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Important Personalities

- Who has been appointed as the Chief of Public Policy and Corporate Affairs for Essar Group? **Manu Kapoor**
- Who took over as the captain of the UAE men's ODI cricket team from Muhammad Waseem? **Rahul Chopra.**
- Who has been reappointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Axis Bank for a three-year term starting January 1, 2025? **Amitabh Chaudhry**
- Who has been appointed as the Head Coach of India's Senior Men's Cricket Team for the South Africa tour? **VVS Laxman.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of Bharti Airtel ? **Shashwat Sharma**
- Who has been sworn in as Kenya's new deputy president? **Kindiki Kithure**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of India Yamaha Motor? **Itaru Otani**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO and Managing Director of MCX? **Praveena Rai.**
- When did Praveena Rai officially take charge as CEO of MCX? **On October 31, 2024.**
- Who did Praveena Rai succeed as CEO of MCX? **P S Reddy.**
- Who has been appointed as the captain of Sydney Thunder for the KFC Big Bash League 2023-24? **David Warner**
- Who has been appointed by President-elect Donald Trump as his White House Chief of Staff? **Susie Wiles.**
- Who has been appointed as the Interim Chief Executive Officer of Embassy Office Parks REIT? **Ritwik Bhattacharjee.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Israeli Ambassador to the United States? **Yechiel Leiter.**
- Who was sworn in as the 51st Chief Justice of India? **Justice Sanjiv Khanna.**
- Which former Australian senator was appointed as the inaugural Anti-Slavery Commissioner? **Chris Evans.**
- Which Indian minister will co-chair the 25th session of the Russian-Indian Intergovernmental Commission with Denis Manturov? **S. Jaishankar**
- Who has been nominated by President-elect Donald Trump as the Attorney General in his 2024 administration? **Matt Gaetz**
- Who has been sworn in as Haiti's new Prime Minister? **Alix Didier Fils-Aimé**
- What is the new tenure date for Vikram Misri as India's Foreign Secretary? **July 14, 2026**
- Who has been re-elected as Japan's Prime Minister in 2024? **Shigeru Ishiba**
- Who has been appointed as Thailand's Brand Ambassador and Honorary Tourism Advisor? **Sonu Sood**
- Who was recently sworn in as the President of Fiji? **Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu**
- Who has been nominated by President-elect Donald Trump to lead the new Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)? **Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy**
- Who has been appointed as the head of the UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)? **Major General Ramon Guardado Sanchez**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Hyundai Motor? **Jose Munoz**
- Sharda Sinha was renowned for singing in which regional language of India? **Maithili**

NOV

World Vegan Day



IMPORTANCE

To commemorate the establishment of UK Vegan Society in 1944 and also highlight the terms "vegan" and "veganism".

MOTTO

To highlight the importance of animal rights.

WHO ARE VEGANS?

- Nowadays, Veganism is becoming popular.
- The Vegan term is coined in 1944.
- Vegan people choose not to consume dairy products including eggs and other products of animal origin.
- Also like vegetarians they don't eat meat.

CAMPAIGN

Live Vegan for Less

Inception: 1994

By: Louise Wallis

- Who was promoted to Vice Chairman of Hyundai Motor Group following the CEO reshuffle? **Chang Jae-hoon**
- Who has been appointed as the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) by U.S. President-elect Donald Trump? **Tulsi Gabbard**
- Who was appointed as the working president of SAD by Sukhbir Singh Badal? **Balwinder Singh Bhunder**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the International Jury for IFFI 2024? **Ashutosh Gowariker**
- Who has been appointed as the Mentor of Women's Cricket Operations by the Andhra Cricket Association? **Mithali Raj**
- Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of WeWork India in 2024? **Karan Virwani**
- Who has been appointed as the new Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India? **K Sanjay Murthy**
- Who was recently appointed as the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Cambodia? **Prak Sokhonn**
- Who is the great-aunt of Emperor Naruhito, died recently? **Princess Yuriko**
- Who co-chaired the 22nd India-Russia Working Group meeting on Military Technical Cooperation? **Sanjeev Kumar (India) and A. Boytsov (Russia).**
- Who assumed charge as Sri Lanka's Defence Minister? **President Anura Kumara Dissanayake.**
- Who has been appointed as the 51st Chief Justice of India, effective from 11th November 2023? **Justice Sanjiv Khanna**
- Name the Former Moroccan Footballer, who passed away recently? **Abdelaziz Barrada**
- Name the petitioner in the landmark 'Right to Privacy' case in India, who passed away recently? **Justice K S Puttaswamy**
- What was Bibek Debroy's position at the time of his passing? **Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council.**
- Who passed away at the age of 96 in Mumbai, known for his contributions to the sarangi and Indian classical music? **Pandit Ram Narayan.**
- Name the former MP from Chittorgarh and member of the Mewar royal family, who passed away recently? **Mahendra Singh Mewar**
- Who was the third woman minister of Kerala and a prominent Congress leader who passed away at the age of 81? **M T Padma**

05 NOV

World Tsunami Day



IMPORTANCE

To mark the adoption of the Sendai Framework by UN in 2015 after the Hyogo Framework, which emphasises the reduction of risk a key factor if the world is to achieve substantial reductions in disaster mortality.

MOTTO

To raise tsunami awareness and share innovative approaches to risk reduction.

WHAT IS TSUNAMI?

- The term 'Tsunami' is a Japanese term which means "harbour wave".
- A tsunami is a series of giant waves caused by earthquakes or undersea volcanic eruptions and underwater landslides.

NOTE

World Tsunami Awareness Day was the brain child of Japan. The date for the annual celebration was chosen in honour of the Japanese story of "Inamura-no-hi", meaning the "burning of the rice sheaves".

Inception: 2015

Edition: 10th

07 NOV

Infant Protection Day



IMPORTANCE

Infant Protection Day tended to the medical fraternity and the pediatric society, the significance of newborn child care.

MOTTO

To spread awareness about the safety of infants and protect their lives by taking proper care of infants.

Govt. Schemes related to Infants

- Maintenance of Orphan and Destitute Girls
- Foster Care Services Scheme
- Special Nutrition Programme
- Family and Child Welfare Project
- Integrated Development Services Scheme

NOTE

In India, the infant mortality rate is higher as compared to other countries due to the lack of health care.

National & International News

- Which Assembly recently passed a resolution seeking the restoration of its special status? **The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly.**
- What year did the Government of India implement the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme to ensure equal pension payments for retired military personnel? **2014**
- Which city will unveil its first digital population clock at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC)? **Bengaluru**
- Which central security force is set to establish the first all-women battalion in India? **CISF**
- Which state government launched a free ultrasound scheme for pregnant women? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which organization imposed a ₹213.14 crore fine on Meta over WhatsApp's 2021 privacy policy update? **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**
- Which mineral has NITI Aayog recommended to include in the critical minerals list to boost domestic production and reduce import dependency? **Coking coal**
- As per New Guidelines, at what age do central government pensioners become eligible for the additional compassionate allowance? **80 years old**
- What percentage of the basic pension do pensioners receive as compassionate allowance from ages 80 to 85? **20%**
- Which two other central bankers were ranked alongside Shaktikanta Das with an 'A+' rating? **Christian Kettel Thomsen (Denmark) and Thomas Jordan (Switzerland)**
- Where is India opening its first Consulate General in Spain? **Barcelona**
- Where will Greece establish new consulates in India? **Mumbai and Bengaluru**
- How many diplomatic offices does Greece currently have in India? **3 offices—an Embassy in New Delhi and consulates in Chennai and Kolkata.**
- What role will Greece assume in the UN Security Council? **A non-permanent member for the 2025-2026 term.**
- Who has been declared Botswana's sixth president? **Duma Boko of the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC).**
- What is the minimum number of seats required for a party to win in Botswana's National Assembly? **At least 31 seats.**
- What is the purpose of the IMF funds for Kenya? **To**

rebuild fiscal and external buffers and enhance resilience to climate shocks.

- What change has Canada made to its tourist visa policy? **Canada has ended the routine issuance of 10-year multiple-entry visas.**
- Why did Canada amend its tourist visa policy? **To manage immigration levels, address housing shortages, and control the cost of living.**
- What did the previous policy for Canadian tourist visas include? **The previous policy issued multiple-entry visas by default, lasting up to 10 years.**
- Where is the 29th UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) being held? **Baku, Azerbaijan.**
- What is the projected year for the launch of the world's first electric air taxi service in Dubai? **2026.**
- Who organized ICQCC-2024? **Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Quality and Productivity (SLAAQP).**
- Which country will hold the G20 presidency after Brazil? **South Africa**

NOV

National Cancer Awareness Day



IMPORTANCE

To mark the birth anniversary of Nobel Laureate Marie Curie (In 1867), who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity.

MOTTO

To generate awareness about early detection and avoid leading cancer causing lifestyles.

Awards

- Nobel Prize in Physics (1903) •
- Davy Medal (1903) •
- Matteucci Medal (1904) •
- Actonian Prize (1907) •
- Elliott Cresson Medal (1909) •
- Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1911) •
- Franklin Medal of the American Philosophical Society (1921)

MARIE CURIE

(7 Nov 1867 - 4 Jul 1934)

Country: Poland

Discovered: Radium, Polonium

Inception: 2014
Edition: 11th

- Where was the trilateral meeting of South Korea, the US, and Japan held? **On the sidelines of the APEC summit in Lima, Peru.**
- Where was the world's largest coral, Pavona clavus, discovered? **Three Sisters island group, Solomon Islands.**
- At which G20 Summit was the Rio de Janeiro Declaration adopted? **19th Summit**
- Where is the 3rd Global Freight Summit 2024 being held? **Dubai**
- Which global travel exhibition did India participate in to promote its MICE capabilities in 2024? **IBTM Barcelona 2024**
- What is the theme of IBTM Barcelona 2024, where India participated? **People, Power, and Potential**
- Which country recently celebrated 50 years of science and technology cooperation with India? **German**
- Which pilgrimage's resumption was discussed during the India-China meeting at the G20 Summit? **Kailash Mansarovar Yatra**
- Under which multilateral frameworks did Dr. Jaishankar highlight India-China cooperation? **G20, SCO, and BRICS**
- Who handed over the G20 presidency to South Africa at the 19th G20 Summit? **Brazil's President Lula Da Silva**
- Which two countries agreed to cooperate on the critical minerals sector and security issues during a meeting at the G20 summit in Brazil? **South Korea and South Africa**
- Which Western Balkan country recently joined the Single Euro Payment Area (SEPA)? **Albania**
- Which country recently became the 104th full member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)? **Armenia**

09 NOV

Uttarakhand Foundation Day



IMPORTANCE

To mark the establishment of Uttarakhand state which is formed by the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000.

NOTE

It was formed on 9 November, 2000 by joining several districts from the Northwestern part of Uttar Pradesh and a portion of the Himalayan Mountain range. In 2007, the name of the state was formally altered from Uttaranchal to Uttarakhand.

FACTS ASSOCIATED

- Tungnath is the highest Lord Shiva temple in the World.
 - Nanda Devi (Altitude 7816 mtr.) is the highest peak of Uttarakhand which is 2nd highest in India.
 - Jim Corbett National park is oldest national park of India (Estb. 1936 for protection of tigers).
 - Tehri Dam is the tallest dam in India and one of the tallest in the world.
- Only state to have Sanskrit as its official language

Inception: 2000

Edition: 25th

State Animal: Himalayan musk Deer | State Bird: Himalayan Monal
State Flower: Brahma Kamal | State Tree: Burash

09 NOV

National Legal Services Day



IMPORTANCE

To commemorate the enactment of the Indian Legal Services Authorities Act 1987, which came into force on 9th November 1995.

MOTTO

To spread awareness for ensuring reasonable fair and justice procedure for all citizens.

NALSA

Constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. To provide free Legal Services to the weaker sections of the society. Chief Justice of India serves as the Patron-in-Chief NALSA

NOTE

On this day, Lok Adalats are organized across the country to make safe the legal system operations and encourages righteousness of people on the equality basis.

Inception: 1955

By: Supreme Court of India

Important Projects & Schemes

- Who launched the 21st Livestock Census and the Pandemic Fund Project for animal health security? **Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh.**
- How much funding has been allocated for the Pandemic Fund Project to strengthen animal health security in India? **\$25 million.**
- What is the new loan limit under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana's 'Tarun Plus' category? **₹20 lakh.**
- What percentage of volunteers are targeted to be women under the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme? **At least 50%.**
- What is the budget allocated for the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme? **Over ₹470 crore.**
- Which official launched the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme in New Delhi? **Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan.**
- What is the total worth of healthcare projects launched by PM Modi on Dhanvantari Jayanti? **₹12,850 crore.**
- Which six states are covered under the STARS project for skills gap analysis? **Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan.**
- Under which scheme will healthcare coverage be extended to all senior citizens aged 70 and above? **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya**

Yojana (PM-JAY).

- ADB approves 85 million USD loan to Nepal. In context to same what is the name of the project for irrigation modernization in Nepal? **The Irrigation Modernization Enhancement Project.**
- ADB approves 85 million USD loan to Nepal. In context to same what is the total cost of the Irrigation Modernization Enhancement Project? **\$133.64 million.**
- How much financial allocation has been approved for the PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme over the period 2024-25 to 2030-31? **Rs 3,600 crore.**
- What is the maximum loan amount available under the new collateral-free loan scheme for MSMEs? **Rs 100 crore.**
- Which type of loans are MSMEs now able to access without third-party guarantees under the New Credit Guarantee Scheme? **Collateral-free loans.**
- Which Indian state launched the Ayushman Vandan Scheme to provide free healthcare benefits to senior citizens aged 70 years and above? **Bihar**
- Under which policy was Operation Dronagiri launched to enhance geospatial technology in India? **National Geospatial Policy 2022**

11 NOV

Armistice Day (Remembrance Day)



IMPORTANCE

It marks the day when World War-I ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.

MOTTO

The day was used as an occasion to honor unknown fallen soldiers.

NOTE

- In 1931, Alan Neill, Member of Parliament for Comox-Alberni, introduced a bill to observe Armistice Day only on November 11.
- Passed by the House of Commons, the bill also changed the name to "Remembrance Day".
- The first Remembrance Day was observed on November 11, 1931.

1st Observed: 1919

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Armistice Pneumonia Day



IMPORTANCE

World Pneumonia Day is marked every year on November 12th to stand together and demand action in the fight against pneumonia.

MOTTO

To highlight the severity of pneumonia and bring together people from all over world to promote the prevention and treatment of the disease.

WHAT IS PNEUMONIA?

Infection that inflames air sacs in one or both lungs, which may fill with fluid. The infection can be life-threatening to anyone, but particularly to infants, children and people over 65.

ORGANISATION INVOLVED

CARE, Save the Children, PATH, UNICEF, WHO, etc

2024 THEME

Championing the fight to stop pneumonia

1st Observed: 2003

Edition: 15th

Banking & Economy

- Which US-based magazine ranked Shaktikanta Das as the top central banker globally? **Global Finance magazine**
- Which company did TP Gopalan Nambiar found? **BPL Group.**
- How much funding has the IMF approved for Kenya in its latest program review? **\$606 million.**
- What is the total IMF funding Kenya has received under the EFF and ECF programs? **\$3.61 billion.**
- Which subsidiary of Reliance Power was involved in submitting fraudulent bank guarantees? **Reliance NU BESS**
- What is the total ADB financing approved for the Laguna Lakeshore Road Network Project (LLRN)? **\$1.7 billion.**
- How much did ADB allocate for climate resilience projects like the Metro Manila Flood Management? **\$500 million.**
- What was the recent interest rate cut announced by the US Federal Reserve and what is its target range? **25 basis points, 4.50%-4.75%**
- Recently, how much funding has the government allocated for the scheme to strengthen India's medical devices industry? **Rs 500 crore**
- Which group owns Ambuja Cements? **Adani Group**
- Who is the First Deputy Prime Minister of Russia visiting India to discuss economic cooperation? **Denis Manturov**
- How much funding has the African Development Bank (AfDB) released to support government programs in Niger? **\$511 million**
- How much funding has the government approved for 12 textile research projects under the National Technical Textiles Mission? **Rs 13.3 crore.**
- Which two countries recently linked their national payment systems to bypass the US dollar in bilateral transactions? **Iran and Russia.**
- How much loan and grant has the Asian Development Bank approved for Nepal to address climate change risks and geophysical events? **Over \$285 million**
- What is the name of the program supported by the Asian Development Bank's \$100 million loan to Nepal? **Green, Resilient, and Inclusive Development (GRID) Program**
- When is India expected to surpass Japan in GDP, according to IMF projections? **2025**
- Who is leading the implementation of the WEP pilot program? **Urban Company**
- Which country leads the G20 with the highest projected GDP growth rate of 7% for 2024? **India**
- How much loan has the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved to support climate action in Mongolia? **\$100 million**
- How much loan has the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved to strengthen Sri Lanka's financial sector? **200 million dollars**
- What is the value of the economic package approved by the Japanese government to counter rising prices? **39 trillion yen (approximately \$250 billion).**
- Which measure in the Japanese economic package aims to support low-income households? **Cash handouts.**
- Which report on jobs and skills gap analysis was recently released by the Centre in collaboration with the World Bank? **'Jobs at Your Doorstep.'**
- What is the new transaction limit for UPI 123Pay, as announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? **₹10,000.**
- In which fields did India and Germany sign MoUs to strengthen their bilateral relationship? **Green hydrogen, innovation, technology, skill development, and vocational education.**

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NOW

World Kindness Day



IMPORTANCE

To recognize an act of kindness and or ask that an act of kindness be done.

MOTTO

To highlight and encourage people, society, and the community to do good things and be kind to everyone.

HISTORY BEHIND

- The 1st Small Kindness Movement conducted in mid 1990s.
- The above conference was successful and another was held in 1997.
- These conferences boosted the World Kindness Movement.
- And finally, in 1998 World Kindness Day was established by the World Kindness Movement.

WHAT IS KINDNESS?

It is a quality that is defined as being friendly, generous and considerate.

Inception: 1998

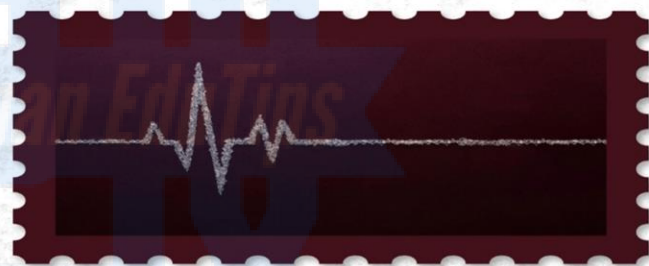
Edition: 27th

- What was the purpose of the mutual legal assistance treaty signed between India and Germany? **To improve cooperation in criminal matters.**
- Which global company has the Government of India partnered with to enhance the startup manufacturing ecosystem? **HCLSoftware.**
- Which three countries launched the DiGi Framework to support digital infrastructure projects in India? **The United States, Japan, and South Korea.**
- Which bank has Solex Energy partnered with under the Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme to offer loans up to Rs 10 crore for solar energy projects in India? **State Bank of India**
- Which global consulting firm recently acquired Salesforce implementation partner Cloobeas to enhance its Salesforce capabilities worldwide? **Synechron**
- Which fintech company recently completed its merger with North East Small Finance Bank to expand banking services in Northeast India? **Slice**
- What is the focus of the India-EU Strategic Partnership that India and Spain aim to advance? **Free Trade Agreement, Investment Protection Agreement, and Geographical Indications Agreement.**
- What is the value of the contract signed by Israel's Ministry of Defense to expand the Iron Beam laser air defense system, and which companies are involved in this initiative? **The contract is valued at \$500 million and involves Rafael and Elbit Systems.**
- How many countries have signed the Artemis Accords for lunar exploration, including South Korea? **47 countries.**
- Which state recently signed two MoUs in the hospitality sector with Saudi Arabia-based firms? **Rajasthan**
- Which fintech company has partnered with Bharat Connect to enable National Pension System (NPS) contributions on its platform? **PhonePe**
- Which country recently launched the Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS) to attract more tourists from India and China? **South Africa**
- Which international financial institution signed a \$200 million loan agreement with the Government of India to improve urban infrastructure in Uttarakhand? **ADB**
- Which Indian IT services company has signed a multi-year deal with Air France-KLM to help transform the airline into a leading data-centric organization? **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).**
- Which two countries recently held discussions to enhance cooperation in the trade of pulses? **India and Russia**
- Which organization invested \$400 million in Bajaj Finance to support climate action and women's empowerment? **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**
- How much is Israel's deal with Boeing for F-15IA fighter jets? **\$5.2 billion.**
- Which company is seeking approval from the CCI to acquire a majority stake in Orient Cement? **Ambuja Cements**
- Which other cement company did Adani Group acquire earlier in 2024? **Penna Cement**
- Which two organizations are organizing the Russian-Indian Business Forum in Mumbai? **Business Council for Cooperation with India and FICCI**
- What fields did Dr. S. Jaishankar emphasize for expanding cooperation between India and Germany during the 50th anniversary of Indo-German scientific collaboration? **AI, semiconductors, quantum computing, and green technologies**
- With which international organization did India's Ministry of Mines sign an MoU to enhance cooperation in the critical minerals sector? **International Energy Agency**

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NOV

World Diabetes Day



IMPORTANCE

To mark the birth anniversary of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.

MOTTO

To raise awareness around the crucial role that nurses play in supporting people living with diabetes.

2024 THEME

Diabetes and well-being

CREATED BY
IDF and WHO

NOTE

The campaign is represented by a blue circle logo that was adopted in 2007 after the passage of the UN Resolution on diabetes. The blue circle is the global symbol for diabetes awareness.

Inception: 1991 | Official Status: 2006 | Edition: 19th

- Which country recently signed an MOU with South Korea to enhance financial cooperation? **Poland**
- Who is the Chief Minister of Rajasthan who recently announced the MoUs in AYUSH and Health sectors? **Bhajan Lal Sharma.**
- Which company has partnered with NASA to develop Earth Copilot? **Microsoft**
- What is the purpose of the Memorandum of Implementation (MOI) signed between India and Japan? **For the co-development of the UNICORN mast, designed for fitment onboard Indian Navy ships.**
- Which two organizations signed an MoU to improve the quality of diabetes care in India through robust clinical and digital health standards? **NABH & RSSDI**
- Which company won a Rs. 226 crore contract from the Government of West Bengal for the delivery of 13 hybrid ferries? **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)**
- Which country signed 10 agreements with India during PM Modi's visit to enhance cooperation in health, hydrocarbons, agriculture, and other sectors? **Guyana**
- How much investment was secured in MoUs at Rajasthan's Energy Pre-Summit 2024? **₹6.57 lakh crore.**
- Which ministries signed an MoU to support the Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS), BHU? **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Education.**
- Which Indian company signed an MoU with ADB for \$4.25 billion financing to support renewable and clean energy projects? **Tata Power**
- Which two countries signed several cooperation agreements during the 4th Tunisian-Kuwaiti Joint Commission? **Tunisia and Kuwait**
- Which two companies did Nokia extend multi-year deals with for enhancing network infrastructure and 5G capabilities? **Microsoft Azure and Bharti Airtel**
- What is the cost of the contract signed by the Ministry of Defence for six indigenously made Air Cushion Vehicles for the Indian Coast Guard? **₹387.44 Crore**
- What health products are IASST and Bharat Biotech primarily focused on developing through their agreement? **Probiotics**

14 NOV

Children's Day



IMPORTANCE

To mark the birth anniversary of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru who was born on November 14, 1889.

MOTTO

To increase awareness of the rights, care and education of children.

HISTORY BEHIND

Before 1964, India celebrates this day on November 20 (the United Nations observes it on this day.) However, after the death of Pandit Nehru in 1964, it was decided that his birthday be celebrated as Children's Day.

NOTE

Children's Day began in 1857 by Reverend Dr Charles Leonard in US. Even though this Day is celebrated globally in the world on June 1. While Universal Children's Day takes place annually on November 20.

Inception: 1959

Edition: 66th

15 NOV

Jharkhand Foundation Day



IMPORTANCE

To mark the establishment of the State Jharkhand which was founded by the Bihar Reorganisation Act on 15 November 2000 as the 28th State of India.

FACTS BEHIND

Official Language: Hindi
Largest City: Jamshedpur
Districts: 24
State Animal: Indian Elephant
State Bird: Koel
Flower: Palash
Tree: Sal
Dance Form: Chhau
Major Food Crop: Rice

NOTE

Jharkhand is the only state that produces coking coal, uranium, and pyrite. Also known as 'The land of forest' or 'Bushland'.

Inception: 2000

Edition: 25th

Awards & Recognitions

- On which date is the Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak awarded each year? **31st October**
- Which award did Bibek Debroy receive in 2015? **The Padma Shri award.**
- Who was named the FIH Player of the Year 2024, and who won the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year award in the men's category? **Harmanpreet Singh and PR Sreejesh**
- Which prestigious titles did Varadarao Kamalakara Rao receive for his contributions to music? **Mridanga Vidwanmani and Mridanga Kalavathamsa**
- Which British author won the 2024 Booker Prize for her novel Orbital, the first space-themed book to receive the honor? **Samantha Harvey**
- How many highest civilian honours has PM Narendra Modi received from various countries? **14**
- Which award did PM Modi receive from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2019? **Global Goalkeeper Award**
- What is the name of the highest civilian honour PM Modi is set to receive from Dominica in 2024? **Dominica Award of Honour**
- For what contributions is Prime Minister Narendra Modi being recognized with Dominica's highest national honour? **Contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic**
- What awards did the RINL teams win at ICQCC-2024? **All three RINL teams won the prestigious GOLD Awards.**
- Which Indian leader was recently honored with Nigeria's Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON) award? **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
- Which initiative by the Ministry of Ayush was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for its performance on the iGOT Karmayogi Bharat Platform? **Yoga at Work (Y-Break)**
- Who were the winners of the IOC Coaches Lifetime Achievement Awards 2024? **Jane Figueiredo and Vitaliy Petrov**
- Who has been shortlisted for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar in 2024? **Mingma D Lepcha**
- Which initiative by Coal India Limited earned it the Green World Environment Award 2024 in the CSR category? **Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna**
- Which two countries will award Prime Minister Narendra Modi their highest national honors during his visit, bringing his total international accolades to 19? **Guyana (The Order of Excellence) and Barbados (Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados)**
- What is the name of the OTT platform launched by Prasar Bharati during the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)? **WAVES**
- 82 Young Artists to Receive Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar
- Which award is conferred by the Sangeet Natak Akademi to outstanding young artists under 40 in the fields of music, dance, and drama? **Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar**
- Which Indian Army Chief was recently conferred the Honorary General rank of the Nepali Army by Nepal's President? **General Upendra Dwivedi**
- Which country awarded PM Modi the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour in 2023? **France**

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National Epilepsy Day



IMPORTANCE

To make people aware not to panic from the disease and take proper medication.

MOTTO

To generate awareness among people about epilepsy, its symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment options.

ORGANISATION INVOLVED

Epilepsy Foundation of India

WHAT IS EPILEPSY DISEASE?

Epilepsy is a chronic brain disorder resulted in recurrent 'seizures' or 'fits'.

Seizures occur due to the sudden, excessive electrical discharges in the neurons or brain cells.

NOTE

According to WHO, around 50 million people in the world are suffering from epilepsy disease and out of which 80% are living in developing countries.

Sports

- Which Indian para badminton player won a gold medal in men's singles at the Japan Para Badminton International 2024? **Sukant Kadam**
- Who was Sukant Kadam's partner in the men's doubles event at the Japan Para Badminton International 2024? **Dinesh Rajaiah**
- What medal did Sukant Kadam win in the men's doubles category at the Japan Para Badminton International 2024? **Silver medal**
- Which team won the Emerging T20 Asia Cup 2024? **Afghanistan 'A'**
- Which player from Afghanistan 'A' set a record with six consecutive 50+ scores in T20 cricket during the Emerging Asia Cup? **Sediqullah Atal**
- Who did Afghanistan 'A' defeat to win their first Emerging T20 Asia Cup title? **Sri Lanka 'A'**
- Who resigned as head coach of Pakistan's cricket team following Muhammad Rizwan's appointment as captain? **Gary Kirsten**
- Which Pakistani player replaced Babar Azam as captain for ODIs and T20Is? **Muhammad Rizwan**
- Which Indian squash player won the women's singles title at the 2nd International Women's Open of Couzeix 2024 in France? **Akanksha Salunkhe**
- Who won the 2024 Ballon d'Or for men's football? **Rodri**
- Who was awarded the women's Ballon d'Or? **Aitana Bonmati**
- Which Indian organization signed an MoU with Switzerland's Department of Environment, Transport, and Communications for technical cooperation? **Indian Railways**
- Who won the gold medal in the women's 75kg category at the U-19 World Championships? **Krishna Verma**
- Who defeated Tanushree Pandey in the Under-21 Women's Individual Singles final? **Chiang Min Yu of Chinese Taipei.**
- Where did Soft Tennis originate, and in which year? **Japan, 1884**
- Which team did not retain Saha ahead of the 2025 IPL mega auction? **Gujarat Titans (GT)**
- When was Saha released from BCCI's Central Contracts? **In 2023**
- Which Indian table tennis player won dual titles at the WTT Feeder Caracas in Venezuela? **Harmeet Desai**
- What events did Harmeet Desai win at the WTT Feeder Caracas? **Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles events.**
- How many gold medals did India secure at the Under-19 World Boxing Championships? **4 gold medals**
- What medal did Atanu Das win at the Swiss Open Indoor Archery in Lausanne? **Bronze medal**
- Who won the Gold medal at the Swiss Open Indoor Archery? **Alessandro Paoli from Italy.**
- Who became the first Indian boxer to win the World Boxing Federation (WBF) Super Featherweight world title? **Mandeep Jangra**
- When will Mohammad Nabi retire from ODI cricket? **After the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy in Pakistan.**
- When did Mohammad Nabi make his ODI debut? **In 2009, during Afghanistan's first-ever ODI match.**
- Who has recently climbed to No. 2 in the FIDE World Chess Rankings after his victory over Alexey Sarana at the Chennai Grand Masters? **Arjun Erigaisi.**
- Who were named the Premier League Player and Manager of the Month for October 2024? **Chris Wood and Nuno Espirito**
- Who became the first Indian to score back-to-back centuries in T20Is? **Sanju Samson**
- Which Indian cricketer hit 10 sixes in a T20I innings against South Africa? **Sanju Samson**
- Who won the IBSF World Billiards Championship 150-up title in 2024? **Pankaj Advani**



IMPORTANCE

To highlight positive role models and raise awareness of men's well-being.

MOTTO

To raise awareness about mental health issues in men, as well as other health and societal issues, by encouraging men to open up and communicate with others.

NOTE

- Uma Challa, who led IMD in India in 2007 exposed the shocking abuse that men suffer in the anti male legal system.
- He is the founder of "Save the Indian Family Foundation" nonprofit based in Bangalore.
- It was Uma Challa who inspired Warwick Marsh the founder of Dads4Kids to take International Mens Day to the world stage.

Inception: 1999 | By: Dr Jerome Teelucksingh | Edition: 26th

- How many medals did India win on Day 1 of the World University Shooting Championship 2024? **two silver and one bronze medal**
- Which Indian won the women's singles title at the New South Wales Open 2024? **Anahat Singh**
- Who won the Chennai Grandmasters 2024 chess tournament? **Arvind Chitambaram**
- Who did India defeat in the Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy at Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar? **South Korea**
- Name the New Zealand's highest all-format wicket-taker, who recently announced his retirement? **Tim Southee**
- Which record did Sanju Samson set in T20I history? **Became the first player in T20I history to score three centuries in a calendar year.**
- Who holds the record for the most T20I centuries among Indians? **Rohit Sharma (4)**
- Which Indian archer won the gold medal in the women's compound event at the GT Open in Luxembourg? **Jyothi Surekha Vennam**
- Who recently won the Tata Steel Chess India Blitz event in Kolkata? **Magnus Carlsen**
- Who won the Miss Universe 2024 title, marking Denmark's first-ever victory in the competition? **Victoria Kjaer Theilvig**
- Which team won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 in hockey by defeating China in the final? **India**
- Who won the gold medal in the women's 76kg category at the World Military Wrestling Championships 2024? **Reetika Hooda.**
- Which Indian wrestler won the gold medal in the women's 55kg category? **Jyoti Sihag.**
- How many medals did India win at the World Military Wrestling Championships 2024? **Seven (3 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze).**
- Who won the Silver medal for India in the women's 59 kg category at the Under-23 Wrestling World Championships 2024? **Anjali**
- What jersey number did Hockey India retire in honor of Rani Rampal's contributions to Indian hockey? **28**
- Which Australian cricketer recently had his lifetime leadership ban lifted? **David Warne**

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World Toilet Day



IMPORTANCE

It is a day that seeks to engage and educate people and their communities worldwide to encourage support for sanitation-related issues and to break the stigma around sanitation.

MOTTO

To inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis.

KEY FACTS

- 4.5 billion people have no toilet at home
- 869 million people worldwide practise open defecation
- 1.8 billion people use an unimproved source of drinking water
- 2.9 billion people use a safely-managed sanitation service
- Safe water, good hygiene with improved sanitation could prevent around 842,000 deaths each year.

Inception: 2001 | Official Status: 2013 | Edition: 12th

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Universal Children's Day



IMPORTANCE

On this day UNGA adopted both the Declaration (1959) and the Convention (1989) on children's rights.

MOTTO

To promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (UNCRC)

- It is a human rights treaty which sets out the civil, political, economic, social, health and cultural rights of children.
- Consists of 54 articles
- 194 countries have signed the treaty

LANGUAGES

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish

Inception: 1954

Organisation Involved: UNICEF

Effective: 2 September 1990

Location: New York City

Signed: 20 November 1989

Science & Technology

- Which Indian city houses the newly inaugurated Tata Aircraft Complex for manufacturing the C-295 military aircraft? **Vadodara**
- Which country successfully tested the Hwasong-19 intercontinental ballistic missile? **North Korea**
- Who guided North Korea's successful test of the Hwasong-19 missile? **Kim Jong-un**
- What is the maximum altitude reached by North Korea's Hwasong-19 ICBM? **7,687.5 kilometers**
- Why was Ladakh chosen as the location for the analog space mission? **Its geographical features closely resemble Martian and lunar landscapes.**
- How long will the analog space mission last? **One month.**
- What is the name of the habitat used in the mission? **Hab-1.**
- What solar research project is South Korea's national space agency planning to send to the ISS? **The Coronal Diagnostic Experiment (CODEX).**
- Which rocket will be used to deliver CODEX to the ISS? **SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket.**
- What will CODEX study once it is docked at the ISS? **The sun's outer atmosphere (corona) and solar wind.**
- Which indigenously developed machine pistol was recently inducted by the Indian Army into its Northern Command to boost self-reliance? **Asmi**
- Which European Space Agency mission is ISRO set to launch from Sriharikota to study the Sun's corona? **PROBA-3**
- Which country launched the world's first wooden satellite, LignoSat, to test wood as a space-grade material? **Japan**
- What is the total value of the recent deal between Apple and Globalstar to enhance satellite connectivity? **\$1.5 billion.**
- What is the primary purpose of Zimbabwe's recently launched ZIMSAT-2 satellite? **To enhance earth observation, support disaster monitoring, and promote scientific research**
- How many F-15IA fighter jets is Israel set to acquire? **25 advanced F-15IA jets, with an option for 25 more.**
- Which country received two water-jet-propelled Fast Interceptor Crafts (FICs) from India to boost maritime security? **Mozambique**
- What is the maximum range of the Extended Range Pinaka variant? **75 km.**
- Which DRDO lab led the development of the Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile? **Aeronautical Development Establishment**
- Where will the Integrated Manufacturing Cluster (IMC) be established in Bihar? **Gaya**
- Which organization successfully conducted the flight tests of the Guided Pinaka Weapon System? **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).**
- Which DRDO lab led the development of the Pinaka Weapon System? **Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE).**
- What is an AI-based chatbot developed by NASA and Microsoft to make Earth Science data more accessible to users? **Earth Copilot**
- Which rocket will ISRO use to launch the GSAT-N2 satellite? **SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket to launch the GSAT-N2 satellite.**
- What is the purpose of the GSAT-N2 (GSAT-20) satellite? **GSAT-N2 satellite will provide in-flight internet services over India and improve connectivity in remote areas.**
- Why is ISRO using SpaceX to launch the GSAT-N2 satellite? **The GSAT-N2 weighs 4,700 kg, which exceeds the lifting capacity of India's Launch Vehicle Mark-3, prompting ISRO to use SpaceX's heavier launch vehicle.**
- How long is the mission lifespan of the GSAT-N2 satellite? **14 years.**
- What is the range capability of India's first long-range hypersonic missile tested by DRDO? **Greater than 1,500 km**
- Which satellite did ISRO recently launch using SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket from the USA? **GSAT-20**
- Which Indian startup unveiled the Varuna satellite for 24/7 all-weather maritime surveillance? **PierSight**
- Which is India's first indigenously developed antibiotic drug launched to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR)? **Nafithromycin**
- Which ministry launched India's first AI data bank to enhance national security and foster innovation? **Ministry of Science and Technology.**
- Which aircraft will be used by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) to refuel Indian aircraft under the new agreement? **KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker Transport aircraft**
- What is the amount approved by the Union Cabinet for the venture capital fund dedicated to the space sector? **₹1,000**

Miscellaneous

- In which district is the Petrapole Land Port, the largest in South Asia, located? **Uttar 24 Parganas, West Bengal**
- What rating did Shaktikanta Das receive from Global Finance magazine in 2024? **A+ rating**
- What will the year 2026 be celebrated as between India and Spain? **The Year of Culture, Tourism, and Artificial Intelligence (AI).**
- Why was the former deputy president Gachagua impeached? **Due to allegations of corruption and inciting ethnic division.**
- When was Debroy a full-time member of NITI Aayog? **From its inception in 2015 until June 2019.**
- Which religious texts did Bibek Debroy translate? **The Puranas, four Vedas, 11 major Upanishads, the Valmiki Ramayana, and the Mahabharata.**
- Which organization was Rohit Bal a founding member of? **The Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI).**
- Which Indian university secured the highest position in the QS Asia University Rankings 2025, ranking 44th in Asia? **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi.**
- Which country outperformed China in the QS Asia University Rankings 2025, with 162 universities ranked, including 21 new entrants? **India.**
- What is the name of the tri-services exercise scheduled from November 10-18? **Poorvi Prahar (Eastern Attack).**
- Where will the Poorvi Prahar exercise take place? **Eastern Theatre of the Himalayas, bordering China.**
- Which forces will participate in the Poorvi Prahar exercise? **The Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force**
- Who topped the EdelGive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024 with a donation of Rs 2,153 crore? **Shiv Nadar and family.**
- Which Indian institution is ranked highest in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2025? **The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi**
- What is the term length for Australia's first Anti-Slavery Commissioner? **Five years.**
- Which company was ranked the world's most sustainable aluminium company for the fifth consecutive year in 2024? **Hindalco**
- What fine has the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) imposed on coaching centres for misleading advertisements? **Rs 54.6 Lakh**
- How many points did Hindalco score in the 2024 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment? **87**
- What percentage did Hindalco score in the social dimension of the DJSI rankings? **89%**
- Which group does Hindalco Industries Ltd belong to? **Aditya Birla**
- What is Varadarao Kamalakara Rao best known for? **Mastery of the mridangam**
- What is the name of India's first space defense exercise launched in 2024? **Antariksha Abhyas – 2024**
- In which global report did India secure a spot in the top 10 for Patents, Trademarks, and Industrial Designs? **World Intellectual Property Indicators 2024**
- What is the name of the Indian Navy's 4th Coastal Defence Exercise aimed at enhancing coastal security? **Sea-Vigil-24**
- Which three countries are conducting the second trilateral "Freedom Edge" exercise to enhance joint deterrence against North Korea? **South Korea, the United States, and Japan**
- Under which framework will the PAIR programme operate? **Hub-and-spoke**

NOV

World Television Day



IMPORTANCE

To mark the establishment of first World Television Forum by UN in 22 November, 1996.

MOTTO

It marks the commitment of governments, news organisations and individuals to deliver unbiased information in times when veracity of content on social media is questionable.

FACTS BEHIND

Tele is Greek for distant and the Latin word vision means to see.
In 1926, J.L. Baird unveiled the first television.
The first television advertisement ever was broadcasted on July 1, 1941 in New York.
High definition television actually started in 1936

Inception: 1996

- What is the purpose of the WEP pilot under the Award to Reward initiative? **To help women MSMEs in the beauty and wellness sector scale their businesses.**
- What is the size of the world's largest coral, Pavona clavus? **The coral measures 34 meters wide, 32 meters long, and 5.5 meters high.**
- What is the primary function of the UNICORN mast? **The UNICORN mast integrates multiple communication systems to enhance the stealth characteristics of naval platforms.**
- Which organizations are co-developing the UNICORN system? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in India and Japan's defense industry are co-developing the UNICORN system.**
- What regulatory change in India allows in-flight internet services? **To permit in-flight internet services once the aircraft reaches an altitude of 3,000 meters.**
- Why did Sukhbir Singh Badal resign as the president of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD)? **After being declared 'tankhaiya' by the Akal Takht Sahib for violating Sikh religious conduct.**
- When did Sukhbir Singh Badal become the president of SAD? **In January 2008.**
- Where was the multilateral HADR exercise 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024' conducted by the Indian Army?

Ahmedabad and Porbandar, Gujarat

- Which joint military exercise was conducted by the Indian Armed Forces in Mechuka, Arunachal Pradesh, in November 2024? **'Poorvi Prahar'**
- What does Russia consider a joint attack under its updated nuclear doctrine? **A conventional attack by a non-nuclear state backed by a nuclear power**
- Which Indian high-street retail location was ranked 22nd globally in Cushman & Wakefield's Main Streets Across the World 2024 report? **Delhi's Khan Market**
- Which country topped the 2024 Network Readiness Index (NRI)? **The United States.**
- What is India's rank in the 2024 Network Readiness Index (NRI)? **49th**
- Which institute published the 2024 NRI report? **Portulans Institute and Saïd Business School, University of Oxford.**
- Which city has been ranked as the World's Best City for 2025 for the tenth consecutive year? **London**
- What are the three pillars of the Bio-E3 Policy? **Economy, Environment Employment**
- What does ITU-WTSA stand for? **International Union-World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly**

NOV 25

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women



IMPORTANCE

To honour the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic who were brutally murdered in 1960 by order of the country's ruler, Rafael Trujillo (1930-1961).

MOTTO

To prevent and end violence against women at the global, regional and national levels shows that there is widespread impunity on sexual violence and rape

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

1. UNITE to End Violence against Women (2008)

Motto: To raise public awareness around the issue as well as increase both policymaking and resources dedicated to ending violence against women and girls worldwide.

By: UN

2. Spotlight Initiative (2017)

Motto: To eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls by raising the awareness of this issue.

By: European Union (EU) and the UN

Inception: 1981 | **Official Recognition by UNGA:** 7 February 2000

NOV 26

Constitution Day of India



IMPORTANCE

To commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India on 26 November 1949 (came into force on January 26, 1950).

MOTTO

To promote "constitutional values amongst citizens" and spread thoughts and ideas of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

NOTE

- The Constitution of India was drafted by the members of the Constituent Assembly.
- M.N. Roy, a communist party leader, was the first who mooted the idea.
- 1st president of the Constituent Assembly was Dr. Sachchidananda Sinha.
- B R Ambedkar, chairman of the drafting committee, is considered to be the chief architect of the Constitution of India.
- He is also called the Father of the Indian Constitution.

Inception: 2015

Edition: 10th

Important Days


Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
1 December	World AIDS Day	Take the rights path: My health, my right!
2 December	National Pollution Control Day	To control the Industrial disaster and to reduce the level of pollution.
3 December	World Day of the Handicapped	Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future.
4 December	Indian Navy Day	To recognize the achievements and role of the Indian Navy to the country
5 December	World Soil Day	Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage.
7 December	Armed Forces Flag Day	To honor the martyrs and the men in uniform who valiantly fought on our borders to safeguard the country's honor.
9 December	International Anti-Corruption Day	Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow's Integrity
10 December	Human Rights Day	Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now.
11 December	International Mountain Day	Mountain solutions for a sustainable future – innovation, adaptation and youth
14 December	World/National Energy Conservation Day	To drive mass awareness about importance of energy efficiency and conservation
16 December	Vijay Diwas	To commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 for the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan
18 December	International Migrants Day	Honouring the Contributions of Migrants and Respecting their Rights.
19 December	Goa's Liberation Day	It commemorates the freeing of Goa from Portuguese rule by the Indian Armed Forces on 19 December 1961
20 December	International Human Solidarity Day	To commemorate the day on which UNGA identifies solidarity as one of the fundamental and universal values in 20 Dec 2005
22 December	National Mathematics Day	To mark the birth anniversary of legendary mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan
23 December	Kisan Diwas	To mark the birth anniversary of Chaudharicharan singh on 23 Dec 1902, Who was the 5th PM of India.
25 December	Good Governance Day (India)	To Mark the birth anniversary of former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Let's Recap

- With which institution has DRDO signed an MoU to develop Light Weight Bullet Proof Jackets? **IIT Delhi**
- Which Indian snooker player won the IBSF World 6-Red Snooker Championship in 2024? **Kamal Chawla**
- What areas of law is Justice Nitin Madhukar Jamdar known for? **Administrative and constitutional law.**
- How much was the IMF's recent Extended Fund Facility (EFF) for Pakistan? **\$7 billion.**
- What is the interest rate on the recent IMF loan to Pakistan? **Less than 5%.**
- Which country recently declared its honeybee (Apis Mellifera Ruttneri) as the national insect of the nation? **Malta**
- Which co-founder of OpenAI left to join rival firm Anthropic? **John Schulman**
- What is India's rank in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024? **39th**
- What is India's rank in global ethanol production and consumption? **Third**
- Who was appointed as the mentor of Kolkata Knight Riders after retiring from all forms of cricket? **Dwayne Bravo**
- Who is set to become Japan's new Prime Minister after winning the Liberal Democratic Party leadership race? **Shigeru Ishiba**
- Which country recently purchased JF-17 Block III fighter jets from Pakistan in a \$1.6 billion deal? **Azerbaijan**
- Which organizations were involved in the development of the JF-17 Block III fighter jets? **Pakistan Aeronautical Complex and China's Chengdu Aircraft Industry Group.**
- What additional funding is provided by the Nauru government for the ADB project? **\$2.3 million**
- What partnership was formalized by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) to enhance defense technology? **to promote innovation in defense applications**
- Which groups are specifically targeted for training under the Paryatan Mitra and Paryatan Didi initiatives? **Women and youth.**
- What is the theme of the 9th Ayurveda Day? **Ayurveda Innovation for Global Health.**
- Which Bangladeshi cricketer announced his retirement before the second Test match against India in Kanpur? **Shakib Al Hasan.**
- Which country has officially joined ISRO's Venus Orbiter Mission? **Sweden.**
- When is the Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM) expected to launch? **March 2028.**
- What agreement was renewed between Malaysia and Indonesia to facilitate local currency exchange? **Local Currency Bilateral Swap Agreement (LCBSA).**
- For how many years is the renewed Local Currency Bilateral Swap Agreement effective? **Five years.**
- Which central banks are involved in the Local Currency Bilateral Swap Agreement? **Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) and Bank Indonesia (BI).**
- Which Indian organization has signed a deal to develop a digital payments system for Trinidad and Tobago, modeled on UPI? **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL).**
- Who is the recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award at the 70th National Film Awards? **Mithun Chakraborty**
- Which Indian pair won the Bronze medal in the Air Pistol mixed event at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2024? **Lakshita and Pramod**
- Which country retained the top spot at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2024? **India**
- Which Indian athlete won the Gold medal in the Boys' Group Junior 48 kg weight category at the Junior World Wushu Championship 2024? **Aryan**

Jawaharlal Nehru

14 Nov 1889 – 27 May 1964



OCCUPATIONAL SUMMARY

- 1st PM of India (15 Aug 1947 – 27 May 1964)
- Minister of Defence (31 Oct 1962 – 14 Nov 1962, 30 Jan 1957 – 17 Apr 1957, 10 Feb 1953 – 10 Jan 1955)
- Minister of Finance (13 Feb 1958 – 13 Mar 1958, 24 Jul 1956 – 30 Aug 1956)
- Minister of External Affairs (2 Sep 1946 – 27 May 1964)

BEFORE FREEDOM

Nehru's Letters to His Sister 1909–1947 •
The Discovery of India •
Glimpses of World History •
Letters from a Father to His Daughter •

POLITICAL PARTY

Indian National Congress

BOOKS

An Autobiography (Nehru)

AWARD

Bharat Ratna (1955)

- In which city is the newly inaugurated BCCI Centre of Excellence located? **Bengaluru**
- Who were re-elected as members of the IPL Governing Council during the BCCI's 93rd AGM? **Arun Singh Dhumal and Avishek Dalmiya**
- Why was Indra Sena Reddy Nallu appointed as the Governor of Mizoram? **He was appointed during the absence of the incumbent Governor, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati.**
- What is the mission objective of NASA's Europa Clipper? **To explore Jupiter's moon Europa and assess its potential to support life.**
- What is the scientific focus of the Europa Clipper mission? **To study the salty ocean beneath Europa's icy crust and its potential for supporting life.**
- Why are astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore stranded on the ISS? **They were stranded due to thruster issues and helium leaks on Boeing's Starliner spacecraft.**
- What cultural initiatives are part of the partnership between South Korea and Slovakia? **Increasing exchanges of knowledge, experience, culture, and tourism.**
- Which boat club rowed the winning boat, Karichal Chundan, in the Nehru Trophy Boat Race? **Pallathuruthy Boat Club**
- How long is the KAZIND-2024 exercise scheduled to last? **Two weeks**
- Which two countries are involved in the KAZIND-2024 exercise? **India and Kazakhstan**
- What is one of the key responsibilities expected from Nand Kishore as CMD of IL&FS Group? **Restructuring the company and improving its financial stability**
- How much military aid has President Biden approved for Taiwan? **\$567 million**
- Which country has increased political and military pressure on Taiwan, prompting U.S. support? **China**
- Which actress received the Best Actress award at IIFA 2024? **Rani Mukerji**
- How much is the fresh loan that Nigeria secured from the World Bank? **\$1.57 billion**
- Who has recently assumed the additional charge as CMD of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited(RINL)? **A K Saxena**
- Who inaugurated the Army Sports Conclave? **Chief of Army Staff**
- What is the main goal of the Cruise Bharat Mission? **To enhance cruise tourism in India**
- What is one of the key performance targets of the Cruise Bharat Mission? **Growth in the number of international cruise terminals**
- What was the outcome of the leadership contest for the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) that led to Ishiba's appointment? **He narrowly defeated Sanae Takaichi**
- Who was appointed as the Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia in Australia? **Aftab Malik**
- What is the financial outlay of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme over two years? **₹10,900 crore.**
- What is the amount allocated for the deployment of e-ambulances under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme? **₹500 crore.**
- What system will be introduced under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme to provide demand incentives for EV buyers? **Aadhar-authenticated e-vouchers.**
- How many MoUs were exchanged between India and Jamaica during the delegation-level talks in New Delhi? **Four MoUs.**
- Which global institution's reform do India and Jamaica both advocate for? **The United Nations Security Council (UNSC).**
- Which organization imposed the ban on Praveen Jayawickrama for obstructing an anti-corruption investigation? **ICC**
- What is the total financial outlay of the tribal development schemes launched by PM Modi on Gandhi Jayanti 2024? **Rs 83,000 crore**
- Which Indian shooter won a bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions event at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2024? **Khushi**

Indira Gandhi

19 Nov 1917 – 31 Oct 1984



OCCUPATIONAL SUMMARY

- 3rd PM of India (14 Jan 1980 – 31 Oct 1984, 24 Jan 1966 – 24 Mar 1977)
- Minister of External Affairs (9 Mar 1984 – 31 Oct 1984, 22 Aug 1967 – 14 Mar 1969)
- Minister of Defence (14 Jan 1980 – 15 Jan 1982, 30 Nov 1975 – 20 Dec 1975)
- Minister of Home Affairs (27 Jun 1970 – 4 Feb 1973)
- Minister of Finance (17 Jul 1969 – 27 Jun 1970)
- Minister of Information and Broadcasting (9 Jun 1964 – 24 Jan 1966)

POLITICAL PARTY
Indian National Congress

BOOKS


- My truth
- Eternal India
- The Discovery of India
- Indira Gandhi, Speeches and Writings
- Indira Gandhi, Letters to an American Friend 1950-1984

AWARD

Bharat Ratna (1971) & Bangladesh Freedom Honour (2011)

- Who won the men's singles title at the China Open 2024? **Carlos Alcaraz**
- When is the solar-wind hybrid project between Adani Group and Google expected to start commercial operations? **Third quarter of 2025**
- What is the primary focus of Adani Group's renewable energy solutions for commercial and industrial sectors? **Decarbonising industries**
- Which national mission, approved with an outlay of ₹10,103 crore, aims to make India self-reliant in oilseed production by 2030-31? **NMEO-Oilseeds**
- Which global platform did India join to promote energy efficiency and work towards its Net Zero goal? **The International Energy Efficiency Hub.**
- In which states will the pilot project of the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme be initially rolled out? **Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, and Telangana.**
- In which year will India host the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup featuring teams from 24 countries? **2025.**
- Which company did GRSE sign a contract with for the construction of a multi-purpose cargo vessel? **Carsten Rehder Schiffsmakler und Reederei GmbH & Co. KG**
- What countries recently signed a tripartite agreement for cross-border electricity trade? **Nepal, India, and Bangladesh.**
- Which Indian shooting team won gold in the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol event at the ISSF Junior World Championship held in Peru? **Mukesh Nelavalli, Raajwardan Patil, and Harsimar Singh Rattha.**
- Mpox is caused by a virus transmitted to humans from which source? **Animals**
- Which two organizations signed an MoU to enhance parcel delivery across India by utilizing the postal network? **Department of Posts and Amazon.**
- Which organization signed an MoU with NAREDCO to improve fire safety standards in real estate projects? **Fire and Security Association of India (FSAI)**
- Who won the gold medal in the women's 25m standard pistol event at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2024 in Lima? **Divanshi**
- How many gold medals has Mukesh Nelavalli won at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2024? **Four gold medals**
- What is the location of the Banjara Virasat Museum inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi? **Pohardevi, Washim district, Maharashtra.**
- Who is the only other American woman to have won the China Open besides Coco Gauff? **Serena Williams**
- Who won the men's doubles title at the 2024 China Open? **Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori**
- What was the total prize money for the 2024 China Open? **\$13,140,000**
- What was the prize money for the 2024 Vizag Open golf tournament? **INR 1 Crore.**
- What is the name of the initiative by Pritpal Kaur that focuses on creating low-cost machines? **Not Guns but Machines.**
- What tribal name was given to Pritpal Kaur by the people of eastern Nagaland? **Themshao Lam**
- What is the main objective of the Nijut Moina scheme? **To eradicate child marriage by 2026 and promote women's education.**
- What is the monthly stipend for undergraduate students under the Nijut Moina scheme? **₹1,250 per month.**
- Who is excluded from receiving the benefits of the Nijut Moina scheme? **Daughters of Ministers, MLAs, and MPs.**
- What are the main areas of cooperation under the new strategic partnership between South Korea and the Philippines? **Security, economy, energy, and infrastructure.**
- What energy sector project did South Korea agree to study for feasibility in the Philippines? **The Bataan nuclear power plant.**
- Which country finished second in the men's 50m pistol team event, just one point behind India? **Azerbaijan**
- Who has been appointed as the head coach of the Sri Lanka men's cricket team from October 1, 2024? **Sanath Jayasuriya**

Amartya Sen



An Indian economist best known for "Welfare Economics" and "Social Choice Theory" & his work on the causes of famine.

AWARDS

- Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences (1998)
- Bharat Ratna (1999)
- National Humanities Medal (2012)
- Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science (2017)

BOOKS

- Poverty and Famines: An Essay on Entitlement and Deprivation (1981)
- Development as Freedom (1999)
- Rationality and Freedom (2002)
- The Argumentative Indian: Writings on Indian History, Culture, and Identity (2005)
- AIDS Sutra: Untold Stories from India (2008)
- The Idea of Justice (2009)

- What is a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT)? **A BIT is an agreement between two countries that promotes and protects investments made by investors from one country in the other.**
- Which company has partnered with SAIL to enhance environmentally friendly steel production? **BHP**
- What is the name of Russia's first hydrogen-powered vessel? **Ecobalt**
- Who were the recipients of the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, and what was their significant discovery? **Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun**
- Who will be conferred with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award at the 70th National Film Awards? **Mithun Chakraborty**
- Which two systems are being interlinked to enable seamless cross-border transactions between India and UAE? **UPI (India) and AANI (UAE).**
- What is the total estimated cost of the petroleum infrastructure projects under the India-Nepal B2B Agreement? **Rs 15 billion.**
- What is the value of the currency swap agreement signed between India and the Maldives? **₹3,000 crore**
- How much funding did Sri Lanka secure from the World Bank under the Development Policy Financing Program? **200 million US dollars**
- Who was appointed as the new president of Ethiopia by the Ethiopian parliament? **Taye Atske Selassie**
- Who were awarded the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics? **John J. Hopfield and Geoffrey E. Hinton**
- What significant method did Geoffrey Hinton develop in machine learning? **Developed the Boltzmann machine, a method that autonomously finds properties in data and performs tasks like image classification.**
- Who were the winners of the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry? **David Baker, Demis Hassabis, and John M. Jumper**
- What was the groundbreaking contribution of Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper recognized in the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry? **For their work in protein structure prediction.**

C. V. Raman

7 Nov 1888 – 21 Nov 1970



Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman discovered that when light traverses a transparent material, some of the deflected light changes in wavelength.

INTERESTING FACTS

CV Raman passed the matriculation at only 11 years of age.

He led experiments on the scattering of light and discovered what is now called the Raman effect.

1st Asian and 1st non-white person to receive any Nobel Prize in the sciences.

He is also known for his writings, for which he also received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913.

Was appointed to be the first Indian director of Indian Institute of Science (IIS)

AWARD

Fellow of the Royal Society (1924)

Matteucci Medal (1928)

Knight Bachelor (1930)

Hughes Medal (1930)

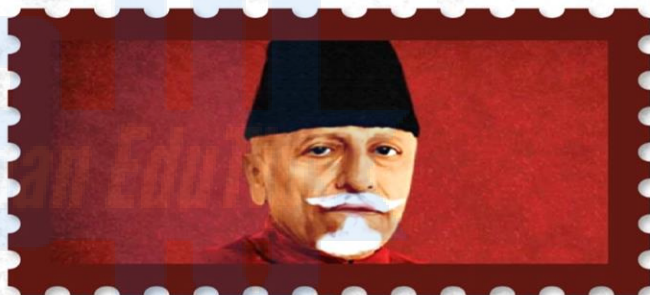
Nobel Prize in Physics (1930)

Bharat Ratna (1954)

Lenin Peace Prize (1957)

Abul Kalam Azad

11 Nov 1888 – 22 Feb 1958



Abul Kalam Ghulam Muhiyuddin Ahmed bin Khairuddin Al-Hussaini Azad was an Indian scholar, Islamic theologian, independence activist, and a senior leader of the INC during the Indian independence movement.

FACTS

Commonly remembered as Maulana Azad; the word Maulana is an honorific meaning 'Our Master', and he had adopted Azad(Free) as his pen name.

Became the youngest person to serve as the President of the Indian National Congress at the age of 35.

BOOKS

India Wins Freedom, Ghubar-e-Khatir, Tarjuman Al-Qur'an: Al-Fatiha to Al-Muminun

POLITICAL PARTY

Indian National Congress

AWARD

Bharat Ratna

Quick Bytes

- Dr. Jacqueline d'Arros Hughes Appointed as Secretary General of the World Agriculture Forum
- Praveena Rai Appointed as CEO and MD of MCX
- Indian Army Departs for 15th Edition of Joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR with US Army
- Indian Army Departs for 9th Edition of India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise GARUD SHAKTI 24
- Fashion Icon Rohit Bal Passes Away at 63, Remembering a Legend's Creative Legacy
- Bibek Debroy, Chairman of PM's Economic Advisory Council, Passes Away.
- North Korea has successfully test-fired its new Hwasong-19 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM)
- Maldives Projects MVR 1.6 Billion Aid from India for 2025.
- India-China Complete Disengagement at Depsang, Demchok
- India re-elected as President of International Solar Alliance.
- FTII's 'Sunflowers Were the First Ones to Know' Qualifies for Oscars
- India-Vietnam 5th Joint Exercise 'Vinbax' Begins in Ambala.
- Ashish Khanna Selected as ISA's 3rd Director General at 7th Assembly.
- India Wins 17 Medals, 4 Golds at Under-19 World Boxing Championship.
- India and Algeria Strengthen Defence Ties with New MoU.
- Cairn becomes India's 1st oil & gas company to join UNEP's OGMP 2.0.
- Harmeet Desai Clinches Dual Titles at WTT Feeder Caracas.
- India's Atanu Das secured the bronze medal in the Swiss Open Indoor Archery by defeating Switzerland's Thomas Rufer 6-4 in the Recurve Men's Bronze match.
- Duma Boko, the presidential candidate of the Umbrella for Democratic Change, was declared Botswana's 6th president.
- ISRO launched India's first Analog Space Mission in Ladakh
- India ranks 72 in AI Preparedness Index 2023
- The Indian Seniors Bridge team won silver after a close 165-258 loss to the USA in the final.
- S. Jaishankar opened New Indian Consulate in Brisbane, Australia
- Itaru Otani Appointed as Chairman of India Yamaha Motor
- Collins Dictionary Names "Brat" 2024 Word of the Year
- Donald Trump Set To Back In The White House As 47th President Of USA
- IDFC FIRST Bank Launches Real-Time International Money Transfer Tracking
- ISRO to Launch EU's Proba-3 Satellite in December, Aims for Bold Space Milestones
- MP Cabinet Approves 35% Job Reservation for Women in State Services
- A Book Title "Friends – India's Closest Strategic Partners" by Prof. Sreeram Chaulia
- Jangra Seizes WBF World Championship Title
- Legendary Folk Singer Sharda Sinha Passes Away at 72
- Switzerland's ban on facial coverings in public, commonly referred to as the "burqa ban," will be enforced from January 1, 2025.
- Tanushree clinches Silver Medal at World Soft Tennis Championship.
- Moldova's President Maia Sandu Wins Second Term Amid Russian Interference Claims
- Zimbabwe Launches ZIMSAT-2 to Advance Space Programme
- Japanese scientists launched the world's first wooden satellite, named LignoSat.
- Cabinet Approves PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme for Higher Education
- UP Cabinet Clears ₹3,706 Cr HCL-Foxconn Semiconductor Project
- Bihar's Sultanganj Station Gets New Name Ajaibinath Dham
- Max Verstappen's Triumph at Brazil Grand Prix 2024
- Ramachandra Guha Latest Book, Speaking with Nature: The Origins of Indian Environmentalism
- Anish Sarkar: Youngest-Rated Chess Prodigy at the age of 3.
- Australia Proposes Ban on Social Media for Those Under 16.
- India to Launch Tri-Services Military Exercise 'Poorvi Prahara'.
- Anil Pradhan Wins Third Rohini Nayyar Prize for Rural Development.

- RBI Designates 10-Year Sovereign Green Bonds Under FAR for Non-Resident Investments
- Zverev Triumphs at Paris Masters, Securing 2024 Title
- Mohammad Nabi to Retire from ODIs after 2025 Champions Trophy.
- Harsha Vardhan Agarwal will become FICCI President on Nov 21
- Algerian Olympic Gold Medalist Imane Khelif's Gender Under Scrutiny.
- Vilas Sopan Wadekar to be the Next CMD of MRVC.
- Israel Passes Law Allowing Deportation of Relatives of Attackers.
- India Votes Against Pakistan's Resolution on Conventional Arms Control
- Government Allocates Rs 100 Crore for Green Hydrogen Mission Centre.
- India-Australia Joint Military Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2024 Commences.
- Justice DY Chandrachud retired as 50th Chief Justice of India
- Former top polo player HS Sodhi passed away
- Russia ratifies strategic partnership treaty with North Korea
- Kunal Dalal won Education World India School Ranking Awards 2024-25
- Veteran Tamil Actor Delhi Ganesh passed away at 80
- Hindalco Tops Global Sustainability Rankings for 5th Year
- Li Quanhai Re-Elected as World Sailing President for Second Term
- Justice Sanjiv Khanna Sworn in as 51st Chief Justice of India
- Tayyab Ikram Re-elected FIH President: A Triumph for Pakistan's Hockey
- Revolutionary Sarangi Virtuoso Pandit Ram Narayan Passes Away at 96
- Former Member of Parliament Mahendra Singh Mewar Passes Away
- Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal Releases Book Titled 'Maa-Mother'.
- Alix Didier Fils-Aime Sworn in as Prime Minister of Haiti.
- GM Aravindh Chithambaram Wins Chennai Grand Masters 2024.
- Sonu Sood Appointed Brand Ambassador for Thailand Tourism.
- Government Extends Tenure of Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri.
- IIT Madras and ISRO Partner for Fluid and Thermal Sciences.
- President Trump has appointed New York Rep. Elise Stefanik as UN ambassador, highlighting her strong support for Israel.
- Scientists from Agharkar Research Institute, Pune, discovered a new fire-resilient species, *Dicliptera polymorpha*, in the Northern Western Ghats.
- Freedom fighter Madan Mohan Somtiya passed away at 102
- Uma Mahesh won gold medal at FISU World University Championship
- Mahendra Singh Mewar of erstwhile Mewar royal family passed away at 83
- British Writer Samantha Harvey Wins Booker Prize for Fiction with "Orbital"
- Dominica to Award Its Highest National Honour to PM Modi
- Amaravati Capital Project Gets ₹13,500 Crore Loan from World Bank and ADB
- Professional Golf Tour of India Welcomes Amandeep Johl as CEO
- Indian Navy to Conduct Sea Vigil-24 Coastal Defence Exercise.
- Arvind Singh Sahney Appointed New Chairman of IndianOil.
- Amandeep Johl Appointed CEO Of Professional Golf Tour Of India.
- Koreasat 6A Communications Satellite Successfully Launched.
- Shigeru Ishiba become the Japan's 103rd Prime Minister.
- Air India officially completes its merger with Vistara.
- ADB Expands Climate Lending by \$7.2 Billion with U.S., Japan.
- Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) and Russia's Rosoboronexport signed an MoU to jointly develop advanced Pantsir air defence systems, enhancing India's defence against aerial threats.
- Arshdeep Singh Becomes India's 2nd-Highest T20I Wicket-Taker.
- SBI, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank are named as India's Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for 2024 by the RBI.
- Pankaj Advani bags record 28th World Billiards title.
- \$8.5B Disney-Reliance Merger Completed for Indian Assets
- Sarai Kale Khan Chowk Renamed to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk
- Princess Mikasa, Imperial Family Member, Passes Away at Age 101
- Indian Tennis Star Prajnesh Gunneswaran Announces Retirement
- Navin Ramgoolam Returns as Mauritius PM after Landslide Victory

- DRDO Successfully Completes 75km Guided Pinaka Rocket System Tests
- Asian Games Medalist Prajnesh Gunneswaran Retires from Tennis.
- Tim Southee to Retire from Test Cricket.
- Tulsi Gabbard Appointed as Director of US National Intelligence
- Harbhajan & Sania Mirza Named Dubai Sports Council Ambassadors
- Valdecy Urquiza Elected New Secretary General of Interpol
- UAE Launches Global Energy Efficiency Alliance at COP29
- Victoria Kjaer Theilvig Becomes Denmark's First Miss Universe
- PM Honored with "Grand Commander of the Order of Niger"
- NASA Partners with Microsoft to Simplify Access to Earth Science Data
- SpaceX to Launch India's Communication Satellite GSAT-20
- FIFA Unveils NASA-Inspired Trophy for Expanded 2025 Club World Cup
- Conan O'Brien all set to host Oscars 2025
- Mandira Bedi named Brand Ambassador of All India Pickleball Association
- Magnus Carlsen Clinches Tata Steel Chess Blitz Title
- India secures 28 medals at World Pickleball Championship.
- K. Sanjay Murthy Appointed as New Comptroller and Auditor General.
- India Leads G20 with 7% GDP Growth Projection for 2024.
- Mithali Raj Appointed Mentor for ACA Women's Cricket
- Gabonese voters approved a new constitution proposed by military rulers with 91.8% support, introducing a 2-term presidential limit with each term extended to 7 years.
- Punit Goenka's Resignation as MD and CEO of Zee Entertainment
- ISRO's GSAT-N2 Communication Satellite Deployed by SpaceX
- NTPC has teamed up with the Indian Army to establish a solar hydrogen-based microgrid at Chushul, Ladakh, aimed at ensuring a stable power supply for off-grid Army locations using green hydrogen.
- GRSE's Seventh ASW Ship, 'Abhay', Joins Indian Navy Fleet
- Brazil Opts Out of China's Belt and Road Initiative
- FSIB Recommends Ashok Chandra as Next MD and CEO of PNB
- Maria Corina Machado and Edmundo González Urrutia Awarded the 2024 Sakharov Prize
- The Election Commission of India signed an agreement for electoral cooperation with Uzbekistan's central poll body.
- NIPFP Lowers India's FY25 GDP Growth Estimate to 6.9-7.1%
- Amitabh Chaudhry Re-Appointed as MD and CEO of Axis Bank by RBI
- IndiaAI, Meta announce establishment of Center for Generative AI
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) secured a key order from ITER for advanced tech deployment in the assembly of the Vacuum Vessel at ITER's fusion project in France.
- India and Germany signed MoUs on green hydrogen, innovation, and technology, with PM Modi and Chancellor Scholz in New Delhi.
- India Conducts 34th Capacity Building Program for Maldivian Aspirants
- Renowned Physicist, Rohini Godbole Passes Away at 71
- India Wins Bronze in Sultan of Johor Cup Junior Hockey.
- Akanksha Salunkhe Claims PSA Challenger Title in France.
- Bhubaneswar awarded 'City with the Best Public Transport System,' and Srinagar won 'City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System' at the UMI 2024.
- Barda Wildlife Sanctuary, inaugurated in Dwarka, offers a second habitat for Asiatic lions.
- US, Japan, and South Korea Collaborate on India's Digital Infrastructure
- SBI Named Best Bank in India for 2024 by Global Finance Magazine
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Receives RBI Approval for Foreign Exchange Services
- Solex Energy Partners with SBI for Solar Project Financing
- India Ranks 79th in World Justice Project's Rule of Law Index 2023
- Deepak Agarwal Appointed as Managing Director of NAFED by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet
- Bibhab Talukdar Wins IUCN's Top Conservation Leadership Award
- Slice Completes Merger with North East Small Finance Bank
- Vipin Kumar Assumes Role as Chairman of Airports Authority of India
- Bharti Airtel Announces Shashwat Sharma as New CEO

- Rodri Clinches Men's Ballon d'Or 2024 and Bonmati Wins it for Spain
- Chiranjeevi Honored with ANR Award by Amitabh Bachchan
- Pro Kabaddi League Wins 'Best Sports League' at CII Awards
- Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Honoured with Fiji's Highest Civilian Award
- Australian Wicketkeeper-Batter Matthew Wade Retires from International Cricket
- Hezbollah announced Naim Qassem, 71, as its new chief after the death of Hassan Nasrallah in an Israeli airstrike.
- Indian researchers from the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) discovered TOI-6651b, a Saturn-sized exoplanet with a mass 60 times that of Earth and a radius five times larger, orbiting a Sun-like star.
- Nepal to Offer Free Cancer Treatment for Children Under the age 14.
- Justice KS Puttaswamy, Key Advocate for Right to Privacy, Passes Away
- India and Spain signed MoUs on infrastructure, railways, and customs, aiming for collaboration in these sectors.
- PM Modi Launches India's First Heli Ambulance Service "Sanjeevani"
- Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park Set to Achieve India's First IGBC Certification
- Mansi Ahlawat Wins Bronze in 59kg at U23 World Championships.
- MBZUAI reveals Nanda, world's most advanced Open-Source Hindi AI Model
- Ashutosh Gowariker Appointed Chairperson of International Jury for IFFI 2024
- VVS Laxman Appointed as Head Coach for India's Senior Men's Cricket Team
- Uttar Pradesh Govt Launches Free Ultrasound Scheme for Pregnant Women
- Dubai Hosts 3rd Global Freight Summit 2024, Theme: "Acting Today to Reach the Opportunities of Tomorrow."
- EAM S Jaishankar inaugurates new Consulate General of India in Brisbane, Australia
- SECI Bars Reliance Power Ltd. from Future Tenders for Three Years Over Fake Bank Guarantees
- WEP Partners with Urban Company to Empower Women Salon and Beauty Parlor Owners
- GM Aravindh Chithambaram wins Chennai Grand Masters 2024
- India's Atanu Das bags Bronze Medal in Swiss

Open Indoor Archery

- India's Tanushree Pandey clinches Silver Medal at World Soft Tennis Championship
- Sanju Samson becomes first batter to score three T20I centuries in a calendar year
- New Zealand's highest all-format wicket-taker Tim Southee to Retire from Test Cricket
- Arjun Erigaisi Achieves Historic Rise to No. 2 in FIDE World Chess Rankings
- Afghanistan legend Mohammad Nabi to retire from ODIs after Champions Trophy
- Akanksha Salunkhe Wins Women's Singles Title at Couzeix 2024
- Coach Gary Kirsten Resigns After PCB Appoints Muhammad Rizwan as New Pakistan Captain
- Indian para badminton player Sukant Kadam excelled at the Japan Para Badminton International 2024, winning a gold medal in the men's singles category and a silver medal in men's doubles with his partner, Dinesh Rajaiah.
- Rohit Bal, a renowned Indian fashion designer, passed away at the age of 63.
- Bengaluru Launches First Digital Population Clock
- Hindalco Ranked World's Most Sustainable Aluminium Company
- Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake Assumes Charge as Defence Minister

Birsa Munda

15 Nov 1875 – 9 Jun 1900



Was an Indian tribal freedom fighter, religious leader, and folk hero who belonged to the Munda tribe.

FACTS

He was the founder of a new religion called Birsaism. The state of Jharkhand was created on Munda's birth anniversary to commemorate his contribution to the freedom struggle. He not only fought the British, but also championed the rights of tribal people and helped abolish the feudal system that plagued the Adivasi lands in Jharkhand and Bihar. The only tribal leader whose portrait hangs in the Central Hall of Indian Parliament as a mark of honour.

NOTE

Mahasweta Devi wrote a novel 'Aranyer Adhikar' on the life of Birsa Munda and his rebellion against British Raj. The novel won her the Sahitya Akademi Award for Bengali in 1979.

COP29 in Baku: Charting a Unified Path Towards Climate Action and Finance



The 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) commenced in Baku, Azerbaijan, bringing together delegates from nearly 200 countries, alongside business leaders, scientists, Indigenous Peoples, and other stakeholders. This annual summit under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) aims to address global warming and mobilize climate finance for developing nations. COP29 has set its sights on advancing climate action and fostering collaboration.

What is COP?

The Conference of Parties (COP) is an annual gathering of members of the UNFCCC, an international treaty signed in 1992 to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations and prevent harmful human-induced climate interference. With 198 parties (197 countries and the European Union), COP enjoys near-universal membership. Since its inception in 1995, the conference, barring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, has been pivotal in shaping global climate policy.

One of COP's key roles is to review national reports on greenhouse gas emissions and evaluate progress in achieving the UNFCCC's goals. This collaborative approach has resulted in significant milestones over the years.

Milestones of COP

COP3 (Kyoto Protocol, 1997): The Kyoto Protocol marked the first significant global agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It committed industrialized nations to reduce emissions by an average of 4.2% below 1990 levels by 2012.

COP21 (Paris Agreement, 2015): The Paris Agreement established a landmark commitment to limit global warming to well below 2°C, preferably

1.5°C, compared to pre-industrial levels. It introduced a bottom-up approach where countries set their climate goals, known as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

However, challenges persist. For example, the 2009 pledge by wealthier nations to mobilize \$100 billion annually by 2020 to assist developing nations in climate adaptation and mitigation remains unmet. This shortfall has undermined trust and hampered global efforts.

Focus of COP29

COP29 prioritizes climate finance, particularly the negotiation of the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG). This new target aims to surpass the unmet \$100 billion annual commitment and ensure adequate funding for developing countries post-2025. However, consensus on the NCQG remains elusive. Key disagreements include the total amount needed, contributors, funding mechanisms, and eligible activities.

In recent discussions, developing nations have emphasized that wealthier countries, responsible for a disproportionate share of historical emissions, must significantly increase their contributions. Conversely, developed nations are wary of committing to specific figures without clear implementation mechanisms.

Challenges and Outlook

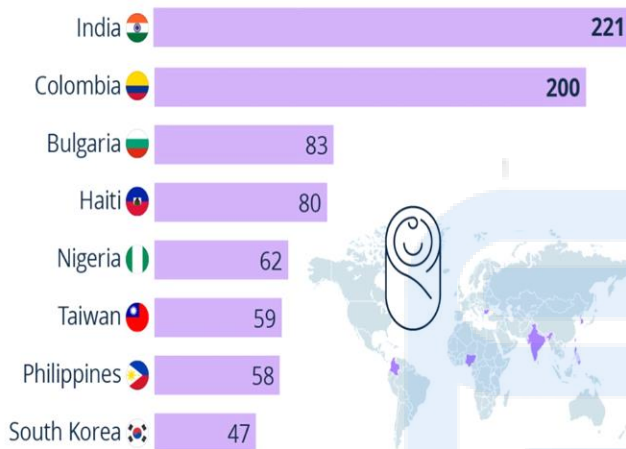
With scientific consensus warning of accelerating climate risks, COP29 faces immense pressure to bridge the gap between promises and action. Achieving a fair and effective NCQG could be a defining moment for international climate cooperation.

As negotiations unfold, the world watches to see if COP29 can strike a balance between ambition and equity, setting the stage for meaningful climate progress.

Infographics

Where Do U.S. Overseas Adoptees Come From?

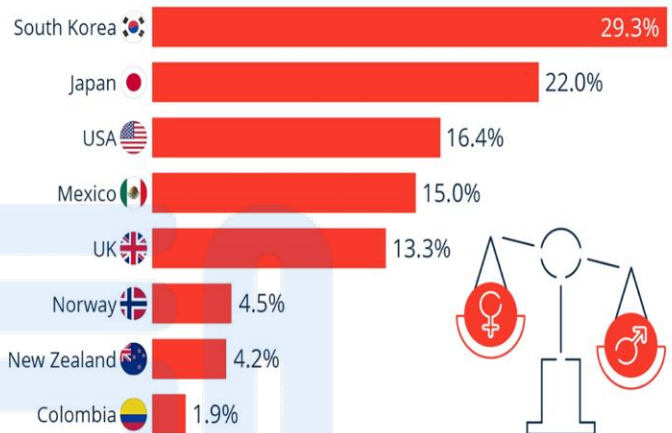
Countries/territories with the highest number of adoptions to the United States in FY 2023



Source: U.S. Department of State

What's the State of the Gender Pay Gap?

Difference in median full-time earnings of men and women in selected OECD nations in 2023*

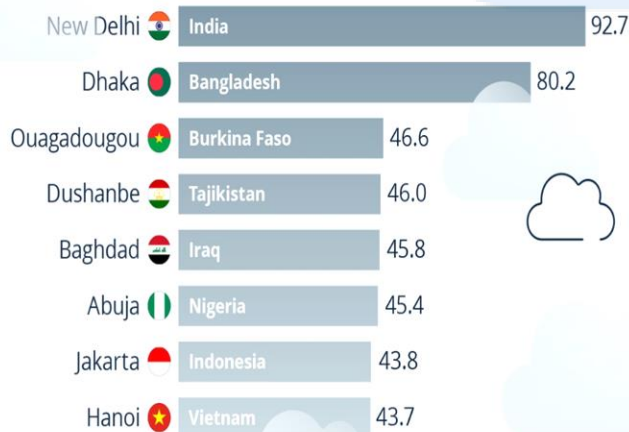


* percentage of men's earnings women are lacking

Source: OECD

The World's Most Polluted Capital Cities

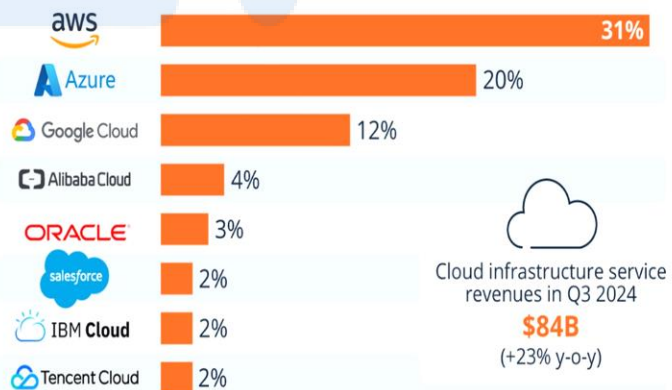
National capitals with the highest average annual PM2.5 concentration in 2023 (in micrograms/m³ of air)



Source: IQAir

Amazon Maintains Dominant Lead in the Cloud Market

Worldwide market share of leading cloud infrastructure service providers in Q3 2024*



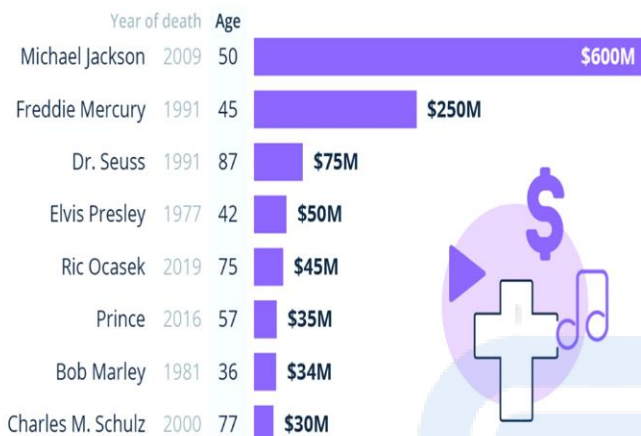
Cloud infrastructure service revenues in Q3 2024
\$84B
(+23% y-o-y)

* Includes platform as a service (PaaS) and infrastructure as a service (IaaS) as well as hosted private cloud services

Source: Synergy Research Group

Many Dead Celebrities Still Earn Huge Sums of Money

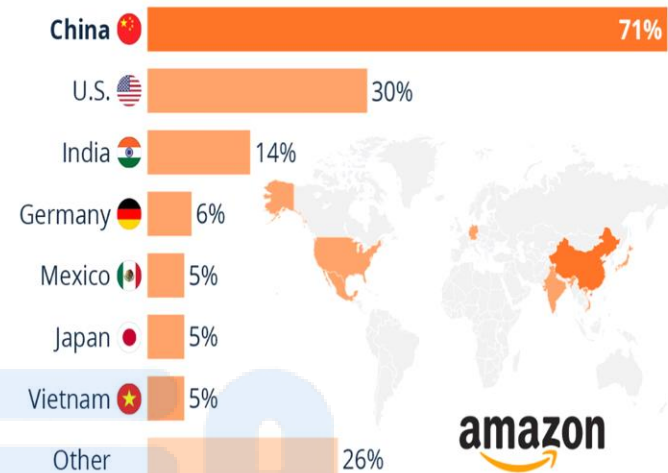
The world's highest posthumous earners in 2024*



* Based on pretax earnings from sales, streams, licensing deals and other sources between Oct. 1, 2023-Sep. 30, 2024, as well as estate acquisitions made or announced during the same period. Fees for agents, managers and lawyers are not deducted.
Source: Forbes

Made in China, Sold on Amazon

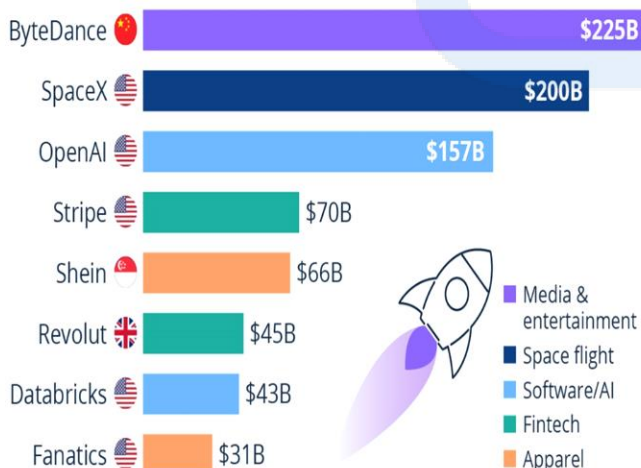
Share of items sold on Amazon, by country of origin*



* 1,064 first- and third-party sellers surveyed who have at least one product listed on Amazon; 2024
Source: Jungle Scout via ECDB

The World's Most Valuable Unicorns

Valuation of the world's most valuable private companies



As of October 2024
Source: CB Insights

IMF Forecasts Growth in Asia To Slow in 2025

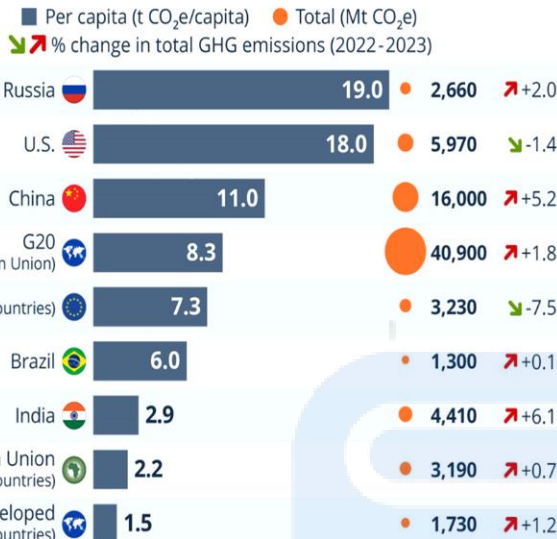
Real GDP growth projections for selected countries, by year



As of Oct. 2024
Source: IMF

Russia, U.S. Are High Per Capita Polluters

Total and per capita greenhouse gas emissions of selected countries and regions in 2023



Land use, land-use change and forestry CO₂ emissions are excluded from current and per capita GHG emissions
 Source: UN Emissions Gap Report 2024

The Most Beloved Cuisines

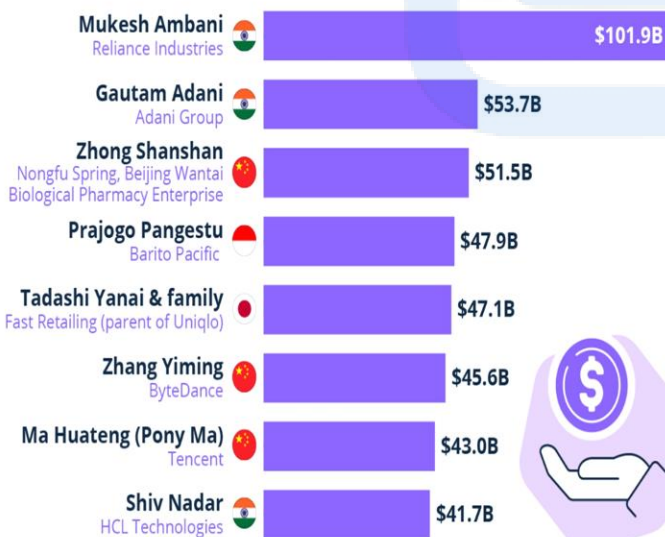
Top three cuisines preferred by respondents in a selection of countries (in percent)



~1,050 adults (18-74 y/o) surveyed per country in September 2024
 Source: Statista Consumer Insights

Asia's Richest Billionaires

Net worth of the richest people in Asia*



* Net worths based on stock prices and exchange rates from Nov. 25, 2024
 Source: Forbes' Real-time Billionaires List

The World's Best Bars in 2024

Bars voted the world's top ten, according to the ranking "The World's 50 Best Bars 2024"



Source: 50 Best - William Reed

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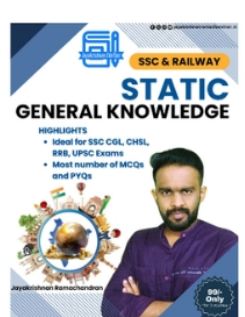
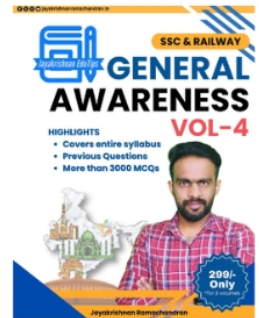
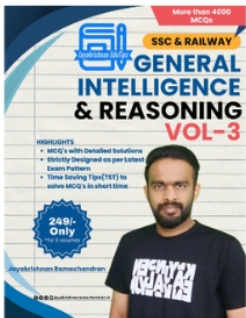
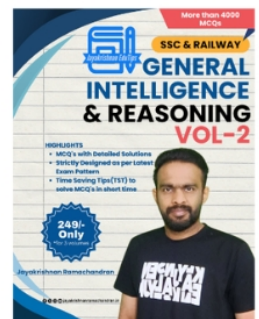
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