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Important Personalities

- Which Canadian company appointed Amitabh Kant as Senior Advisor in 2025? **Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd**
- Who has been nominated as the next President of Cricket Scotland in 2025? **Omar Henry**
- Who has been appointed as the new chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) in 2025? **Parag Jain**
- Who has been re-appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) till June 2026? **Ravi Agrawal**
- Who led the Indian delegation in the India-Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks held in 2025? **Secretary (West) Tanmaya Lal**

- Who has been appointed as South Korean PM following National Assembly approval? **Kim Min-seok**
- Who has been re-elected as the President of the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI)? **Sudhanshu Mittal**
- Who has been appointed as the non-executive director of IndiGo? **Amitabh Kant**
- Who has been appointed as Thailand's second acting Prime Minister in July 2025? **Phumtham Wechayachai**
- Who became the first woman trained as a fighter pilot in the Indian Navy in July 2025? **Sub Lieutenant Astha Poonia**
- Who has been elected as the first woman President of Suriname? **Jennifer Simons**
- Which country elected Jennifer Simons as its first female president? **Suriname**
- Who is the new CEO of Eterna's Food Ordering and Delivery business? **Aditya Mangla**
- Who did Aditya Mangla replace as CEO of the food delivery business? **Rakesh Ranjan**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO of the ICC in July 2025? **Sanjog Gupta**
- Who has been appointed the new President and CEO of BMW Group India (effective Sep 2025)? **Hardeep Singh Brar**
- Who will Hardeep Singh Brar succeed as CEO of BMW Group India? **Vikram Pawah**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Apple Inc.? **Sabih Khan**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)? **Priya Nair**
- Who has been re-elected as the Chairperson of COAI for 2025-26? **Abhijit Kishore**
- Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Goa in July 2025? **Pusapati Ashok Gajapati Raju**
- Who is the newly appointed Governor of Haryana in 2025? **Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh**
- Who has been named as the new Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh? **Kavinder Gupta**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO & MD of LIC in July 2025? **R Doraiswamy**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court in July 2025? **Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva**

01 JULY

DOCTOR'S DAY

Inception: 1991
BY: Govt. of India

Importance

To mark the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, the legendary physician and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal.

Motto

To value doctors and their role in country's development.

Bidhan Chandra Roy

(An eminent Indian physician, educationist, philanthropist, freedom fighter and politician)

• He was born on July 1, 1882 and died on the same date in 1962.

• Honoured with Bharat Ratna on February 4, 1961.

• He belongs to Indian National Congress.

• Bidhan Roy is often considered the Maker of Modern West Bengal.



- Who will become Managing Director for commercial operations of Nissan India from August 1, 2025? **Saurabh Vatsa**
- To whom will Saurabh Vatsa report in his new role at Nissan? **Leon Dorssers, Senior Vice President and CCO for the AMIEO region**

- Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan has been appointed as Chief Justice of which High Court? **Jharkhand High Court**
- Who is the new Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court (2025)? **Justice Vibhu Bakhru**
- Justice Ashutosh Kumar has been appointed as the Chief Justice of which High Court? **Gauhati High Court**
- Who is the newly appointed Chief Justice of Patna High Court? **Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi**
- Who has been appointed as interim MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank in July 2025? **Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat**
- Who has been appointed as the first woman Director General of the Railway Protection Force (RPF)? **Sonali Mishra**
- Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Medical Commission (NMC)? **Dr Abhijat Sheth**
- Which organisation is currently headed by Dr Abhijat Sheth? **National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS)**
- Who was appointed as South Korea's special envoy to the European Union (EU)? **Yoon Yeo-joon**
- Who has been appointed as South Korea's special envoy to France? **Kang Gum-sil**
- Who has been appointed as South Korea's special envoy to India? **Former Prime Minister Kim Boo-kyum**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Manipur? **Puneet Kumar Goel.**
- Which officer did Puneet Kumar Goel replace as Chief Secretary? **Prashant Kumar Singh.**
- Who is the new Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court? **Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva.**
- Who are the new members elected to the ICC Chief Executives' Committee in 2025? **Gurumurthy Palani (France), Anurag Bhatnagar (Hong Kong), and Gurdeep Klair (Canada).**
- Who has been appointed interim Chair of the ISSF E-Sports and Innovation Committee? **Kalikesht Narayan Singh Deo.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Ukraine in July 2025? **Yuliia Svyrydenko.**
- Whom did Yuliia Svyrydenko replace as Prime Minister of Ukraine? **Denys Shmyhal, who was reassigned as Defence Minister.**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Marketing Officer of PhysicsWallah? **Satish Sharma.**
- Who leads Reliance Retail Ventures? **Isha Ambani.**

- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court in July 2025? **Justice Vibhu Bakhru**
- Who has been appointed as the new MD of BMRCL in July 2025? **Dr. J Ravishankar**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court? **Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh.**
- Who administered the oath to Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh? **Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma.**



Importance

To mark the inception of British North America Act, 1867, which united the three separate colonies of the Province of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into a single Dominion called Canada.

Erstwhile

Dominion Day (Renamed in 1982, the year the Canada Act was passed).

Interesting Facts

- Canada has the longest coastline in the world.
- Canada's biggest bay is Hudson Bay which was discovered in 1610.
- Canada's longest river is McKenzie River.
- Canada is the world leader in uranium mining.
- The Trans-Canada highway is said to be the longest national highway in the world.

- Whom did Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh replace? **He replaced Justice Sujoy Paul, who was transferred to the Calcutta High Court.**
- Who has been elected as the new Chair of the Africa Cricket Association (ACA)? **Tavengwa Mukhlani**
- Who is the new Chief Justice of the Madras High Court? **Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava**
- Who administered the oath to Justice Shrivastava? **Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi**
- Whom is Justice Shrivastava replacing in Madras High Court? **Justice K.R. Shriram (Appointed Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court)**

- Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court? **Justice Ashutosh Kumar.**
- Who was recently sworn in as the 19th Governor of Haryana? **Ashim Kumar Ghosh**
- Who did Ashim Kumar Ghosh succeed as the Governor of Haryana? **Bandaru Dattatraya**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Nestlé India? **Manish Tiwary**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of IRDAI in 2025? **Ajay Seth**
- Padma Shri awardee Hindi satirist Surendra Dubey, who recently passed away, belonged to which Indian state? **Chhattisgarh**

01 JULY

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS DAY



Importance

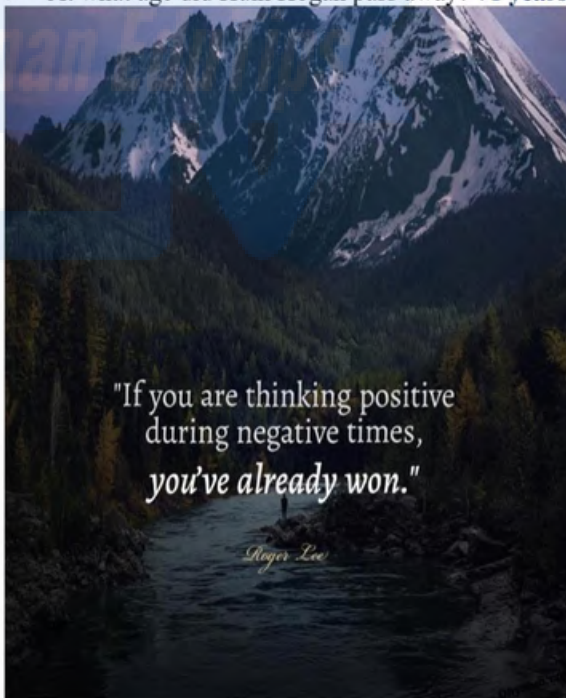
To mark the establishment of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in 1949. It was founded a year before the Constitution of the country was formalized.

Interesting Facts

- Oldest professional institutions in India by an act of Parliament.
- Second largest accounting organization in the world.
- There is no reservation in ICAI.
- 'Garuda', the official emblem of ICAI was given by Sri Aurobindo.
- 1st certificate issued by ICAI to Gopaladas Padamsey Kapadia.

- Which Padma Shri awardee and Manipuri classical dancer passed away in June 2025? **Thiyam Suryamukhi Devi**
- Which former Defence Secretary and Governor of Chhattisgarh passed away in 2025? **Dr. Shekhar Dutt**
- Which Australian actor known for Nip/Tuck and Charmed recently passed away? **Julian McMahon**
- Name the former Transport Minister of Russia, who passed away recently? **Roman Starovoit**

- RJD leader Charupara Ravi, who recently passed away, was associated with which political ideology? **Socialism**
- Bismillah Jan Shinwari, who passed away recently, belonged to which country's ICC umpiring panel? **Afghanistan**
- Who was the veteran actor and filmmaker who passed away recently at the age of 79? **Dheeraj Kumar**
- Muhammadu Buhari, who recently passed away, was first elected as the President of Nigeria in which year? **2015**
- Veteran Actress B. Saroja Devi, who passed away recently, was associated with which regional cinema? **South**
- Who was known as the 'Turbaned Tornado' in the field of marathon running, who passed away recently? **Fauja Singh**
- Which Austrian extreme athlete died in a paragliding crash in Italy in 2025? **Felix Baumgartner**
- Who was V.S. Achuthanandan, who passed away recently? **Former Kerala CM**
- Which former Wales and Liverpool footballer passed away at the age of 70 in 2025? **Joey Jones**
- Padma Shri Awardee & theatre legend Ratan Thiyam dies at 77. He was awarded the Padma Shri in which year? **1989**
- At what age did Hulk Hogan pass away? **71 years.**



National & International News

- Which wildlife sanctuary in Kerala was recently declared as India's first butterfly sanctuary? **Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary (renamed as Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary)**
- What is the name of India's first NBFC dedicated to the maritime sector, recently launched by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal? **Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL)**
- What is the full form of the newly launched EAGLE Task Force in Telangana? **Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement**
- Which state launched the EAGLE Task Force to fight the drug menace? **Telangana**
- Eravikulam National Park is located in which state? **Kerala**
- Which mobile app was launched by MoSPI for accessing official government data on the go? **GoStats**
- The GoStats app has been developed by which office under MoSPI? **National Sample Survey Office (NSO)**
- Which Union Ministry launched the "Adi Karmyogi" programme in June 2025? **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**
- What is the new name of NIPCCD as of 2025? **Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development**
- What is the name of the new web-based flood forecasting system launched in 2025? **C-FLOOD**
- Under which section of the Waqf Act were the 2025 Rules notified? **Section 108B of the Waqf Act (Amendment 2025).**
- What is the name of the central digital portal introduced for Waqf governance? **UMEED Portal.**
- What is the purpose of the UMEED portal? **To digitize Waqf registration, property records, financial audits, and legal case management.**
- What is the name of the voter list update initiative launched in Bihar in June 2025? **Special Intensive Revision (SIR)**
- Which article of the Constitution does the EC cite in support of SIR implementation? **Article 326**
- Where is India's first national cooperative university being established? **Anand, Gujarat**
- Where is Kerala's first skin bank being inaugurated? **Thiruvananthapuram Government Medical College Hospital**
- What is the name of the smart card launched by DTC for free bus travel for women? **Saheli Smart Card**
- Which ministry launched the 'Kalaa Setu – Real-Time Language Tech for Bharat' Challenge? **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB)**
- What type of certification does India now require for dairy imports? **A veterinary health certificate.**
- How many forts are included in the Maratha Military Landscapes of India? **12 forts**
- Which fort from Tamil Nadu is included in the Maratha Military Landscapes of India? **Gingee Fort**



Inception: 1947
UFO: Unidentified Flying Objects

Importance

It commemorates the date on which the famous Roswell incident was exposed to the public.

Motto

To raise awareness about the "existence of UFOs and with that intelligent beings from outer space.

Organisation Involved

World UFO Day Organization (WUFODO).

What is Roswell project?

- In July, 1947, a Project Mogul balloon crashed in the desert near Roswell, New Mexico.
- It was part of a top-secret project by the US Army involving flying microphones on weather balloons to extreme heights to detect Soviet nuclear test explosions.

The wreckage of the balloon was first spotted by William Brazel, that served as the basis for conspiracy theories.

- Under which article is the Chief Justice of a High Court appointed? **Article 217**
- What is the retirement age of a High Court Chief Justice? **62 years**
- Who appoints the Chief Justice of a High Court? **President of India**

- Which body recommends the names for appointment as Chief Justice of High Courts? **Supreme Court Collegium**
- Who was the first woman Chief Justice of any High Court in India? **Justice Leila Seth**
- Which country has launched the world's first Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)? **India**
- Which Indian ministry is responsible for the development of TKDL? **Ministry of Ayush**



Importance

To commemorate the discovery of 1st vaccination against a zoonotic disease that can be spread between humans and animals.

Motto

To emphasize and bring the problem awareness amongst people, and teach them to take right action.

Organisation Involved

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Note

The first vaccination against a zoonotic disease was administered by Louis Pasteur on 6 July 1885.

What is Zoonoses?

Zoonosis is derived from the Greek words zoon 'animal' and nosos 'ailment'. It is the process whereby an infectious disease is transmitted between species from animals to humans or vice versa.

- Who will lay the foundation stone of Vidarbha's first integrated steel plant in Gadchiroli? **Devendra Fadnavis**
- Who introduced the National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and National Sports Governance Bill, 2025 in Lok Sabha? **Mansukh Mandaviya**
- What are the key objectives of the new Bills of Lading Bill, 2025? **Modernize and simplify legal language, Enable electronic bills of lading, Repeal and replace the colonial law**
- Who launched the pollution control vessel 'Samudra Prachet' for the Indian Coast Guard? **Smt. Priya Paramesh**
- Which body approved the IAEA suspension bill before implementation? **The Constitutional Council of Iran approved the bill.**
- Which country will host IFFCO's first overseas nano fertiliser plant? **Brazil**
- Which nuclear sites in Iran were targeted by the U.S. airstrikes on June 21? **Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan.**
- Which countries recently notified the UN about their withdrawal from the Ottawa Convention? **Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.**
- What treaty are Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia withdrawing from? **The Ottawa Convention, also known as the Mine Ban Treaty.**
- Has Russia ever been a party to the Ottawa Convention? **No, Russia has never been a party to the treaty.**
- When did Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia join the Ottawa Convention? **Lithuania in 2003, Estonia in 2004, and Latvia in 2005.**
- Where did NMDC and MECON open their new international offices? **Dubai, UAE**
- Who is the current President of Namibia as of PM Modi's 2025 visit? **Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah**
- Which four countries are part of the Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission launched in 2025? **India, United States, Australia, Japan**
- Which four countries form the QUAD group? **The United States, Australia, India, and Japan.**
- What new initiative was launched by the QUAD to secure supply chains in June 2025? **QUAD Critical Minerals Initiative.**
- Which country's dominance in the critical minerals market is the QUAD indirectly addressing? **China.**
- What major tax law does Donald Trump's 2025 bill aim to make permanent? **The 2017 individual income tax cuts.**

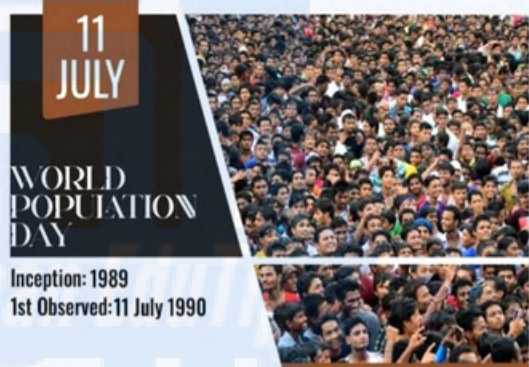
- What is the primary aim of the Karnataka Rohith Vemula Bill 2025? **To prevent caste-based discrimination in higher education institutions.**
- Which institutions fall under Karnataka Rohith Vemula Bill 2025 jurisdiction? **All public, private, and deemed universities in Karnataka.**
- What is the punishment for a first-time offense under the Karnataka Rohith Vemula Bill 2025? **Minimum 1-year imprisonment, ₹10,000 fine, and compensation up to ₹1 lakh.**
- What is the penalty for repeat offenses under the Karnataka Rohith Vemula Bill 2025? **Three years of imprisonment and a ₹1 lakh fine.**

- What major U.S. agency was officially shut down in 2025? **USAID (United States Agency for International Development).**
- INS Tamal was commissioned in which country? **Russia**
- Which country recently became the third Indian neighbour to get Starlink services? **Sri Lanka**
- Which African country launched a climate-resilient wheat initiative in collaboration with India in 2025? **Ghana**
- Which Caribbean country became the first to adopt India's UPI system? **Trinidad and Tobago**
- Which tech giant recently shut down its office operations in Pakistan after 25 years? **Microsoft**
- How many total member countries are now part of the NDB? **11 countries**
- When did Indonesia become a full member of BRICS? **In January 2025.**
- Which 10 countries joined BRICS as partner nations in 2025? **Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Malaysia, Thailand, Cuba, Vietnam, Uganda, and Uzbekistan.**
- What kind of global order does BRICS promote? **A multipolar world order with reduced Western dominance.**
- Which country will become the 21st member of the eurozone in 2026? **Bulgaria**
- What is the theme of the Quantum India Bengaluru (QIB) 2025 Summit? **"Building a Quantum Ecosystem: Qubits to Society"**
- Which country has raised concerns at the WTO over India's dairy import rules? **The United States.**
- Three sites linked to the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia were recently added to which international list? **UNESCO World Heritage List**
- Which country launched the 'Anti-Pyramid National Awareness Week' in July 2025? **Sri Lanka**
- Which organization is leading the anti-pyramid scheme campaign in Sri Lanka? **Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL)**
- What is the theme of the 'Anti-Pyramid National Awareness Week'? **Pyramid is a trap – don't get into the wrong track**
- Why was PIA banned from flying to the UK in 2020? **Due to a deadly crash in Karachi and a pilot license scandal involving fake credentials.**
- What major change helped lift the UK ban on PIA? **Implementation of international-standard aviation safety reforms by Pakistan.**
- When did Trump claim he ended his association with Epstein? **In 2004, reportedly due to a real estate dispute.**
- What is The Resistance Front (TRF)? **TRF is a Pakistan-based militant group, seen as an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba.**
- When was TRF formed? **In October 2019, shortly after the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir.**
- Why was TRF created? **To operate under a seemingly indigenous name while carrying out Lashkar-backed terrorist activities in Kashmir.**
- What legal action has the U.S. taken against TRF? **Designated it as an FTO and SDGT, enabling asset freezes and criminalization of support.**
- Which countries are part of EFTA? **EFTA includes Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.**
- What was the main issue with vaccine-sharing rules in WHO pandemic response reforms due to which US is parting ways from it? **The U.S. opposed sharing 20% of vaccines and treatments with WHO.**
- What is the Africa Cricket Association (ACA)? **Founded in 1997, the ACA governs cricket across 23 African countries, including Full and Associate Members.**
- Which country has announced its withdrawal from UNESCO, effective December 31, 2026? **United States of America**
- Where was the replica of the Ashoka Pillar recently inaugurated in Sri Lanka? **Waskaduwa Sri Subhuthi Viharaya, Kalutara district**



Important Projects & Schemes

- When was the PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi Yojana implemented? **December 1, 2018**
- How much annual financial support is provided under the PM-KISAN scheme? **₹6,000 per year**
- Which agricultural scheme was expanded to include pulses, oilseeds, and maize in Kharif 2025? **Krishak Unnati Yojana**
- How much financial assistance per acre was provided under Krishak Unnati Yojana in Kharif 2023? **₹19,257 per acre**
- Which department implements the Krishak Unnati Yojana in Chhattisgarh? **State Co-operative Marketing Federation Limited (MARKFED)**
- What is the total outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the RDI Scheme? **₹1 lakh crore**
- What does RDI stand for in the newly approved central scheme? **Research Development and Innovation**
- What is the full form of SPREE 2025? **Scheme for Promotion of Registration of Employers and Employees**
- What is the name of the Indian space regulator that approved Ananth Tech's project? **IN-SPACE (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre)**
- What does the One-in, One-out scheme aim to prevent? **Irregular migrant crossings across the English Channel.**
- Which five EU countries opposed the One-in, One-out scheme? **Italy, Spain, Greece, Malta, and Cyprus.**
- When was the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana approved by the Cabinet? **On July 16, 2025.**
- What is the duration of the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana? **It will run for six years from FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31.**
- What is the annual budget allocated for the scheme? **₹24,000 crore per year.**
- What major corporate milestone is PhysicsWallah preparing for? **A planned ₹4,500 crore Initial Public Offering (IPO).**
- What is the name of the LIC scheme aimed at empowering rural women through insurance distribution? **Bima Sakhi Yojana**
- Which state government launched the 'Krishi Samruddhi' scheme in 2025? **Maharashtra**
- What is the total outlay of the 'Krishi Samruddhi' scheme announced by Maharashtra? **₹25,000 crore**
- Which state launched India's first mining tourism project? **Jharkhand**
- Under which project is the spherical submersible MATSYA-6000 being developed? **Samudrayaan**
- How many youths from Assam will receive Japanese language training under CM-FLIGHT? **3000**
- What does CM-FLIGHT stand for? **Chief Minister's Foreign Language Initiative for Global Human Talent.**
- Who signed the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with SECI? **JSW Neo Energy, a subsidiary of JSW Energy.**



Importance

In order to mark the urgency and importance of population issues, UNGA made a resolution to observe the same in 1990.

Motto

To focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues.

Organisation Involved

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Note

The day was suggested by Dr. K.C.Zachariah in which population reaches Five Billion when he worked as Sr Demographer at World Bank.

Fact

The Day of Five Billion, which was observed on 11 July 1987 was the inspiration behind World Population Day.

Banking & Economy

- Which company has been ranked the 4th most valuable brand in India as per Brand Finance India 100 report 2025? **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**
- Which regulatory body fined BSE ₹25 lakh for violating disclosure norms? **SEBI**
- What amount of penalty was imposed by SEBI on BSE in June 2025? **₹25 lakh**
- What is the new GDP spending target for NATO members by 2035? **5% of GDP**
- Aadhaar authentication for IBPS exams has been authorised by which ministry? **Ministry of Finance**
- Which bank in Gujarat was fined ₹14.30 lakh by RBI in June 2025? **Shree Kadi Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd.**
- How much penalty did RBI impose on Saibaba Nagari Sahakari Bank Maryadit? **₹50,000**
- How much overtime income will be exempt from tax under Trump's One Big, Beautiful Bill? **Up to \$12,500 annually.**
- To what amount is the Child Tax Credit increased in the Trump's One Big, Beautiful Bill? **\$2,200 per child.**
- Which international body approved the 4th review of Sri Lanka's EFF in 2025? **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**
- Which risk indicator tool has RBI asked banks to integrate to curb cyber fraud? **Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI)**
- Which organization launched SPREE 2025? **Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)**
- Which regulatory body issued the Pre-payment Charges on Loans Directions, 2025? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
- Under the new RBI rules, pre-payment charges are prohibited on which type of loans? **Floating rate loans**
- Which Indian steel PSU opened its first overseas office in Dubai in 2025? **Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)**
- Which region will SAIL target for market expansion through its Dubai office? **Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region**
- Which two countries recently joined the New Development Bank (NDB)? **Colombia and Uzbekistan**
- What recent milestone has Trinidad & Tobago achieved with respect to Indian digital payments? **Joined the UPI network**
- Under which section of the Income-tax Act are IREDA bonds now eligible for capital gains tax exemption? **Section 54EC**
- Which two financial institutions were recently penalized by RBI? **HDFC Bank and Shriram Finance Limited.**
- How much penalty was imposed on HDFC Bank by RBI? **₹4.88 lakh**

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JULY

NATIONAL
SIMPLICITY
DAY



Importance

To mark the birth anniversary of Henry David Thoreau in 1817.

Motto

To be free from the complications of the world and to allow ourselves to just be simple.

Who is Henry David Thoreau?

• He was an American author, an environmentalist, philosopher, naturalist, poet, historian, surveyor and a transcendentalist.

• He is best known for his book Walden which is a reflection upon simple living in natural surroundings.

About Walden: Or, Life in the Woods

Author: Henry David Thoreau

Published: August 9, 1854



- Which payment network is the PhonePe HDFC Credit Card issued on? **RuPay.**
- Which company has received SEBI approval to launch a stock broking unit named Jio BlackRock Broking? **Jio Financial Services**

- What was the amount of penalty levied on Shriram Finance? **2.70 lakh**
- Which Taiwanese bank has applied to set up an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) in GIFT City? **CTBC Bank**
- What global investors back Reliance Retail's expansion plans? **Qatar Investment Authority and KKR.**
- What is the initial investment planned for the drone plant by RRP Defence Ltd (India) and CYGR (France/USA) in Mumbai? **USD 50 million, with potential to scale up to USD 100 million.**
- What tariff benefits will India get from EFTA? **EFTA will offer tariff concessions on 99.6% of India's exports by value.**
- What tariff concessions will India provide to EFTA? **India will reduce tariffs on 82.7% of its tariff lines, covering 95.3% of EFTA's exports.**
- What is India's projected GDP growth rate for 2025 according to ADB? **6.5%**
- What is the name of the Brazilian firm partnering with IFFCO for the nano fertiliser plant? **NANOFERT**
- Which organisation has been authorised to use Aadhaar authentication for exam candidate verification? **Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS)**
- Which Indian PSU acquired a 51% stake in Colombo Dockyard PLC of Sri Lanka? **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)**
- Which two countries are exploring collaboration in green steel and high-grade aluminium under CEPA? **India and UAE**
- Which Indian company secured a ₹300 crore defence contract in June 2025 to supply bulletproof jackets and ballistic helmets? **SMPP Ltd.**
- Which PSU recently secured export orders worth \$6.23 million from Russia and Uzbekistan? **BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited)**
- Which country signed \$20 billion worth of aircraft deals with Airbus during a diplomatic visit? **Malaysia**
- Which Indian PSU signed an MoU with South Korea's KSOE in 2024? **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)**
- Which trade agreement did India seek to expand with Argentina's support? **India-MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Agreement**
- Which Indian company has HD Hyundai partnered with for shipbuilding? **Cochin Shipyard Ltd.**
- Which department signed an MoU with the Sri Aurobindo Society for inclusive education? **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)**
- Which country is LG Electronics partnering with to develop HVAC solutions for extreme heat? **Saudi Arabia.**
- Which Saudi company is partnering with LG in the HVAC project? **Shaker Group.**
- Which European company did LG acquire to expand its heating market? **OSO Group AS, a Norwegian hot water storage firm.**



Motto

To make people aware about the use of paper bags that contribute to fight with climate change and environment pollution.

History Behind

- In 1852, an American inventor, Francis Wolle, established first paper bag machine.
- In 1871, Margaret E. Knight designed another machine that can produce flat-bottom paper bags.
- Margaret E. Knight also known as Mother of Grocery Bag.
- In 1885, Charles Stilwell invented a machine that can produce square-bottom paper bags.
- In 1912, Walter Deubener used cord to reinforce paper bags and add carrying handles.

- Which Indian company signed an MoU with InQuik Group for modular bridge tech? **Tata Steel**
- Which authority signed an MoU with Adani Group for the Motilal Nagar redevelopment? **MHADA (Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority)**
- Which two countries agreed to boost trade ties during the BRICS Summit in Brazil? **Vietnam and China**
- Which country became the first to sign an NPCI agreement for UPI-like payments? **Namibia**

- What is the name of the initiative under which Japan and India promote maritime growth and security? **SAGAR and IPOI**
- Which ministry signed an MoU with BITS-Pilani to launch a cybersecurity program? **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**
- Which Taiwanese company is collaborating with Tata Electronics for the semiconductor fabrication plant in Dholera? **Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (PSMC)**
- Which company is acquiring WK Kellogg in a \$3.1 billion deal? **Ferrero Group.**
- What is the total value of the Ferrero–WK Kellogg acquisition deal? **\$3.1 billion.**
- What is the name of the new migrant agreement between the UK and France? **The "One-in, One-out" migrant deal.**
- Which organization signed an MoU with the Handball Association of India to promote handball? **Prasar Bharati**
- What is the duration of the MoU signed between Prasar Bharati and HAI? **Three years**
- Which sport will be promoted under the MoU signed by Prasar Bharati and HAI? **Handball**
- Which Elon Musk-owned AI company signed a \$200 million deal with the Pentagon in 2025? **xAI**
- How much DAP fertilizer per year will India import under the new agreement with Saudi Arabia? **3.1 million metric tons**
- Which Indian sports body signed an MoU with the ISSF Academy for coaching courses? **National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)**
- When was the last time the India–Kuwait air agreement was updated? **18 years ago.**
- Why was the air travel capacity between India and Kuwait expanded? **To meet growing demand from the Indian diaspora and reduce airfare.**
- Which organization has partnered with the UP government for disaster management? **UNDP India.**
- What is the purpose of the UP–UNDP agreement signed in July 2025? **To develop a multi-level scientific disaster management system across Uttar Pradesh.**
- Which brand has Reliance Retail acquired in July 2025? **Kelvinator.**
- Which French company is partnering with India for a fighter jet engine project? **Safran.**
- What is the value of the India–France fighter engine deal? **₹61,000 crore.**
- What makes the Safran deal significant for India? **It includes 100% technology transfer, including design, development, and production.**
- Which Tata Power subsidiary signed a storage agreement with NHPC? **Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL).**
- What type of agreement did TPREL sign with NHPC? **A Battery Energy Storage Purchase Agreement (BESPA).**
- What kind of project was signed between Pakistan, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan in 2025? **Trilateral rail connectivity project**
- Which ministry signed an MoU with Coal India Ltd. to support tribal education in Chhattisgarh? **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**
- What is the nature of the new venture between Jio Financial Services and Allianz Group? **It is a 50:50 joint venture to launch a reinsurance company in India.**
- What was Allianz's previous partnership in India? **It held a 26% stake each in Bajaj Allianz Life and Bajaj Allianz General, which it exited in 2023.**
- What is the expected ownership stake in the joint venture by RRP Defence Ltd (India) and CYGR (France/USA)? **RRP Defence may hold 90%, and CYGR 10%, as per reports.**
- When was the India–EFTA agreement signed? **It was signed on March 10, 2024, after nearly 16 years of negotiations.**
- Which quasi-judicial body approves merger of AEL's Adani Cementation with Ambuja Cements? **NCLT**
- Which organization has partnered with the Ministry of Rural Development to promote Bima Sakhi Yojana? **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India**
- Which two countries recently signed a landmark Free Trade Agreement in July 2025? **India and the United Kingdom.**
- Which two countries signed an MoU to promote skill development in 2025? **India and France**

Awards & Recognitions

- Who has been selected for the Chintha Raveendran Award 2025? **Sarankumar Limbale**
- Who is set to become the first Indian astronaut on the Titans Space mission in 2029? **Jahnavi Dangeti**
- Who won the 2025 Royal Society of Chemistry Horizon Prize? **Professor Subhabrata Sen and his team**
- What prestigious badge did Sub Lt Astha Poonia receive on 3 July 2025? **Wings of Gold**
- What milestone has Sub Lt Astha Poonia achieved for women in Indian defence services? **First woman in fighter stream of Indian naval aviation**



Importance

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

Motto

To recognise the strengthening system of international justice.

International Criminal Court (ICC)

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

Member states: 123

Establishment

• Rome Statute adopted: 17 July 1998

• Entered into force: 1 July 2002

- What is the highest civilian honour of Trinidad and Tobago awarded to PM Modi? **The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**
- Who was recently awarded Brazil's highest civilian honour, the Grand Collar of the National Order of

the Southern Cross? **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

- Which district won the Kerala Fisheries Department's Excellence Award 2025? **Kasaragod**
- What is the name of the highest civilian award of Namibia conferred on PM Modi? **Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis**
- Who was honoured with a commemorative stamp on his 125th birth anniversary in July 2025? **Syama Prasad Mookerjee**
- Which state won the IESA Industry Excellence Award 2025 for battery manufacturing? **Telangana**
- Which site was recently inscribed as India's 44th UNESCO World Heritage Site? **Maratha Military Landscapes of India**
- Who received the Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080? **Former Chief Justice Kalyan Shrestha**
- Which award was conferred on former Chief Justice Kalyan Shrestha in 2080? **Hem Bahadur Malla Award**
- Who won the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize? **Leila Aboulela**
- Which country announced 34 Maitri Awards to boost ties with India in 2025? **Australia**
- Who is the current Australian Foreign Minister who announced the Maitri Awards? **Penny Wong**
- Which country's Bijagos Archipelago has been added to the UNESCO World Heritage list? **Guinea-Bissau**
- What is the official name of the newly listed UNESCO site in Guinea-Bissau? **Coastal and Marine Ecosystems of the Bijagos Archipelago – Omati Minho**
- Which city was declared the cleanest in India in Swachh Survekshan 2024-25? **Ahmedabad.**
- Which cities followed Ahmedabad in the top cleanest cities list for 2024-25? **Bhopal and Lucknow.**
- Which city was named cleanest in the 3-10 lakh population category? **Noida.**
- Which organization won the National Geospatial Practitioner Award 2025? **Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)**

- In the ICC Development Awards 2024, Which country won the Development Initiative of the Year? **Namibia**
- In the ICC Development Awards 2024, Who won the Female Cricket Initiative of the Year? **Jointly awarded to Bhutan and Vanuatu**
- In the ICC Development Awards 2024, Which nation won Digital Fan Engagement of the Year? **Nepal**
- Who is the first Indian to win an award at the International Federation of Magic Societies (FISM)? **Suhani Shah**
- Which two cricket legends were honoured by having a stand named after them at Old Trafford Stadium? **Farokh Engineer and Sir Clive Lloyd**
- Which Hindi author won the PEN Translates Award 2025 for Once Elephants Lived Here? **Geetanjali Shree**
- What is the title of the book by Geetanjali Shree that won the PEN Translates Award? **Once Elephants Lived Here**
- Who translated Once Elephants Lived Here into English? **Daisy Rockwell**
- What is the genre of Once Elephants Lived Here? **Short story collection**
- Which themes are explored in Once Elephants Lived Here? **Memory, loss, displacement, and societal change**
- How many titles were selected for the PEN Translates Award 2025? **14 titles**
- How many languages were represented among the 2025 PEN Translates winning titles? **13 languages**
- Which organisation announces the PEN Translates Award? **English PEN**
- Who won the 2025 International Booker Prize for Heart Lamp? **Banu Mushtaq**
- Who translated Heart Lamp into English? **Deepa Bhasthi**
- Which Pakistani poet's work Eyes, Eyes, Eyes won the PEN Translates Award? **Sara Shagufta**
- Which Chilean author won for Chilco in the PEN Translates Award 2025? **Daniela Catrileo**
- Which Brazilian author won for The Backstreet of Memory? **Conceição Evaristo**
- What is the original language of Jacaranda by Gaël Faye? **French**
- Which German author's Across the Ice was among the PEN Translates winners? **Peter Kurzeck**
- Which Russian author won for Disappearing Acts? **Maria Stepanova**



Importance

To recognise the former South African President, Nelson Mandela's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom, UNGA declared this day in 2009.

Motto

To bring people around the world together to fight poverty and promote peace, reconciliation and cultural diversity according to Mandela's beliefs.

Nelson Mandela

(18 July 1918 – 5 December 2013)

- He was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.
 - He was the first black president of South Africa.
 - He was imprisoned from 1962-1990 for treason and conspiracy against the government.
 - He is considered the father of Modern South Africa.
 - He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.
- In addition to the Nobel Peace Prize, he won over 250 other awards.

A lot of times, you're not necessarily off the page because you haven't been able to take the time to prepare a character. It's very easy to find even great actors reading it more like a reading. Things aren't really coming alive yet, even though you know they will.

Clus Van Sant

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Sports

- Where was the U-17 Asian Women's Wrestling Championships 2025 held? **Vung Tau, Vietnam**
- How many gold medals did India win at the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2025? **5**
- Who set a new meet record in the 400m Individual Medley at the 78th National Aquatics Championships 2024? **Shaon Ganguly**
- Which state topped the medal tally at the 78th Senior National Aquatics Championships 2024? **Karnataka**
- Which country won all three titles at the 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships? **India**
- Who won the men's doubles title at the 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships? **Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar**
- How many gold medals did India win in the Under-17 Asian Wrestling 2025? **India won 3 gold medals**
- Who has become India's new No.1 chess player in 2025? **Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa**
- Which tournament did Praggnanandhaa win to become India's No.1? **UzChess Cup Masters 2025**
- Who are the current top three global players above Praggnanandhaa in live ratings? **Magnus Carlsen, Hikaru Nakamura, and Fabiano Caruana**
- Who won the women's title in the 1st Hockey India Masters Cup 2025? **Hockey Association of Odisha**
- Who won the men's title in the 1st Hockey India Masters Cup 2025? **Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu**
- Which former South African cricketer is set to take over as President of Cricket Scotland? **Omar Henry**
- Who won the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol event at the National Shooting Trials 2025? **Anish Bhanwala**
- Which shooter won the women's 10m air rifle event in Dehradun National Shooting Trials? **Narmada Nithin**
- Who became the first Indian to win a BWF World Tour title in the 2025 season? **Ayush Shetty**
- Who won the Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix 2025? **Lando Norris**
- Where was the Asian Para-Archery Championships 2025 held? **Beijing, China**
- Who won the gold medal in Recurve Men's Open category at Asian Para-Archery Championships 2025? **Harvinder Singh**
- Who won the gold medal for India in the women's 54kg category at World Boxing Cup 2025 in Astana? **Sakshi Chaudhary**
- Who won the 2025 British Grand Prix at Silverstone? **Lando Norris**
- Which team secured a 1-2 finish at the 2025 British GP? **McLaren-Mercedes**
- What is the official name of the 2025 British Grand Prix? **Formula 1 Qatar Airways British Grand Prix 2025.**
- Who is the new No.1 ranked Test batter as per latest ICC rankings? **Harry Brook**

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KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS



Importance

To commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the conflict that took place in the mountains above Kargil on the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.

Motto

To pay tribute to the Kargil War Heroes.

Facts Behind

- The Kargil war, which lasted a little over two months, ended on July 26, 1999, and led to 527 deaths on India's side.
- The Indian Army launched Operation Vijay.
- While IAF has launched Operation Safed Sagar.
- Indian Navy also launched Operation Talwar to blockade Pakistani ports.

- How many gold medals did Indian women win at the Yasar Dogu 2025 tournament? **India won 4 gold medals.**

- Which country will host the ISSF Combined World Cup in 2027? **India**
- Which city in India will host the ISSF World Cup 2027 and Junior World Championship 2028? **New Delhi**
- How many total medals did India's U-20 women's wrestling team win at the Asian Championship? **India won 8 medals in total.**
- How many gold medals were won by India's U-20 women wrestlers? **They won 7 gold medals.**
- Who became India's 87th chess Grandmaster in July 2025? **Harikrishnan A Ra**
- Which football club won its first FIFA Club World Cup title in 2025? **Chelsea Football Club**
- Who won the Wimbledon 2025 Men's Singles title? **Jannik Sinner**
- Which player did Jannik Sinner defeat in the Wimbledon 2025 final? **Carlos Alcaraz**
- Who won the Poligras Magic Skill Award 2024-25 in the women's category? **Deepika**
- Deepika won the Poligras Magic Skill Award 2024-25 for her solo goal against which country? **Netherlands**
- Which state won the silver medal for implementing the ODOP scheme? **Madhya Pradesh**
- What is unique about the design of the 2026 Winter Games medals? **They feature a split-half design representing Milan and Cortina's unity and the athlete's journey.**
- Which Olympic symbols appear on the medals? **The Olympic medals have rings; Paralympic medals have the Agitos.**
- Who manufactures the Milano Cortina 2026 medals? **Italy's national mint and printing institute, IPZS.**
- Who won the men's singles title at the 2025 Japan Open? **China's Shi Yuqi**
- Who won the women's singles title at the 2025 Japan Open? **South Korea's An Se-young**
- Which country won the most titles at the 2025 Japan Open? **China**
- What was the total prize money for the 2025 Japan Open? **US\$950,000.**
- Which major international chess event will India host in 2025? **The FIDE Chess World Cup 2025.**
- When was the last time India hosted the Chess World Cup? **In 2002, in Hyderabad.**
- Who are the organisers of the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025? **FIDE and the All India Chess Federation (AICF), with support from the Government of India.**
- Who won the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam title at Wynn Las Vegas? **Levon Aronian**
- How much prize money did Levon Aronian receive for winning the title? **He received USD 200,000.**
- Who won silver for India in the 60kg Greco-Roman category at Budapest? **Sumit**
- Who won bronze for India in the 55kg Greco-Roman category? **Anil Mor**
- Who clinched Gold in the 60kg Greco-Roman category at Budapest? **Azerbaijan's Nihat Zahid Mammadli**
- Which country will host the FIDE World Cup 2025? **India**
- Which country has been awarded the hosting rights for the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) finals in 2027, 2029, and 2031? **England**
- Which tennis legend recently became the second-oldest woman to win a WTA tour-level singles match? **Venus Williams**
- Whom did Hogan defeat to become WWF Champion in 1984? **Iron Sheik.**
- Who became the first Indian woman tennis player to win a medal at the World University Games? **Vaishnavi Adkar**
- Which medal did Vaishnavi Adkar win at the 2025 World University Games? **Bronze in singles tennis**
- Who won the IBSF World 6-Red Snooker Championship 2025? **Riley Powell (Wales)**



Science & Technology

- What is the name of the hypersonic submarine-launched ballistic missile under development by DRDO? **K-6**
- Which Tamil Nadu-based institute was re-certified as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (SIRO) by DSIR in 2025? **Sona College of Technology**
- What is the name of the vessel used in the maiden Quad coast guard mission? **US Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Stratton**
- Which international agency has Iran suspended cooperation with in 2025? **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**



04th
Sunday
in July

**NATIONAL
PARENT'S
DAY**

Inception: 1994

Importance

In 1994, President Bill Clinton introduced National Parents' Day by signing a Congressional Resolution making it a law. This day is celebrated to honour all the parents for their unconditional love and sacrifice for their children that cannot be measured.

Motto

For "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children.

Other related observances

- Mother's Day: 2nd Sunday of May
- Father's Day: 3rd Sunday of June

- Which company will supply the Prachand Light Combat Helicopters to the Indian Armed Forces? **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)**
- What major feature makes SMPP's new ballistic helmet globally unique? **Ability to stop AK-47-fired hard steel core bullets**

- Which company is set to launch India's first private satellite broadband service? **Ananth Technologies**
- India has successfully completed user trials of the Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket (ERASR). In context to same, What is the full form of ERASR? **Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket**
- Recently India successfully tested ERASR from which ship? **INS Kavaratti**
- Where did ISRO conduct the hot tests of the Gaganyaan Service Module Propulsion System (SMPS)? **Mahendragiri (ISRO Propulsion Complex)**
- What is the name of India's first indigenous Diving Support Vessel? **INS Nistar**
- Which organization's bonds have been notified for tax exemption under Section 54EC? **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)**
- Which company received approval for the first malaria medicine for newborns and young infants? **Novartis**
- Which missile was recently test-fired by DRDO and the Indian Air Force in Odisha? **Astra missile**
- What type of missile is Astra, recently test-fired by DRDO and the Indian Air Force? **Beyond Visual Range (BVR) Air-to-Air missile**
- From which aircraft was the Astra missile tested by DRDO and the Indian Air Force recently? **Sukhoi-30 Mk-I**
- What is the name of Israel's most advanced communications satellite launched in 2025? **Dror-1.**
- Which rocket launched Israel's Dror-1 satellite? **SpaceX's Falcon 9.**
- Which organization built the Dror-1 satellite? **Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI).**
- What is the expected operational life of Dror-1? **15 years.**
- What air defence system did India successfully test in Ladakh in July 2025? **Akash Prime.**
- Which two missiles did India successfully test on 17 July 2025? **Prithvi-II and Agni-I.**
- What is the range of the Prithvi-II missile? **Approximately 350 kilometers.**
- What is the range of the Agni-I missile? **Between 700 and 900 kilometers.**

- What is the capacity of the battery storage project? **30 MW / 120 MWh.**
- Which companies are setting up the new drone manufacturing plant in Navi Mumbai? **RRP Defence Ltd (India) and CYGR (France/USA).**
- What is AdFalcivax? **India's first fully indigenous recombinant malaria vaccine developed to combat Plasmodium falciparum.**
- Who developed AdFalcivax? **ICMR-RMRC Bhubaneswar, ICMR-NIMR Delhi, and DBT's National Institute of Immunology.**
- What makes AdFalcivax unique? **It targets two parasite stages—preventing infection and blocking transmission.**
- Which satellite is jointly developed by ISRO and NASA for Earth observation? **NISAR**
- What does NISAR stand for? **NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar**
- Which aircraft is the Indian Air Force set to retire in September 2025? **MiG-21**
- What is the name of the last variant of the MiG-21 used by IAF? **MiG-21 Bison**
- What is the name of the UAV-launched missile successfully tested by DRDO in Andhra Pradesh? **ULPGM-V3**
- Where was the ULPGM-V3 missile tested? **National Open Area Range (NOAR), Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh**
- What is the launch platform for ULPGM-V3? **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)**
- What is the primary purpose of ULPGM-V3? **Precision strikes with enhanced range and accuracy**
- Which DRDO lab developed the previous version ULPGM-V2? **Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL)**
- What is the full form of DcPPs in defence production? **Development-cum-Production Partners**
- What does NOAR stand for in the context of missile testing? **National Open Area Range**
- Name one advanced weapon system also tested at NOAR besides ULPGM-V? **High-energy laser Directed Energy Weapons (DEWs)**
- What capability do DEWs tested at NOAR demonstrate? **Neutralisation of fixed-wing UAVs and drone swarms**
- What is the full form of NASA's TRACERS mission? **Tandem Reconnection and Cusp Electrodynamics Reconnaissance Satellites**
- Which rocket launched the TRACERS mission? **SpaceX Falcon 9**
- What is the main objective of the TRACERS mission? **To study magnetic reconnection in Earth's magnetic field**



Importance

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

Motto

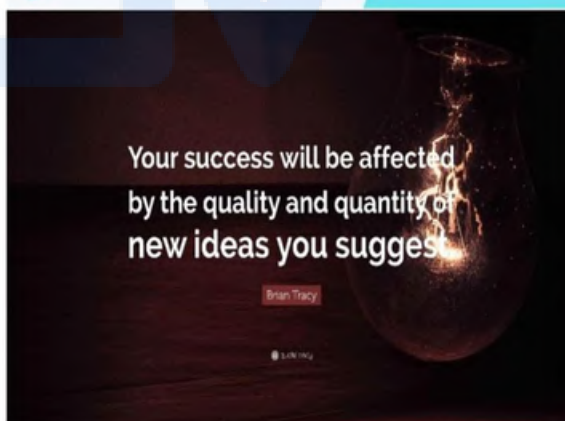
To raise global awareness of hepatitis — a group of infectious diseases known as Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E — and encourage prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

About Hepatitis

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

Classified as

Hepatitis A, B, C, D & E



Miscellaneous

- What is India's rank in the Sustainable Development Report 2025? **99th**
- Which national park has been ranked India's best in the MEE 2020–25 report? **Eravikulam National Park**
- Which national park shared the top rank with Eravikulam in the MEE 2020–25 evaluation? **Dachigam National Park (Jammu & Kashmir)**
- Which team secured a one-two finish at the Austrian Grand Prix 2025? **McLaren-Mercedes**
- Who was suspended as Prime Minister of Thailand by the Constitutional Court in 2025? **Paetongtarn Shinawatra**
- Which two countries participated in the joint military exercise SHAKTI 2025? **India and France**
- What was one of the main reasons cited for shutting down USAID? **To align foreign aid with U.S. national security and economic priorities.**
- How much funding did USAID manage annually before its closure? **Over \$40 billion.**
- Who is stepping down as Divisional Vice President of Nissan India operations? **Frank Torres**
- Where is SAIL's new overseas representative office located? **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**
- Which U.S.-based firm was banned by SEBI for index manipulation in India? **Jane Street Group**
- Which critical minerals found in Argentina are important for India's clean energy needs? **Shale gas, oil, and lithium**
- Which organization ranked India 4th among the world's most equal societies? **World Bank**
- What is India's Gini Index score as per the latest World Bank data? **25.5**
- Which country ranks first in the world for income equality according to the Gini Index? **Slovak Republic**
- What was Eternal formerly known as between 2021 and 2025? **Zomato Ltd.**
- How will HD Hyundai assist Cochin Shipyard technologically? **By helping upgrade its technologies to global standards.**
- Which company did Sanjog Gupta serve before becoming ICC CEO? **He was the CEO (Sports & Live Experiences) at JioStar before joining ICC.**
- Uttar Pradesh jumped to which rank in the latest SDG Index? **18th rank**
- What is India's current position in the latest FIFA World Rankings? **133rd**
- Name a few notable works by Andrea Gibson? **You Better Be Lightning, Lord of the Butterflies, Take Me With You.**
- What documentary captured Andrea Gibson's final journey? **Come See Me in the Good Light.**
- Who administered the oath to Justice Sachdeva? **Governor Mangubhai Patel.**
- How long is the term for elected members on the ICC CEC? **Two years.**
- What did the DOJ and FBI conclude about Jeffrey Epstein's death in July 2025? **That he died by suicide in prison and no criminal "client list" exists.**

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JULY

WORLD NATURE
CONSERVATION
DAY



Importance

To raise awareness about protecting nature and conserving our natural resources.

Major initiatives that India has undertaken

1. Nagar Van Udyan Scheme
2. Waste Management under Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan
3. Project Tiger
4. Mangroves for the Future (MFF)
5. National Wetland Conservation Programme

Note

There are three essential words about the conservation of environment that is Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.

- Where was the Indo-French military exercise SHAKTI 2025 held? **France (Aveyron and Herault districts)**

- Who is the subject of the book Sthitpragya? **Ashish Kumar Chauhan, CEO and MD of the National Stock Exchange (NSE).**
- What does the title Sthitpragya mean? **It means the process of maintaining emotional and mental equilibrium.**
- Who authored the book Sthitpragya? **Dr. Mayur Shah.**
- What language was the new edition of Sthitpragya released in? **Marathi.**
- Which edition of SIMBEX is the Indian Navy participating in during 2025? **32nd edition**
- SIMBEX is a bilateral naval exercise between India and which country? **Singapore**
- Where was the 44th edition of IND-INDO CORPAT held? **It was held in Belawan, Indonesia.**
- When did India and Indonesia start conducting IND-INDO CORPAT? **The joint patrol began in 2002.**
- How often is IND-INDO CORPAT conducted? **Twice a year (biannual).**
- What is Samudra Shakti? **An annual India-Indonesia naval combat exercise**
- What is Garuda Shakti? **An annual India-Indonesia army exercise**
- Who administered the oath to Justice Ashutosh Kumar? **Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya**
- Where is FIDE headquartered? **Lausanne, Switzerland.**
- Who recently resigned as the Vice President of India in 2025? **Jagdeep Dhankhar**
- Who is stepping down as First Deputy Managing Director of the IMF in August 2025? **Gita Gopinath**
- What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index July 2025? **77**
- Who was known as the 'Godfather of Heavy Metal' and frontman of Black Sabbath? **Ozzy Osbourne**
- In which year was Black Sabbath co-founded by Ozzy Osbourne? **1968**
- Why was Terry Gene Bollea nicknamed "Hulk"? **Due to his resemblance to the comic book character Hulk.**

29 JULY

INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY

Inception: 2010



Importance

This day was established in 2010 at Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia to raise awareness about the decline of wild tiger numbers.

Motto

To promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation issues.

Facts Behind

- Tigers are the largest wild cats in the world.
- A group of Tigers are called an ambush or streak
- Tigers can live for about 25 years
- Tigers are good swimmers!
- At full speed, tigers can reach up to 65km/h.

Note

There are 5 species of Tiger namely, Bengal tiger, South China tiger, Indochinese tiger, Sumatran tiger and Siberian tiger.

The key to success is discovering your innate power and using it daily.

Les Brown

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Important Days of the Month

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

Let's Recap

- Which driver finished second in the 2025 Monaco Grand Prix? **Charles Leclerc.**
- Who were the Chinese gold medal-winning pair in the 10m air rifle mixed team event in ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany? **Huang Yuting and Huang Liwanlin.**
- Who won the German Cup final in 2025? **VfB Stuttgart.**
- Who won the 2024/25 UEFA Women's Champions League? **Arsenal Women.**
- Who was the top scorer in the 2024/25 Women's Champions League? **Clàudia Pina (Barcelona) with 10 goals.**
- Who did Novak Djokovic defeat to win his 100th ATP title? **Hubert Hurkacz.**
- Who became the first Indian to win a Formula 2 race at the Monaco Grand Prix? **Kush Maini.**
- Who received the Global Indian Award 2025 from the Canada India Foundation? **Sadhguru.**
- To which initiative did Sadhguru dedicate his prize money for Global Indian Award 2025 from the Canada India Foundation? **Cauvery Calling.**
- Which player has recently retired from all forms of cricket? **Priyank Panchal**
- What is the name of India's newly launched indigenous weather forecasting system? **Bharat Forecast System (BFS).**
- What supercomputer powers the Bharat Forecast System? **Arka.**
- What is the local name of Mount Everest in Nepalese? **Sagarmatha**
- Which organisation will lead the AMCA programme? **The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) of DRDO.**
- Who has been recommended as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court? **Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva.**
- Who has been recommended as the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court? **Justice Ashutosh Kumar.**
- Who is recommended to become the Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court? **Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan.**
- Who developed the PAI framework? **The Ministry of Panchayati Raj.**
- Who was the interim President of Romania before Nicusor Dan took over? **Ilie Bolojan.**
- What are the four strategic pillars of the ACV 2045? **Political-security, economic, socio-cultural, and connectivity.**
- When was the RoDTEP scheme launched? **The RoDTEP scheme was launched on January 1, 2021.**
- Who set a new world record in the Men's F42 Javelin Throw at the Nottwil World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025? **Mahendra Gurjar**
- Which country is strengthening cooperation with the World Bank to support agriculture in developing nations? **South Korea**
- Where has DRDO inaugurated the Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC)? **Metcalfe House, Delhi**
- Which DRDO group is spearheading quantum key distribution research at QTRC? **Scientific Analysis Group (SAG)**
- What are the names of the two digital platforms launched by the Centre to modernise India's addressing system? **Know Your DIGIPIN and Know Your PIN Code**
- Which organisation developed the DIGIPIN system in collaboration with IIT Hyderabad and NRSC, ISRO? **Department of Posts**
- Which Indian state is seeking UNESCO World Heritage recognition for its Living Root Bridges? **Meghalaya**
- Which state cabinet approved the Financial Powers Manual 2025 to decentralise powers? **Madhya Pradesh**
- What is the name of India's recent military operation that targeted terror camps in Pakistan and PoK? **Operation Sindoor**
- Which Indian cloud infrastructure provider has partnered with Microsoft to boost AI innovation in India? **Yotta Data Services**
- Which organization is developing India's indigenous electric trainer aircraft, E-HANSA? **CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bengaluru.**
- Which company successfully launched the Starship Super Heavy rocket on its ninth test flight from South Texas in 2025? **SpaceX.**
- Which country won the gold medal in the 4x400m mixed relay at the Asian Athletics Championships 2025 held in Gumi, South Korea? **India**

- Which veteran Tamil actor passed away at the age of 75, who gained popularity with his first lead role in the 1979 film 'Kanni Paruvathile'? **Rajesh**
- What GDP growth rate has Crisil projected for India in fiscal 2026? **6.5%**
- Which Indian institute partnered with Singapore's A*STAR to promote semiconductor innovation? **IIT Kharagpur**
- Which team won the AIFF U-15 Junior League 2024-25 title by defeating Minerva Academy FC? **Punjab FC**
- Which rocket launched China's Tianwen-2 mission? **Long March 3B.**
- Who inaugurated the new unified headquarters of the Quality Council of India (QCI) at the World Trade Centre, New Delhi? **Jitin Prasada**
- Which Indian female athlete won gold in the 100m hurdles at the Asian Athletics Championships 2023? **Jyothi Yarraji**
- Which Indian men's doubles pair entered the quarterfinals of the Singapore Open 2024? **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**
- Under the Gujarat Karmayogi Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, what is the maximum amount of cashless health coverage provided per family per year? **₹10 lakh**
- Name the three defence PSUs granted Miniratna Category-I status in 2024. **Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL), India Optel Limited (IOL)**
- Who has been appointed as the League Commissioner of The Legenz T10 tennis ball cricket league? **Pragyan Ojha**
- What is the name of the scheme launched by Assam to provide arms licences to indigenous communities? **Gujarat Karmayogi Swasthya Suraksha Yojana**
- Who was Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, who passed away recently? **Veteran Akali leader and former Union Minister from Punjab.**
- Where will the 16th edition of the India-Mongolia joint military exercise 'Nomadic Elephant' be held? **Umroi, Meghalaya**
- Who was Valmik Thapar, who passed away recently? **Eminent Indian wildlife conservationist and author**
- Under which scheme are 39 government higher secondary schools being upgraded in Arunachal Pradesh? **Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme**
- What is the name of the new EU quantum defence project led by Finland? **QUEST (Quantum Enablers for Strategic Advantage)**
- Which company handed over the first centre fuselage assembly for Tejas Mk-1A to HAL? **VEM Technologies**
- How many thematic areas are being discussed in the India-Chile CEPA negotiations? **17 thematic areas.**
- What is the cash prize awarded under the National Florence Nightingale Award? **₹1,00,000**
- What is the monthly financial assistance amount under the Mahila Samridhi Yojana? **₹2500**
- Which country hosted the 4th Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament 2025? **Thailand**
- Which Indian boxer won gold in the 90 kg category at the Thailand Open 2025? **Naman Tanwar**
- Vikram Sugumaran, who passed away recently at the age of 48, was associated with which regional cinema? **Tamil**
- Which command of the Indian Air Force will Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann serve as SASO? **Western Air Command**
- Which country is hosting the Indian National Defence College (NDC) delegation led by Major General Ajay Kumar Singh? **Morocco**
- Which two organisations jointly launched the 'Niveshak Shivir' to assist investors? **IEPFA and SEBI**
- Which Indian airline signed a partnership deal with Delta, Air France-KLM, and Virgin Atlantic in June 2025? **IndiGo**
- Which IIT has launched India's first academic Accelerated Pavement Testing Facility (APTF)? **IIT Kharagpur**
- Which Australian cricketer announced his retirement from ODI cricket in 2025? **Glenn Maxwell**
- Which employment opportunity for Indians was explored with Japan during the Maritime cooperation agreement between India & Japan? **Employment of Indian seafarers in Japan.**
- What naval exercise is held between India and Japan? **JIMEX (Japan-India Maritime Exercise).**
- What common threats do India and Paraguay jointly aim to combat? **Terrorism, cybercrime, drug trafficking, and organized crime.**
- Who is the most successful player in PKL history? **Pardeep Narwal.**
- Which team did Pardeep Narwal help win three consecutive PKL titles? **Patna Pirates.**

- **When will Annalena Baerbock begin her term as UNGA president? September.**
- **What is the duration of the UNGA president's term? One year.**
- **What is India's projected GDP growth rate for FY27 (2026-27) as per OECD? 6.4%**
- **What is the range of the Guardian-class patrol boat being gifted to the Maldives by Australia? 3,000 nautical miles**
- **Which UK-based airline has partnered with TCS to modernise its systems with AI solutions? Virgin Atlantic**
- **Where is the world's highest railway bridge, the Chenab Bridge, located, which is set to be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi? Jammu and Kashmir**
- **Who was elected as the new President of South Korea in June 2025? Lee Jae-myung**
- **Which team was the runner-up in IPL 2025? Punjab Kings (PBKS)**
- **Who received the Purple Cap in IPL 2025? Prasidh Krishna**
- **Who was awarded the Fair Play Award in IPL 2025? Chennai Super Kings**
- **Which international financial institution has announced a \$10 billion investment to transform urban infrastructure in India over the next five years? Asian Development Bank (ADB)**
- **Which three countries have emerged as the most balanced GCC ecosystems as per the BCG report? India, the United States, and Mexico.**
- **What gender-neutral term has JNU adopted for its Vice-Chancellor? Kulguru**
- **How many Param Vishisht Seva Medals were awarded during the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2025 (Phase-II)? 30**
- **Which country won the presidency of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) in 2025? India**
- **Which two wetlands in Rajasthan were recently added to the Ramsar list in 2025? Khichan and Menar**
- **For which term was India elected to the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)? 2026-2028 term.**
- **Which countries were elected alongside India from the Asia-Pacific region in the recent ECOSOC elections? China, Lebanon, and Turkmenistan**
- **Which states are covered by the Aravalli Green Wall Project? Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Delhi.**
- **Which country has announced plans to support Syria's electricity sector? Algeria.**
- **How much total investment is expected from Syria's new power deals? 7 billion US dollars.**
- **What is the value of the Czech Republic's nuclear deal with KHNP? \$18 billion.**
- **Where will the new nuclear reactors be built in the Czech Republic? Dukovany nuclear power plant.**
- **What is the capacity of each new nuclear reactor planned by KHNP? 1,000 megawatts.**
- **Where will the Rafale fuselage manufacturing facility be set up in India? Hyderabad.**
- **What was the value of the 2016 Rafale deal with France? Approximately €7.87 billion.**
- **How many Rafale-M jets will India procure for its Navy? 26 jets.**
- **By when are Rafale-M jet deliveries expected to be completed? By 2030.**
- **What key decisions were made by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its latest Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held on June 6, 2025? Reduced the repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.5%**
- **What recent decision did TCL India make regarding its brand ambassador? Renewed its partnership with Rohit Sharma for a second consecutive year.**
- **What recent developments have occurred in the bilateral relations between India and Kyrgyzstan? They elevated their relationship to a "strategic partnership" and implemented a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT).**
- **Which satellite internet company recently received a GMPCS license from India's Department of Telecommunications? Starlink**
- **How many countries were elected to the UN Security Council for the 2026-27 term? five countries**
- **What is the name of the space mission Shukla is part of? Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4)**
- **Which Indian cricketer recently announced retirement from all forms of cricket in 2024? Piyush Chawla**
- **Which state government signed an MoU with Nvidia to establish an AI University? Andhra Pradesh**
- **Which Navratna PSU signed an MoU with Tata Electronics for indigenous semiconductor solutions? Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**
- **Which company designed and constructed INS Arnala? Garden Reach Shipbuilders &**

Engineers (GRSE), in partnership with L&T Shipbuilders.

- How many ships are planned under the ASW-SWC class project? **A total of 16 ships.**
- What is the full form of UMEED in the context of the new portal? **Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development.**
- What was the Quiet Skies program? **A TSA surveillance program using undercover air marshals to monitor suspicious passengers on flights.**
- Why was the Quiet Skies program shut down? **It was shut down for costing \$200 million annually without preventing any terrorist attacks.**
- How many times has Magnus Carlsen won the Norway Chess tournament? **6 times.**
- What is the name of the organization that launched India's first pro basketball league? **The Basketball Federation of India (BFI) and ACG Sports Private Limited.**
- Who is set to receive a knighthood in the King's Birthday Honours list? **David Beckham.**
- Which organization partnered with MeitY to host the 5th stakeholder consultation on AI RAM in India? **UNESCO Regional Office for South Asia.**
- What is the primary aim of Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag? **To promote Indian languages and reduce foreign language influence in administration**
- Who is the President of South Korea who appointed Kim Yong-beom as policy chief? **Lee Jae-myung**
- Which two countries are participating in the 'Nomadic Elephant 2025' military exercise? **India and Mongolia**
- Who won the Women's Singles title at the French Open 2025? **Coco Gauff (USA)**
- How many gold medals did India win on Day 1 of the Taiwan Athletics Open 2025? **6 gold medals.**
- Who won the 6th Stepan Avagyan Memorial chess tournament? **Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram.**
- Who has been appointed interim MD & CEO of LIC in June 2025? **Sat Pal Bhanoo**
- Who won the men's singles title at the Indonesia Open 2025? **Anders Antonsen (Denmark)**
- Which country won the UEFA Nations League 2025? **Portugal**
- Which two organizations signed an MoU to deploy multilingual AI solutions in railway platforms? **Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and**

Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)

- Where did Finland open its new Honorary Consulate in India in 2024? **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**
- Who has been appointed as the Honorary Consul of Finland in Gujarat? **Kulin Lalbhai**
- From which High Court was Justice Sanjay Gowda transferred? **Karnataka High Court**
- Who has been appointed as the new manager of Inter Milan in June 2025? **Cristian Chivu**
- Where is India's first E-Waste Recycling Eco Park being established? **Holambi Kalan, North Delhi**
- Which UN conference served as the platform for launching the Blue NDC Challenge? **Third UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3)**
- What is the main objective of the IWEL-IWL merger? **To create a simpler and stronger business structure in clean energy.**
- IWEL is part of which larger group? **INOXGFL Group.**
- When will Sumit Madan's five-year term as MD & CEO of Axis Max Life end? **September 30, 2030**
- What is the name of the ordinance passed to regulate private school fees in Delhi? **Delhi School Education (Transparency in Fixation and Regulation of Fees) Ordinance, 2025.**
- From which date will the Delhi school fees ordinance be effective? **April 1, 2025.**
- What is the maximum fine for the first offence of overcharging by private schools in Delhi under Delhi School Education (Transparency in Fixation and Regulation of Fees) Ordinance, 2025? **Rs 5 lakh.**
- How many working days are private schools given to refund excess fees under Delhi School Education (Transparency in Fixation and Regulation of Fees) Ordinance, 2025? **20 working days.**
- When does the fine triple under the new Delhi school ordinance if refund is delayed? **After 40 days.**
- Which Indian Army regiment primarily represents India in KHAAN QUEST 2025? **Kumaon Regiment.**
- In which year did KHAAN QUEST become a multinational exercise? **2006.**
- Which PSU recently received the Tier-II Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) accreditation? **Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)**

- Despite a global slowdown, which country is expected to be the fastest-growing major economy in FY26? **India**
- Who recently addressed Swiss industry leaders at the Swissmem Industry Day, inviting them to invest in India's growth journey? **Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry**
- What is the name of the Maldives' tourism campaign Katrina Kaif will represent? **Sunny Side of Life**
- How many Coastal Research Vessels will GRSE build for the Geological Survey of India? **Two vessels**
- Which organization partnered with UNESCO to restore 50 World Heritage marine sites? **Plastic Odyssey**
- Where was PASSEX 2025 joint naval exercise conducted by India and the UK? **North Arabian Sea**
- Which UN agencies announced the first World Restoration Flagships of 2025? **UNEP and FAO.**
- Which document is now required for authentication while booking Tatkal tickets online? **Aadhaar**
- Which decommissioned naval ship is being transformed into India's first underwater museum? **INS Guldar**
- What is the name of the new India Post service launched to deliver educational books at affordable rates? **Gyan Post**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Hyundai-backed autonomous vehicle JV Motional? **Laura Major**
- What is the total prize fund announced for Wimbledon 2025? **\$73 million (53.5 million pounds)**
- Where is the Reko Diq project located? **Chagai district, Balochistan, Pakistan**
- Who opposed the international loan approval for Reko Diq? **India**
- What is India's rank in the Global Gender Gap Index 2025? **131st out of 148 countries.**
- Which country tops the Global Gender Gap Index 2025? **Iceland.**
- Who developed the Rudrastra UAV? **Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited.**
- What is Rudrastra's operational range? **Over 170 km.**
- What is the type of Rustam UAV? **MALE (Medium Altitude Long Endurance) UAV.**
- Who was the former Gujarat Chief Minister who died in an air crash near Ahmedabad? **Vijay Rupani.**
- Who was the first Gujarat CM to die in an air accident before Rupani? **Balwantraai Mehta in 1965.**
- What was the main objective of Operation Rising Lion? **To eliminate the Iranian nuclear threat.**
- Which river island was the location for the 'Jal Rahat' exercise? **Majuli**
- Which company signed an MoU with Maharashtra government for setting up a helicopter manufacturing unit? **Max Aerospace & Aviation Pvt. Ltd.**
- Who has received a six-month extension as MD & CEO of Yes Bank? **Prashant Kumar**
- What change does the West Bengal Minorities' Commission (Amendment) Bill 2025 introduce? **It increases the number of vice-chairpersons in the Commission from one to two.**
- How many total members are there in the Commission currently? **Eleven – including 1 chairperson, 1 vice-chairperson, 1 member secretary, and 9 members.**
- Who is the current vice-chairman of the Commission? **Michael Sen Culvert.**
- Which country carried out airstrikes in Iran that led to the appointment of new military chiefs? **Israel**
- Who won the ICC World Test Championship Final 2025? **South Africa**
- Which country recently joined BRICS as the 10th Partner Country in 2025? **Vietnam**
- Which Meta-owned platform was banned from sharing user data with other Meta apps by the CCI? **WhatsApp**
- Who was India's G20 Sherpa before Amitabh Kant? **Piyush Goyal**
- Which country's highest civilian honour was recently conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi? **Cyprus**
- Which company won the Food Planet Prize 2024 for green fertilizer innovation? **NitroCapt**
- Which team won the Vidarbha Pro T20 League 2025 title? **NECO Master Blaster**
- Which team won the women's Vidarbha Pro T20 League 2025 title? **Orange Tiggresses**
- Who won the 2025 Formula 1 Canadian Grand Prix? **George Russell**
- Which agreement is India and Cyprus planning to finalize for skilled workforce mobility? **Mobility Agreement**

- Who were the runners-up in UTT Season 6? **Jaipur Patriots**
- What is the full form of PM-WANI? **Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface**
- Who was Nellai Su. Muthu, who passed away recently? **ISRO scientist and Tamil science writer.**
- Which agency is conducting the Cyber Suraksha exercise? **Defence Cyber Agency under HQ IDS**
- What is the name of the campaign launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for tribal empowerment in June 2025? **Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan**
- Which two federations merged to form a unified global body for pickleball? **International Pickleball Federation (IPF) and World Pickleball Federation (WPF)**
- Where is the global headquarters of the new World Pickleball Federation located? **Lausanne, Switzerland**
- How many total medals did India win at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Munich? **Four (2 Gold, 2 Bronze)**
- Which Union Minister inaugurated the Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal at Manesar? **Ashwini Vaishnaw**
- What is the name of the first-ever international tennis ball cricket league? **Global Tennis Cricket League (GTCL60)**
- Which platform will TCS deploy for CEB's reconciliation automation? **TCS BaNCS for reconciliations**
- Which country hosted the ITF Women's Tennis Tournament won by Ankita Raina in 2025? **Portugal**
- Who was elected as the President of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)? **Bhupendra Yadav**
- Which university conferred its fifth honorary doctorate upon Dr. Thumbay Moideen? **University of Lublin, Poland**
- Which country did India sign 4 MoUs with in June 2025, including one for a Hindi Chair at Zagreb University? **Croatia**
- Which three institutions signed a tripartite MoU to promote inclusive education for persons with disabilities? **DEPwD, NIOS, and NCERT**
- Which European country did PM Modi visit for the first time in 2025, receiving a Sanskrit grammar reprint as a cultural gift? **Croatia**
- What was the title of the book gifted to PM Modi that focuses on Indo-Croatian diplomatic and business ties? **Croatia & India, Bilateral Navigator for Diplomats and Business**
- As per Maharashtra's revised policy, what is the default third language in schools from Class I to V? **Hindi**
- Which organization announced the Yuva Puraskar and Bal Sahitya Puraskar for 2025? **Sahitya Akademi**
- What is the title of the book by Advait Kottary that won the Yuva Puraskar? **Siddhartha: The Boy Who Became the Buddha**
- Which language had no Yuva Puraskar recipient in 2025? **Dogri**
- What is the name of Google's new cybersecurity facility in India? **Google Safety Engineering Centre India (GSEC India)**
- Which countries facilitated India's initial evacuation from Iran? **Iran and Armenia**
- How many teams will participate in the FIH Men's Junior World Cup 2025? **24 teams**
- What is ICRA's GDP growth forecast for India in FY26? **6.2%**
- Which company recently acquired the full stake in Jio Payments Bank from SBI? **Jio Financial Services Limited (JFSL)**
- What was Neeraj Chopra's winning throw distance at the Paris Diamond League 2025? **88.16 meters**
- Who is the Founder and Managing Trustee of The Infravision Foundation? **Vinayak Chatterjee**
- What position did IPPB secure among Payments Banks in the Performance Index for FY 2024-25? **1st Position**
- What is the tenure of the PFRDA Chairperson as per the latest appointment? **Five years or until the age of 65, whichever is earlier**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director of IIT Kharagpur in June 2025? **Professor Suman Chakraborty**
- Who won the gold medal in the 63 Kg Greco-Roman category in the U-23 Senior Asian Wrestling Championship 2025? **Sumit**
- Which Indian animated film won the Jury Award at Annecy International Animation Festival 2025? **Desi Oon**
- Which ministry launched the Gender Budgeting Knowledge Hub in June 2025? **Ministry of Women and Child Development**
- Which two countries are participating in Exercise SHAKTI-VIII? **India and France**
- Which former AIFF Vice President recently passed away? **Atuo Mezhür**

- What are the dates for the 2025 World Games? **August 7 to 17, 2025**
- What does 'Zhuguang' literally translate to in English? **Bamboo light**
- What title was Maruti Chitampalli affectionately known by? **Aranya Rishi**
- Which encyclopedia did Padma Shri Awardee Environmentalist Maruti Chitampalli write on animals? **Pashukosha – Encyclopedia of Animals.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh? **Asad Alam Siam**
- Which company is G. Sampath Kumar the first Indian to lead as Managing Director? **Nippon Koei India (NKI)**
- What is the length of Honda's experimental reusable rocket? **6.3 metres**
- Where is the railway factory located that built the locomotive for export to Guinea? **Marhowrah, Bihar**
- Which Indian institute is ranked highest in the QS World University Rankings 2026? **IIT Delhi**
- Which Indian institute is ranked 129th in the QS World University Rankings 2026? **IIT Bombay**
- Which medical institution is collaborating with MoTA for the sickle cell drug competition? **AIIMS Delhi**
- Who won the women's singles title at the ITF J200 Gladbeck tournament in Germany? **Maaya Rajeshwaran**
- Which team won the NBA Finals 2025? **Oklahoma City Thunder**
- Who won the men's singles title at the Queen's Club ATP 500 tournament in June 2025? **Carlos Alcaraz**
- Which Indian company recently secured a ₹137 crore defence contract for UAVs? **ideaForge Technology**
- What type of UAVs is ideaForge supplying to the Indian Army? **Hybrid mini unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) systems**
- What is the name of the loitering munition system ordered by the Indian Army? **NAGASTRA-1R**
- What is the main goal of the MoU between Hanwha Systems and Northrop Grumman? **To jointly advance integrated air defence systems and explore new business opportunities in Korea.**
- Which country's army is currently deploying the IBCS system? **The United States Army.**
- What economic impact could result from the Strait's closure? **Sharp spikes in oil prices, global inflation, and energy supply disruptions.**
- Why is the Strait of Hormuz considered a global chokepoint? **It is the only maritime route from Persian Gulf oil producers to the open ocean.**
- Who did Kirsty Coventry succeed as IOC President? **Thomas Bach**
- Which country does Kirsty Coventry belong to? **Zimbabwe**
- Which Indian university recently signed 8 new MoUs with Japanese universities to promote academic collaboration? **O.P. Jindal Global University**
- As per S&P Global Ratings, what is India's revised GDP growth forecast for FY26? **6.5%**
- Which Indian para powerlifter won gold in the Masters category at the 2025 Para Powerlifting World Cup? **Joby Mathew**
- What does NAVYA stand for? **Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls.**
- Under which central scheme did Tripura achieve full functional literacy? **ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram**
- Who is the Indian-origin professor awarded the 2025 Gödel Prize? **Eshan Chattopadhyay**
- How much disbursement has the IMF approved for Bangladesh in June 2025 under its loan programme? **\$1.3 billion**
- What is the total in-principle approval amount granted to Gujarat for the Amended BharatNet Program? **₹5631 crore**
- IIM Mumbai signed an MoU with which organization to work jointly on financial market research and live projects? **CDSL**
- Which organization publishes the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index? **UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)**
- Which AI company under the Ola Group recently acquired BharatSah AI'yak? **Krutrim**
- What is the new auto-claim settlement limit set by EPFO for advance PF withdrawals? **₹5 lakh**
- What is the name of India's largest-ever tribal empowerment campaign launched in June 2025? **Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan (DAJA)**

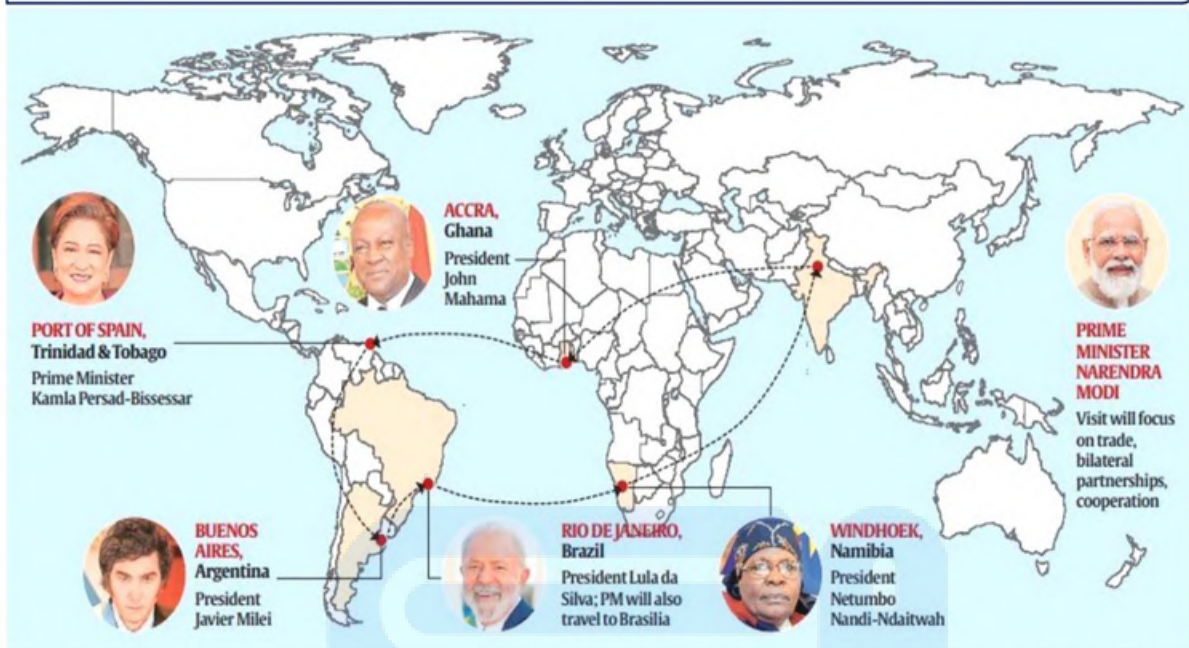
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- Gujarat Launches Jan Suraksha Santrupty Abhiyan to Expand Welfare Reach
- India, UAE Forge Strategic Partnership in Green Steel & Aluminium Sector
- Pakistan Assumes UN Security Council Presidency for July 2025
- Kesavan Ramachandran Appointed as RBI's New Executive Director
- India Commissions Second Project 17A Stealth Frigate in Record Time
- INS Tamal Commissioned in Kaliningrad
- Renowned Hypnotist Dr. BV Pattabhiram Passes Away at 75
- India's First Wooden Gurdwara Opens in Fazilka, Symbol of Devotion and Design
- QUAD Launches First-Ever At Sea Observer Mission to Boost Maritime Security
- First-ever Khelo India Water Sports to be held in Srinagar's Dal Lake
- Australian govt confirms \$2.2 billion funding for 2032 Brisbane Games
- Pakistan Becomes President of the UN Security Council in July 2025
- Russia Becomes First Country to Officially Recognise Taliban Government
- Air Marshal S. Sivakumar Takes Charge as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration
- Sunil Kadam Appointed as SEBI Executive Director
- Nvidia on Track to Become the World's Most Valuable Company in History
- SAIL Opens First Overseas Office in Dubai to Strengthen Global Presence
- Ancient Egyptian Genome Sequenced for the First Time
- Puducherry Becomes First State to Integrate TB Screening in Family Adoption Programme
- Ghana launches climate-resilient wheat initiative with India
- PM Modi receives Ghana's national honour
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launches Jan Suraksha Santrupty Abhiyan
- Renowned hypnotist BV Pattabhiram dies at 75
- Union Minister C.R. Patil Launches C-FLOOD, India's First Unified Flood Forecasting Platform
- NIPCCD Renamed to Honour Savitribai Phule, Focuses on Regional Capacity Building
- Indore Launches India's First QR-Based Digital House Address System
- RBI Bans Prepayment Penalty on Floating Rate Loans for MSEs from 2026
- Slice Launches India's First UPI-Powered Bank Branch in Bengaluru
- Jio Becomes World's Largest Fixed Wireless Access Provider
- India's first transgender clinic reopens in Hyderabad
- Microsoft Shuts Down Pakistan Office After 25 Years
- India and Trinidad & Tobago Sign Six New Agreements to Boost Ties
- PM Modi Receives Trinidad and Tobago's Highest Civilian Award
- S.R.N. Mehta School Wins Top Prize in NASA Contest
- Sub Lt Aastha Poonia Becomes First Woman Navy Fighter Pilot Trainee
- Gukesh Wins Rapid Chess Title in Zagreb
- Ananth Tech to Start India's First Private Satellite Internet
- Julian McMahon, Star of 'Fantastic Four', Dies at 56
- Sukanya Sonowal: Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador
- Elon Musk announces new political party "America Party"
- Asian Para Archery Championships 2025: India finishes with 9 Medals
- World Bank ranks India 4th among the world's Most Equal Societies
- Colombia and Uzbekistan join NDB ahead of 17th BRICS Summit
- Trinidad & Tobago Joins UPI Network for Indian Travelers
- Hardeep Singh Brar Named CEO of BMW India
- Veteran Archaeologist Vedachalam Wins Tamil Wikki Suran Award
- Govt Partners with Sri Aurobindo Society to Support Inclusive Education
- V.S. Ravi Launches Book on Shakespeare in Hyderabad
- Magnus Carlsen Wins SuperUnited Chess 2025
- Nigeria Football Legend Peter Rufai Passes Away at 61

- Himachal Becomes First State to Use Face ID for Ration
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- Mauna Loa Climate Station Faces Shutdown After 65 Years
- ₹10,000 Notes Worth ₹6,099 Crore Still in Use: RBI
- IndiGo Names Amitabh Kant as Non-Executive Director
- Sahil Kini Named New CEO of RBI Innovation Hub
- ICC Appoints Sanjog Gupta as Chief Executive Officer
- Eternal Appoints Aditya Mangla as Food Delivery CEO
- Lando Norris Wins Rainy British Grand Prix
- India Wins 11 Medals at World Boxing Cup 2025
- PM Modi conferred with Namibia's highest civilian award
- India, Namibia sign 4 MoUs to deepen economic partnership
- India, Brazil sign six key pacts with focus on terror, trade, and tech
- Indian Navy inducts 'Nistar', first indigenous diving support vessel
- Delhi Launches 'Saheli Card' for Free Bus Travel
- Sarankumar Limbale Wins Chintha Raveendran Award 2025
- Switzerland Clears First Malaria Medicine for Small Babies
- Bulgaria Approved to Join Eurozone in 2026
- Kasaragod Wins Kerala Fisheries Excellence Award 2025
- Punjab Launches Mukhya Mantri Sehat Yojana
- Bihar Approves 35% Women's Reservation for Domicile Holders
- Apple Appoints Sabih Khan as Chief Operating Officer
- ISRO Conducts Successful Gaganyaan Propulsion Tests
- India Successfully Completes ERASR Anti-Submarine Rocket Trials
- Charupara Ravi, RJD State Vice-President Dies at 77
- Bismillah Jan Shinwari, Afghan Cricket Umpire Dies at 41
- Vatsala, Asia's Oldest Elephant Dies at 100
- Prajakta Koli Becomes First Indian on TIME100 Creators List 2025
- UK to Invest €163M in Bharti-Backed Eutelsat, Take 10.89% Stake
- 'Maratha Military Landscapes' inscribed on UNESCO World Heritage List
- Kota Srinivasa Rao, Telugu film icon and ex-Andhra MLA dies at 83
- IAF & DRDO, successfully test-fire BVRAAM Astra Missile in Odisha
- Italy qualifies for 2026 T20 World Cup for first time
- 'Hem Bahadur Malla Award' conferred on former Chief Justice Shrestha
- Indian Army launches 'Operation SHIVA'
- Curtis Campher: 1st Male Cricketer to take 5 Wickets on 5 Balls
- Uttarakhand to launch 'Operation Kalanemi' against fake saints
- Centre Appoints Dr Abhijat Sheth as New NMC Chief
- Sonali Mishra Becomes First Woman to Lead RPF
- President Droupadi Murmu on July 14, 2025, appointed Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh as Governor of Haryana, Puspapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju as Governor of Goa, and Kavinder Gupta as the new Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh.
- Veteran Actor Kota Srinivasa Rao Passes Away at 83
- Legendary Actress B. Saroja Devi Passes Away at 87
- Former Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari Dies at 82
- The Maratha Military Landscapes of India — made up of 12 forts in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu — were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List on July 11, 2025, during a session in Paris.
- Arthunkal Police Station Becomes India's First ISO-Certified Station
- Gingee Fort Named UNESCO World Heritage Site
- RBI Fines HDFC Bank and Shriram Finance for Breaking Rules
- Varsha Deshpande Wins 2025 UN Population Award
- Abhijit Kishore Reappointed COAI Chairperson for 2025-26
- DRDO, IAF Successfully Test Astra Missile from Su-30 MKI
- Italy and Netherlands Qualify for ICC T20 World Cup 2026
- Harikrishnan A Becomes India's 87th Grandmaster
- NESTS and UNICEF Start TALASH for Tribal Youth Development
- Priya Nair to Take Over as CEO and MD of HUL
- India to Host Shooting World Cup in 2027 and Junior Worlds in 2028
- India Drops to 133rd in FIFA Rankings, Worst Since 2016
- Veteran Leader N. Tippanna Passes Away at 97

- India's First Digital Nomad Village Opens in Sikkim
- ACKO Becomes Tesla's Insurance Partner in India
- R Doraiswamy Appointed LIC MD and CEO Till 2028
- Raghavendra S Bhat Named Interim CEO of Karnataka Bank
- Hemant Rupani Named New CEO of Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages
- Sudanese-Scottish Author Leila Aboulela Wins 2025 PEN Pinter Prize
- India-Greece Conduct PASSEX to Boost Naval Cooperation
- World's Oldest Marathon Runner Fauja Singh Dies at 114
- Veteran actor Dheeraj Kumar passes away at age of 79
- India Joins Australia's Talisman Sabre Military Exercise for 1st Time
- IPS officer Sonali Mishra, set to become the first woman to head RPF
- Dharmendra Pradhan gets Kalinga Ratna Award from President Murmu
- Cabinet approves PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana for 100 districts
- Maharashtra Grants Agricultural Status to Livestock and Poultry Farming
- Yuliia Svyrydenko Appointed as New Prime Minister of Ukraine
- EximPe Gets RBI Approval for Cross-Border Payment Aggregator License
- Ahmedabad Declared Cleanest City In Swachh Survekshan 2024-25
- India Acquires GE-F404 Engine to Power Fighter Planes
- Indian Army Successfully Tests Akash Prime Air Defence System at 15,000 ft in Ladakh
- Zepto's Founders Top In Hurun India U30 List 2025
- Andre Russell Announces Retirement from International Cricket
- Deepika Sehrawat Wins Prestigious Poligras Magic Skill Award
- UP to draft rules limiting police visits to disputed properties: HC
- UN Mandela Prize 2025 Honours Brenda Reynolds & Kennedy Odede
- INCOIS Receives National Geospatial Practitioner Award 2025
- India's Successful Test of Prithvi-II and Agni-I Ballistic Missiles
- Indian Navy Set To Participate in SIMBEX 2025
- Felix Baumgartner Record-Breaking Daredevil Dies in Paragliding Crash
- NATO members agree to spend 5% of their GDPs on defence & security
- Neeraj Chopra wins Ostrava Golden Spike Javelin title
- India, South Africa sign pacts on submarine cooperation
- CBSE Introduces Biannual Board Exams for Class 10 from 2026-27
- India's First Butterfly Sanctuary Inaugurated in Kerala's Aralam Forest
- Tata Group Becomes India's First \$30-Billion Brand: Brand Finance 2025
- IFFCO Sets Up First Overseas Nano Fertiliser Plant in Brazil
- Rinku Singh to Join UP Education Department Under Sports Quota Scheme
- Centre Launches 'Adi Karmyogi' to Train Officials for Better Tribal Scheme Execution
- JioBlackRock Broking Gets SEBI Nod to Launch Brokerage Operations
- IRDAI Fines Edelweiss Life ₹1 Crore for Corporate Governance Violations
- India Flags Off First Export of Rose-Scented Litchi from Pathankot to Qatar
- Amitabh Kant Joins Fairfax as Senior Adviser After G20 Sherpa Role
- Praggnanandhaa Wins UzChess Cup, Becomes India's Top-Ranked Chess Player
- Shefali Jariwala, 'Kaanta Laga' Fame Actress, Dies at 42 in Mumbai
- Shubhanshu Shukla becomes 1st Indian to set foot on ISS
- Bihar is set to host its first nuclear power plant, making it one of the first six states to benefit from the Government of India's National Nuclear Energy Mission.
- MP Government Makes E-Attendance Mandatory for School Teachers from July 1
- Iran Suspends Cooperation with IAEA Amid Fallout from US-Israel Conflict
- Sonowal Unveils Sagarmala Finance Corporation to Boost Maritime Financing
- Zou Jiayi Appointed as New AIIB President, Succeeds Jin Liqun
- UGRO Capital Appoints Anuj Pandey as CEO
- Shikhar Dhawan's Memoir "The One" Reveals the Man Behind the Bat
- India Bans Jute Imports from Bangladesh via Land and Sea Ports

PM Modi's Five-Nation Visit (July 2–9, 2025) Summarised



1. Ghana (July 2–3)

- ✓ Historic first visit to Ghana.
- ✓ Delivered a speech in Ghana's Parliament, strengthening India–Ghana diplomatic ties through political and cultural engagement.
- ✓ Focus pursued on defence collaboration, counter-terrorism cooperation, and mineral resource alignment, particularly rare-earth minerals—critical for strategic industries.

- ✓ Discussed potential for collaboration in defence equipment and pharmaceuticals.

2. Trinidad & Tobago (July 3–4)

- ✓ Marked first-ever PM visit to Trinidad & Tobago, addressing its Parliament.
- ✓ Prioritized cooperation in energy and hydrocarbons, reflecting both countries' shared interests.
- ✓ Strengthened diaspora connections, as the islands have a large Indian-origin community, raising people-to-people ties.

4. Brazil & BRICS Summit (July 5–7)

- ✓ Attended BRICS Summit in Brazil, reinforcing India's role in the group.
- ✓ Signed multiple agreements spanning
- ✓ Energy, Climate action, Digital economy, Trade facilitation.
- ✓ Strengthened South-South cooperation, with coordinated statements on global governance, counter-terrorism, and technological partnerships.

3. Argentina (July 4–5)

- ✓ Bilateral meetings emphasized partnerships in agriculture, food processing, and biofuels.
- ✓ Explored science and technology cooperation, aiming to bolster R&D linkages.

5. Namibia (July 7–9)

- ✓ Addressed Namibia's Parliament—first such address by an Indian PM.
- ✓ Cemented ties in mineral mining, particularly uranium, vital for India's nuclear energy.
- ✓ Promised collaboration in healthcare (e.g., telemedicine) and education, expanding development cooperation.

Key Agreements & Focus Areas

Country	Focus Areas	Agreements/Initiatives
Ghana	Defence; rare-earth minerals; counter-terrorism	MoU on defence training; mineral survey cooperation
Trinidad & Tobago	Energy; diaspora engagement	Energy-sector cooperation; cultural exchange initiatives
Argentina	Agriculture; biofuels; tech R&D	Agreements in agricultural tech; joint research protocols
Brazil (BRICS)	Strategic industries; digital economy	BRICS statement on climate finance; AI governance; trade facilitation deals
Namibia	Mining; health; education	Collaboration in uranium mining; telemedicine MoUs; scholarships and training programs

International Civilian Honours

Country	Honour	Significance
Ghana	Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana	Received on July 2; recognized for distinguished statesmanship and global leadership
Trinidad & Tobago	Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (ORTT)	First foreign leader to receive it; honored for diplomatic engagement and ties to the diaspora
Brazil	Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross	Brazil's highest civilian honour, marking his 26th global award
Namibia	Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis	Namibia's highest civilian award; Modi became the first Indian PM to receive it (27th global honour)

Strategic Objectives & Insights

- ✓ **First-Time Visits:** Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, and Namibia are all receiving their first-ever visits by an Indian PM, highlighting India's expansion in diplomacy.
- ✓ **Geographic Reach:** Tour covered Africa, Caribbean, and Latin America, underscoring outreach across continents.
- ✓ **Sectoral Focus:** Key themes—defence, energy, minerals, health, education, digital technology, and climate finance—displayed.
- ✓ **BRICS Leadership:** Reinforced India's role in BRICS, coordinating statements on climate finance and AI governance, continuing South-South diplomacy.
- ✓ **India's Economic Interests:** Partnerships aim to secure critical resources—rare-earths, minerals, and uranium—aligned with India's strategic demand.



India's Global Push: Diplomacy, Defence, and Development Partnerships

- ✓ **Diplomacy & Foreign Policy:** Demonstrates India's pivot toward Global South engagement, showcasing improved ties with developing countries.
- ✓ **Defence Diplomacy:** MoUs in military cooperation underscore expanding strategic outreach.
- ✓ **Resource Security:** Engagements in mining reflect India's long-term goal of securing critical minerals.
- ✓ **Multilateralism:** Active participation in BRICS, with multilateral statements boosting India's global voice.
- ✓ **Diaspora Diplomacy:** Highlighted in Trinidad, showcasing India's cultural and people-centered foreign policy.

- ✓ Health and Education: Emphasizes India's role in capacity building through soft power outreach and scholarships.

1. Ghana

- Capital: Accra
- Currency: Ghanaian Cedi (GHS)
- Current President: John Dramani Mahama
- Largest River: Volta River
- Famous For: Ghana is known for its rich cultural heritage, gold reserves, cocoa production, and emerging oil industry. It also has strong democratic institutions in West Africa.
- Bordering Countries: Côte d'Ivoire to the west, Burkina Faso to the north, and Togo to the east.
- Main Imports/Exports:
- Exports: Gold, cocoa beans, timber, oil
- Imports: Petroleum products, machinery, electronics, foodstuffs

2. Trinidad and Tobago

- Capital: Port of Spain
- Currency: Trinidad and Tobago Dollar (TTD)
- Current Leadership: President Christine Kangaloo; Prime Minister Keith Rowley
- Largest River: As an island nation, it has no major river systems of global significance.
- Famous For: Renowned for its petroleum and natural gas resources, vibrant multicultural society, and carnival celebrations. It has a significant Indian diaspora.
- Bordering Countries: It is an island country in the Caribbean with no land borders.
- Main Imports/Exports:
- Exports: Petroleum, liquefied natural gas (LNG), ammonia, methanol, iron and steel
- Imports: Machinery, food, construction materials, chemicals

3. Argentina

- Capital: Buenos Aires
- Currency: Argentine Peso (ARS)
- Current President: Javier Milei
- Largest River: Paraná River
- Famous For: Known for beef production, wine, football culture, tango music and dance, and natural wonders like Patagonia and Iguazu Falls.

- Bordering Countries: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Uruguay, and the South Atlantic Ocean
- Main Imports/Exports:
- Exports: Soybeans, corn, wheat, beef, sunflower oil
- Imports: Industrial machinery, transport equipment, electronics, chemicals

4. Brazil

- Capital: Brasília
- Currency: Brazilian Real (BRL)
- Current President: Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
- Largest River: Amazon River (world's largest by volume)
- Famous For: Brazil is globally recognized for the Amazon rainforest, coffee production, football legacy, and Carnival festival. It is also a major agricultural and mining powerhouse.
- Bordering Countries: Shares borders with every South American country except Chile and Ecuador.
- Main Imports/Exports:
- Exports: Soybeans, iron ore, crude oil, sugar, coffee, beef
- Imports: Electrical equipment, machinery, fuel, automobiles

5. Namibia

- Capital: Windhoek
- Currency: Namibian Dollar (NAD), pegged 1:1 to South African Rand (ZAR)
- Current President: Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah (first female president of Namibia)
- Largest River: Namibia has mostly dry riverbeds; the Zambezi and Kunene rivers are seasonally significant
- Famous For: Namibia is known for its uranium and diamond mining, stunning desert landscapes (like the Namib Desert), and diverse wildlife.
- Bordering Countries: Angola to the north, Zambia to the northeast, Botswana to the east, South Africa to the south, and the Atlantic Ocean to the west.
- Main Imports/Exports:
- Exports: Uranium, diamonds, copper, fish, zinc
- Imports: Petroleum products, vehicles, machinery, foodstuffs, electricity

Infographics

Italy Is the Country With the Most World Heritage Sites

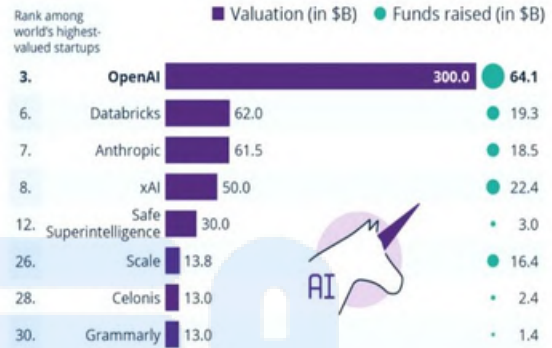
Countries with the highest number of UNESCO World Heritage sites



As of Jul. 16, 2025
Source: UNESCO

AI Unicorns Among World's Highest-Valued Startups

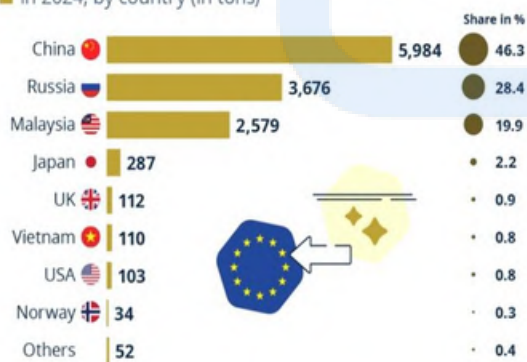
Highest-valued AI startups as of July 2025



Source: CB Insights

The EU Depends on China and Russia for Rare Earths

Imports of rare earths into the European Union in 2024, by country (in tons)



Source: Eurostat

China Fills U.S. Exports Gap with ASEAN, EU & Africa

Chinese exports to the following countries/groups of nations in H1 2025 (in billion U.S. dollars)



Source: General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China

Europe Is the World's Tourism Hotspot

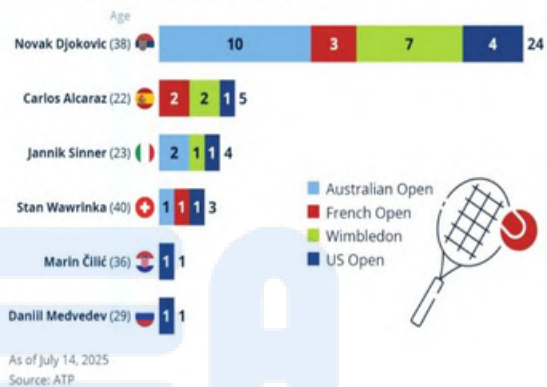
Countries with the highest number of international tourist arrivals in 2024



* UK figure is from 2023
Source: UNWTO

Sinner & Alcaraz Lead the Next Generation in Tennis

Number of Grand Slam singles titles won by active male tennis players



Where Millionaire Populations Are Growing

Countries with the highest growth in the number of millionaires between 2014 and 2024 (in percent)



Millionaires defined as individuals with \$1M or more in investable wealth
Source: Henley & Partners

The World's Largest Oil Producers

Production of petroleum and other liquids in 2024 (in million barrels per day)*



* Includes crude oil (incl. lease condensate), natural gas plant liquids and other liquids
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



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