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### Important Personalities

- Who has been elected as the 10th President of Ireland in 2025? **Catherine Connolly**.
- Who has been reappointed as the part-time chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank with RBI's approval for the term 2026–2027? **C. S. Rajan**.
- Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the 8th Central Pay Commission constituted by the Government of India? **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai**

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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 has won a controversial eighth term as President of Cameroon in 2025? **Paul Biya**.
- Who has been appointed as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI)? **Justice Surya Kant**.
- Who has been appointed as the new Additional Director General of NCC Directorate (Punjab, Haryana, HP & Chandigarh)? **Major General Bharat Mehtani**

- Who has been appointed as the 40th Chief of Materiel in the Indian Navy? **Vice Admiral B Sivakumar has been appointed as the 40th Chief of Materiel**.
- Who has assumed charge as the Financial Advisor (Defence Services)? **Raj Kumar Arora**.
- Who has been appointed as the 40th Chief of Materiel (COM) of the Indian Navy in 2025? **Vice Admiral B. Sivakumar**
- Who has been appointed as the Director of the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), Hyderabad, in 2025? **Eminent Scientist Ankathi Raju**
- Who recently assumed charge as Commandant of Army Hospital (Research & Referral), New Delhi? **Lt Gen Avinash Das**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in October 2025? **Sanjay Garg (IAS, 1994 batch, Kerala cadre)**.
- Who was sworn in for a second term as the President of Tanzania in 2025? **Samia Suluhu Hassan**
- Who resigned as the CEO of Birla Opus in November 2025? **Rakshit Hargave**
- Who will oversee Birla Opus's paints business until a new CEO is appointed? **Managing Director Himanshu Kapania**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO and Executive Director of Britannia Industries? **Rakshit Hargave**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the DDCA's Cricket Advisory Committee in November 2025? **Vijay Dahiya**
- Who has been reappointed as the Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) till July 2026? **Justice Ashok Bhushan**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Myntre? **Kannan Ganesan**
- Who did Kannan Ganesan replace as Myntre's CFO? **Abhishek Gupta**.
- Who has been appointed as the new U.S. Ambassador to Singapore in 2025? **Dr. Anjani K. Sinha**
- Who has been sworn in as the new U.S. Ambassador to India in 2025? **Sergio Gor**
- Who has become the first Indian to be elected as the President of the Organisation Internationale des



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Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA)? **Shailesh Chandra**

➤ Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to examine the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025? **Aparajita Sarangi**

➤ Who has been given the additional charge of Secretary (Security)? **Parag Jain**

➤ Who will replace Doug McMillon as the new CEO of Walmart? **John Furner**.

➤ Who sworn in as Bihar's Chief Minister for the 10th time? **Nitish Kumar**.

➤ Who is the BJP Legislature Party leader in Bihar? **Samrat Choudhary**.

➤ Who has been appointed Senior Director and GM for Dell's consumer sales in India? **Anurag Arora**.

➤ Who has been appointed as the new Telecom Secretary in 2025? **Amit Agrawal**

➤ Who has been appointed as the new Secretary of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG)? **Neeraj Mittal**

➤ Who chairs the Advisory Committee on National Account Statistics (ACNAS)? **Economist B.N. Goldar**

➤ Who has taken oath as the 53rd Chief Justice of India? **Justice Surya Kant**

➤ Who has been appointed as Executive Director of Canara Bank? **Sunil Kumar Chugh**.

➤ Which bank will Amresh Prasad join as Executive Director? **Union Bank of India**.

➤ Who is the new Executive Director of Bank of Maharashtra? **Prabhat Kiran**.

➤ Mini T. M. has been appointed as Executive Director of which bank? **Indian Bank**.

➤ Who has been appointed as Executive Director of Punjab National Bank? **Amit Kumar Srivastava**.

➤ Veteran actor Satish Shah, who passed away in October 2025, was best known for his role in which television sitcom? **Sarabhai vs Sarabhai**.

➤ Which British actress, famous for playing Sybil Fawlty in "Fawlty Towers," passed away recently? **Prunella Scales**

➤ Who was the world's oldest living Olympic gold medallist who passed away recently at the age of 101? **Charles Coste (France)**

➤ Who was the North Korean leader who served as the country's ceremonial head of state from 1998 to 2019 and died in November 2025? **Kim Jong Nam**

➤ Veteran Marathi actress and NSD alumna Daya Dongre, who passed away recently, belonged to which Indian state? **Maharashtra**

➤ Name the Chairman of the Hinduja Group who recently passed away in London? **Gopichand P. Hinduja**

➤ Who was the U.S. Vice President under George W. Bush who passed away in 2025 at the age of 84? **Dick Cheney**

➤ Who was recently the veteran Bollywood actress and playback singer who passed away at the age of 71? **Sulakshana Pandit**.

➤ Veteran actress Kamini Kaushal, who passed away recently, made her debut with which film? **Neecha Nagar (1946)**

➤ What title did Dharmendra earn for his action roles? **He was known as India's "He-Man."**

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ was a legendary Jamaican reggae singer, songwriter, and actor known for popularising reggae globally. **Jimmy Cliff**

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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".

### National & International News

- What is the name of the passenger vessel that completed its maiden voyage to Barren Island, India's only active volcano? **Sindhu**
- Which organization facilitated India's first-ever export of GI-tagged Indi and Puliyan Kudi Limes to the UK? **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**
- Which port is set to become India's first ship-to-ship LNG bunkering facility? **Vizhinjam International Seaport, Kerala**
- Which organization released the Hindi translation of Lithuanian novel "The Last Day"? **Sahitya Akademi**

07  
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### 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.

- Where is India's first digital museum dedicated to tribal freedom fighters located? **Chhattisgarh (Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Memorial and Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum)**

- What is the maximum punishment proposed under the Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025? **Up to 7 years' imprisonment**
- Which ministry launched the ₹1,000 crore Hill and Himalayan Cities Focused Fund in 2025? **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**
- The Union government launched the Dumpsite Remediation Accelerator Programme (DRAP) with the objective of achieving "Lakshya Zero Dumpsites" by which year? **2026**
- Which Indian state is set to launch the country's first 'Women's Wellness on Wheels' vehicles for women's cancer screening? **Tamil Nadu**
- Which country announced ₹10,000 crore assistance to Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan? **India**
- What is the total outlay of the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) approved by the Union Cabinet? **₹25,000 crore**
- How many members are there in the Joint Parliamentary Committee constituted to examine the three key amendment bills — the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025; the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2025; and the Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2025? **31 members**
- Which Indian ports will now allow cargo movement to Nepal via the amended protocol? – **Kolkata & Visakhapatnam**
- The Seeds Bill 2025 proposes to replace which two regulations? **Seeds Act 1966 & Seeds (Control) Order 1983**
- What is the key objective of the Seeds Bill 2025? **Ensure quality seeds and protect farmer rights**
- Seed dealers are currently licensed under which order? **Seeds (Control) Order 1983**
- Which alliance won the Bihar Assembly Elections 2025? **National Democratic Alliance (NDA)**
- Which district's diamonds recently received the GI tag? **Panna district, Madhya Pradesh.**
- What type of recognition does a GI tag provide? **Official recognition of a product's unique geographical origin and quality.**
- Which Act governs GI registration in India? **The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.**



- Which two Odisha beaches regained Blue Flag certification for 2025–26? **Sunapur Beach and Golden Beach (Puri).**
- Which organizations are hosting the 10th Global Economic Summit in Mumbai? **World Trade Centre (WTC) Mumbai and All-India Association of Industries (AIAI)**
- What is the theme of the 10th Global Economic Summit 2025? **Accelerating Global Trade: Fostering Partnerships, Connectivity and Resilience**
- Which Indian state received its first-ever investment approval under ECMS? **Jammu & Kashmir**
- Which state launched MeeSeva on WhatsApp to deliver G2C services? **Telangana.**
- What position has India secured at CAC48? **India has been re-elected to the Codex Executive Committee for the Asia region.**
- How many old labour laws were replaced by the new codes? **A total of 29 old labour laws were replaced.**
- What are the four labour codes implemented? **Code on Wages, Industrial Relations Code, Social Security Code, and OSHWC Code.**
- What is the retirement age of the Chief Justice of India? **65 years**
- The GCC has approved a one-stop travel system to streamline travel among member states. The pilot will begin between which two nations in December 2025? **UAE–Bahrain**
- Which country became the 11th member of ASEAN during the 47th ASEAN Summit 2025? **Timor-Leste.**
- What is the name of the new digital passport system launched by the Indian Embassy in the UAE for issuing e-passports? **Global Passport Seva Programme (GPSP) 2.0**
- What is the name of the world's first yen-pegged stablecoin launched in Japan in 2025? **JPYC**
- Which assets back Japan's new JPYC stablecoin? **Domestic savings and Japanese Government Bonds (JGBs)**
- Tuvalu recently became the 90th State Member of which global environmental organization? **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**
- Which declaration was adopted at the 20th East Asia Summit to reaffirm commitment to regional peace and stability? **The Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Peace and Stability.**
- Which proposed constitutional amendment in Pakistan aims to formalise the rank of Field Marshal and expand military powers in governance? **The 27th Constitutional Amendment (also referred to as the Munir Amendment).**
- Where is Ayni Airbase located? **Ayni Airbase is near Dushanbe, Tajikistan, about 20 km from the Afghanistan border.**
- When did India start upgrading the Ayni Airbase? **India began modernizing Ayni Airbase in 2002 under a bilateral defence agreement with Tajikistan.**
- What made Ayni Airbase strategically important for India? **Its proximity to the Wakhan Corridor allowed monitoring of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and China's Xinjiang region.**
- What is the main objective of Syria joining the U.S.-led coalition? **The main goal is to actively participate in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).**
- Which African country will donate eight cheetahs to India under Project Cheetah? **Botswana**
- Jobgani–Biratnagar rail link connects India with which country? **Nepal**
- Which country recently passed the 27th Constitutional Amendment granting sweeping powers to its Army Chief? **Pakistan**
- The 27th Amendment in Pakistan significantly weakens which institution? **Judiciary**
- Oman was elected to the Council of which UNESCO Programme for 2025–2029? **UNESCO Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme**
- Where was CAC48 held? **Rome.**
- What award did Sagar Defence win at the Dubai Airshow 2025? **Sagar Defence won the "Accelerating the Autonomous Robotics Revolution" challenge under the VISTA Track.**
- What percentage of global humanitarian funding was contributed by the UAE in 2025? **7.2%**
- Which region received the largest share of UAE's humanitarian aid? **Palestine (Gaza)**
- Which countries are represented in the children-focused films at IFFI 2025? **India, Kosovo, Egypt, and South Korea.**
- What key theme do the IFFI–UNICEF films highlight? **Children's issues, challenges, and life experiences across cultures.**

### Important Projects & Schemes

- Under which schemes has the Government extended LC75 and BLC investment options to Central Government employees? **Under the National Pension System (NPS) and Unified Pension Scheme (UPS).**
- What is the total outlay approved by the Union Cabinet under the Nutrient-Based Subsidy scheme for Rabi 2025–26? **₹37,952 crore**
- Which scheme has been launched by the Government of India in 2025 to bring uncovered employees under EPF coverage? **Employee's Enrolment Scheme 2025**
- Which Indian flagship scheme is Ethiopia adopting to tackle rural poverty? **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).**
- Which new scheme approved by the Union Cabinet offers 100% credit guarantee to exporters, including MSMEs? **Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)**
- Which organisation implements Project Cheetah? **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)**
- Which state became the first to fully implement the amended Bharat Net Scheme? **Punjab**
- What is the total outlay of the newly approved Export Promotion Mission (EPM)? **₹25,060 crore**
- Which government programme highlighted Barmer's rainwater achievements? **The Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) programme.**

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### National Cancer Awareness Day



#### IMPORTANCE

To mark the birth anniversary of Nobel Laureat 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: 12<sup>th</sup>

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### 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 Uttarakhand 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: 26<sup>th</sup>  
State Animal: Himalayan musk Deer | State Bird: Himalayan Monal  
State Flower: Brahma Kamal | State Tree: Burash



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### Banking & Economy

- What is the theme of RBI's global hackathon HaRBInger 2025? **Secure Banking: Powered by Identity, Integrity, and Inclusivity.**
- Which international organization has approved a USD 400 million loan to strengthen Kerala's health system? **The World Bank**
- What percentage of the Kerala Health System Improvement Programme will be funded by the World Bank? **70%**



#### 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

- What is the name of Google's new AI-powered design and marketing tool? **Pomelli**
- How much did India invest in upgrading the Ayni Airbase? **India invested around \$80–100 million to modernize the airbase.**
- Which two organisations have partnered for real-time cross-border payments between India and

Bahrain? **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and Bahrain's fintech company BENEFIT.**

- What is the main goal of the India–Bahrain fintech collaboration? **To enable instant and secure cross-border remittances between the two countries.**
- Which countries recently linked UPI with Fawri+ for real-time cross-border payments? **India and Bahrain**
- What are the names of the two digital platforms launched for urban cooperative banks? **Sahakar Digi Pay and Sahakar Digi Loan**
- Which organisation is providing USD 300 million in assistance to Sri Lanka? **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**
- What is the total value of the U.S. defence sale approved for India? **About USD 93 million.**
- Which brand became India's most valuable in the 2025 Kantar BrandZ rankings? **HDFC Bank, with a brand value of \$44.9 billion.**
- UPI–TIPS interlinkage is between India and which region? **European Union**
- Which organisation handles international expansion of UPI? **NIPL (NPCI International Payments Ltd.)**
- Which institute has recently signed an MoU with NCERT to enhance EdTech and research initiatives in line with NEP 2020? **IIT-Madras**
- Which Indian company recently signed an MoU with Russia's United Aircraft Corporation for the production of SJ-100 civil aircraft in India? **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**
- Which two companies signed an agreement to jointly build Landing Platform Docks (LPDs) for the Indian Navy? **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) and Swan Defence and Heavy Industries Ltd (SDHI)**
- The recent US–South Korea trade deal includes an investment of \$150 billion in which sector? **Shipbuilding and industrial cooperation**
- Which two organizations signed an MoU to promote innovation in ID-tech and deep-tech startups? **Nasscom and UIDAI**
- Which company has partnered with Google to accelerate AI adoption in India? **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)**



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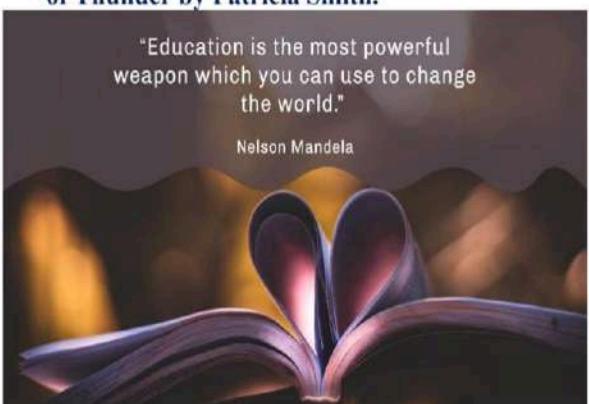
- Which Indian company partnered with General Atomics to produce advanced UAVs? **Larsen & Toubro (L&T).**
- What type of UAVs will be manufactured under the L&T-GA-ASI collaboration? **Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) UAVs.**
- Which tech giant has signed a \$38 billion, seven-year cloud services deal with OpenAI to power its AI models? **Amazon (via Amazon Web Services - AWS)**
- Which bank has partnered with EPFO to provide doorstep Digital Life Certificate services for pensioners? **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**
- India recently signed an MoU with which country to expand bilateral defence ties and promote co-development and technology sharing? **Israel**
- Which state became the first in India to partner with Starlink for satellite internet services? **Maharashtra**
- With which company did the Maharashtra government sign a Letter of Intent (LoI) for satellite internet? **Starlink Satellite Communications Pvt. Ltd.**
- What was the first major trade framework agreement between India and Ecuador? **The 2015 JETCO Protocol**
- Which Indian university has partnered with Airbus to develop Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) from waste? **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV)**
- How many submarines are included in the Hangor-class deal between China & Pakistan? **8 submarines in total.**
- What is the total cost of the Hangor-class submarine project between China & Pakistan? **Around \$5 billion.**
- What is the purpose of the upcoming India–Russia pact? **To establish a labour mobility agreement that enables Indian workers to take up jobs in Russia legally and safely.**
- What protections will the upcoming India–Russia pact provide to workers? **It will ensure legal safeguards, transparent recruitment, and fair wages for Indian workers in Russia.**
- Where was the peace agreement between Thailand and Cambodia signed? **The peace deal was signed in Malaysia.**
- What recent agreement did Syria sign with the U.S.-led coalition? **Political cooperation declaration**
- UIDAI recently partnered with which research firm to boost Aadhaar biometric updates for children? **Behavioural Insights Limited**
- Which two countries recently signed an MoU on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters and a Protocol on Cultural Exchange (2025–2030)? **India and Cuba**
- Under the CSIR–NICDC collaboration, which of the following sectors are identified for advanced technological development? **Biotechnology, Renewable Energy, Pharmaceuticals, Aerospace**
- GI tags are part of which international agreement? **WTO's TRIPS Agreement.**
- Which country has Ukraine signed a gas import agreement with? **Greece.**
- India has signed a one-year deal to import 2.2 million tonnes of LPG from which country? **United States**
- LPG under the new import deal will be sourced from which region in the US? **US Gulf Coast**
- Which airline has been named the official travel partner for the Hornbill Festival 2025 by the Nagaland Government? **Air India Express**
- Which countries signed a civil nuclear energy partnership? **The United States and Saudi Arabia.**
- Which major defence sale did the US approve for Saudi Arabia? **Future deliveries of advanced F-35 fighter jets.**
- Which Indian company has completed the majority acquisition of KTM? **Bajaj Auto Ltd.**
- Which organisations signed the LiDAR-based obstacle avoidance pact at Dubai Airshow 2025? **HAL and German firm HENSOLDT.**
- Which companies signed a contract to supply BvS10 Sindhu vehicles to the Indian Army? **L&T and UK-based BAE Systems.**
- What recent defence contract did L&T secure besides the BvS10 deal? **A contract to produce MALE UAVs for the Indian armed forces.**
- IWAI signed an MoU with which company for transporting Methanol and Formalin via water routes? **Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd. (APL).**
- Which three countries launched the ACITI Technology and Innovation Partnership? **India, Australia, and Canada.**
- What partnership did IFFI form in 2025 to promote children's cinema? **IFFI partnered with UNICEF to showcase films focused on childhood.**
- What is the purpose of the BEL–Safran joint venture? **To manufacture, supply, and support HAMMER precision-guided munitions in India.**

### Awards & Recognitions

- Who has been posthumously awarded the Vigyan Ratna under the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025? **Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar.**
- Which English cricketer recently received a knighthood for services to cricket? **James Anderson**
- Chef Sanjeev Kapoor was recently honoured as a “Top Agri-Food Pioneer” by which global organisation? **World Food Prize Foundation**
- Who received the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award 2025? **Prof. Ravindra (Ravi) Korisettar**
- Which campaign helped India achieve three Guinness World Records in 2025? **Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan**
- Which company won the SIDM Champion Award 2025? **Adani Defence & Aerospace.**
- Which Indian city was recognized by UNESCO as a Creative City of Gastronomy in 2025? **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**
- Who has been conferred with IIT Kanpur’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2025? **Gyanesh Kumar**
- Who won the Best Actor award at the Kerala State Film Awards 2024? **Mammootty (Bramayugam)**
- Who knighted former England footballer David Beckham? **King Charles III**
- Which Indian World Heritage Site was rated “good” by IUCN in its latest global review? **Khangchendzonga National Park, Sikkim.**
- What is the global conservation status rating given by IUCN to Khangchendzonga National Park? **“Good.”**
- Who has been conferred with the 2025 World Leader for Peace and Security Award? **Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.**
- Which organisations jointly presented the World Leader for Peace and Security Award 2025? **Boston Global Forum (BGF) and AI World Society (AIWS).**
- Who won the Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025 for his work in computational materials science at IISc Bengaluru? **Dr Sai Gautam Gopalakrishnan**
- Who co-discovered the double-helix structure of DNA and was awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine? **James Watson (with Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins)**
- Who was recently conferred the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Karnataka State Law University? **S. Abdul Nazeer, Governor of Andhra Pradesh.**
- Who won the Booker Prize 2025 for the novel ‘Flesh’? **David Szalay**
- Which international body awards the Blue Flag certification? **Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE).**
- Which Indian climate change gallery won the CIMUSET Award 2025? **“On The Edge?” Gallery, Science City Kolkata**
- Which organisation hosted the Son of the Soil Awards Assam 2025? **Care Luit.**
- How many individuals received the Emerging Achievers Award in 2025? **Five individuals.**
- Who received the Emerging Achiever Award in Media & Communication? **Sukrita Baruah.**
- Which state won the Water Conservation Public Participation Award for the third time? **Rajasthan.**
- What national rank did Rajasthan secure in the water conservation award? **Third place.**
- Who presented the 6th National Water Awards 2024? **President Droupadi Murmu presented the awards.**
- Who crowned Fatima Bosch? **Victoria Kjær Theilvig of Denmark.**
- Who will receive the Desert Palm Achievement Award in 2026? **Leonardo DiCaprio.**
- For which film is DiCaprio being honoured at the Palm Springs Festival? **One Battle After Another.**
- Who won the Fiction Prize at the National Book Awards? **Rabih Alameddine.**
- Which book won the Poetry Prize? **The Intentions of Thunder by Patricia Smith.**

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela



**Sports**

- Who set a new Youth World Record and won gold in the girls' 44kg event at the Asian Youth Games 2025? **Priteesmita Bhoi of India.**
- Who became the first Indian singles player to win the Under-17 title at the Badminton Asia U17 & U15 Championships 2025? **Diksha Sudhakar.**
- Which Indian chess players won gold medals at the European Chess Club Cup 2025 in Greece? **D. Gukesh and Divya Deshmukh.**
- Who won India's only gold medal in the men's freestyle category at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships 2025? **Sujeet Kalkal**
- Who set a new national record in the women's 400m freestyle at the Asian Youth Games 2025? **Dhinidhi Desinghu**
- Which Indian cricketer topped the ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings in October 2025? **Smriti Mandhana**
- Namitbir Singh Walia, who recently became an International Master (IM) in Chess, hails from which Indian state? **Punjab**
- Who became the World No. 1 ODI batter in the ICC rankings for the first time in October 2025? **Rohit Sharma**
- Who won the ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025? **India**
- Rohan Bopanna recently announced retirement from which sport? **Tennis**
- Who won the gold medal in the Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 event at the 2025 Para Shooting World Cup in Dubai? **Avani Lekhara**
- Kane Williamson announced his retirement from which cricket format in 2025? **T20 Internationals**
- Who became India's 91st Chess Grandmaster? **Raahul V S from Tamil Nadu.**
- What is the minimum FIDE rating required to become a Grandmaster? **2500.**
- Who became the first Indian individual pistol shooter to win a medal at the ISSF World Championships 2025? **Anish Bhanwala**
- Who became the first Indian to win an individual air pistol world title at the ISSF World Championship 2025? **Samrat Rana**
- Which country hosted the 24th Asian Archery Championships 2025? **Bangladesh (Dhaka)**
- Which country topped the medal table at the 2025 Asian Archery Championships? **India.**
- How many gold medals did India win at the 2025 Asian Archery Championships? **6 gold medals.**
- Who won the GT Open Indoor World Series 2025 title in the Men's Compound category? **Kushal Dalal**
- Who won the gold medal in Men's 10m Air Rifle at the 2025 Deaflympics? **Dhanush Srikant**
- Who won the ATP Finals title in Turin? **Jannik Sinner**
- Which is the smallest nation ever to qualify for the FIFA World Cup? **Curaçao**
- Which country previously held the record for smallest World Cup qualifier before Curaçao's selection? **Iceland**
- Who won three gold medals in the S11 category at the National Para Swimming Championship 2025? **Himanshu Nandal.**
- How many gold medals did India win at the World Boxing Cup Finals 2025? **Nine gold medals.**
- Who won Miss Universe 2025? **Fatima Bosch of Mexico.**
- Who won the gold medal in the 25m pistol event at the Tokyo Deaflympics? **Abhinav Deshwal**
- Which team won the first-ever Women's T20 World Cup for the Blind? **Indian Women's Blind Cricket Team**
- Whom did India defeat in the final of the Women's Blind T20 World Cup? **Nepal**
- Who won the Australian Open 2025 Men's Singles badminton title? **Lakshya Sen.**
- Whom did Lakshya Sen defeat in the Australian Open 2025 final? **Yushi Tanaka of Japan.**
- Who won the Women's Kabaddi World Cup in Dhaka? **The Indian women's kabaddi team won the World Cup, defeating Chinese Taipei 35–28.**
- Where were the 25th Summer Deaflympics held? **Tokyo.**
- Who won the Davis Cup final in Bologna? **Italy defeated Spain 2-0.**
- How many Davis Cup titles does Italy have now? **Italy now has four Davis Cup titles.**
- Which country has won the most Davis Cup titles? **The United States has won 32 titles.**
- Who became the first Ukrainian to win a top-division sumo title? **Aonishiki**

## Science & Technology

- Which launch vehicle will carry India's CMS-03 communication satellite into orbit on November 2, 2025? **LVM3 (Launch Vehicle Mark-3)**
- Which Hong Kong-based startup is launching the world's first satellite constellation to capture 3D wind data? **Stellerus Technology**
- What is the name of the satellite constellation being launched by Stellerus Technology? **Feilian Constellation**
- Which country recently tested the nuclear-powered underwater drone Poseidon? **Russia**
- Which Indian state has launched the Telangana Artificial Intelligence Innovation Hub (TAIH) to become one of the top 20 AI hubs in the world by 2035? **Telangana**
- What is the name of Google's new initiative to build AI data centres in space? **Project Suncatcher**.
- Which company launched Project Suncatcher? **Google**.
- What type of orbit will the Project Suncatcher satellites operate in? **Dawn-dusk sun-synchronous orbit**.
- Who built the survey vessel SVL Ikshak? **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE), Kolkata**
- What percentage of indigenous content does SVL Ikshak have? **Over 80%**
- What is the primary role of SVL Ikshak? **To conduct hydrographic surveys of ports, harbours, and coastal as well as deep waters**
- Which company has signed an agreement with General Electric (GE) for 113 F404-GE-IN20 engines to power the Tejas Mk-1A aircraft? **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**
- Which ISRO payload mapped the Moon's polar regions using L-band in full-polarimetric mode? **Dual Frequency Synthetic Aperture Radar (DFSAR)**
- Where was India's first MWh-scale Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB) installed? **NTPC NETRA, Greater Noida**
- Which IIT has developed India's first indigenous Quantum Diamond Microscope (QDM)? **IIT Bombay**
- What is the full form of NASA's ESCAPE mission? **Escape and Plasma Acceleration and Dynamics Explorers**
- Which planet is the target of the ESCAPE mission? **Mars**
- What are the names of the two spacecraft launched under ESCAPE mission? **Blue and Gold**
- Which institution is leading the ESCAPE mission? **UC Berkeley's Space Sciences Laboratory (SSL)**
- Under which NASA program is the ESCAPE mission launched? **Small Innovative Missions for Planetary Exploration (SIMPLEX)**

**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

- What is the name of Russia's newly tested nuclear-powered underwater drone? **Poseidon**
- Which is India's heaviest communication satellite launched by ISRO in 2025? **CMS-03**
- What is the name of Russia's newly launched nuclear-powered submarine? **Khabarovsk**



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- Which country's scientists have, for the first time, discovered rare-earth minerals inside a living plant? **China**
- What is the name of the mineral discovered inside the fern that contains rare-earth elements? **Monazite**
- INVAR missile is launched from which platform? **T-90 tanks**
- WHO launched a Pandemic Preparedness site in India at which institution? **AIIMS New Delhi**
- What is the name of the first Mahe-class ASW Shallow Water Craft to be commissioned by the Indian Navy? **INS Mahe**
- What is the purpose of NASA's Sentinel-6B satellite? **To monitor sea level change and observe oceans.**
- Which company launched the Sentinel-6B satellite? **SpaceX launched the satellite.**
- What long-term dataset will Sentinel-6B extend? **Over 30 years of global sea level data.**
- What is the name of India's first nitric oxide-releasing wound dressing launched by DAE? **ColoNoX**
- Which organisation developed ColoNoX in collaboration with Cologenesis Pvt. Ltd.? **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**
- What key technology will HAL and HENSOLDT co-develop? **A LiDAR-based Obstacle Avoidance System (OAS) for helicopters.**
- What does LiDAR stand for? **Light Detection and Ranging.**
- Which country developed the FGM-148 Javelin missile? **The United States.**
- Name India's first indigenous CRISPR-based gene therapy for Sickle Cell Disease? **BIRSA 101**
- What defence system did Egypt buy from South Korea in 2022? **K9 self-propelled howitzers.**
- How much is the U.S. NASAMS missile sale to Taiwan worth? **The sale is worth nearly \$700 million.**
- What missile system is the U.S. supplying to Taiwan? **The U.S. is supplying the NASAMS air-defense system.**
- Which company manufactures the NASAMS system? **NASAMS is manufactured by RTX (formerly Raytheon).**
- Which startup is NASA partnering with to rescue the Swift Observatory from uncontrolled re-entry? **Katalyst Space Technologies.**
- Which body approved Grahaa Space's first nano-satellite mission? **IN-SPACe approved the mission.**
- What is the name of Grahaa Space's first nano-satellite? **The satellite is Solaras S2.**
- Which rocket will carry Solaras S2? **The Hanbit-Nano rocket built by InnoSpace.**
- What is the full form of HAMMER? **Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range.**
- Which two companies signed a joint venture to produce HAMMER in India? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Safran Electronics & Defence (SED).**
- Who will handle final assembly and testing of HAMMER in India? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).**
- Why was the Shenzhou-22 spacecraft launched? **It was launched to rescue three astronauts stranded on the Tiangong space station.**
- What is the name of the nuclear-powered missile with unlimited range recently tested successfully by Russia? **Burevestnik (SSC-X-9 "Skyfall").**

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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: 28<sup>th</sup>



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### Miscellaneous

- Where is the headquarters of the IUCN located? **Gland, Switzerland**
- Which Indian city topped the global AQI ranking as of October 2025? – **Sri Ganganagar (Rajasthan)**
- Who is the author of the novel “The Last Day”? **Jaroslav Melnikas**
- What is the name of the tri-Service exercise conducted along India’s western border in October–November 2025? **Exercise Trishul**
- From whom did Vice Admiral B Sivakumar receive the baton of Chief of Materiel? **He received it from Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh.**
- Which tri-services military exercise led by the Indian Navy is being conducted to enhance joint operational readiness across land, air, and sea domains? **Exercise Trishul 2025**
- Which two Indian cooperatives have been ranked among the world’s top cooperatives in the ICA World Cooperative Monitor 2025? **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul).**
- Who recently resigned as a trustee of Tata Trusts? **Mehli Mistry.**
- What is the tenure of Rakshit Hargave’s appointment at Britannia Industries? **5 Years**
- What does the name ‘Ikshak’ mean in Sanskrit? **Guide**
- How does India rank globally in clean industrial pipelines after China and the U.S.? **Third largest.**
- Who was Nelliatt C. Shyamalan? **He was an eminent Indian-origin cardiologist based in the United States.**
- Which company is Myntra a part of? **Flipkart Group.**
- What is Exercise TRISHUL? **It is a Tri-Services exercise led by the Indian Army’s Southern Command to validate full-spectrum land-sea-air integration.**
- What does JAI stand for in Exercise TRISHUL? **JAI stands for Jointness, Atmanirbharta, and Innovation.**
- Which command of the Indian Army is conducting Exercise TRISHUL? **The Southern Command is conducting the exercise.**
- Which Indian city topped Asia’s list of happiest cities according to the Time Out City Life Index 2025? **Mumbai**
- Which edition of the India–Sri Lanka joint military exercise MITRA SHAKTI was held in 2025? **11th edition**
- Which Indian city ranked 3rd globally in the list of top billionaire cities for 2025? **Mumbai**
- The 6th edition of India–Vietnam Army Exercise VINBAX 2025 is being held in which country? **Vietnam (Hanoi)**

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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.

#### 2025 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: 20<sup>th</sup>

- What does SMART-CROP stand for? **Sustainable Monitoring and Real-time Tracking for Crop Resilience and Optimal Practices**
- What is the duration of the new India–US defence framework? **Ten years.**
- Where is Adani’s award-winning Ammunition Complex located? **In Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.**



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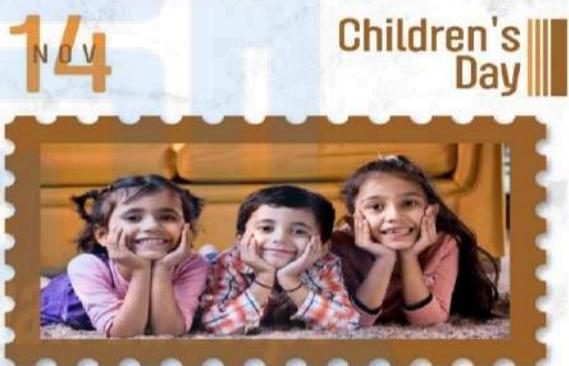


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- Which ministry has initiated the base revision of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)? **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**
- In which year was the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) established? **1942**
- Which national park in India is home to the reintroduced cheetahs? **Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh**
- When were cheetahs declared extinct in India? **1952**
- Project Cheetah was launched in which year? **2022**
- Which four countries participate in Exercise Malabar 2025? **India, Japan, Australia, and the United States**
- In which year was Exercise Malabar first conducted? **1992**
- When did Australia join Exercise Malabar as a permanent participant? **2020**
- Which organization released the Climate Risk Index 2026? **Germanwatch**
- What is India's long-term rank (1995–2024) in CRI 2026? **9th**
- Which country topped the long-term ranking in CRI 2026? **Dominica**
- Garuda-2025 is a bilateral air exercise between India and which country? **France**
- Which Indian aircraft is participating in Garuda-2025? **Su-30 MKI**
- What is the edition number of Exercise Garuda 25? **8th edition.**
- Where is Exercise Garuda 25 being held? **Mont-de-Marsan Air Base, France.**
- Which company announced a major leadership change with McMillon's retirement? **Walmart.**
- GI protection in India came into force in which year? **2003.**
- The 8th edition of Exercise Ajeya Warrior 2025 is being held in which state of India? **Rajasthan (Mahajan Field Firing Range, Bikaner)**
- Ajeya Warrior is a bilateral military exercise between India and which country? **United Kingdom**
- What is the main purpose of the Codex Alimentarius Commission? **To develop international food standards ensuring food safety, consumer protection, and fair food trade.**
- What is the core innovation Sagar Defence showcased? **They presented "Genesis," an AI-powered, platform-agnostic autonomy module for vessels.**
- Which major air combat exercise will Germany join in India? **TARANG SHAKTI.**
- Which multinational naval exercise will Germany participate in? **MILAN.**
- Why are the Epstein files significant? **They may reveal ties between Epstein and powerful political or business figures.**
- Which four countries participate in the Malabar Exercise? **India, USA, Japan, and Australia.**
- Which agency conducted the coastal security exercise Sagar Kavach-02/25? **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**
- Which global ice-cream brands does Kwality Wall's (India) Ltd (KWIL) hold rights for? **Ben & Jerry's, Viennetta, and Yasso.**
- Which film marked Dharmendra's debut? **His debut film was Dil Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere (1960).**
- Which constituency did Dharmendra represent in Parliament? **Bikaner, Rajasthan.**
- What was Dharmendra's political party? **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).**



### 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: 67<sup>th</sup>



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**Important Days of the Month**

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
1 December	World AIDS Day	Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response
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	Healthy Soils for Healthy Cities
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 Everyday Essentials
11 December	International Mountain Day	Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond
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	Migrants, missionaries of hope
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 Chaudhary Charan 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

- What is the initial financial support provided under the Bihar's Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana? **₹10,000**
- Who has been elected as the new President of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS)? **Vivek Gupta**.
- Who has been appointed as Chhattisgarh's 13th Chief Secretary? **Vikas Sheel**.
- What did President Trump announce about Bagram Air Base? **He said the U.S. is seeking to regain control of Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.**
- Why is Bagram strategically important in relation to China? **It is close to Chinese nuclear facilities and can monitor regional military activities.**
- Why did the Ministry of Home Affairs revoke SECMOL's FCRA licence? **Due to discrepancies in financial accounts, including a fund from Sweden deemed against national interest.**
- What was the issue with the ₹350,000 deposited by Wangchuk? **The Ministry said it violated Section 17 of the FCRA; SECMOL explained it came from the sale of an old bus.**
- Who is the new Vice-Chairman of ASCI? **S. Subramanyeswar**
- Who did Anand Piramal succeed as Chairman of Piramal Finance? **Ajay Piramal, his father.**
- Which Indian organization signed an MoU with Australia's DAFF on food safety? **- FSSAI**
- When were the National Geoscience Awards instituted? **1966**
- Which IIT signed an MoU with IAF for indigenous technology development? **- IIT Ropar**
- What is the new local tariff for Speed Post items up to 50 grams? **₹19**
- Who won the men's 10m air pistol gold at ISSF Junior World Cup 2025? **- Jonathan Gavin Antony (India)**
- Who is the new director of the Botanical Survey of India? **Dr. Kanad Das**
- Recently, which two wetlands from Bihar were added as Ramsar Sites? **Gokul Jalashay & Udaipur Jheel**
- At the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 in Delhi, who won gold in the women's 50m rifle 3-positions event? **Anushka Thokur**
- Who won the Asia Cup 2025 T20I title? **India**
- Who was named Player of the Match in the Asia Cup 2025 final? **Tilak Varma**
- Who was awarded the GWM Player of the Tournament in Asia Cup 2025? **Abhishek Sharma**
- Sergio Busquets, who recently announced his retirement, is from which country? **Spain**
- Who was recently honoured with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award in 2025? **Sonu Nigam**

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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.

- Which authority imposed penalties on cooperative banks? **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**
- What was the penalty for Guntur District Co-operative Central Bank? **₹50,000 for not uploading KYC details to the Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR) on time.**
- Which ministry approved the Tejas Mk1A fighter jet deal? **The Indian Ministry of Defence.**



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- How much total investment was announced through MoUs in India's maritime and shipbuilding sector in 2025? **Rs 66,000 crore**
- Who won the gold medal in Men's Javelin Throw F46 at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025? **Rinku Hooda**
- Which two organizations have joined hands to develop eco-friendly parcel packaging solutions in India? **India Post and Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP)**
- Who has been awarded the Saraswati Samman 2024? **Sadhu Bhadreshdas**
- Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Union Bank of India? **Asheesh Pandey**.
- Who will take charge as MD & CEO of Central Bank of India after M. V. Rao's retirement? **Kalyan Kumar**.
- Who is the Non-Executive Chairman of Central Bank of India? **Tapan Ray**.
- How many times was Vijay Kumar Malhotra elected as MP? **Five times**.
- From where will the Nuri rocket be launched? **Naro Space Center, southern coast of Korea**.
- Whom did Avinash Kumar succeed as Chief Secretary of Jharkhand? **He succeeded Alka Tiwari**.
- Who will take charge as the new Director General of ITBP? **Praveen Kumar**
- Why is Arunachal Pradesh significant for the 'Drone Kavach'? **Because it is a sensitive border region requiring strong aerial and ground security.**
- What was the reason for the penalty imposed on IOB? **Non-compliance with RBI's Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines.**
- How many consecutive World Championship silver medals has Kathuniya won? **Three consecutive silver medals.**
- What is India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 according to ADB and CRISIL? **6.5% for FY26.**
- What is the current repo rate set by the RBI, and why is it significant for borrowing and lending in India? **The repo rate is 5.5%, which determines the rate at which commercial banks can borrow from the RBI. It affects loan interest rates for businesses and consumers, influencing overall economic activity.**
- Which Indian shooters won the gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event at the ISSF Junior World Cup? **Isha Anil Taksale and Himanshu**
- Who has been appointed as South Korea's first female ambassador to the U.S.? **Former Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha**
- Padma Vibhushan vocalist Pandit Chhannulal Mishra, who recently passed away, was associated with which field? **Classical Music**
- Who won the 62nd National Chess Championship 2025 held in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh? **P. Iniyar**

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International  
Men's Day



### 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: 27<sup>th</sup>

- The MY Bharat platform is an initiative of which government department? **Department of Youth Affairs (DoYA)**
- Which department signed a MoU with Thermo Fisher Scientific to boost biotech innovation in India? **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**
- Who has been appointed Chairperson of the Select Committee on the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2025? **Tejasvi Surya**
- Who is set to become Japan's first female prime minister? **Sanae Takaichi**.



- Who was T. J. S. George? **T. J. S. George** was a veteran journalist, columnist, and founding editor of **Asiaweek**. He was widely known for his fearless commentary and sharp intellect.
- What is the new name of Navi Mumbai International Airport? **Lokneta D. B. Patil Navi Mumbai International Airport**.
- Why did people protest in Ladakh? People demanded the restoration of Ladakh's statehood, better political representation, more jobs, development, and had concerns about border security near China.

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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: 13<sup>th</sup>

- Rameshwar Dudi, a leader from Rajasthan and former Leader of the Opposition in the state assembly, belongs to which party? **Congress**
- What global conference will Brazil host in November 2025? **COP-30, the UN Climate Change Conference**.
- What was the main objective of Vikram Misri's visit to Bhutan? **To strengthen the special and**

multifaceted bilateral partnership between India and Bhutan.

- At what age did N.K. Bhatia pass away? **At the age of 76 years.**
- What was the discovery for which they were awarded? **They discovered how the immune system prevents itself from attacking the body, through special immune cells called regulatory T cells.**
- Exercise KONKAN-2025 is a bilateral naval exercise between India and which country? **United Kingdom**
- Veteran actress and dancer Sandhya Shantaram recently passed away. She was associated with which legendary filmmaker? **V. Shantaram**
- Which Indian duo won the Men's Doubles title at Al Ain Masters 2025? **Hariharan Amsakarunan & Arjun Madathil Ramachandran**
- What is the full form of PM-SETU? **Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs**
- Which organization signed an MoU with IIIT Naya Raipur to advance next-generation telecom technologies? **Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC)**
- Who won silver in Women's 200m T12 at the 2025 Championships? **Simran Sharma**
- Which Indian athlete won silver in Men's Javelin Throw F41? **Navdeep Singh**
- How many gold medals did India win at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025? **6**
- Why did Sébastien Lecornu resign? **He resigned just hours after announcing his cabinet due to widespread criticism over the new ministerial lineup and growing political pressure.**
- Who won triple gold medals at the 1st Asia Para Badminton International 2025? **Pramod Bhagat (India).**
- Where has Coal India inaugurated its first all-women-operated Central Store Unit? **SECL Central Workshop, Korba**
- What was the discovery recognized by the 2025 Physics Nobel Prize? **Macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit.**
- In which country did Union Minister Piyush Goyal recently launch India's UPI system to boost digital and financial cooperation? **Qatar**
- Which three organizations recently signed an MoU to strengthen railway disaster response with a focus on Golden-Hour rescue? **Railway Protection Force**



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(RPF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), and Indian Railway Institute of Disaster Management (IRIDM)

- What is the current bilateral trade value between India and Qatar? **Around USD 14 billion**
- What was the theme of Wildlife Week 2025? **Human–Wildlife Coexistence**
- Which two countries signed an agreement to strengthen oil, security, and trade cooperation? **Sudan and South Sudan**
- Linthoi Chanambam recently won India's first-ever medal at which international event? **Judo Junior World Championships 2025**
- How many government ITIs are covered under the STEP programme? **400**
- Which state signed an MoU with IISc to produce green hydrogen from paddy straw? **Punjab**
- Which new UPI feature allows payments from joint accounts requiring multiple approvals? **UPI Multi-Signatory**
- Which two biometric methods are supported for on-device UPI authentication? **Fingerprint and face unlock**
- Who has been nominated as UNESCO's next Director-General? **Khaled el-Enany**
- Who won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Literature? **Hungarian author László Krasznahorkai.**
- For what reason did the Nobel Committee award Krasznahorkai the prize? **For his “compelling and visionary oeuvre.”**
- Which international organization awarded India the “Outstanding Achievement in Social Security Award 2025”? **International Social Security Association (ISSA).**
- As per the World Bank's latest South Asia Development Update, what is India's revised GDP growth forecast for FY26? **6.5%.**
- Which country recently launched its first-ever National Child Safeguarding Policy to strengthen child protection across all sectors? **Fiji.**
- Which institution recently launched a retail sandbox for its Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**
- Who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2025? **Maria Corina Machado.**
- Why was María Corina Machado awarded the Nobel Peace Prize? **For promoting democratic rights and striving for a peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy.**

- Which major tech companies has former UK PM Rishi Sunak joined as an adviser? **Microsoft and Anthropic**
- In which countries will Sona Comstar and NEURA Robotics develop robots? **In India and internationally.**
- What is the main goal of the Brightcom–Project DYNAMO partnership? **To use AI for faster and more efficient disaster preparedness, evacuation, and crisis management.**



### 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

Location: New York City

Effective: 2 September 1990

Signed: 20 November 1989

- Who recently took charge as RBI Deputy Governor for a three-year term? **Shirish Chandra Murmu.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director of RBI? **Sanjay Kumar Hansda.**
- Which country is included in the U.S. AMRAAM missile deal? **Pakistan.**
- What is the key capability of the AMRAAM missile? **Fire-and-forget targeting, allowing autonomous tracking after launch.**
- Which country has India signed the ₹4,136 crore missile deal with? **United Kingdom.**



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- What is the purpose of the Indira Kit? **To provide essential food items and meet the nutritional needs of families.**
- What policy did the Karnataka Cabinet approve for working women? **One menstrual leave per month.**
- Which company did T T Jagannathan lead to national prominence? **TTK Prestige**
- Who reappointed Sébastien Lecornu as Prime Minister? **French President Emmanuel Macron**
- Who has launched the sportswear brand TEN x YOU? **Sachin Tendulkar**

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## 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 outlay of the PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana? **₹24,000 crore.**
- What is the outlay for the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses? **₹11,000 crore.**
- What foundation did Deepika Padukone establish for mental health? **The Live Love Laugh Foundation.**
- What changes does the Shops & Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Ordinance introduce? **Increases daily working hours from nine to ten and allows women to work night shifts.**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to ensure biodiversity-friendly renewable energy transition?

**The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).**

- Which company's Managing Director Kedar Lele has resigned? **Castrol India Limited.**
- Who became the first Indian pacer to play 50+ matches across all formats? **Jasprit Bumrah**
- Which organization curated India's Pavilion at the World Expo 2025 in Osaka? **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).**
- Which city recently inaugurated India's first Semiconductor Innovation Museum? **Hyderabad, Telangana.**
- Which bank launched India's first commerce identity QR, 'My Business QR', for small businesses at the Global Fintech Fest 2025? **HDFC Bank.**
- Who has been appointed as Executive Director of RBI overseeing the Consumer Education and Protection Department? **Sonali Sen Gupta.**
- Who won the Best Actress award at Filmfare Awards 2025? **Alia Bhatt (Jigra).**
- Who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at Filmfare 2025? **Zeenat Aman and Shyam Benegal (Posthumously).**
- Which four nations signed the "Trump Declaration for Enduring Peace and Prosperity" to end the Gaza War? **The United States, Egypt, Qatar, and Türkiye.**
- Which initiative was launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in 2025 to benchmark logistics excellence and promote green logistics in India? **LEAPS 2025 (Logistics Excellence, Advancement, and Performance Shield)**
- Which country became the first in the world to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of Hepatitis B, HIV, and Syphilis? **Maldives**
- Which global agencies are supporting India's new circular economy project on e-waste? **Global Environment Facility (GEF) and UNDP**
- Where is Google building its largest AI hub outside the US? **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**
- Which Indian company is partnering with Google for the AI hub? **Adani Group**
- India has been elected to which UN body for the 2026–28 term? **United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).**
- How many times has India been elected to the UNHRC so far? **Seven times.**
- Which anniversary of India–Mongolia diplomatic relations was marked by commemorative stamps? **70th anniversary (1955–2025).**



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- Where is the dhaRti BioNest Incubation Centre located? **IIT Dharwad, Karnataka.**
- Who won a bronze medal for India at the 2025 Para Powerlifting World Championships? **Joby Mathew.**
- Who was the veteran Goa politician and former Chief Minister who passed away in 2025? **Ravi Naik.**
- Which country has the strongest passport in the Henley Passport Index 2025? **Singapore.**
- Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Hyundai Motor India? **Tarun Garg.**
- During which years did Raila Odinga serve as the Prime Minister of Kenya? **2008 to 2013**
- What is the total value of the Night Sight procurement deal? **₹659.47 crore.**
- Which two entities signed an MoU to enhance student learning and employability? **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV).**
- Which iconic role made Pankaj Dheer a household name? **Karna in B.R. Chopra's Mahabharat (1988).**
- What production company did Pankaj Dheer co-found? **Visage Studioz in 2006.**
- In which places are statues of Pankaj Dheer as Karna worshipped? **Karnal and Bastar.**
- Where was the India–Brazil defence meeting held? **In New Delhi, India.**
- What are the five pillars of India–Brazil cooperation? **Defence, security, trade, technology, and culture.**
- Who is India's Defence Minister? **Rajnath Singh.**
- What radioactive element caused contamination in Indonesia? **Cesium-137 (Cs-137).**
- Who is the President of the India–Panama Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group? **Jorge Bloise.**
- Which telecom company has partnered with IBM for cloud services in India? **Bharti Airtel.**
- What is the main benefit of Multizone Regions? **They ensure data safety and uninterrupted operations across different zones.**
- Which institute has signed an MoU with the Indian Navy to enhance the Quality of Life onboard naval ships through design interventions? **IIT Delhi**
- Which state won the 30th Senior Women's National Football Championship – Rajmata Jijabai Trophy 2025? **Manipur**
- Who has been sworn in as the 4th Chief Minister of Madhesh Province in Nepal? **Jitendra Prasad Sonal**
- Which three entities signed a tripartite agreement to implement Odisha's clean energy transition initiative? **Odisha Government, NITI Aayog, and ISEG Foundation**
- Which two countries announced a joint declaration to deepen the MERCOSUR-India Trade Agreement in October 2025? **India and Brazil**
- Veteran actor Govardhan Asrani, who recently passed away at the age of 84, was best known for which iconic film role? **The jailer in Sholay (1975).**
- Which ISRO mission made the first-ever observation of the Sun's Coronal Mass Ejections affecting the Moon? **Chandrayaan-2**

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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

- Who won the 2025 MLS Golden Boot with 29 goals and 19 assists? **Lionel Messi**
- Who became Japan's first female Prime Minister in 2025? **Sanae Takaichi**



- The EU's energy ban applies to which two main types of Russian energy exports? **Pipeline oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG)**
- How much is the exposure exchange agreement between ADB and the World Bank worth? **USD 3 billion**
- What is the full form of VOPPA Order, 2025? **The Vegetable Oil Products, Production and Availability (Regulation) Order, 2025.**
- Which award did Neeraj Chopra receive in 2018 for his sporting achievements? **Arjuna Award**

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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.

- In which city was the 2025 BWF World Junior Championships held? **Guwahati, Assam.**
- The ROKS Jang Yeong-sil belongs to which submarine program? **Changbogo-III (KSS-III) Batch-II.**
- What is the focus of the South Korea–Brazil defense MOU? **Joint R&D, defense procurement, and industrial collaboration.**
- Which political party ruled Bolivia for nearly two decades before 2025? **The Movement for Socialism (MAS) party.**
- Which edition of AUSTRAHIND is currently being conducted? **The fourth edition.**
- Who signed the \$8.5 billion critical minerals agreement, reducing reliance on China's exports amid tightening regulations? **U.S. President Donald Trump and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.**
- Who is resigning from LTIMindtree as Whole-Time Director and President? **Nachiket Deshpande.**
- LTIMindtree is a subsidiary of which major Indian company? **Larsen & Toubro.**
- When was the last time India was at a similar low in FIFA rankings? **In November 2016.**
- Who won the 2025 United States Grand Prix? **Max Verstappen**
- Who won the 2025 Japan Women's Open singles title? **Leylah Fernandez.**
- Who was the Queen Mother of Thailand who passed away at the age of 93 in 2025? **Queen Sirikit**
- What is the title of the book by Sunil Amrit that won the 2025 British Academy Book Prize? **The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years**
- Which Indian bank was named the 'World's Best Consumer Bank 2025' by Global Finance magazine? **State Bank of India (SBI)**
- Which asteroid has been confirmed by NASA as Earth's temporary second moon in 2025? **2025 PN7**
- Name the India's First Cooperative Cab Service Launched by the Government of India? **Bharat Taxi**
- Which country is expected to be the fastest-growing major economy in 2025–26 as per IMF? **India**
- Who is the Ramanujan Research Fellowship primarily aimed at? **It targets young Indian physicists and mathematicians conducting research in the United Kingdom.**



**Quick Bytes**

- Sahitya Akademi released the Hindi translation of Lithuanian-Ukrainian author Jaroslavas Melnikas's novel The Last Day, titled "Antim Din", at Rabindra Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Dictionary.com Names "67" as 2025 Word of the Year
- Rohit Sharma, 38, becomes the oldest ever ICC No. 1 ODI batter
- India, US sign landmark 10-year defence framework in Malaysia
- India Exports First-Ever GI-Tagged Indi and Puliyan Kudi Limes to UK
- Russia Launches Khabarovsk Submarine, Carrier for Poseidon Drone
- Vice Admiral B Sivakumar Takes Charge as Chief of Material
- Vishvajit Sahay Appointed as Controller General of Defence Accounts
- Indian Army Conducts VAYU SAMANVAY-II in Desert Sector
- India Launches Heaviest Comsat CMS-03 on LVM3-M5 Rocket
- IBM, AICTE Join Hands to Launch AI Lab in India
- India achieved its best-ever Asian Youth Games performance in Manama, Bahrain, winning 48 medals (13 Gold, 18 Silver, 17 Bronze).
- Nand Kumarum Gets Extension as MD & CEO of Digital India Corporation
- China Launches Shenzhou-21 with Youngest Astronaut and Mice Crew
- President Samia Hassan Wins Tanzania Election Amid Violent Unrest
- Gogabiel Lake in Bihar Declared Newest Ramsar Site
- China Achieves First-Ever Thorium-Uranium Fuel Conversion in TMSR
- India to Resume Approvals for Chinese Imports After Five-Year Freeze
- Jannik Sinner Reclaims World No. 1 with Paris Masters Win
- World's Oldest Olympic Gold Medallist Charles Coste Dies at 101
- North Korea's Former Head of State Kim Yong Nam Dies at 97
- Veteran Marathi Actress Daya Dongre Dies at 85
- At the 17th India-Israel Joint Working Group meeting in Tel Aviv, both nations signed an MoU to expand bilateral defence ties.
- L&T, GA-ASI Partner to Manufacture Unmanned Aircraft Systems in India
- Hinduja Group Chairman Gopinath P. Hinduja Passes Away at 85
- Indian Army's Southern Command Holds Vayu Samanvay-II Drone Exercise
- Maldives Enforces World's First Generational Tobacco Ban
- New Zealand's Kane Williamson Retires From T20Is
- India Exports Fortified Rice to Costa Rica
- India-UK Launch Their Science & Technology Partnership Dashboard
- Zohran Mamdani Elected Mayor of New York City
- Sanjay Garg Takes Charge as Director General of BIS
- Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025 Conferred To Dr. Sai Gautam
- Veteran Singer-Actor Sulakshana Pandit Passes Away at 71
- India, Angola to Boost Defence and Energy Cooperation
- Mumbai Tops Asia's Happiest Cities in 2025
- Assam Passed Bill to Ban Polygamy In The State
- Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi to Be Redeveloped as Sports City
- India-Angola Sign MoUs to Strengthen Trade & Marine Sector
- India Quietly Withdraws from Ayni Airbase in Tajikistan
- Shaikha Nasser Al Nowais Becomes First Woman to Lead UN Tourism
- Bangladesh Becomes First South Asian Nation to Join UN Water Convention
- Rakshit Hargave Named CEO and Executive Director of Britannia Industries
- India-Sri Lanka Begin Joint Military Exercise Mitra Shakti 2025
- Tamil Actor Abhinay Dies After Liver Disease Battle
- Deepak Gupta Selected as Next CMD of GAIL (India) Limited
- INS Sahyadri Joins Exercise Malabar 2025 at Guam, North Pacific

- David Szalay Wins 2025 Booker Prize for His Novel "Flesh"
- Indiaâ€“Bahrain Launch Real-Time UPIâ€“EFTS Payment Link
- BSF Dog Babita Receives National K9 Bravery Award 2025
- Sergio Gor Sworn In as US Ambassador to India
- Tata Trusts Appoints Nevilleâ€“Tata & Bhaskarâ€“Bhat as Trustees of Thisâ€“Tataâ€“Trust
- Shailesh Chandra Becomes First Indian to Lead OICA
- 6th India-Vietnam Army Exercise VINBAX Begins in Hanoi
- Australia and Indonesia agreed on a security treaty committing to consult if either nation faces threats, enhancing regional peace and stability.
- India Develops Indigenous Quantum Diamond Microscope
- Maharashtra Govt Launches Sugar Factory Incentive Scheme
- ISRO tested Gaganyaan Crew Module main parachutes at Babina Field Firing Range, part of Integrated Main Parachute Airdrop Tests for human spaceflight.
- Beyond Music: Palak Muchhal's Social Work Earns Guinness World Record Honour
- Govt Cuts GI Tag Fee; Boost for Tribal Artisans & Traditional Crafts
- Veteran Actor Kamini Kaushal Passes Away at 98
- Padma Shri environmentalist Saalumarada Thimmakka dies at 114
- Belgium and Netherlands to Jointly Host 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup
- Ministry of Defence signed a ₹2,095.70 crore contract with Bharat Dynamics Ltd. under the 'Buy (Indian)' category for INVAR Anti-tank Missiles on 13 Nov 2025.
- Oman Elected to UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Council (2025–2029)
- GI Tag Awarded to Traditional Lepcha Musical Instruments
- Walmart's Doug McMillon to Retire, John Furner to Take Over
- Henley Passport Index 2025: India Ranks 85th as Singapore Tops the List Again
- Bangladesh Ex-PM Sheikh Hasina Sentenced to Death by ICT
- Sinner Defeats Alcaraz to Win ATP Finals Title in Turin
- India Signs One-Year Deal to Import 2.2 MT of LPG from the US
- DAE Unveils ColoNoX & India's First Rare-Earth CRM for Scientific Use
- US Launches Operation Southern Spear Against Narco-Terrorists
- Ambaji Marble Receives GI Tag for Its Historic White Stone
- India Becomes World's 6th-Largest Patent Filer
- Odisha's Sunapuri & Puri Beaches Earn Blue Flag Status Again
- India to Build World's Deepest Underwater Research Lab by 2047
- Indian Army & IAF to Induct 16 Indigenous Laser-Based Drone Defence Systems
- Marco Bezzecchi Clinches MotoGP 2025 Finale in Valencia
- India Re-Elected to Codex Executive Committee at CAC48
- India to Host Global Big Cats Summit 2026 in New Delhi
- Keerthy Suresh Appointed UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate
- Tom Cruise Receives Honorary Oscar at 2025 Governors Awards
- Bezzecchi Wins Valencia GP, Secures Career-Best Finish in MotoGP 2025
- Oscar Piastri Wins 2025 Don Award for Excellence in F1
- GSV and DRDO Sign MoU to Boost Indigenous Defence and Logistics Tech
- AJEYA WARRIOR-25: India-UK Joint Military Exercise Kicks Off
- Thota Tharani Honored with French Chevalier Award for Cinematic Art
- Nitish Kumar, JD(U) chief, was unanimously elected as the leader of the NDA legislature party in Bihar.
- India Drops to 23rd in CCPI 2026 Amid Coal Exit Concerns
- Roger Federer to Enter International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2026
- Venu Srinivasan Wins CII Quality Ratna Award 2025
- Curaçao Becomes Smallest Nation Ever to Reach FIFA World Cup
- "Parasocial" Named Cambridge Dictionary Word of the Year 2025
- India Launches BIRSA 101, First Indigenous CRISPR Gene Therapy
- Sanjeev Kapoor Honoured as Top Agri-Food Pioneer by World Food Prize

- India Tops Medal Tally at SAAF Senior Championships 2025
- India Triumphs Over Argentina 10–9 in KogniVera Polo Cup
- Gukesh and Divya Shine with Double Gold at European Chess Club Cup
- Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025: Jayant Narlikar Honoured Posthumously
- Veteran Actor Satish Shah Passes Away at 74 in Mumbai
- Putin Announces Successful Test of Nuclear-Powered Burevestnik Missile
- Bust of Rabindranath Tagore Unveiled at Indian Embassy in Beijing
- Catherine Connolly Elected Ireland's 10th President
- Japan Launches World's First Yen-Pegged Stablecoin
- World Bank Approves \$280 Million Loan for Kerala Health
- Vajra Chandrasekera Wins 2025 Le Guin Fiction Prize
- RBI Approves Reappointment of C S Rajan at Kotak Bank
- Stellerus to Launch First 3D Wind Data Satellite Network
- India Sweeps Kabaddi Gold at Asian Youth Games
- Lando Norris Wins Mexico GP, Takes F1 Championship Lead
- China Sets Record with CR450 High-Speed Train, Reaches 453 km/h
- Prithvi Shaw slams third fastest double hundred in Ranji Trophy
- Priteesmita Bhoi Sets World Record, Wins Gold at Asian Youth Games
- Uttarakhand to Implement Automated Green Tax for Vehicles from Dec'25
- Eminent Surgeon Mathangi Ramakrishnan Passes Away at 91
- India Exports GI-Tagged Limes to UK for First Time
- Trump Receives South Korea's Top Honour and Golden Crown
- India and Nepal signed two power agreements through POWERGRID and NEA to build 400 kV cross-border transmission lines and form joint ventures in both countries.
- Uttar Pradesh to Get 76th District Named Kalyan Singh Nagar
- James Anderson receives knighthood from Princess Anne
- Vajra Chandrasekera Wins 2025 Le Guin Fiction Prize
- Mazagon Dock Signs Deal with Swan Defence for Construction of LPD
- HAL Signs MoU with Russian UAC to Produce SJ-100 Aircraft in India
- Sujeet Kalkal Wins Gold at U-23 World Wrestling Championships
- South Korea Unveils Hyunmoo-5 'Monster Missile'
- Jalandhar's Namitbir Singh Walia earned the International Master (IM) title at the 3rd Annemasse International Masters Tournament in France.
- India Launches 'Exercise Trishul' on Western Front (2025)
- Justice Surya Kant Appointed 53rd Chief Justice of India
- Brazil to host COP30 (Climate Summit) from Nov 10–21, 2025, in Belem.

## 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)



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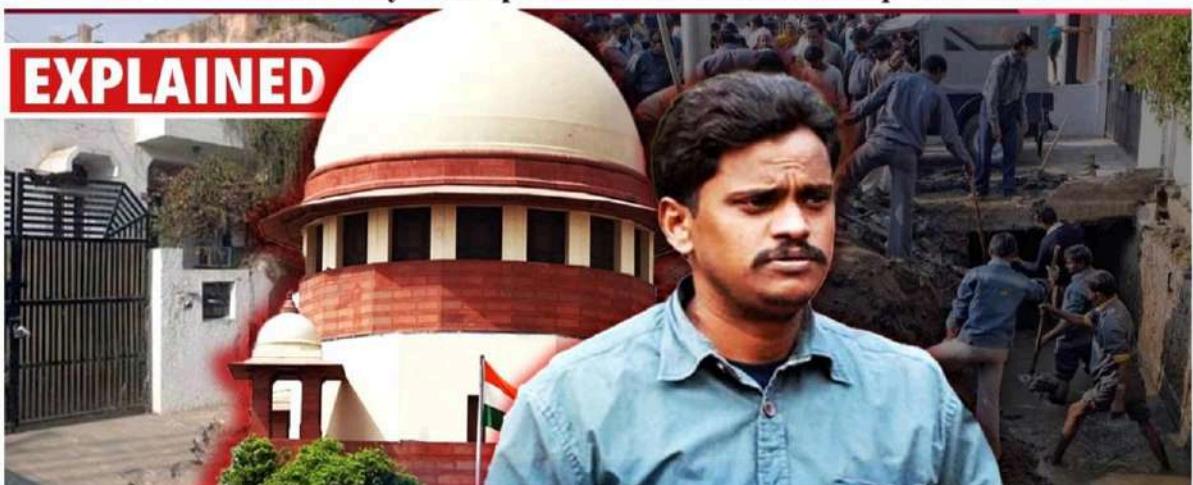
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## Trending Topic of the Month

## Nithari Case Shock: Why the Supreme Court Couldn't Keep Koli Behind Bars

**EXPLAINED****Background: The Nithari Killings**

In 2005–2006, in the village of Nithari (Noida, Uttar Pradesh), several children and women went missing. Skeletal remains and body parts were discovered behind a house where Koli worked as a domestic help for Moninder Singh Pandher.



In December 2006, the remains were found; Koli and Pandher were taken into custody on 29 December 2006. The case was subsequently transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

**The Prosecution's Case & Early Convictions**

The prosecution's case in one of the first trials rested on two main pillars:

1. A confession by Koli before a magistrate under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (CrPC).
2. The recovery of skulls, bones and other articles allegedly at his instance.

In 2009, the trial court convicted both Koli and Pandher for rape and murder and sentenced them to death. The High Court later upheld Koli's conviction (in that case), but acquitted Pandher in that same trial due to lack of evidence.

In 2011, the Supreme Court dismissed Koli's appeal, calling him a "serial killer" and describing the case as "rarest of rare".

**Subsequent Acquittals of Related Cases**

Between 2010 and 2021, Koli was tried and convicted in 12 other cases arising from the same fact-matrix (i.e., the Nithari killings) and sentenced to death. Pandher was also convicted in two of them.

However, in October 2023 the Allahabad High Court acquitted Koli in all 12 of those cases. The court ruled that the confession was not voluntary or reliable (Koli was in custody for 60 days without access to a lawyer) and that the recovery of remains was inadmissible because the digging had begun before Koli was brought to the spot, among other defects.

The Supreme Court in July 2025 dismissed the state's appeals in those acquittals, making them final.

**The Anomaly: One Conviction Standing Alone**

What created a legal paradox was that while 12 cases (based on the same evidence) had resulted in























































































































































































































































































































acquittals, Koli still had one conviction standing, despite being tried on the same evidentiary basis.

The Supreme Court found that to allow one person's conviction to persist while others were acquitted on identical records would amount to a "manifest miscarriage of justice".

### Supreme Court's Ruling & Reasoning

The Court invoked its curative jurisdiction — the last available legal remedy — stating that it must intervene when there is grave unfairness.

The Court noted "structural infirmities" in the proofs used: the confession had not met the standard for voluntariness and the recoveries were not admissible because of procedural lapses (e.g., site not under the accused's exclusive control, prior knowledge of remains by the police, inadequate forensic corroboration).

The Court held that it would violate the fundamental rights under Article 14 (Equality before law) and Article 21 (Right to life and personal liberty — fair procedure) if two outcomes based on identical evidence were permitted to co-exist (acquittals in some cases and conviction in another).

Resultantly, the Court set aside the remaining conviction of Koli and ordered his immediate release.

### Implications & Key Lessons

**Consistency of justice:** Outcomes must align when the evidence is the same; otherwise equality is breached.

**Admissibility of evidence matters:** Confessions, recoveries must satisfy procedural safeguards and be reliably corroborated.

**Curative jurisdiction's role:** Shows how the top court may step in to correct grave injustice, even decades after the event.

**High-profile case, high standards:** Even in extremely serious crimes, the standard of "beyond reasonable doubt" cannot be compromised.

**Exam relevance:** For competitive exams, this case is a textbook example for Articles 14 & 21, criminal procedure (Sections 164 CrPC, Indian Evidence Act), and appellate/curative jurisprudence.

### In simple terms:

Koli walked free because the only evidence against him (confession + recoveries) was declared defective, and the Supreme Court said you cannot acquit him in 12 cases but keep him convicted in one when all cases relied on the same flawed evidence.

### Breakdown of the core reason:

#### Confession under Section 164 CrPC was not voluntary

- He was in custody for 60+ days.
- No access to a lawyer.
- Court said such a confession cannot be relied upon.

#### Recoveries of bones and remains were illegal / unreliable

- Digging started before Koli was brought to the site.
- Police already knew where remains were found.
- Chain of evidence was broken.
- Forensic links were weak.

#### 12 similar cases already ended in acquittal

- Evidence was identical in all cases.
- After appeals ended in 2025, all acquittals became final.

#### Keeping only one conviction would violate constitutional rights

- Violates Article 14 — equality before law.
- Violates Article 21 — fair procedure.
- Supreme Court said such inconsistency is a "manifest miscarriage of justice".

#### Supreme Court used its curative power

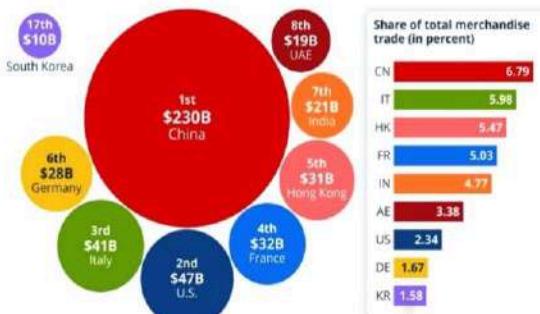
- This is the last and rarest remedy to correct grave injustice.
- It set aside Koli's only remaining conviction.



### Infographics

#### The World's Creative Export Giants

Exports of creative goods in 2023, by selected economy\*



\* Includes goods under the categories of crafts and design, software, video games, recorded media, music, performing and visual arts, books and publishing products.

Source: UNCTAD

#### China Dominates Clean Energy Investments

Projected distribution of investments in clean energy worldwide in 2025, by country and region (in %)



#### Nvidia Still the Biggest Driver of the S&P 500's Success

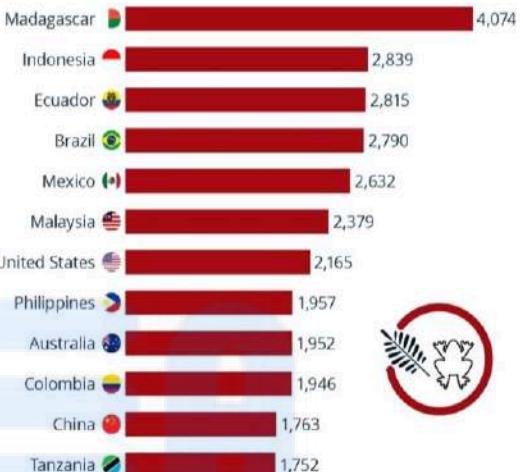
Largest positive and negative contributions to the year-to-date return of the S&P 500 through October 31, 2025



\* Magnificent 7: Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Nvidia, Tesla  
Source: Howard Silverblatt, S&P Dow Jones Indices

#### Over 4,000 Threatened Species in Madagascar

Countries with the most threatened species worldwide in 2025



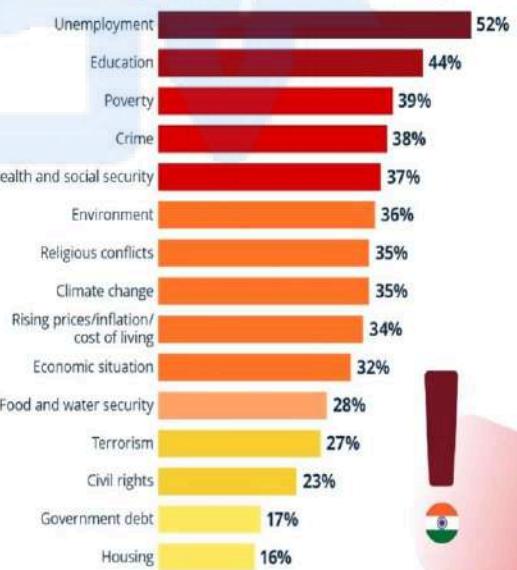
Figures include animals, plants, fungi and chromists

Source: International Union for Conservation of Nature



#### What Issues Do Indians Care About?

Share of Indian respondents who identified the following issues as among the most important in their country



24,000 respondents (18-64 y/o) surveyed Oct. 2024-Sep. 2025

Source: Statista Consumer Insights



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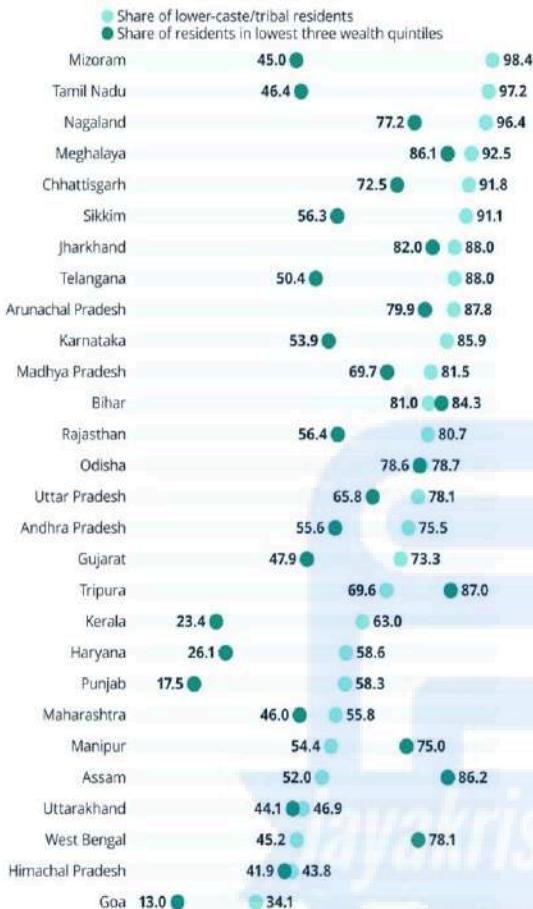


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### Poor States Don't Always Mean Lower Caste



Indian states by share of lower-caste/tribal population & share of population in three lowest wealth quintiles (in %)

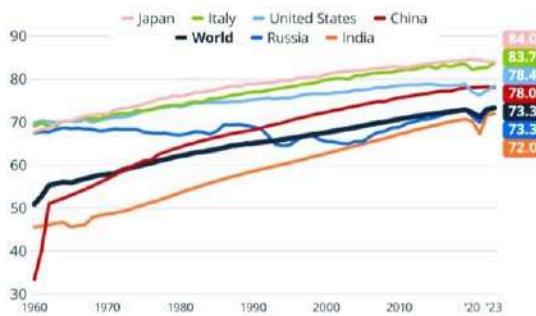


Excludes Union Territories

Source: National Family Health Survey 2019-2021

### How Life Expectancy Has Changed Over the Decades

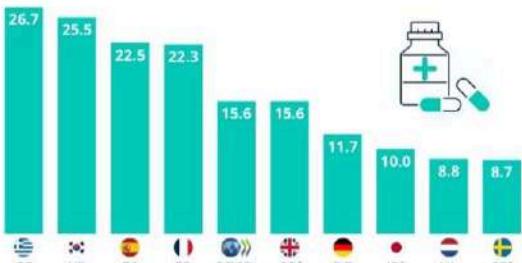
Life expectancy at birth in selected G20 countries and worldwide between 1960 and 2023



Source: UN Population Division via World Bank

### Which Countries Prescribe the Most & Least Antibiotics?

Antibiotics prescribed in selected countries in 2023 (defined daily doses per 1,000 people)



\* 2019-2021 data

Source: OECD Health at a Glance 2025

### Where Trust in Government Is Highest & Lowest

Share of adults in selected countries who said they trusted their national government in 2024 (in percent)



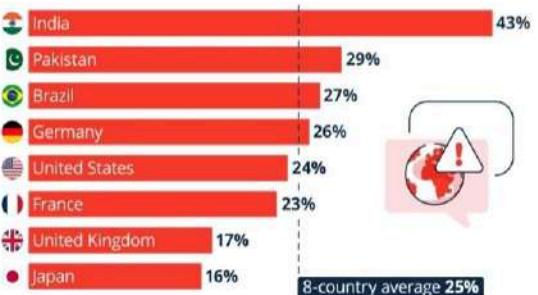
~1,150 respondents surveyed per country Oct. 25-Nov. 16, 2024

Source: 2025 Edelman Trust Barometer



### Climate Misinformation Circulates Widely Online

Share of respondents who think they saw false/misleading information about climate change in the last week



~1,000 respondents (18-70 y/o) surveyed Nov. 6-25, 2024

Source: Reuters' Climate Change and News Audiences Report 2024



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