **Nepal.**
- Which bill related to taxation of harmful products is being discussed in Parliament Winter Session 2025? **The Sin Goods Taxation Bill.**
- For how many more years has the FPO scheme been extended by the Indian government? **Five years (2026–2031).**
- Where was India's first Bioethics Centre launched? **Pramukhswami Medical College, Anand, Gujarat.**
- Which two institutions recently signed an agreement to expand mutual fund access across India? **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and the Department of Posts.**
- What is the name of the new policy approved for coal linkage auctions? **Coalsetu Policy.**
- Which UN body adopted India's resolution on global wildfire management? **United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA).**

- What is the name of the joint military exercise conducted by India and Malaysia in 2025? **Exercise Harimau Shakti 2025.**
- Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of PNB Housing Finance Limited? **Ajai Kumar Shukla.**
- Which country has been left out of the Pax Silica initiative? **India.**
- The Nandini Krishak Samridhhi Yojana is related to which sector? **Dairy development and animal husbandry**
- The National Shooting Championships are organised by which body? **National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)**
- Mpox is caused by a virus belonging to which genus? **Orthopoxvirus**
- What is India's projected GDP growth rate for 2026? **6.6%**
- What was the title associated with Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar? **Suvaran Maran**
- Who became the first woman President of the Press Club of India? **Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty**
- Which UN body adopted India's wildfire resolution? **United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)**
- What was the earlier name of Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve? **Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Under which Act is the Central Information Commission established? **Right to Information Act, 2005**
- Vijay Diwas commemorates India's victory in which war? **The 1971 Indo-Pakistan War.**
- The MoU between Indian Army and a private Indian defence firm Raghu Vamsi Par East Automation Pvt Ltd aims to strengthen which military capability? **Indigenous Unmanned Aerial System (drone) capabilities.**
- How much loan did India sign with the Asian Development Bank recently? **Over USD 2.2 billion.**
- Which bank lifted the ban on Indian ₹200 and ₹500 notes in Nepal? **Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB).**
- Which bank received RBI approval to acquire up to 95% stake in IndusInd Bank? **HDFC Bank.**
- Which Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha to strengthen rural employment in 2025? **Viksit Bharat Gramin Employment Bill, 2025.**
- Ethiopia's highest award recently conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi is called: Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia
- Which Indian film was shortlisted for Best International Feature Film at Oscars 2026? **Homebound**
- What GDP growth rate is projected for India in FY27 by Axis Bank? **7.5%**
- One MoU between India and Ethiopia focuses on cooperation in which UN activity? **Peacekeeping training**
- Name the bill that raised the FDI limit in insurance. **Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Bill, 2025.**
- Which US bank is setting up Asia's largest GCC in India? **JPMorgan Chase.**



"Everything you've ever wanted is sitting on the other side of fear."

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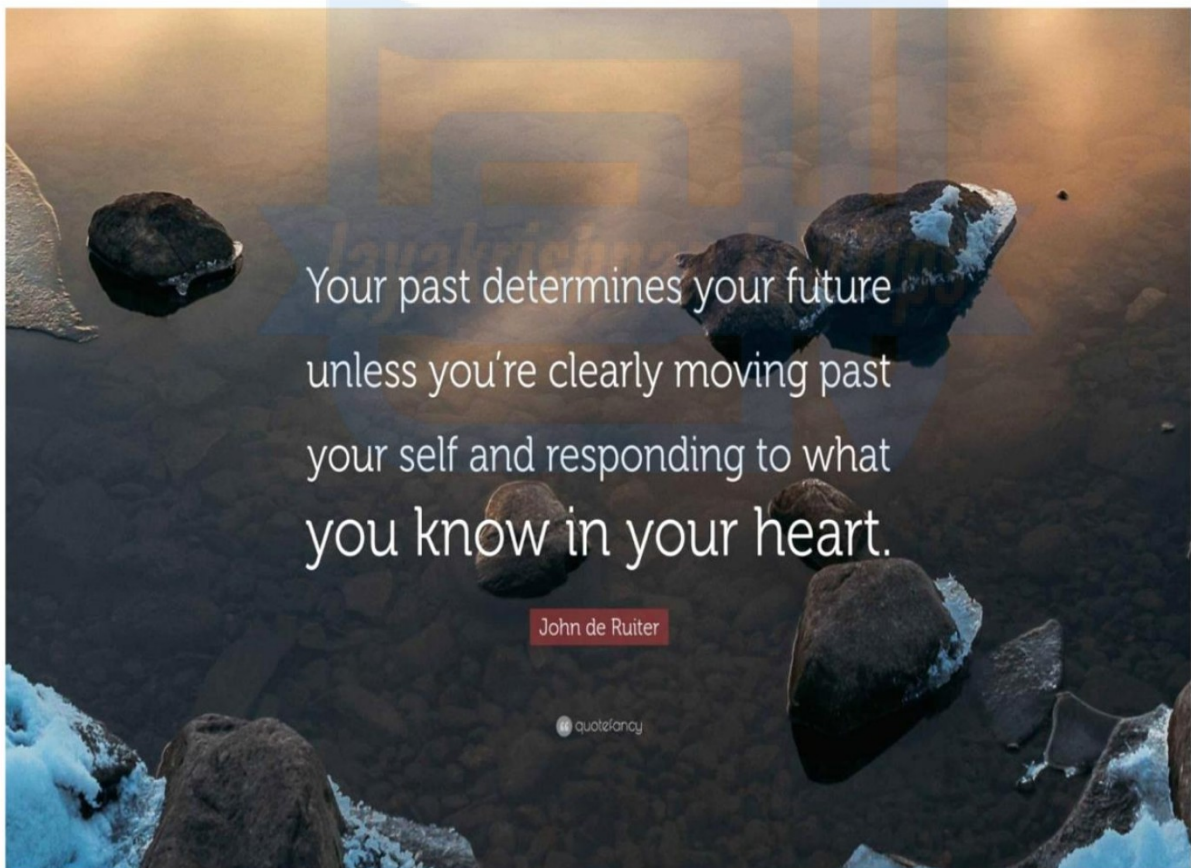
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- Kaamya Karthikeyan Becomes the Youngest Indian to Ski to South Pole
- British-Indian Comedian, Author Meera Syal Awarded Damehood in King's New Year Honours
- ACC Appoints Lav Aggarwal as DG of DGFT; Rabindra Kumar Agarwal to Head FCI
- ISRO Successfully Conducted Static Test of 3rd Stage of SSLV in Sriharikota, AP
- Assam Becomes First State to Constitute 8th State Pay Commission
- Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor Appointed as Vice Chief of the Air Staff
- Air Marshal S. Shrinivas Takes Charge as Chief of IAF Training Command
- Air Marshal Tejinder Singh Takes Charge of South Western Air Command
- India-UAE Desert Cyclone II Military Exercise Concludes
- MoSPI Launches New Logo and Mascot 'Sankhyiki' to Modernize Institutional Identity
- Bulgaria Adopts Euro as its Currency from January 1, 2026
- Canara Bank Appoints Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia as Interim MD & CEO
- India Develops 3D-Printed Weather Stations Under Mission Mausam
- Karnataka Records First-Ever 'Sandalwood Leopard'
- FDA Approves First Oral Pill for Thalassemia Anaemia
- Haryana's Sex Ratio Rises Sharply to 923 in 2025
- Amazonian Stingless Bees Gain World's First Legal Rights
- Indian Army Signs ₹293 Cr Deal for Suryastra Rocket System
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- Telangana Scraps Two-Child Norm in Local Body Polls
- PS Girisha Appointed Director (Finance) at Central Silk Board
- Niraj Verma Given Additional Charge as Parliamentary Affairs Secretary
- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited signed an MoU with National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation to support Eklavya Model Residential Schools through CSR funding.
- IFFCO Sahitya Samman 2025 Awarded to Maitreyi Pushpa
- India's First Govt AI Clinic Launched at GIMS Noida
- Indian Army Creates Modern Warfare Force 'Bhairav' with Over 1 Lakh Drone Operatives
- India's Growth Seen at 6.9% in FY27 Despite Global Pressures: Ind-Ra
- Ramesh Kumar Juneja Takes Charge as Chairman of Council for Leather Exports
- GI Council Appoints S Prakash as CEO for Health Insurance Ecosystem
- India Becomes First Country to Commercially Produce Bio-Bitumen
- UN Declares 2026 International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists
- A.K. Balasubrahmanian Appointed AERB Chairman: Nuclear Safety Leadership
- Goa CM Launches 'History That India Ignored': Second Edition of Important Historical Work
- HSBC Private Bank Appoints Ida Liu as New CEO: Global Banking Leadership
- Renowned Ecologist Madhav Gadgil Passes Away at 82
- Manoj Kothari: Former World Billiards Champion Passes Away at 67
- Australia Shatters 134-Year-Old Ashes Record With Historic Batting Feat
- Ramesh Kumar Juneja appointed CLE Chairman
- A Muhamed Mustaque sworn in as Sikkim HC Chief Justice
- Veteran BJP leader Kabindra Purkayastha passes away at 94.
- India's first hydrogen-powered train to run in Haryana
- India-Bhutan sign MoU for judicial exchange of law clerks
- Indian Railways becomes world's largest electrified rail network

- Skydo Receives RBI Authorization as Payment Aggregator-Cross Border
- Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta Appointed Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court
- SBI Projects India's GDP Growth at 7.5% for FY 2025-26
- Kamala Hydroelectric Project Approved for Arunachal Pradesh
- PANKHUDI Digital Portal Launched for Women and Child Development.
- Gulf Shield 2026 Joint Military Exercise Launched by GCC Nations
- A K Balasubrahmanian Appointed AERB Chairman
- RBI Proposes Raising Bank Dividend Payout Cap to 75%
- Posts-Agriculture MoU to Enable Pan-India Farm Input Testing
- Centre Allocates Rs 37,952 Cr Fertiliser Subsidy for Rabi Season
- PANKHUDI Portal Launched to Strengthen CSR for WCD
- UIDAI Launches Aadhaar Mascot 'Udai' for Public Outreach
- AYUSH Gets Trade Pact Recognition From Oman and New Zealand
- India's first fully paperless district court inaugurated in Kerala
- General Insurance Council appoints S Prakash as CEO.
- Veteran BJP Leader Kabindra Purkayastha Passes Away.
- Hubble Discovers Starless Dark Matter Cloud 'Cloud-9'
- Mission Sudarshan Chakra Launched for Drone Defence
- Fatima Al Awadhi Becomes Youngest Arab to Summit Mount Vinson
- Chhattisgarh Leads Big States in APAAR ID Creation for Students
- India and Germany Strengthen Ties in Postal and Logistics Services
- Ola Electric Enters Home Energy Space with 'Shakti' Battery System
- Meta Names Former Trump Adviser Dina Powell McCormick as President and Vice Chairman
- Nissan Strengthens India Leadership, Appoints Thierry Sabbagh as President
- Zoubeir Jlassi wins \$1M AI Film Award for Lily
- Justice Revati Mohite Dere was sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court.
- Aralam Declared Kerala's First Butterfly Sanctuary
- Indian Army Major Swathi Shantha Kumar Wins UN Secretary-General's Award 2025
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Appoints Anup Kumar Saha as Whole-Time Director
- ISRO's Successfully Lift Off Anomaly in PS3 Stage of PSLV-C62/EOS-N1 Mission
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- Jon Cooper became 2nd-fastest National Hockey League coach to 600 wins
- Olympic snowboard pioneer Ueli Kestenholz dies at 50
- Tripura Gramin Bank rolls out India's first solar ATM van
- Rajasthan's Bamanwas Kankar becomes first fully organic panchayat
- Karnataka Bank Bags IBA Award for Best Fintech & DPI Adoption
- World Bank Raises India's GDP Growth Forecast to 7.2% for FY26
- Centre Appoints Shatrueet Singh Kapoor as ITBP Chief; Praveen Kumar to Head BSF
- Centre Appoints Rakesh Aggarwal as New Director General of NIA
- Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu Lead NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2024
- Israel Withdraws from Seven UN Agencies Over Alleged Bias
- Pawan Kalyan Becomes First Indian to Receive Rare Samurai Martial Arts Honour
- India Ranks 80th in World's Strongest Passport Index
- Alyssa Healy Announces Retirement After India Series
- Indian Mountaineer Aritra Roy Conquers Mount Aconcagua in Argentina
- Dilbert Creator Scott Adams Dies at 68, Leaving Behind a Complex Legacy
- Major Swathi Wins UN Secretary General's Award for Gender Parity
- RBI has recognised the Foreign Exchange Dealers' Association of India as a self-regulatory organisation for all authorised dealers.
- Bharat Electronics Ltd and Garuda Aerospace signed an MoU to jointly supply indigenous Unmanned Aerial Systems to India's defence forces.
- Shatrueet Kapoor appointed ITBP DG; Praveen Kumar to lead BSF
- Himachal Pradesh cadre IPS officer Rakesh Aggarwal has been appointed Director General of the National Investigation Agency.

- The US FDA approved Zycubo (copper histidine) as 1st treatment for children with Menkes disease, a rare genetic disorder.
- India registered the Karan Fries synthetic cow breed developed by NDRI Karnal by crossbreeding Holstein Friesian with Tharparkar cattle.
- Finke River Recognised as the World's Oldest Flowing River
- Shri Praveen Vashista Appointed Vigilance Commissioner in Central Vigilance Commission
- Aaryan Varshney Becomes India's 92nd Chess Grandmaster
- US Freezes Immigrant Visa Processing for 75 Countries Under Trump Administration
- Biologist Toby Kiers Wins Tyler Prize for Uncovering the Hidden Power of Fungal Networks
- Mitchell Starc Wins ICC Men's Player of the Month for December 2025
- Laura Wolvaardt Named ICC Women's Player of the Month for December 2025
- Steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal's father Mohan Lal Mittal dies
- Union Minister Jitendra Singh Launches India's First Open-Sea Marine Fish Farming Project in A & N Islands
- India, Sri Lanka, and Maldives Conducts 17th Trilateral Coast Guard Exercise 'DOSTI 17' in Maldives
- World Bank Approves USD286 Million for West Bengal Healthcare
- IGGEFIL Sanctions First International Green Loan for Zambia Solar Project
- BSNL & Viasat Collaborate for Indian Navy's SatCom Upgrade
- Shaea Muhssin Mohammed Al-Zindani Appointed as PM of Yemen
- President Droupadi Murmu Appoints Praveen Vashista as Vigilance Commissioner in CVC
- ICICI Bank Re-appointed Sandeep Bakshi as MD & CEO till 2028
- RBI Recognises FEDAI as Self-Regulatory Organisation for Authorised Dealers
- Canara Bank Partners with NBSL to Integrate UPI into its Payment App Canara aiPe
- IMF Raises India's Economic Growth Forecast to 7.3% in FY26
- Yoweri Museveni Re-elected as President of Uganda for Seventh Term
- India's Olympic Medallist Vijender Singh Appointed as Member of ABCO
- Numbeo Safety Index 2026: Mangaluru Ranked Safest City in India; Qingdao Tops Globally
- Indian-Origin NASA Astronaut Sunita Williams Retires After 27 Years of Service
- Moody's Projects India's FY26 GDP Growth at 7.3%, Supporting Rise in Household Incomes
- American Biologist Toby Kiers Won 2026 Tyler Prize for Shedding Light on Hidden Fungal Network
- Brand Finance Global 500 2026 Report: India's Infosys Ranks Third; Accenture Topped;
- Padma Awardee Saina Nehwal Announced Retirement from Competitive Badminton
- Vidarbha Clinches its Maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy 2025-26 Champions
- Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan Releases Book 'Chalice of Ambrosia: Ram Janmabhoomi-Challenge and Response'
- India Ranks Sixth in Asia Manufacturing Index 2026
- WEF's Global Risks Report 2026: Geoeconomic Confrontation Emerges as the Biggest Global Threat
- Deepinder Goyal Resigns as CEO of Eternal Group; Albinder Dhindsa to Take Over
- Tata Communications Appoints Ganesh Lakshminarayanan as MD & CEO
- Assam Govt Announces 'Atal Vichal Agrabami Assam Scheme' for Research Scholars
- Russia Plans to Build Nuclear Power Plant on the Moon by 2036
- RBI Postponed Implementation of Phase-II of Cheque Truncation System
- Goldman Sachs Projects India's GDP Growth at 6.7% for 2026 and 6.8% for 2027
- ICG Inducts India's First Indigenously Designed & Built PCV 'Samudra Pratap'
- TASL Hands Over First WhAP 8x8 Vehicles to Royal Moroccan Army
- Alpine SG Pipers Wins Tech Mahindra Global Chess League 2025 Title
- VP C.P. Radhakrishnan Released Book 'Economic Empowerment of Bharat in the Modi Era'
- Delhi CM Rekha Gupta Launches 'Atal Canteen Scheme' to Offer Meals at Rs.5 at 100 Locations
- MoCA Grants NOCs to AI Hind Air, FlyExpress, and Shankh Air
- Zoho-Backed VoxelGrids Builds India's First Indigenous MRI Scanner
- India Unveils First 'Organised Crime Network Database' to Track Organised Criminals and Terror Links
- India to Assume Chairpersonship of Kimberley Process from January 01, 2026

- PV Sindhu Elected Chair of BWF Athletes' Commission for 2026-2029
- India Successfully Test Fires 'K-4' Missile with 3,500 km Range from INS Arighaat
- ZSI Scientists Discover New Soil-dwelling Microarthropod Species 'Neelus Sikkimensis'
- Odisha Government Appoints Anu Garg as First Woman Chief Secretary
- Aryaman Finance Receives CoR from RBI to Operate as NBFC
- Singapore Changi Airport Awarded Best International Airport in 2025 by Travel+Leisure
- RBI Approves Re-Appointment of Ratan Kumar Kesh as ED of Bandhan Bank
- Supercomputer PARAM Rudra Unveiled at IIT-Patna in Bihar
- Tripura Assembly Speaker Biswa Bandhu Sen Passed Away
- GoI Declares Parvati-Argha Bird Sanctuary in UP as ESZ
- IAF's SDI Signs MoU with IIT-Madras to Develop Indigenous Airborne Communication System
- India Ranks 3rd in Rare Earth Reserves with 6.9 million tonnes REO, China Tops the List
- Indian Origin Jayshree Ullal Ranks First on Hurun India Rich List 2025
- Russia Launches 'Soyuz-2.1b' Rocket from Vostochny Spaceport with 52 Satellites
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal Announces Zero-Duty on 100% Australian Tariff Lines from January 01, 2026
- Rediff.com India Secures NPCI Approval for TPAP Licence
- MHA Appoints IPS Officer Rakesh Agarwal as Interim DG of NIA
- DRDO Conducts Maiden Flight Test of 120-km Range Pinaka LRGR 120 in Odisha
- Union Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Inaugurates HAL's Dhruv-NG Helicopter in Bengaluru
- Former Bangladesh PM Begum Khaleda Zia Passed Away



Trending Topic of the Month

Explained: Why Donald Trump Wants Greenland and Why It Matters

Why Donald Trump Says He Wants Greenland: A Strategic Overview



Former US President Donald Trump's renewed push to acquire Greenland has become a major geopolitical talking point in early 2026. Greenland—a vast Arctic island and an autonomous territory of Denmark—sits at the heart of global strategic competition, drawing interest from the United States, Russia, China, and European powers. Trump's insistence that the US needs Greenland “very badly” has sparked debate and diplomatic pushback, especially from Greenlandic and Danish leaders.

Where Greenland Is and Why Location Matters



Greenland's importance stems largely from its unique geographic position:

- It lies between North America and Europe, controlling access to the Arctic and North Atlantic.
- Its terrain oversees crucial sea lanes and the GIUK Gap (Greenland–Iceland–United Kingdom), a key naval and submarine monitoring corridor.
- It is positioned along Arctic flight paths and potential new shipping routes opened as sea ice melts due to climate change.
- Sitting above the Arctic Circle, it offers strategic advantage for early warning systems and missile defense.

This geography makes Greenland valuable not just for defence, but also for global influence in the Arctic, which is becoming an increasingly contested region as new routes and resource access emerge.

National Security and Military Strategic Interests

A core part of Trump's argument revolves around national security:

- The United States already operates the Pituffik Space Base (formerly Thule Air Base) in northern Greenland, which supports missile warning systems, missile defence, and space surveillance.
- Trump has asserted that owning Greenland would allow the US to expand early-warning radar installation and defence infrastructure, especially to monitor potential threats from Russia and China.
- He has claimed that Greenland is essential for the US to maintain strategic superiority in the Arctic.
- Experts, however, note that while the island is important for defence, Russian or Chinese military presence near Greenland remains limited—and Trump's rhetoric exaggerates perceived threats.

Economic and Resource Potential

Greenland is believed to hold significant natural resources, making it economically attractive:

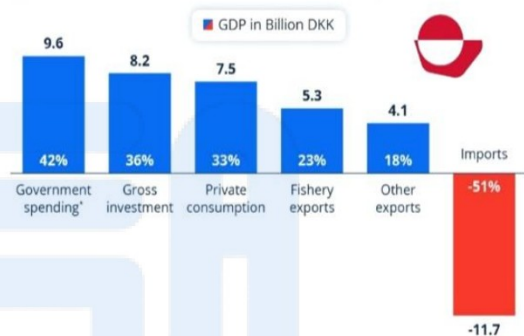
- Large deposits of rare earth minerals, which are critical for technologies like electric vehicles, renewable energy systems, and military hardware.
- Potential quantities of oil, gas, uranium, and other critical resources have also been estimated, although much lies under ice and requires costly extraction.
- Reducing dependency on foreign rare earth suppliers, especially China, is viewed by some analysts as strategically valuable.
- Though resource extraction remains technically challenging and environmentally sensitive, the long-term promise of materials essential to technology and defence infrastructure adds to Greenland's appeal.

emphasising their choice to remain linked with Denmark, NATO, and the EU.

- Denmark, a NATO member, also opposes any forced acquisition, warning that such an act could strain or even dismantle the alliance.
- Greenland itself exercises extensive self-government, and any change in sovereignty would require consent from Greenlanders and Denmark.

Greenland's Economy Depends on Fishing and Danish Subsidies

Greenland's 2023 GDP in current prices, by component



Why Is Greenland So Important

The Arctic Ocean will be ice-free in summer before 2050, opening much shorter shipping routes



Sources: IPCC Assessment Report, NAC, The Maritime Executive

Conclusion: Strategy, Not Sale

Trump's push for Greenland reflects a mix of geopolitical strategy, national security priorities, and economic interests, rather than any formal legal or diplomatic pathway toward acquisition. While Greenland remains critical for Arctic influence, its future—whether as a strong self-governing territory within Denmark or part of broader international strategic frameworks—will be determined by international law, diplomacy, and the choices of its own people.



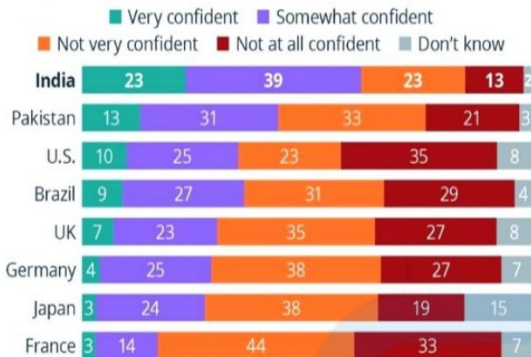
Political Response and Sovereignty Issues

- Greenlandic leaders have firmly rejected any notion of becoming part of the United States,

Infographics

Indians Trust Climate Change Response More Than Most

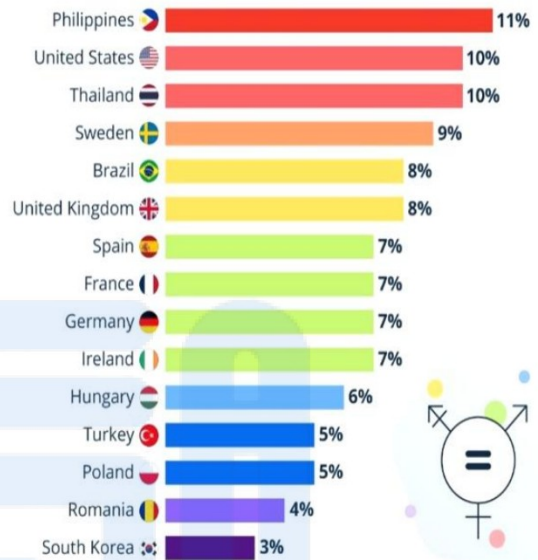
Share of respondents who are confident/not confident in political leaders' response to climate change



1,000+ adults surveyed per country Sep.-Oct. 2025; figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding
Source: Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism

Where It's Most & Least Common to Be LGBT+

Share of respondents who identify as LGBT+, by country



2,000-60,200 respondents (18-64 y/o) surveyed per selected country Jan.-Dec. 2025
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

The Largest Risks Faced by the World

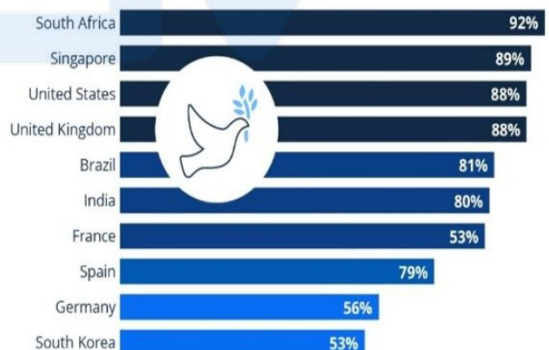
Experts' assessments of the most severe global risks over the next two and ten years



Based on risk evaluation by over 900 experts across academia, business, government, international organization and civil society collected Aug.-Sep. 2025
Source: World Economic Forum

South Africa Leads in Religious Tolerance

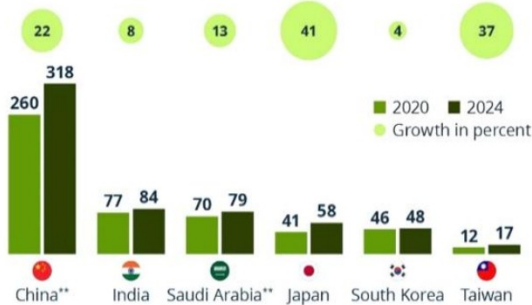
Share of adults in selected countries who feel comfortable around people with different religious beliefs



500+ online adults (18-75 y/o) surveyed per country Jan. 20, 2023-Feb. 3, 2023
Source: Ipsos

Military Spending Is on the Rise in Asia

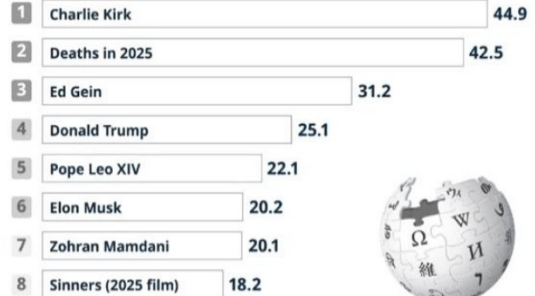
Annual military spending in a selection of Asian countries/territories, by year (in billion U.S. dollars)*



* constant 2023 prices and exchange rates ** SIPRI estimates
Source: SIPRI

The Most Popular Wikipedia Articles in 2025

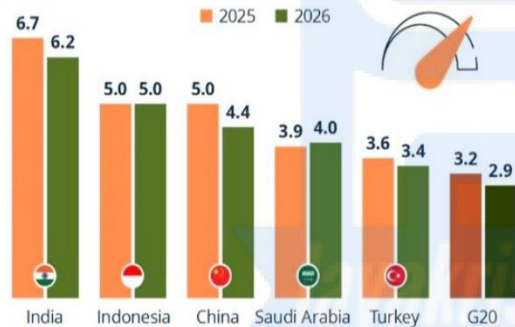
Wikipedia English-language articles with the most visits* in 2025 (in millions)



As of Dec. 2, 2025
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The Fastest Growing G20 Economies in 2026

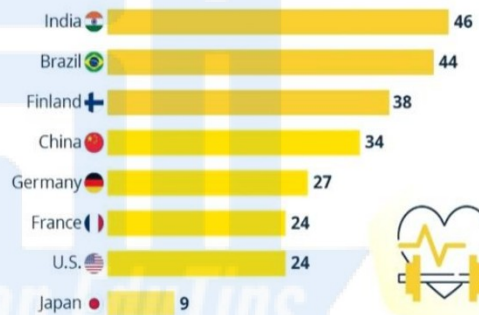
Year-over-year GDP growth projections for 2025 and 2026, by country (in percent)



Forecasts published in December 2025
Source: OECD Economic Outlook

Who's Investing in Their Health?

Share of respondents who have used a health & fitness service* in the past year (in percent)



1,800-9,000 respondents (18-64 y/o) surveyed per country Oct. 2024-Sep. 2025
* e.g. gym membership, fitness app, massage
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



1,800-9,000 respondents (18-64 y/o) surveyed per selected country Oct. 2024-Sep. 2025
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

U.S. Accounts for Nearly Half of the Global Pharma Market

Largest pharmaceutical markets in 2024, by estimated sales (in billion U.S. dollars)



Sales from manufacturer to wholesaler or direct to pharmacies
* Hospital market only
Sources: IQVIA, World Bank



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