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Business News, Financial News, Economy News, Politics News, India News, Breaking News, Indian Economy, International News, Sports News, and many more topics covered.....

Important Personalities

- Who has been appointed as the first woman Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU? **Prof. Uma Kanjilal**
- Who has been appointed Chief Scientist of Meta's Superintelligence AI group? **Shengjia Zhao**
- Who has been appointed as a Director on the RBI Central Board in July 2025? **Anuradha Thakur**
- Who has been named the new CEO of Procter & Gamble? **Shailesh Jejurikar**
- When will Nikhil Ravishankar take charge as CEO of Air New Zealand? **October 20, 2025.**
- Who has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of Army Staff? **Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh.**
- When will Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh assume the office of VCOAS? **August 1, 2025.**
- Who is the newly appointed Managing Director of IFFCO? **K J Patel.**
- Whose tenure did K J Patel succeed as IFFCO MD? **Dr. Udai Shanker Awasthi.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of IMAI's Digital Entertainment Committee? **Kiran Mani, CEO – Digital, JioStar.**
- Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Myanmar's newly formed Union Government? **U Nyo Saw.**
- Who is the Chairman of the newly formed State Security and Peace Commission in Myanmar? **Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Independent Chair of the Board of Southwest Airlines Co.? **Doug Brooks.**
- When did Doug Brooks assume the role of Independent Chair at Southwest Airlines? **August 1, 2025**
- Who did Doug Brooks succeed as Chair of the Board at Southwest Airlines? **Rakesh Gangwal.**
- Who assumed charge as the 47th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff on August 1, 2025? **Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan.**
- When will Girish Kousgi step down as MD & CEO of PNB Housing Finance? **Effective October 28, 2025.**
- Who assumed charge as Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre on August 1, 2025? **Shri A Rajarajan.**
- Whom did A Rajarajan succeed as Director of VSSC? **S Unnikrishnan Nair.**
- Who is the first woman to be appointed as the Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF)? **Sonali Mishra**
- Who recently took charge as the Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy (INA)? **Vice Admiral Manish Chadha**

YORKSHIRE DAY



Inception: 1975

1 August

Importance
To mark the anniversary of the Battle of Minden and the emancipation of slaves.

Motto
To promote the historic English county of Yorkshire.

Founded By
Yorkshire Ridings Society.

History Behind
• This Day is to remember and celebrate the largest county in the UK, Yorkshire.
• Originating as a military holiday, it includes the emancipation of slaves in 1834, and some protests about losing Yorkshire's cultural identity.

- When will Shailesh Jejurikar officially become P&G's CEO? **January 1, 2026**
- Who is Shailesh Jejurikar replacing as P&G CEO? **Jon Moeller**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)? **IPS officer Sanjay Singhal.**
- Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)? **Anant Ambani.**
- Who has been appointed as the next CEO of Air New Zealand? **Nikhil Ravishankar.**

- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh in August 2025? **Shashi Prakash Goyal**
- Who has been appointed as the head coach of the Indian men's football team in August 2025? **Khalid Jamil**
- Which organization appointed Khalid Jamil as the head coach of the Indian football team? **All India Football Federation (AIFF)**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar from September 1, 2025? **Pratyaya Amrit**
- Who has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of IndusInd Bank for the period 2025–2028? **Rajiv Anand**
- Who became the first Indian CEO of Jaguar Land Rover, effective November 2025? **PB Balaji**
- Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Bhutan? **Sandeep Arya**
- Who has been appointed as the full-time Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) in August 2025? **S. Radha Chauhan**
- Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Zomato in August 2025? – **Shah Rukh Khan**
- Who is the CEO of Zomato's food ordering and delivery business as of August 2025? – **Aditya Mangala**
- Who has been appointed as the CEO of SMFG India Credit effective August 2025? **Ravi Narayanan**
- Who has been appointed as a director of Tata Sons with shareholder approval at the 107th AGM? **Noel Tata**
- Who joined the Tata Sons board as an independent director? **Anita Marangoly George.**
- Who has been given additional charge as the Governor of Nagaland after the demise of La. Ganesan? **Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Governor of Manipur**
- Who has been elected as the first woman president of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA)? **Shwetha Menon**
- Who has been appointed as Director of Tata Sons? **Noel Tata**
- Who has been appointed as an Additional Judge of the Punjab & Haryana High Court? **Judicial Officer Smt. Ramesh Kumari.**
- Who has been appointed as the new CFO of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) from November 1, 2025? **Niranjan Gupta**
- Who is the current Chairman of BCCI's Senior Selection Committee whose tenure has been extended till June 2026? **Ajit Agarkar**
- Who has been given additional charge as Governor of Nagaland in August 2025? **Ajay Kumar Bhalla**
- India has been elected as Chairman of the AIBD Executive Board in which year? **2025.**
- Who has been elected President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for 2025–26? **Srinivasan K Swamy.**
- Who has been appointed as the new ex-officio member of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee in 2025? **Indranil Bhattacharyya.**

HIROSHIMA DAY



Edition: 80th

6 August

Importance

To mark the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States in 1945.

History Behind

- During World War II on 6 August, 1945, US dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima in Japan by an American B-29 bomber.
- The 9000-pound Uranium-235 bomb was loaded on B-29 bomber named as "Enola Gay".
- This nuclear bomb was named as "Little Boy".
- The explosion wiped out around 90% of the city and around 80,000 people were killed and more than 35,000 people were injured.

Note

This day serves as a day of remembrance and as a focus for anti-war and anti-nuclear discussions and demonstrations.

- Who has been nominated as the next US Ambassador to India by President Donald Trump? **Sergio Gor**
- Who has been appointed as the new Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA) in 2025? **Anish Dayal Singh.**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tata Digital, the e-commerce arm of Tata Sons? **Sajith Sivanandan**
- Recently jazz singer Cleo Lane died at the age of 97. She was from which country? **Britain**
- At what age did Tom Lehrer pass away? **97**
- At what age did Vijai Sharma pass away? **75**

- Who was the former Vice-Chancellor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University who passed away in August 2025? **Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi**
- Shibu Soren, who recently passed away, was associated with which political party? **Jharkhand Mukti Morcha**
- Which former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, associated with the abrogation of Article 370, passed away in August 2025? **Satya Pal Malik**
- Myint Swe, who recently passed away, was the acting president of which country? **Myanmar.**
- Which veteran Marathi actress, known for her role as Poorna Aji in Tharala Tar Mag, passed away recently at the age of 68? **Jyoti Chandekar**
- Achyut Potdar, who passed away recently, was a famous ____ Actor
- Which state's sitting Governor, La Ganesan, passed away recently? **Nagaland**
- Name the former Australia captain and coach, who passed away recently? **Bob Simpson**
- Who, popularly known as "the nicest judge in the world," recently passed away at the age of 88? **Judge Frank Caprio**
- Jaswinder Bhalla, who recently passed away at the age of 65, was associated with which film industry? **Punjabi cinema**
- Who was the founder of Caparo Group who passed away in London at the age of 94? **Lord Swraj Paul**
- Which former Indian hockey player and 1972 Olympic bronze medallist, also a doctor of sports medicine, passed away in Kolkata in 2025? **Dr. Vece Paes**

QUIT INDIA MOVEMENT DAY



By: Mahatma Gandhi

8 August

Importance

To mark the inception of the Quit India Movement that was launched at the Bombay session of the All India Congress Committee on August 8, 1942.

Motto

To pay tribute to freedom fighters with national integration speeches and other events.

Also Known as

August Kranti or Bharat Chodo Andolan.

Note

- The Quit India Movement took place right in the middle of World War II.
- In 1992 RBI issued a 1 rupee commemorative coin to mark the Golden Jubilee of the movement.

NAGASAKI DAY



Edition: 80th

9 August

Importance

To pay tribute to the victims of the people who died when US dropped atomic bomb on the Nagasaki city of Japan in 1945 during World War II.

History Behind

- Bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki was known as "Fat Man".
- The "Fat Man" bomb was plutonium based nuclear bomb.
- This bomb was more powerful than used at Hiroshima.
- The weight of the bomb was nearly 10,000 pounds and was built to produce a 22-kiloton blast.

Note

After this Japan surrendered to US in World War II.

National & International News

- Who launched the Gyan Bharatam Mission to digitise ancient manuscripts? **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
- What is the primary objective of the Gyan Bharatam Mission? **Digitisation and conservation of over 1 crore ancient manuscripts**
- What will be created under the Gyan Bharatam Mission for public access? **National Digital Repository**
- Which state has one Maratha fort recognised by UNESCO apart from Maharashtra? **Tamil Nadu**
- Where was the Indian Coast Guard's FPV 'Atal' launched? **Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), Goa.**
- What kind of warheads can the Pralay missile carry? **Multiple types of conventional warheads.**
- What is Kaziranga Tiger Reserve's global rank in tiger density as of 2024? **Third highest in the world.**
- What is the tiger density in Kaziranga Tiger Reserve? **18.65 tigers per 100 sq km.**
- What is the purpose of the Environment Protection (Management of Contaminated Sites) Rules, 2025? **To provide a legal framework for remediation of contaminated sites by polluters.**
- Which incident prompted the notification of the Environment Protection (Management of Contaminated Sites) Rules, 2025? **The 2020 Baghjan oil blowout in Assam.**
- From which date is the extended President's Rule in Manipur applicable as per the 2025 resolution passed by Parliament? **13th August 2025**
- Which bill aims to simplify maritime trade laws by adopting Hague-Visby Rules? **Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill, 2025**
- Which two maritime bills were recently passed by the Indian Parliament to modernise shipping laws? **Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024 and Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill, 2025**
- Which state has become the first in India to empanel sign language experts under the Juvenile Justice Act? **Punjab**
- Under which two Acts has Punjab decided to empanel sign language interpreters and special educators? **Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and POCSO Act, 2012**
- Which Indian legislative assembly recently became fully solar-powered and adopted the E-Vidhan system? **Delhi Assembly**
- What is the main objective of the AIM-Bhashini collaboration? **To democratise access to innovation by eliminating language barriers.**
- Who launched 'Nari Adalat' in Sikkim on the occasion of the first Amma Samman Diwas? **Prem Singh Tamang, Chief Minister of Sikkim.**

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



Inception: 1995

9 August

Importance

To mark the first meeting, in 1982, of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

History Behind

To mark the first meeting, in 1982, of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

Organisation Involved

UNGA

Who are Indigenous peoples?

- Indigenous peoples are inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to people and the environment.
- They have retained social, cultural, economic and political characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live.

- Which state has implemented 'Disha Abhiyan' to provide uniform and quality education for students with intellectual disabilities? **Maharashtra.**
- Which state recently unveiled its State Education Policy (SEP) retaining the two-language system as an alternative to the National Education Policy (NEP)? **Tamil Nadu**
- Where is the Bharat Ratna Bhim Rao Ambedkar Institute of Telecom Training (BRBRAITT) located? **Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.**

- What does 'SIMPLE' stand for in the new Income Tax Bill, 2025? **Streamlined, Integrated, Minimized litigation, Practical, Learn from global best practices, Efficient.**
- Which foreign fund gets direct tax benefits under the new Income Tax Bill, 2025? **Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund.**
- What is the new time limit for filing a TDS correction statement under the SIMPLE law? **2 years (reduced from 6 years).**
- Under the new SIMPLE law, what is the turnover limit for professionals to use prescribed e-payment modes? **Above ₹50 crore.**
- Which Indian state will conduct the country's first drone-based artificial rain experiment in 2025? **Rajasthan**
- Which bill, passed by the Lok Sabha in 2025, aims to boost transparency and expand mineral exploration in India? **Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2025**
- Which two bills passed by Parliament in 2025 aim to reform sports governance and anti-doping oversight in India? **National Sports Governance Bill, 2025 & National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025.**
- Which index launched by the Union Health Ministry in 2025 benchmarks and strengthens state drug regulatory systems? **State Health Regulatory Excellence Index (SHRESTH).**
- The Jan Vishwas Bill 2025 seeks to promote ease of living and business by doing what? **Decriminalising minor offences**
- How many central Acts are covered under the Jan Vishwas Bill 2025? **16 central Acts under 10 ministries/departments**
- On which Independence Day did PM Modi deliver his longest I-Day speech (103 minutes)? **79th Independence Day (2025).**
- Which bill has been approved by the Union Cabinet to regulate the online gaming sector in India? **The Promotion & Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025.**
- What is the penalty proposed under the Online Gaming Bill, 2025 for offering real-money games? **Up to three years in jail and fines.**
- Which bill was passed by Parliament in 2025 to promote sustainable mining and boost critical mineral production? **Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2025**
- How many critical minerals have been identified under the National Critical Mineral Mission? **24 critical minerals**
- Which city became the first in India to install portable solar panels between railway tracks? **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**
- Jalalabad town in Shahjahanpur district of Uttar Pradesh has been renamed to? **Parshurampuri**
- Which state launched India's first Integrated Global FinTech Capability Hub (I-GFTCH)? **Odisha**
- Which paramilitary force has launched its first all-women commando unit? **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).**
- Which body announced the formation of a new Union Government in Myanmar in August 2025? **The National Defense and Security Council (NDSC).**
- Where did Laura Dahlmeier's fatal mountaineering accident occur? **On Laila Peak in Pakistan's Karakoram range.**
- Which country delivered the final unit of the C-295 aircraft to India in August 2025? **Spain**
- Which country recently became the 107th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)? **Moldova**
- Which colonial power controlled Cambodia during the origin of the border dispute? **France.**
- Which temple is the most famous flashpoint in the Cambodia-Thailand border dispute? **Preah Vihear Temple.**
- Which organisation's recognition of Preah Vihear Temple as a World Heritage Site triggered clashes in 2008-2011? **UNESCO.**
- Which Country Launches 'One Freezone Passport' to Streamline Business Licensing and Attract Global Investment? **Dubai**
- Which countries are members of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)? **Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, and Russia.**
- Which countries participated in the 6th Trilateral Foreign Ministers Dialogue held in Kabul? **Afghanistan, China, and Pakistan.**

Important Projects & Schemes

- Which organization launched the Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana? **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)**
- What is the objective of the Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana? **To strengthen legal aid for defence personnel and their families**
- What is the total outlay for the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme? **₹400 crore**
- Who launched the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme? **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh**
- Which new building, inaugurated by PM Modi under the Central Vista project, will house key ministries and promote eco-friendly governance infrastructure? **Kartavya Bhavan-3**
- What is the name of the Assam government scheme launched in 2025 to provide monthly financial aid to promote girls' higher education? **Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina 2.0**
- Which state government launched the Shramshree scheme for migrant workers? **West Bengal**
- Under the Shramshree scheme, how much financial aid will returning migrant workers receive? **₹5,000 per month for one year or until new employment is found**
- Which organization launched the ₹5,800-crore Advanced Postal Technology (APT) project? **India Post**
- Which ministry launched the SASCI scheme to promote lesser-known tourist destinations? **Ministry of Tourism**
- What does SASCI stand for? **Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment**
- Till which year has the Government of India extended the Fortified Rice Scheme? **December 2028**
- What is the total government funding approved for the Fortified Rice Scheme (2024–2028)? **₹17,082 crore (100% central funding)**
- What is the theme of the “Developed Agriculture Sankalp Abhiyan” linked to NNFM? **Vijay Parv**

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY



12 August

Inception: 1999

2025 Theme:
Youth Empowerment for
a Sustainable Future

Importance

- To mark the proclamation by UNGA on recommendations made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in 1998.
- This day is an initiative that celebrates the qualities of young people and that recognises the challenges that today's youth can face.

Motto

To highlight the ways in which the engagement of young people at the local, national and global levels is enriching national and multilateral institutions.

Organisation Involved

UN & UNICEF 2024.

Note

This day brings youth issues to the attention of the international community and celebrating the potential of youth as partners in today's global society.

WORLD ORGAN DONATION DAY



13 August

Motto

- This day strives to motivate people to donate their healthy and precious organs after death to save lives.
- Donating an organ is like gifting life to someone because one organ donor can save up to eight lives.

Facts Behind

- A donor can initiate to donate organs like heart, liver, intestine, kidneys, lungs and pancreas after his or her death.
- In the case of natural death tissues of cornea, heart valves, bone and skin can be donated whereas other vital organs like heart, liver, intestines, kidneys, lungs, and pancreas can only be donated in the case of brain death.
- After organ failure, vital organs like heart, liver, intestines, kidneys, lungs and pancreas can be transplanted into the patient to help the recipient lead a normal life.
- Anyone can be an organ donor irrespective of age, caste, religion, community etc.

Banking & Economy

- What is the total value of the new Line of Credit extended by India to Maldives? **₹4,850 crore (approx. USD 550 million)**
- By what percentage was Maldives' annual debt repayment to India reduced under the new agreement? **40%**
- What is the revised budget allocation for the Gyan Bharatam Mission in 2025? **₹60 crore**
- Why is the US penalizing India apart from tariffs? **India faces penalties for buying Russian oil and weapons.**
- Which city is the headquarters of both NICBL and Saraswat Bank? **Mumbai**
- Which insurance aggregator was fined ₹5 crore by IRDAI for regulatory violations in August 2025? **Policybazaar Insurance Brokers Pvt. Ltd.**
- Which two companies are jointly investing ₹5,845 crore to expand electrical steel manufacturing in India? **JSW Steel and JFE Steel Corporation**
- What is the current repo rate as announced by the RBI? **The repo rate is unchanged at 5.5%.**
- What monetary policy stance has the RBI adopted? **The RBI has adopted a neutral stance.**
- What is the revised GDP growth forecast for India in CY2025 according to Goldman Sachs? **6.5%**
- Which international financial institution approved a \$400 million loan to expand the Philippines' Walang Gutom (Zero Hunger) Food Stamp Program? **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**
- What is the new outlook assigned to India's rating by S&P? **Stable**
- From when will RBI's faster cheque clearance system start? **October 4, 2025.**
- What is the valuation of the Ambani family's business in 2025? **₹28.23 lakh crore**
- How much equity capital will SoftBank inject into Intel? **\$2 billion of equity capital into Intel.**
- Nomura has retained India's FY26 GDP growth forecast at what percentage? **6.2%**
- What is the new GST slab structure proposed by the GoM? **Two slabs – 5% and 18%**
- Which city topped the IMD Smart City Index 2025? **Zurich, Switzerland.**
- How many key agreements were signed between India and Maldives in July 2025? **8 agreements**
- Which company has Tesla signed a semiconductor supply deal with? **Samsung Electronics**
- What is the value of the Tesla–Samsung chip supply deal? **₩22.8 trillion (~\$16.51 billion)**
- Which two countries signed the 50-year Geelong Treaty in 2025? **Australia and the United Kingdom**
- What is the official name of the Geelong Treaty? **Nuclear-Powered Submarine Partnership and Collaboration Treaty**
- Which two entities signed the MoU to set up a testing facility in Tiruchirappalli? **Ministry of Defence**



Importance

To mark the end of British rule in 1947 and the establishment of a free and independent Indian nation.

Interesting Facts behind

- India is known as Bharat Ganarajya in Sanskrit.
- Our country got its name 'India' from the River Indus.
- India had no national anthem when it became an independent country.
- Hindi was declared as the official language of India on 14th September, 1949.
- The Governor General was the only and the most authoritative person in India at the time of independence.
- India became independent on July 18, 1947, Lord Mountbatten declared 15th August as the date of Independence because this date observed the second anniversary of the surrendering of Japan to the Allied Forces during World War II.
- India shares its Independence Day with five more countries on August 15, but with different years.
- The countries are Bahrain, North Korea, South Korea, Congo, and Liechtenstein.

- Which authority approved the amalgamation of New India Co-operative Bank with Saraswat Bank? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
- Under which section of the Banking Regulation Act was the merger approved? **Section 44A(4) read with Section 56**
- Which is the largest Urban Co-operative Bank in India? **Saraswat Co-operative Bank**

- (MoD) and Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO)
- What key international agreement did Vijai Sharma help architect? **The 1997 Kyoto Protocol**
 - Which state government renewed its MoU with Vision India Services to create jobs for ITI youth? **Uttar Pradesh**
 - What is the duration of the renewed partnership between UP government and Vision India Services? **Three years**
 - Which company is Tata Motors acquiring? **Italian commercial vehicle maker Iveco Group N.V. (excluding defence business)**
 - What is the value of the Tata Motors-Iveco acquisition deal? **€3.8 billion (approximately ₹38,240 crore)**
 - What does the US-Pakistan oil deal involve? **The US will help develop Pakistan's "massive" but mostly untapped oil reserves.**
 - Where was the 8th Joint Defence Committee meeting between India and Brazil held? **Brasilia, Brazil.**
 - With which company did the Indian Army sign a contract for next-gen Tank Transporter Trailers? **M/s Axiscades Aerospace and Technologies Pvt. Ltd.**
 - Which two countries signed the Programme of Cooperation (PoC) 2025–2028 to boost science and technology collaboration? **India and the Philippines**
 - Which two countries are collaborating with UN WFP to strengthen rice fortification and supply chains under the India-UN Global Capacity Building Initiative? **India and Nepal**
 - Which state government recently signed two MoUs focusing on village development and river conservation? **Madhya Pradesh**
 - Which country will supply 11 Mogami-class stealth frigates to Australia under their largest-ever defence deal signed in 2025? **Japan**
 - Which sectors will Indonesia and Belarus deepen cooperation in? **Food security, agricultural modernization, technology, investment, education, health, and human resources.**
 - Which South Korean company secured an MRO contract for a U.S. Navy cargo ship? **HD Hyundai Heavy Industries.**
 - In which city was the latest Cambodia–Thailand ceasefire agreement signed? **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.**
 - Who mediated the peace agreement between Azerbaijan and Armenia at the White House during his second term? **US President Donald Trump**
 - Which Gulf country is set to sign a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with India covering goods, services, investments, and labour mobility? **Oman**
 - Which institution has the UIDAI partnered with to enhance Aadhaar's security and reliability for the next five years? **Indian Statistical Institute**
 - What was India's stance on the PCA's jurisdiction regarding the IWT? **India said the PCA lacked jurisdiction and its rulings have no legal standing.**
 - Bank of Maharashtra has partnered with which company to launch a co-branded credit card? **SBI Card**
 - Which institution did Assam Rifles sign an MoU with to bolster drone technology? **IIIT Manipur.**
 - What is the main aim of the Assam Rifles–IIIT Manipur collaboration? **To enhance surveillance, reconnaissance, and logistics support in border and difficult terrains.**
 - Which two organisations signed an MoU to boost bilateral trade between India and Sri Lanka? **Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) and National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE)**
 - Which company signed an MoU with Air India for the supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)? **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)**
 - India recently signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) to launch FTA negotiations with which economic bloc? **Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).**
 - UIDAI has collaborated with which satellite internet provider for Aadhaar-based customer verification? **Starlink.**
 - UIDAI has designated Starlink as which type of agency for Aadhaar authentication? **Sub-Authentication User Agency and Sub-eKYC User Agency.**
 - The Indian government recently cleared a deal worth how much to acquire 97 LCA Tejas Mark 1A fighter jets? **₹62,000 crore**

Awards & Recognitions

- Who is the current Chairman of ISRO honoured with the GP Birla Memorial Award? **Dr. V Narayanan**
- How many Nobel Laureates have received the GP Birla Memorial Award? **32 Nobel Laureates**
- Which former President of India received the GP Birla Memorial Award? **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**
- Who won India's first gold medal at the FISU World University Games 2025? **Parneet Kaur and Kushal Dalal.**
- Who won bronze medals for India at the Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2025? **Tanvi Sharma and Vennala Kalagotla.**
- How many MPs received the Sansad Ratna Awards 2025? **Seventeen**
- Which film won Best Feature Film at the 71st National Film Awards 2025? – **12th Fail**
- Who were jointly awarded Best Actor at the 71st National Film Awards 2025? – **Shah Rukh Khan and Vikrant Massey**
- Which actress won Best Actress for her role in Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway? – **Rani Mukerji**
- Who won Best Director award for The Kerala Story? – **Sudipto Sen**
- Which film won Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment? – **Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani**
- Which Tamil film was awarded Best Tamil Film in 2025? – **Parking**
- Which documentary won Best Non-Fiction Film in non-feature category? – **Flowering Man**
- Which short film won Best Short Film at 71st National Film Awards? – **Giddh – The Scavenger**
- Which film won Best Hindi Film in the 2025 awards? – **Kathal: A Jackfruit Mystery**
- Who composed the Best Background Score for the film Animal? – **Harshavardhan Rameshwar**
- Which institute won the Best ROTTO Award for the second consecutive year? **PGIMER (Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research), Chandigarh.**
- How many times has PGIMER won the national ROTTO award since 2019? **Three times.**
- Which organisation gives out the ROTTO Award? **NOTTO (National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation).**
- How much prize money did Miyu Yamashita win for her AIG Women's Open victory? **USD 1,462,500**
- Which Indian airport won The International Architecture Award® 2025 in the Airports and Transportation Centers category? **Guwahati International Airport**
- Which women's self-help group from Karnataka won the 2025 UNDP Equator Initiative Award for promoting millet-based sustainable farming? **Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group, Teertha village, Karnataka.**
- How many total Gallantry Awards were approved by President Droupadi Murmu on the 79th Independence Day? **127 Gallantry Awards.**
- How many Kirti Chakra awards were approved by President Droupadi Murmu on the 79th Independence Day? **4 Kirti Chakra awards.**
- How many Vir Chakra awards were given by President Droupadi Murmu on the 79th Independence Day? **15 Vir Chakra awards.**
- How many Shaurya Chakra awards were announced by President Droupadi Murmu on the 79th Independence Day? **16 Shaurya Chakra awards.**
- Who is the Vice Chief of Air Staff awarded the Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal for Operation Sindoor? **Air Marshal Narnadeshwar Tiwari.**
- Who was crowned Miss Universe India 2025? **Manika Vishwakarma (Rajasthan)**
- How many Kirti Chakras were awarded in 2025 Gallantry list? **4**
- Which operation saw gallantry recognition for IAF pilots & BSF personnel? **Operation Sindoor**
- Who received the Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal (2025)? **Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh, and senior IAF officers**
- Which medal is given for exceptionally distinguished wartime service? **Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal**
- Which film won both Best Film and Best Director at IFFM 2025? **Homebound by Neeraj Ghaywan**
- Who received the Excellence in Cinema Award at IFFM 2025? **Aamir Khan**

Sports

- Where will the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship 2025 be held? **Naranpura Sports Complex, Ahmedabad**
- Where was the Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2025 held? **Surakarta, Indonesia.**
- In which category did Tanvi and Vennala win bronze medals? **Under-19 Women's Singles.**
- Which team did England defeat in the UEFA Women's Euro 2025 final Spain
- Where was the UEFA Women's Euro 2025 final held? **Basel, Switzerland**
- What historic title did England achieve in UEFA Women's Euro 2025? **Only the second team to retain the Women's Euro title**
- Who won a bronze medal for India at the 2025 World Junior Squash Championships? **Anahat Singh**
- Who won the 2025 Belgian Grand Prix Sprint? **Max Verstappen**
- Which team is Max Verstappen driving for in this race? **Red Bull**
- Who won the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup 2025? **Divya Deshmukh**
- Whom did Divya Deshmukh defeat in the final of the FIDE Women's World Cup 2025? **Koneru Humpy**
- Where was the final of the FIDE Women's World Cup 2025 held? **Batumi, Georgia**
- Where were the 2025 World University Games held? **Rhine-Ruhr, Germany**
- What was India's overall rank at the 2025 World University Games? **20th**
- What is the name of the new cricket museum being inaugurated by the MCA? **MCA Sharad Pawar Cricket Museum.**
- Where is the MCA Sharad Pawar Cricket Museum located? **At Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai.**
- Which two personalities will have life-size statues at the entrance of the MCA museum? **Sunil Gavaskar and Sharad Pawar.**
- Where was the U-17 World Wrestling Championships 2025 held? **Athens, Greece**
- Which Indian wrestler won the silver medal in the men's 110kg freestyle category? **Lucky**
- Who won the men's long jump gold at the Qosanov Memorial 2025 athletics meet? **Murali Sreeshankar of India.**
- Who won the 2025 Hungarian Grand Prix? **Lando Norris of McLaren-Mercedes**
- Who holds the record for most Hungarian GP wins among drivers? **Lewis Hamilton holds the record with 8 Hungarian GP wins.**
- Which constructor has the most Hungarian GP wins? **McLaren holds the record with 13 wins.**
- Who won the 2025 FIA Formula 3 Drivers' Championship? **Rafael Camara**
- Which team does Rafael Camara race for in Formula 3? **Trident.**

WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY



Inception: 1839

19 August

Importance

- To mark the purchase of patent of Daguerreotype process by French government and make it free to the world as a gift in 1839.
- This day originates from the invention of the Daguerreotype, a photographic process developed by Frenchmen Louis Daguerre and Joseph Nicéphore Niepce in 1837.

Motto

To pay homage to the history of photography, celebrate the present and leave a positive trail for the future.

Interesting Facts

- The earliest known permanent photographic image was created by a more complex process called heliography in 1826.
- The exposure time needed to create that photograph was eight hours.
- The 1st selfie was taken by Robert Cornelius in 1839.

- Where was the 2025 Pan American Cup held? **Montevideo, Uruguay.**
- Which country won both men's and women's hockey gold at the 2025 Pan American Cup? **Argentina.**
- Which team secured silver in both men's and women's hockey at the 2025 Pan American Cup? **United States.**

- Which countries are hosting the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026? **Belgium and the Netherlands.**
- Who was the only Indian golfer to make the cut at the 2025 AIG Women's Open? **Diksha Dagar**
- Who won the 6th Deaf Indian Premier League title? **Lucknow Giants.**
- Which team did Lucknow Giants defeat in the final of the 6th DIPL? **Bangalore Badshah.**
- Who won the women's singles title at the 2025 Canadian Open? **Victoria Mboko**
- Victoria Mboko is a tennis player from which country? **Canada**



Importance

To mark the killing of Sergio Vieira de Mello, the UN's top representative in Iraq by a terrorist attack in Baghdad on 19 August 2003.

Motto

To pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world.

By

UNGA

Humanitarian Means

Having concern for or helping to improve the welfare and happiness of people. "If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one." – Mother Teresa

- Who won the men's singles title at the 2025 Canadian Open? **Ben Shelton**
- Who won the women's doubles title at the 2025 Canadian Open? **Coco Gauff / McCartney Kessler**
- Which country do men's doubles champions Julian Cash and Lloyd Glasspool represent? **United Kingdom**
- Who won the gold medal in women's javelin throw at the Indian Open 2025 – World Athletics

Continental Tour (Bronze Level) in Bhubaneswar? **Annu Rani (India).**

- Who became the first Indian to win a medal in the Open Men's category at the Asian Surfing Championships 2025? **Ramesh Budhial**
- Who became the first Indian to win a medal at the World Games 2025? **Rishabh Yadav**
- Who became the first Indian to win a medal in Wushu at the World Games? **Namrata Batra**
- Who won the women's singles title at the Malaysia International Challenge 2025? **Devika Sihag**
- Who won the Cincinnati Open 2025 men's singles title? **Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)**
- Who became the first player to win the PFA Men's Player of the Year award three times? **Mohamed Salah (Liverpool, Egypt)**
- Who won the PFA Men's Young Player of the Year award in 2025? **Morgan Rogers (Aston Villa, England)**
- Who won the PFA Women's Player of the Year 2025? **Mariona Caldentey (Spain, Arsenal)**
- Who won the PFA Women's Young Player of the Year 2025? **Olivia Smith (Canada, Arsenal)**
- Where was the U20 World Wrestling Championships 2025 held? **Bulgaria**
- Who won the 134th Durand Cup 2025? **NorthEast United FC (NEUFC).**



Science & Technology

- Where was India's first hydrogen-powered coach tested? **Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai**
- How many hydrogen trains does Indian Railways plan to run under the "Hydrogen for Heritage" scheme? **35 hydrogen trains**
- What is the estimated cost per hydrogen train under the "Hydrogen for Heritage" scheme? **₹80 crore**
- Which satellite did Iran launch aboard the Russian Soyuz rocket? **Nahid-2**
- What type of mission was the Nahid-2 launch part of? **A multi-payload mission**
- Which other satellites were included in the launch mission with Nahid-2? **Russia's Ionosfera-M3, Ionosfera-M4, and 18 other satellites**
- Who developed the Nahid-2 satellite? **Iranian Space Agency with domestic research centers and firms**
- Which rocket will carry the NISAR satellite into space? **GSLV-F16**
- What is the full form of NISAR? **NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar**
- What is the mission purpose of the NISAR satellite? **Earth observation for climate research, disaster response, and Earth science**
- Who conducted the successful flight tests of the Pralay missile? **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).**
- Where were the tests of the Pralay missile conducted? **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha.**
- What was the total number of adult tigers in Kaziranga in 2024? **148 adult tigers.**
- Which country unveiled the Gazap and Hayalet bombs? **Turkey**
- Who developed Turkey's Gazap and Hayalet bombs? **Turkish National Defence Ministry's R&D Centre**
- Gazap is a modified version of which bomb model? **MK-84 aircraft bomb**
- Which central authority recognized Telangana for its organ donation performance? **National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO)**
- Which aircraft is the C-295 intended to replace in the Indian Air Force? **Avro aircraft**
- How many C-295 aircraft are to be manufactured in India by Tata Advanced Systems Ltd.? **40 aircraft**
- Where was India's first 'Animal Stem Cell Biobank' inaugurated? **National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad.**
- Which shipyard built the P17A frigate Udaygiri? **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai.**
- Which shipyard built the P17A frigate Himgiri? **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.**
- Which shipbuilder delivered the survey vessel Ikshak to the Indian Navy? **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE).**
- Ikshak is the third vessel in which class of survey ships? **Sandhayak-class Survey Vessels (Large).**
- What is the name of Russia's upcoming interplanetary mission to Venus? **Venera-D.**
- By when does Russia plan to launch the Venera-D mission? **No later than 2036.**
- What is the purpose of GSAT-7R? **To serve as a new communication satellite for the Indian Navy, replacing GSAT-7.**
- How many satellites does India currently operate in LEO orbit? **55 satellites.**
- What is Mission Sudarshan Chakra? **India's advanced defence system for national security and retaliatory capability.**
- Who inaugurated the Pasang Wangchuk Sona ISRO Space Laboratory in Arunachal Pradesh? **Pasang Dorjee Sona (Education Minister, Arunachal Pradesh)**
- Where was the ISRO-backed space laboratory inaugurated in Arunachal Pradesh? **Mechuka, Shi-Yomi district**
- The ISRO space lab in Arunachal Pradesh was set up in collaboration with which foundation? **Muskaan Foundation**
- Which IIT has licensed India's first silicon photonics-based Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG)? **IIT Madras**
- What is the strike range of the Agni-V missile? **About 5,000 km (variant up to 7,000 km).**
- Which French company will build the engine for India's 5th Gen AMCA fighter jet? **Safran.**
- Who successfully conducted the maiden flight test of the Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS)? **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).**

Miscellaneous

- Where is the joint military exercise 'Bold Kurukshetra 2025' being held? **Jodhpur, Rajasthan**
- Which two countries are participating in 'Bold Kurukshetra 2025'? **India and Singapore**
- What is the main objective of 'Bold Kurukshetra 2025'? **To enhance interoperability and defence cooperation**
- Who organises the Sansad Ratna Awards? **Prime Point Foundation (NGO)**
- Who was Vijai Sharma? **India's former chief climate negotiator and architect of the Kyoto Protocol**
- Where was Exercise DIVYA DRISHTI conducted? **High-altitude areas of East Sikkim, Himalayas.**
- Which Indian Army corps conducted Exercise DIVYA DRISHTI? **Trishakti Corps.**
- What is the main focus of Exercise DIVYA DRISHTI? **Real-time surveillance, situational awareness, and rapid decision-making.**
- Who was Meghnad Desai? **Renowned economist, author, UK House of Lords member, and India-UK relations advocate.**
- Who was T N Manoharan? **Former president of ICAI and Padma Shri awardee.**
- How long did Dr. Uday Shanker Awasthi serve as IFFCO MD? **Since 1993, over 32 years.**
- Who is the Co-Chairman of IAMAI's Digital Entertainment Committee? **Deepit Purkayastha, Co-founder & CEO of Inshorts.**
- Why did Rakesh Gangwal step down as Chair of the Board? **Due to additional time commitments unrelated to Southwest.**
- Who was KPAC Rajendran? **A veteran actor known for stage and television performances, especially with KPAC.**
- Shibu Soren served as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand for how many terms? **Three**
- Which year was Jharkhand officially formed as a separate state? **2000**
- In which year did Shibu Soren become the president of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)? **1987**
- What is the nickname given to Shibu Soren by his supporters? **Dishoom Guru**
- Which year marked the beginning of SIMBEX? **1994**
- What is India's longest continuous bilateral naval exercise with any country? **SIMBEX**
- Which bilateral exercise marks 60 years of India-Singapore diplomatic ties in 2025? **SIMBEX 2025**
- Where was the Qosanov Memorial 2025 held? **Almaty, Kazakhstan.**
- Which Indian state ranked first in organ donation in 2024? **Telangana**
- Under which programme did Telangana achieve the highest organ donations? **Jeevandan**
- What does ROTO stand for? **Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation.**
- Which country's Prime Minister Gintautas Paluckas resigned recently, leading to the resignation of the entire cabinet? **Lithuania**
- What is the ship class of the USNS Alan Shepard? **Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo vessel.**
- When did India establish full diplomatic relations with Vietnam? **On 7 January 1972.**
- In which year did the ICJ rule that Preah Vihear Temple belongs to Cambodia? **1962.**
- Who was the first recipient of the M. S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace launched by PM Narendra Modi? **Dr. Arenare (Nigeria)**
- Recently which peak did Kabak Yano scale? **Mount Kilimanjaro.**
- In which country is Mount Kilimanjaro located? **Tanzania.**
- What is the height of Mount Kilimanjaro? **5,895 metres (19,340 feet).**
- When was the Indus Waters Treaty signed? **19 September 1960.**
- Who brokered the Indus Waters Treaty? **The World Bank.**
- Which rivers are allocated to Pakistan under the IWT? **Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab.**
- Which rivers are allocated to India under the IWT? **Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej.**
- In context to Cheques, What does the "T+3 clear hours" rule mean? **Cheques must be confirmed within 3 hours of presentation.**
- Which family topped the Barclays Hurun India Most Valuable Family Businesses 2025 list? **Ambani Family (₹28.23 lakh crore)**
- The 12th edition of the Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise (SLINEX-25) was held off the coast of which city? **Colombo, Sri Lanka**

Important Days of the Month

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
2 September	Coconut Day	This Day helps to create awareness for the importance of this fruit in poverty reduction.
5 September	International Day of Charity	To commemorate the death anniversary of Mother Teresa
5 September	Teachers' Day	To mark the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna recipient Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
8 September	International Literacy Day	Promoting literacy in the digital era.
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day	Changing the Narrative on Suicide
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15 September	Engineer's Day	As a mark of remembrance and tribute to the greatest Indian engineer Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.
16 September	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	From Science to Global Action
21 September	International Day of Peace and Non-Violence (UN)	Act Now for a Peaceful World
21 September	World Alzheimer's Day	To raise awareness among the challenges of common stigma that surrounds Alzheimer related dementia.
23 September	International Day of Sign Languages	To mark the establishment of the World Federation of the Deaf in 1951.
26 September	World Maritime Day	Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity
27 September	World Tourism Day	To commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the UNWTO Statutes on 27 September 1970.
28 September	World Rabies Day	To mark the death anniversary of Louis Pasteur, the French chemist and microbiologist, who developed the first rabies vaccine.
29 September	World Heart Day	To spread awareness about heart disease and stroke prevention.
30 September	International Translation Day	To mark the death anniversary of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators.

Let's Recap

- Which company has been ranked the 4th most valuable brand in India as per Brand Finance India 100 report 2025? **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**
- What amount of penalty was imposed by SEBI on BSE in June 2025? **₹25 lakh**
- Who is set to become the first Indian astronaut on the Titans Space mission in 2029? **Jahnavi Dangeti**
- How many gold medals did India win at the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2025? **5**
- Which organisation has been authorised to use Aadhaar authentication for exam candidate verification? **Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS)**
- Who set a new meet record in the 400m Individual Medley at the 78th National Aquatics Championships 2024? **Shaon Ganguly**
- Which country won all three titles at the 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships? **India**
- What is the full form of the newly launched EAGLE Task Force in Telangana? **Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement**
- Padma Shri awardee Hindi satirist Surendra Dubey, who recently passed away, belonged to which Indian state? **Chhattisgarh**
- Which Canadian company appointed Amitabh Kant as Senior Advisor in 2025? **Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd**
- Which body approved the IAEA suspension bill before implementation? **The Constitutional Council of Iran approved the bill.**
- Which payment network is the PhonePe HDFC Credit Card issued on? **RuPay.**
- How many gold medals did India win in the Under-17 Asian Wrestling 2025? **India won 3 gold medals**
- Which tournament did Praggnanandhaa win to become India's No.1? **UzChess Cup Masters 2025**
- Who won the women's title in the 1st Hockey India Masters Cup 2025? **Hockey Association of Odisha**
- Who has been nominated as the next President of Cricket Scotland in 2025? **Omar Henry**
- Who won the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol event at the National Shooting Trials 2025? **Anish Bhanwala**
- Which Indian PSU acquired a 51% stake in Colombo Dockyard PLC of Sri Lanka? **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)**
- Which national park has been ranked India's best in the MEE 2020-25 report? **Eravikulam National Park**
- Which national park shared the top rank with Eravikulam in the MEE 2020-25 evaluation? **Dachigam National Park (Jammu & Kashmir)**
- Which mobile app was launched by MoSPI for accessing official government data on the go? **GoStats**
- Who became the first Indian to win a BWF World Tour title in the 2025 season? **Ayush Shetty**

WORLD MOSQUITO DAY



Inception: 1897

20 August

Importance

This day commemorates Sir Ronald Ross' 1897 discovery of the link between mosquitoes and malaria transmission.

Motto

To raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented, as well as fundraising for research into the cure of malaria.

International Campaigns

Malaria No More's 'Mozzy Air' & Nothing But Nets' After this Japan surrendered to US in World War II.

History Behind

- Ross discovered the malaria parasite in the stomach wall of the mosquito.
- He confirmed that malaria is transmitted from infected birds to healthy ones by the bite of a mosquito.
- He suggested the disease's mode of transmission to humans.
- He is credited with the discovery of the transmission of malaria by the mosquito, and was honored with a Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1902.

- Which wildlife sanctuary in Kerala was recently declared as India's first butterfly sanctuary? **Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary (renamed as Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary)**
- What is the name of the new body formed by the Delhi government to support traders? **Delhi Traders Welfare Board**
- Which country will host IFFCO's first overseas nano fertiliser plant? **Brazil**

- Who has been re-appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) till June 2026? **Ravi Agrawal**
- Who won the Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix 2025? **Lando Norris**
- Which Union Ministry launched the "Adi Karmyogi" programme in June 2025? **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**
- Which countries recently notified the UN about their withdrawal from the Ottawa Convention? **Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.**
- Has Russia ever been a party to the Ottawa Convention? **No, Russia has never been a party to the treaty.**
- Who led the Indian delegation in the India-Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks held in 2025? **Secretary (West) Tanmaya Lal**
- Where did NMDC and MECON open their new international offices? **Dubai, UAE**
- How much annual financial support is provided under the PM-KISAN scheme? **₹6,000 per year**
- How much financial assistance per acre was provided under Krishak Unnati Yojana in Kharif 2023? **₹19,257 per acre**
- Who is the current President of Namibia as of PM Modi's 2025 visit? **Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah**
- Which bank in Gujarat was fined ₹14.30 lakh by RBI in June 2025? **Shree Kadi Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Commandant of the Military Institute of Technology (MILIT), Pune? **Rear Admiral V Ganapathy**
- What is the name of the vessel used in the maiden Quad coast guard mission? **US Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Stratton**
- Who was suspended as Prime Minister of Thailand by the Constitutional Court in 2025? **Pactongtarn Shinawatra**
- Which organization partnered with Maharashtra for the Tillari Hydropower Project? **Shree Tatysaheb Kore Warana Cooperative Navshakti Nirman Sanstha**
- What is the total outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the RDI Scheme? **₹1 lakh crore**
- Which two countries participated in the joint military exercise SHAKTI 2025? **India and France**
- Which two countries are exploring collaboration in green steel and high-grade aluminium under CEPA? **India and UAE**
- What new initiative was launched by the QUAD to secure supply chains in June 2025? **QUAD Critical Minerals Initiative.**
- What major tax law does Donald Trump's 2025 bill aim to make permanent? **The 2017 individual income tax cuts.**
- To what amount is the Child Tax Credit increased in the Trump's One Big, Beautiful Bill? **\$2,200 per child.**
- What was one of the main reasons cited for shutting down USAID? **To align foreign aid with U.S. national security and economic priorities.**

SADBHAVNA DIWAS DAY



20 August

Importance

To mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Motto

To promote national integration and communal harmony among people of all religion and languages.

Rajiv Gandhi

- 6th Prime Minister of India (1984 to 1989).
- Became the youngest Indian Prime Minister at the age of 40.
- Received Bharat Ratna in 1991.

Note

On this day Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award will be given for outstanding contribution towards promotion of communal harmony, national integration and peace.

Reward

Rs. 10 Lakh

1st awarded

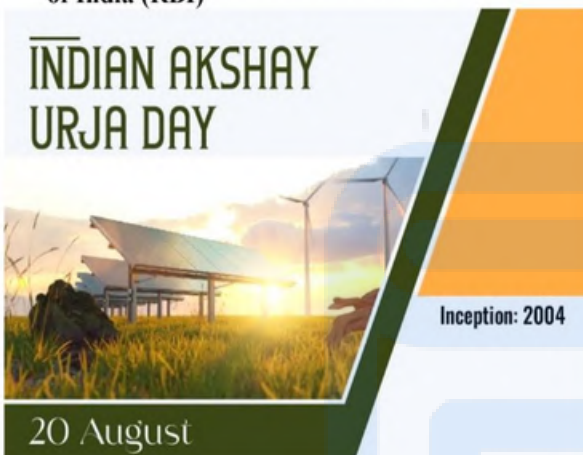
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All India Congress Committee.

- INS Tamal was commissioned in which country? **Russia**
- Which African country launched a climate-resilient wheat initiative in collaboration with India in 2025? **Ghana**
- Which international body approved the 4th review of Sri Lanka's EFF in 2025? **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**
- Which former Defence Secretary and Governor of Chhattisgarh passed away in 2025? **Dr. Shekhar Dutt**

- What is the new name of NIPCCD as of 2025? **Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development**
- What is the full form of SPREE 2025? **Scheme for Promotion of Registration of Employers and Employees**
- Who will become Managing Director for commercial operations of Nissan India from August 1, 2025? **Saurabh Vatsa**
- Who is stepping down as Divisional Vice President of Nissan India operations? **Frank Torres**
- Which regulatory body issued the Pre-payment Charges on Loans Directions, 2025? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
- What is the purpose of the UMEED portal? **To digitize Waqf registration, property records, financial audits, and legal case management.**
- What major feature makes SMPP's new ballistic helmet globally unique? **Ability to stop AK-47-fired hard steel core bullets**
- Where is SAIL's new overseas representative office located? **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**
- Who became the first woman trained as a fighter pilot in the Indian Navy in July 2025? **Sub Lieutenant Astha Poonia**
- What milestone has Sub Lt Astha Poonia achieved for women in Indian defence services? **First woman in fighter stream of Indian naval aviation**
- Which article of the Constitution does the EC cite in support of SIR implementation? **Article 326**
- Which Caribbean country became the first to adopt India's UPI system? **Trinidad and Tobago**
- What was the cut-off rate for the VRRR auction conducted by RBI? **5.47%**
- How much profit did Jane Street unlawfully earn according to SEBI? **₹4,843 crore**
- Which company is set to launch India's first private satellite broadband service? **Ananth Technologies**
- Which Australian actor known for Nip/Tuck and Charmed recently passed away? **Julian McMahon**
- Which PSU recently secured export orders worth \$6.23 million from Russia and Uzbekistan? **BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited)**
- Which Indian PSU signed an MoU with South Korea's KSOE in 2024? **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)**
- Which trade agreement did India seek to expand with Argentina's support? **India-MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Agreement**
- Which organization ranked India 4th among the world's most equal societies? **World Bank**
- Which country ranks first in the world for income equality according to the Gini Index? **Slovak Republic**
- Who won the gold medal in Recurve Men's Open category at Asian Para-Archery Championships 2025? **Harvinder Singh**
- Who has been elected as the first woman President of Suriname? **Jennifer Simons**
- Which two countries recently joined the New Development Bank (NDB)? **Colombia and Uzbekistan**
- Who is the new CEO of Eternal's Food Ordering and Delivery business? **Aditya Mangla.**



Importance

To mark the importance of renewable energy resources in India.

Motto

To promote awareness about renewable resources among people who are ignorant about the subject.

What is Renewable energy (Akshay Urja)?

A renewable energy source means energy that is sustainable - something that can't run out, or is endless, like the sun.

Types

Biomass, Hydropower, Geothermal, Wind & Solar.

- Who has been re-elected as the President of the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI)? **Sudhanshu Mittal**
- Which company will supply the Prachand Light Combat Helicopters to the Indian Armed Forces? **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)**
- Under which section of the Waqf Act were the 2025 Rules notified? **Section 108B of the Waqf Act (Amendment 2025).**

- What was Eternal formerly known as between 2021 and 2025? **Zomato Ltd.**
- How will HD Hyundai assist Cochin Shipyard technologically? **By helping upgrade its technologies to global standards.**
- Which company did Sanjog Gupta serve before becoming ICC CEO? **He was the CEO (Sports & Live Experiences) at JioStar before joining ICC.**
- Which team secured a 1-2 finish at the 2025 British GP? **McLaren-Mercedes**
- How many MoUs were signed between India and Brazil during PM Modi's 2025 visit? **Four**
- When did Indonesia become a full member of BRICS? **In January 2025.**
- What kind of global order does BRICS promote? **A multipolar world order with reduced Western dominance.**
- Which Saudi company is partnering with LG in the HVAC project? **Shaker Group.**
- Which Indian company signed an MoU with InQuik Group for modular bridge tech? **Tata Steel**
- Who has been appointed the new President and CEO of BMW Group India (effective Sep 2025)? **Hardeep Singh Brar**
- Where is Kerala's first skin bank being inaugurated? **Thiruvananthapuram Government Medical College Hospital**
- What recent milestone has Trinidad & Tobago achieved with respect to Indian digital payments? **Joined the UPI network**
- Which two countries agreed to boost trade ties during the BRICS Summit in Brazil? **Vietnam and China**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Apple Inc.? **Sabih Khan**
- Recently India successfully tested ERASR from which ship? **INS Kavaratti**
- RJD leader Charupara Ravi, who recently passed away, was associated with which political ideology? **Socialism**
- What is the duration of the two hot tests conducted by ISRO for the Gaganyaan SMPS? **30 seconds and 100 seconds**
- Bismillah Jan Shinwari, who passed away recently, belonged to which country's ICC umpiring panel? **Afghanistan**
- How many MoUs were signed between India and Namibia in July 2025? **Four**
- Who has been selected for the Chintha Raveendran Award 2025? **Sarankumar Limbale**
- Who was honoured with a commemorative stamp on his 125th birth anniversary in July 2025? **Syama Prasad Mookerjee**
- Who is the new No.1 ranked Test batter as per latest ICC rankings? **Harry Brook**
- Under which section of the Income-tax Act are IREDA bonds now eligible for capital gains tax exemption? **Section 54EC**
- Which company received approval for the first malaria medicine for newborns and young infants? **Novartis**
- What is the theme of the Quantum India Bengaluru (QIB) 2025 Summit? **"Building a Quantum Ecosystem: Qubits to Society"**
- Which organization has Indian Railways signed an MoU with to install AI-based inspection systems? **Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL)**

WORLD SENIOR CITIZEN DAY



21 August

Importance

- To remind the government of its commitment to work for the welfare of older persons, to help them end hunger and poverty for the elderly and people of all ages.
- It's a day to remember and celebrate the older persons and thank them for their contributions.

Erstwhile

National day for the third Age.

History

- In 1988, Ronald Reagan, former president of the USA officially founded this Day- a day dedicated to older adults and their issues.
- But it was first proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 14, 1990 & celebrated first time on 1 October 1991.

Note

According to UN, by 2050, 2 B people, will be 60 or older with Asia having the largest number of older persons.

- Who has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)? **Priya Nair**
- Which Taiwanese company is collaborating with Tata Electronics for the semiconductor fabrication plant in Dholera? **Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (PSMC)**

- Which company is acquiring WK Kellogg in a \$3.1 billion deal? **Ferrero Group.**
- What is the name of the new migrant agreement between the UK and France? **The "One-in, One-out" migrant deal.**
- Which five EU countries opposed the One-in, One-out scheme? **Italy, Spain, Greece, Malta, and Cyprus.**
- What type of certification does India now require for dairy imports? **A veterinary health certificate.**
- Which city in India will host the ISSF World Cup 2027 and Junior World Championship 2028? **New Delhi**
- Who received the Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080? **Former Chief Justice Kalyan Shrestha**
- Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Ujala Cygnus Hospital? **Nitin Nag**
- How much penalty was imposed on HDFC Bank by RBI? **₹4.88 lakh**
- How many total medals did India's U-20 women's wrestling team win at the Asian Championship? **India won 8 medals in total.**
- Three sites linked to the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia were recently added to which international list? **UNESCO World Heritage List**
- Who has been re-elected as the Chairperson of COAI for 2025-26? **Abhijit Kishore**
- Who is the newly appointed Governor of Haryana in 2025? **Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh**
- Which football club won its first FIFA Club World Cup title in 2025? **Chelsea Football Club**
- Which country launched the 'Anti-Pyramid National Awareness Week' in July 2025? **Sri Lanka**
- What is the theme of the 'Anti-Pyramid National Awareness Week'? **Pyramid is a trap – don't get into the wrong track**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court in July 2025? **Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva**
- Who is the new Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court (2025)? **Justice Vibhu Bakhru**
- Who is the newly appointed Chief Justice of Patna High Court? **Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi**
- What is the retirement age of a High Court Chief Justice? **62 years**
- Which body recommends the names for appointment as Chief Justice of High Courts? **Supreme Court Collegium**
- Who has been appointed as interim MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank in July 2025? **Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat**
- Who won the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize? **Leila Aboulela**
- Which Indian minister recently visited Saudi Arabia to strengthen fertilizer and health sector cooperation? **JP Nadda**
- Who won the Wimbledon 2025 Men's Singles title? **Jannik Sinner**
- Which country announced 34 Maitri Awards to boost ties with India in 2025? **Australia**
- Who has been appointed as the first woman Director General of the Railway Protection Force (RPF)? **Sonali Mishra**

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION



23 August

Importance

To mark the proclamation of this day by UNGA at its 29th session in 1998.

Motto

To honour the memory of the men and women who, in Saint-Domingue in 1791, revolted and paved the way for the end of slavery and dehumanization.

1st celebrated

1998 (Haiti) & 1999 (Senegal)

Organisation Involved

UNESCO

What is Slave Trade?

- The capturing, selling, and buying of enslaved persons.
- Slavery has existed throughout the world since ancient times, and trading in slaves has been equally universal.

- How many forts are included in the Maratha Military Landscapes of India? **12 forts**
- Which organization signed an MoU with the Handball Association of India to promote handball? **Prasar Bharati**
- Which sport will be promoted under the MoU signed by Prasar Bharati and HAI? **Handball**
- What type of missile is Astra, recently test-fired by DRDO and the Indian Air Force? **Beyond Visual Range (BVR) Air-to-Air missile**

- Which Indian ministry is responsible for the development of TKDL? **Ministry of Ayush**
- Which organisation is currently headed by Dr Abhijat Sheth? **National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS)**
- What is the official name of the newly listed UNESCO site in Guinea-Bissau? **Coastal and Marine Ecosystems of the Bijagos Archipelago – Omati Minho**
- Who was appointed as South Korea's special envoy to the European Union (EU)? **Yoon Yeo-joon**
- Who has been appointed as South Korea's special envoy to India? **Former Prime Minister Kim Bo-kyum**
- Who won the Poligras Magic Skill Award 2024-25 in the women's category? **Deepika**
- Which state won the silver medal for implementing the ODOP scheme? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Which Indian sports body signed an MoU with the ISSF Academy for coaching courses? **National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)**
- Why was PIA banned from flying to the UK in 2020? **Due to a deadly crash in Karachi and a pilot license scandal involving fake credentials.**
- What is unique about the design of the 2026 Winter Games medals? **They feature a split-half design representing Milan and Cortina's unity and the athlete's journey.**
- Who manufactures the Milano Cortina 2026 medals? **Italy's national mint and printing institute, IPZS.**
- What is the duration of the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana? **It will run for six years from FY 2025–26 to FY 2030–31.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Manipur? **Puneet Kumar Goel.**
- What is the name of Israel's most advanced communications satellite launched in 2025? **Dror-1.**
- Which organization built the Dror-1 satellite? **Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI).**
- Name a few notable works by Andrea Gibson. You Better Be Lightning, Lord of the Butterflies, Take Me With You.
- When was the last time the India–Kuwait air agreement was updated? **18 years ago.**
- What is the primary aim of the Karnataka Rohith Vemula Bill 2025? **To prevent caste-based discrimination in higher education institutions.**
- What is the punishment for a first-time offense under the Karnataka Rohith Vemula Bill 2025? **Minimum 1-year imprisonment, ₹10,000 fine, and compensation up to ₹1 lakh.**
- Who is the new Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court? **Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva.**
- What air defence system did India successfully test in Ladakh in July 2025? **Akash Prime.**
- How long is the term for elected members on the ICC CEC? **Two years.**
- What is Kalikesh Singh Deo's role in Indian sports administration? **He is the President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).**
- What is the purpose of the UP–UNDP agreement signed in July 2025? **To develop a multi-level scientific disaster management system across Uttar Pradesh.**

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY



Inception: 1971
1st celebrated: 1973

26 August

Importance

- To commemorate the 19th Amendment being adopted in the 1920s in the United States.
- This act stopped the federal government and states from preventing people the right to vote based on their sex.

Note

- In 1920, the day stood for the result of 72 years of campaigning by a huge civil rights movement for women.
- In 1971 the U.S. Congress passed a resolution to designate August 26 as "Women's Equality Day," which was implemented in 1975.

- What was Yuliia Svyrydenko's previous position before becoming Prime Minister? **She was the First Deputy Prime Minister and Economy Minister of Ukraine.**
- Which city was declared the cleanest in India in Swachh Survekshan 2024–25? **Ahmedabad.**
- Which city was named cleanest in the 3–10 lakh population category? **Noida.**
- What major corporate milestone is PhysicsWallah preparing for? **A planned ₹4,500 crore Initial Public Offering (IPO).**

- When did Trump claim he ended his association with Epstein? **In 2004, reportedly due to a real estate dispute.**
- Who leads Reliance Retail Ventures? **Isha Ambani.**
- Which French company is partnering with India for a fighter jet engine project? **Safran.**
- What makes the Safran deal significant for India? **It includes 100% technology transfer, including design, development, and production.**
- Which two missiles did India successfully test on 17 July 2025? **Prithvi-II and Agni-I.**
- What is the range of the Agni-I missile? **Between 700 and 900 kilometers.**
- Who is the subject of the book *Sthitpragya*? **Ashish Kumar Chauhan, CEO and MD of the National Stock Exchange (NSE).**
- Who authored the book *Sthitpragya*? **Dr. Mayur Shah.**
- Which edition of SIMBEX is the Indian Navy participating in during 2025? **32nd edition**
- What kind of project was signed between Pakistan, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan in 2025? **Trilateral rail connectivity project**
- Which organization won the National Geospatial Practitioner Award 2025? **Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)**
- Which ministry signed an MoU with Coal India Ltd. to support tribal education in Chhattisgarh? **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**
- Who will lay the foundation stone of Vidarbha's first integrated steel plant in Gadchiroli? **Devendra Fadnavis**
- What was Allianz's previous partnership in India? **It held a 26% stake each in Bajaj Allianz Life and Bajaj Allianz General, which it exited in 2023.**
- What is the initial investment planned for the drone plant by RRP Defence Ltd (India) and CYGR (France/USA) in Mumbai? **USD 50 million, with potential to scale up to USD 100 million.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court? **Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh.**
- Whom did Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh replace? **He replaced Justice Sujoy Paul, who was transferred to the Calcutta High Court.**
- When was the India-EFTA agreement signed? **It was signed on March 10, 2024, after nearly 16 years of negotiations.**
- What tariff concessions will India provide to EFTA? **India will reduce tariffs on 82.7% of its tariff lines, covering 95.3% of EFTA's exports.**
- Who has been elected as the new Chair of the Africa Cricket Association (ACA)? **Tavengwa Mukuhllani**
- What is AdFalcivax? **India's first fully indigenous recombinant malaria vaccine developed to combat Plasmodium falciparum.**
- What makes AdFalcivax unique? **It targets two parasite stages—preventing infection and blocking transmission.**
- Who administered the oath to Justice Shrivastava? **Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi**
- Who won the men's singles title at the 2025 Japan Open? **China's Shi Yuqi**



Importance

To commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.

Note

On this day, President of India honours eminent sports personalities with major awards including Khel Ratna, Arjuna Awards, Dronacharya Awards and Dhyan Chand Award.

Motto

To spread awareness on the importance of sports and daily activities in everyone's life.

Dhyan Chand facts

- Joined British Army at the age of 16.
- Was the only hockey player who has won Padma Bhushan award.
- He was given the nickname "Chand" by his fellow players. Was considered as Wizard.
- An award is instituted upon him in year 2002.

- When was TRF formed? **In October 2019, shortly after the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir.**
- What legal action has the U.S. taken against TRF? **Designated it as an FTO and SDGT, enabling asset freezes and criminalization of support.**
- What type of agreement did TPREL sign with NHPC? **A Battery Energy Storage Purchase Agreement (BESPA).**

- Which country won the most titles at the 2025 Japan Open? **China**
- In the ICC Development Awards 2024, Which country won the Development Initiative of the Year? **Namibia**
- In the ICC Development Awards 2024, Which nation won Digital Fan Engagement of the Year? **Nepal**
- Which quasi-judicial body approves merger of AEL's Adani Cementation with Ambuja Cements? **NCLT**
- When did India and Indonesia start conducting IND-INDO CORPAT? **The joint patrol began in 2002.**
- What is Samudra Shakti? **An annual India-Indonesia naval combat exercise**
- Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court? **Justice Ashutosh Kumar.**
- Which major international chess event will India host in 2025? **The FIDE Chess World Cup 2025.**
- Who are the organisers of the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025? **FIDE and the All India Chess Federation (AICF), with support from the Government of India.**
- Who won the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam title at Wynn Las Vegas? **Levon Aronian**
- Who won silver for India in the 60kg Greco-Roman category at Budapest? **Sumit**
- Who clinched Gold in the 60kg Greco-Roman category at Budapest? **Azerbaijan's Nihat Zahid Mammadli**
- What does NISAR stand for? **NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar**
- Which state government signed an MoU with IIT Bombay to offer a Public Policy Certificate Course? **Maharashtra**
- Who did Ashim Kumar Ghosh succeed as the Governor of Haryana? **Bandaru Dattatraya**
- Who is stepping down as First Deputy Managing Director of the IMF in August 2025? **Gita Gopinath**
- Which country will host the FIDE World Cup 2025? **India**
- Which organization has partnered with the Ministry of Rural Development to promote Bima Sakhi Yojana? **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India**
- What is India's projected GDP growth rate for 2025 according to ADB? **6.5%**
- What is the total outlay of the 'Krishi Samruddhi' scheme announced by Maharashtra? **₹25,000 crore**
- Which former Wales and Liverpool footballer passed away at the age of 70 in 2025? **Joey Jones**
- Which state launched India's first mining tourism project? **Jharkhand**
- What is the name of the last variant of the MiG-21 used by IAF? **MiG-21 Bison**
- Which country has been awarded the hosting rights for the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) finals in 2027, 2029, and 2031? **England**
- Under which project is the spherical submersible MATSYA-6000 being developed? **Samudrayaan**
- Who introduced the National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and National Sports Governance Bill, 2025 in Lok Sabha? **Mansukh Mandaviya**

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS



Inception: 2009
1st observance: 2010
Initiator: Republic of Kazakhstan

29 August

Importance

To mark the adoption of resolution by UNGA on 2 Dec 2009 in order to commemorate the closure of the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site on 29 August 1991.

Initiator

Republic of Kazakhstan

Motto

To raise people's awareness on the need to prevent nuclear catastrophes to avert devastating effects on humankind, the environment and the planet.

Note

- This day marks the closing of one of the world's largest nuclear test sites (in Kazakhstan) in 1991.
- The international instrument to put an end to all forms of nuclear testing is the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).

- Which two cricket legends were honoured by having a stand named after them at Old Trafford Stadium? **Farokh Engineer and Sir Clive Lloyd**
- Who launched the pollution control vessel 'Samudra Prachet' for the Indian Coast Guard? **Smt. Priya Paramesh**
- In which year was Black Sabbath co-founded by Ozzy Osbourne? **1968**
- Which two countries recently signed a landmark Free Trade Agreement in July 2025? **India and the United Kingdom.**

- Which Hindi author won the PEN Translates Award 2025 for Once Elephants Lived Here? **Geetanjali Shree**
- Who translated Once Elephants Lived Here into English? **Daisy Rockwell**
- Which themes are explored in Once Elephants Lived Here? **Memory, loss, displacement, and societal change**
- How many languages were represented among the 2025 PEN Translates winning titles? **13 languages**
- Who won the 2025 International Booker Prize for Heart Lamp? **Banu Mushtaq**
- Where was the ULPGM-V3 missile tested? **National Open Area Range (NOAR), Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh**
- What is the primary purpose of ULPGM-V3? **Precision strikes with enhanced range and accuracy**
- What is the full form of DcPPs in defence production? **Development-cum-Production Partners**
- Name one advanced weapon system also tested at NOAR besides ULPGM-V3. **High-energy laser Directed Energy Weapons (DEWs)**
- Whom did Hogan defeat to become WWF Champion in 1984? **Iron Sheik**
- Why was Terry Gene Bollea nicknamed "Hulk"? **Due to his resemblance to the comic book character Hulk.**
- Which medal did Vaishnavi Adkar win at the 2025 World University Games? **Bronze in singles tennis**
- Which rocket launched the TRACERS mission? **SpaceX Falcon 9**
- Which two countries signed an MoU to promote skill development in 2025? **India and France**
- How many youths from Assam will receive Japanese language training under CM-FLIGHT? **3000**
- Who signed the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with SECI? **JSW Neo Energy, a subsidiary of JSW Energy.**



SMALL INDUSTRY DAY

Inception: 2001

30 August

Importance

To mark the extensive policy package for the SSI sector that was announced on 30th August 2000 which provided a substantial measure of support to small businesses in India.

Motto

To provide balanced growth to existing small, medium, and large scale enterprises to support and promote small industries.

Types of small scale Industry based on investments

Industry	Manufacturing Sector	Service sectors
• Micro	<25 lakh	<10 lakh
• Small	25 lakh < 5 crore	10 lakh < 2 crore
• Medium	5 crores < 10 crore	2 crores < 5 crore

Note

These are privately owned by small corporations or manufacturers with slender resource power.

- Which Pakistani poet's work Eyes, Eyes, Eyes won the PEN Translates Award? **Sara Shagufta**
- Which Brazilian author won for The Backstreet of Memory? **Conceição Evaristo**
- Which German author's Across the Ice was among the PEN Translates winners? **Peter Kurzeck**
- Which award-winning book was originally written in Urdu by a Pakistani poet? **Eyes, Eyes, Eyes by Sara Shagufta**

"There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure."

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Quick Bytes

- Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh to Take Charge as the Next Vice Chief of Army Staff
- Commodore Varghese Mathew Takes Charge as Naval Officer-in-Charge, Kerala
- SBK Singh, a 1988-batch IPS officer from the AGMUT cadre, has taken charge as the new Commissioner of Delhi Police.
- Dr. A Rajarajan, a veteran scientist and composites expert, has been appointed as the new Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram, starting August 1, 2025.
- Veteran Actor KPAC Rajendran Passes Away at 74
- Renowned Economist and Author Meghnad Desai Passes Away at 85
- Double Olympic Champion Laura Dahlmeier Dies in Mountaineering Accident in Pakistan
- Key Provisions of the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 Come Into Effect from August 1
- The 71st National Film Awards 2023 showcased the diversity and richness of Indian cinema. With Shah Rukh Khan winning his first-ever Best Actor award, Rani Mukerji named Best Actress, and 12th Fail crowned Best Film.
- Dr. Mayank Sharma Assumes Office as Financial Advisor (Defence Services)
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, AVSM, NM, has taken charge as the 47th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff on August 1, 2025.
- Vice Admiral Manish Chadha Takes Command of Indian Naval Academy
- Shashi Prakash Goyal Takes Charge as New Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh
- Indian Navy Inducts Indigenous Stealth Frigate INS Himgiri with BrahMos
- On August 1, 2025, the AIFF appointed Khalid Jamil as the new head coach of the Indian Senior Men's Football Team.
- SpaceX Launches NASA's Crew-11 Mission to the International Space Station
- Malayalam Actor and Mimicry Artiste Kalabhavan Navas Passes Away at 51
- India and Morocco have signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) and MoU.
- RBI approves merger of NICBL with Saraswat Co-operative Bank
- India Ranks Second Globally in Fish Production, China remains on top
- Govt Launches 'Apna Ghar' Resting Facilities for Truck Drivers
- India Receives Final Airbus C-295 Aircraft from Spain
- Lando Norris Clinches Hungarian Grand Prix After Thrilling Duel With Piastri
- Magnus Carlsen Wins First-Ever Chess Esports World Cup
- ISRO Prepares for BlueBird Satellite Launch with U.S. Collaboration
- IDBI Chairman & Satyam Reviver T N Manoharan Passes Away
- Indian Army inks Rs 223 Cr Deal with AXISCADES Aerospace and Technologies Private Limited for Nextgen Tank Transporter Trailers
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan Takes Charge as Naval Vice Chief
- Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh Takes Charge as Vice Chief of Army Staff
- Vedika Bhansali Wins US Kids Golf World Title in Pinehurst
- Abdulla Aboobacker Wins Triple Jump Gold at Qosanov Memorial 2025
- Fitch Lowers India's GDP Growth Forecast for FY26 to 6.3%
- Sawalkote Hydropower Project: India Revives J&K's Largest Hydroelectric Plant
- Tata Motors' PB Balaji Appointed as New CEO of Jaguar Land Rover
- Navies of India and Singapore Successfully Conclude SIMBEX 2025
- FIFA and AIFF Launch India's First FIFA Talent Academy for Girls in This City
- Shibu Soren, Former Jharkhand Chief Minister, Passes Away at 81
- Argentina Wins Both Titles at 2025 Pan American Hockey Cup
- Army, IIT Madras Launch 'Agnishodh' to Boost Defence Innovation
- Pratyay Amrit Appointed Next Chief Secretary of Bihar
- Lok Sabha Passes Merchant Shipping Bill Amid Opposition Protests
- Cloudburst Over Kheer Ganga River Triggers Flash Floods in Uttarkashi
- Actor Kelley Mack Passes Away at 33 After Battle with Glioma

- India, Russia Sign Protocol to Boost Industrial, Tech Cooperation
- Parliament Passes Coastal Shipping Bill to Boost Maritime Trade
- Delhi Assembly Becomes India's First Fully Solar-Powered Legislature
- Punjab to Empanel Sign Language Experts for Inclusive Justice
- Moldova Joins International Solar Alliance as 107th Member
- Lok Sabha Passes Manipur GST and Appropriation Bills for 2025
- Myanmar's Acting President U Myint Swe Passes Away at 74
- Indian Railways Conducts Trial Run of Asia's Longest Freight Train 'Rudrastra'
- Azerbaijan and Armenia Sign Historic Peace Deal at White House Summit
- India's Annu Rani Wins Gold at International Wiesław Maniak Memorial
- Arunachal Mountaineer Kabak Yano Successfully Scales Mount Kilimanjaro
- 'Bharat' Taxi: Cooperatives Launch ₹300-Crore Ride-Hailing Platform to Rival Ola and Uber
- PM Modi Launches Global M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace, Honours Nigerian Scientist
- PM Modi Inaugurates Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Centenary Conference
- Jim Lovell, Apollo 13 Commander Who Guided Safe Return, Dies at 97
- Sikkim CM Launches 'Nari Adalat' for Local Women-Led Justice
- Punjab Launches 'Baaj Akh' Anti-Drone System to Stop Drug Smuggling
- IndiaAI & NCG Launch CATCH Grants for AI in Cancer Care
- Lok Sabha Passes Sports Governance & Anti-Doping Amendment Bills
- Maharashtra Implements 'Disha Abhiyan' for Special Education
- India U20 Women Qualify for AFC Asian Cup 2026 After 20 Years
- India's First Drone-AI-Powered Artificial Rain Experiment in Jaipur.
- David Warner Overtakes Virat Kohli in T20 Cricket Runs
- India wins 27 medals at Asian U19 & U22 Boxing Championships 2025
- Axis Bank Launches 'Lock FD' Feature to Combat Digital Fraud
- Zomato Appoints Shah Rukh Khan as Brand Ambassador
- Union Health Secretary Launches SHRESTH Initiative for Drug Safety
- UIDAI, ISI Sign 5-Year Pact to Boost Aadhaar Security & Reliability
- Shubman Gill Wins ICC Men's Player of the Month for July 2025
- Jharkhand Retain Junior Women's Hockey Title, Sweep All 2025 Category
- SC appoints former judge Nageswara Rao ombudsman of BCA
- Cabinet Approves ₹4,600 Crore Semiconductor Manufacturing Projects in Odisha, Punjab, and Andhra Pradesh
- Indian Ports Bill, 2025: Modernizing India's Maritime Future Passed By Lok Sabha
- India Sends 5 Tonnes of Cowpea Seeds to Fiji as Humanitarian Aid
- Cabinet Approves ₹8,146 Crore Tato-II Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh
- Australia to Recognise Palestinian State at UN in September
- Nepal Offers Free Climbing on 97 Himalayan Peaks to Boost Tourism
- India Signs Trade Cooperation Pact with Zambia to Boost Cooperative Exports
- PM Narendra Modi Surpasses Indira Gandhi's Record with 12 Consecutive Independence Day Speeches
- Kargil's Apricots Debut in Saudi Arabia: A Milestone for India's Agricultural Exports and ODOP Initiative
- PM Modi Launches 'Mission Sudarshan Chakra' to Protect Key Establishments with Indigenous Technology
- PM Modi Launches '1 Lakh Crore Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana to Create 3.5 Crore Jobs
- Himalayan Kingfisher Unveiled as Mascot for Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025 in Srinagar
- Nelco and Eutelsat Partner to Launch OneWeb LEO Satellite Services
- NASA Fast-Tracks Plans to Build Nuclear Reactor on the Moon by 2030
- India Achieves 100 GW Solar PV Manufacturing Milestone Under ALMM
- US National Debt Hits Record \$37 Trillion Amid Rising Government Spending
- ICICI Bank Reduces Minimum Balance Requirement After Public Outrage

- Rajiv Pratap Rudy Retains Post CCI General Secretary of Constitution Club of India
- Ravi Narayanan Appointed CEO of SMFG India Credit Amid Strategic Leadership Overhaul
- India Officially Bids to Host 2030 Commonwealth Games: IOA Approval Confirmed
- Vece Paes, Olympic Hockey Medallist and Sports Administrator, Passes Away at 80
- Former Australian Captain Bob Simpson Passes Away at 89
- Russia Plans Venera-D Mission to Venus with Launch by 2036
- Ajay Kumar Bhalla gets additional charge as Nagaland Governor
- Tanya Hemant wins Saipan International 2025 women's singles
- Devika Sihag Wins First International Challenge Title in Malaysia 2025
- Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise SLINEX-25 Sea Phase Begins off Colombo
- Venus Williams gets U.S. Open 2025 singles wild card at 45
- Vincent Keymer Wins Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025 Chess Title
- Nagaland Governor and Ex-TN BJP Chief La Ganesan Passes Away at 80
- Putin-Trump Alaska Summit Concludes Without Ukraine Peace Deal
- Microsoft Tops TopBrand 2025 Global Brands List; NVIDIA and Apple Follow
- Real Madrid Named World's Most Valuable Football Club in 2025
- SBI Launches Collateral-Free ₹4 Lakh Loan for Agniveers; Revises IMPS Charges for Online Transfers Above ₹25,000
- Manika Vishwakarma Crowned Miss Universe India 2025, to Represent India at 74th Miss Universe in Thailand
- Assam Rifles Signs MoU with IIIT Manipur to Boost Drone Technology for Defence
- Carlos Alcaraz Wins First Cincinnati Open Title 2025 After Sinner Retires in Final
- Iga Świątek Wins Cincinnati Open, Sends Warning Ahead of U.S. Open
- Ex-Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal Launches AI Startup 'Parallel' to Build a Web for Machines
- Veteran Actor Achyut Potdar Passes Away at 91: A Tribute to His Remarkable Legacy in Indian Cinema
- Parliament passes Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill, 2025
- Lok Sabha passes Indian Institutes of Management Amendment Bill, 2025
- Malayalam Director Nisar, Known for Budget Films, Dies at 2025
- Kapil Bainsla Wins India's First Gold at Asian Shooting Championship
- Australia, UK Sign 50-Year Geelong Treaty Under AUKUS
- Bihar CM announced formation of State Sanitation Workers Commission
- Oscar Piastri Wins Formula-1 Belgian Grand Prix 2025
- Iran Launches Nahid-2 Telecom Satellite Aboard Russian Soyuz Rocket
- Operation Mahadev: Indian Security Forces Neutralise Terrorists Of Pahalgam Attack
- India-Maldives MoU on Fisheries and Aquaculture Cooperation 2025
- Utpal Kumar Singh Appointed as Sansad TV CEO
- NALSA Launches Yojana To Strengthen Legal Aid for Defence Personnel and Families
- England Women Won Euro 2025: A Historic Triumph
- ISRO to Launch 3 More Navigation NavIC Satellites by 2026
- Singer Cleo Laine, Britain's greatest jazz voice, dies at 97
- India's First Hydrogen-Powered Train Coach Successfully Tested
- India Extends ₹4,850 Crore Line of Credit to Maldives – Strengthening Bilateral Ties
- ISRO Chief Dr. V Narayanan Honoured with GP Birla Memorial Award
- Geetanjali Shree Wins PEN Translates Award for 'Once Elephants Lived Here'
- Prof Uma Kanjilal Appointed as First Woman Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU
- India-Singapore Joint Military Exercise 'Bold Kurukshetra 2025'
- Riley Powell Defeats Pankaj Advani at IBSF World 6-Red Snooker Championship 2025
- A 20-year-old student from Mangalore, Remona Evette Pereira Creates World Record with 170-Hour Bharatanatyam Performance
- India's First Hindi-Medium MBBS College to Open at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh
- EU and US Seal Landmark Trade Deal with 15% Tariffs
- Maharashtra's first glass bridge opens over Napne waterfall

- Divya Deshmukh becomes third Women's World Cup Champion
- Vijai Sharma, Kyoto Protocol architect dies
- MoD, TIDCO ink MoU to establish ₹400 crore testing facility
- RBI caps investment by a bank in AIF scheme at 10 per cent
- India, UAE sign agreement on Maritime Security and Safety Cooperation
- India-US maiden space collaboration NISAR placed in precise orbit
- Agniveers to Be Inducted into Corbett Tiger Protection Force
- First-ever grassland bird census in Assam's Kaziranga National Park
- USA Will Explore Pakistan Oil Reserves Amid India Trade Deal
- Anant Ambani Appointed Executive Director of Reliance Industries
- Varanasi Becomes India's First City to Get Portable Solar Panels Between Railway Tracks
- IIT Madras Licenses India's First Silicon Photonics Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG)
- Assam Rifles sign MoU with IIT Manipur to promote drone technology
- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has signed a five-year agreement with the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) to enhance the robustness, security, and reliability of Aadhaar operations.
- India marked a historic feat as aquanauts Cdr. Jatinder Pal Singh (Retd) and Raju Ramesh dived 4,025m and 5,002m in the Atlantic Ocean.
- ISRO is developing a new heavy-lift rocket that will be as tall as a 40-storey building.
- Union Minister of State for Science & Technology Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's first 'Animal Stem Cell Biobank' at the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad.
- Two Consecutive Successful Flight Tests of Pralay Missile Conduct By DRDO
- Veteran actor Achyut Potdar, widely remembered for his role as the stern professor in the film 3 Idiots, passed away at the age of 91.
- Marathi Actress Jyoti Chandekar Passes Away at 68
- Ziad Rahbani, Pioneering Lebanese Composer, Dies at 69
- Cleo Laine, Britain's most successful jazz singer, dies aged 97
- Tom Lehrer, the genius who made satire sing, passes away at 97
- World Athletics Introduces New Eligibility Regulations for Female Category
- The Government of India has appointed Anish Dayal Singh, former Director General of CRPF and ITBP, as the new Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA).

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Edward Carpenter

From 'Bromance' to Breakdown: The Evolving India-US Relationship in 2025



Introduction: A Rapidly Changing Strategic Landscape

India-United States relations in 2025 have moved from optimism to tension within months. Early in the year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's White House visit projected a strong personal rapport with President Donald Trump, accompanied by ambitious goals — doubling bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030, and expanding cooperation in defence, clean energy, and digital technology. However, this goodwill eroded quickly due to stalled trade negotiations, Washington's displeasure over India's continuing ties with Russia, and a series of economic and diplomatic actions that have strained the partnership.

Historical Context: A Relationship Built in Phases

India-US ties have evolved in distinct phases:

- 1990s – Strategic Opening: Post-Cold War reforms and economic liberalisation opened India to Western trade and investment.
- 2000s – Civil Nuclear Deal: The 2005 agreement symbolised a strategic breakthrough, granting India access to nuclear technology despite its non-signatory status to the NPT.
- 2010s – Indo-Pacific Alignment: Growing concern over China's assertiveness brought both countries closer, including Quad cooperation and major arms deals.
- 2020s – Multi-Domain Partnership: Engagement deepened in AI, space tech, semiconductors, and defence manufacturing. However, differences on trade, climate finance, and Russia's role began surfacing.

Number of U.S. Presidential Visits to India

1947-1999

3 eisenhower nixon carter

2000-2014

3 bush clinton obama

The Trigger: Tariffs and Countermeasures

On August 1, 2025, the United States imposed 25% reciprocal tariffs on Indian goods, citing trade imbalances. This was followed by an additional 25% penalty on products linked to India's ongoing purchases of Russian oil and defence equipment, effectively raising duties to as high as 50%.

US lawmakers and economists expressed concern that these measures risk undoing decades of diplomatic progress. Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan

described the move as “negotiating with a gun to your head.”

From Washington’s perspective, the tariffs were both an economic and political message — to pressure India into aligning more closely with US foreign policy objectives. From Delhi’s perspective, they represented an infringement on strategic autonomy.



US-India trade

Total trade – ₹11 lakh crore



Source – 2024 United States Trade Representative (USTR)

Economic Fallout for India

The tariff escalation has hit several Indian export sectors:

1. Gems and jewellery (especially cut diamonds)
2. Marine products such as shrimp
3. Textiles and carpets
4. Pharmaceuticals and chemicals

Higher duties threaten profitability, reduce competitiveness in the US market, and may lead to a measurable decline in export volumes. The Indian government has advised exporters — particularly fishermen, farmers, and small-scale manufacturers — to diversify markets and reduce reliance on the US.

Industry analysts warn of macroeconomic risks:

- Up to 1% reduction in GDP growth
- Potential weakening of the rupee
- Rising inflation from supply chain disruptions
- Risk of capital flight if investor confidence erodes

India’s Diplomatic and Strategic Response

- ✓ New Delhi’s reaction has been firm but measured. The government:
- ✓ Rejected US claims that its Russia policy undermines bilateral ties
- ✓ Asserted the right to maintain strategic autonomy in energy and defence procurement
- ✓ Encouraged domestic consumption through “Made in India” campaigns
- ✓ Signalled potential suspension of US arms purchases (including Javelin missiles) as a countermeasure
- ✓ Importantly, India has not closed the door to dialogue. Indian lawmakers continue to emphasise that the relationship is multi-dimensional — involving defence, education, technology, and climate cooperation — and should not be derailed solely by trade disputes.

Strategic Implications for the Indo-Pacific

The tariffs and rhetoric have implications beyond bilateral trade. India’s role in the Indo-Pacific, and particularly in groupings such as the Quad (with the US, Japan, and Australia), could be complicated by tensions with Washington. If not managed, the current rift could affect joint maritime security initiatives, technology cooperation, and coordinated responses to China’s assertiveness.

India-U.S. Defense Exercises

The American & Indian militaries have participated in a number of bilateral exercises, including YUDH ABHYAS, COPE INDIA, MALABAR & VAJRA PRAHAR.

In 2014, India took part for the first time in the multilateral maritime exercise RIMPAC. It has also participated in RED FLAG.

India conducts more military exercises with the U.S. than with any other country. The U.S. Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy & Special Forces have participated in exercises with India.

Australia, Japan & Singapore have also participated in MALABAR. Japan took part in 2014. Recently, the Indian PM endorsed Japan’s continued participation.

Source: U.S. Department of Defense; The White House; Embassy of India, Washington, D.C.

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The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) Designation

On August 11, 2025, the US State Department designated the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) and its armed wing, the Majeed Brigade, as Foreign

Terrorist Organizations (FTOs). While the BLA was previously listed as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist entity, the FTO label carries tougher legal consequences, including:

- ✓ Criminalising all support (financial, material, or logistical)
- ✓ Freezing assets
- ✓ Enabling international enforcement against sympathisers

Relevance to India–US Relations

Alignment with Pakistan’s Security Narrative

Pakistan has long accused India of backing Baloch separatists — claims India denies. By echoing Islamabad’s stance, Washington risks being perceived as siding more closely with Pakistan’s regional agenda.

Diplomatic Complexity for India

India’s reluctance to label the BLA a terrorist group may face greater scrutiny, forcing a delicate balancing act between its counterterrorism commitments and its stance on regional insurgencies.

Geopolitical Signalling

Coming soon after a new US–Pakistan trade and energy deal, the designation may be interpreted in Delhi as part of a broader shift in US strategic priorities in South Asia.

The US–Pakistan Trade Deal: A Parallel Development

The US and Pakistan recently announced a trade and energy cooperation agreement that includes:

- Development of Pakistan’s oil reserves
- Lower tariffs on Pakistani exports to the US
- Expanded investment in energy infrastructure

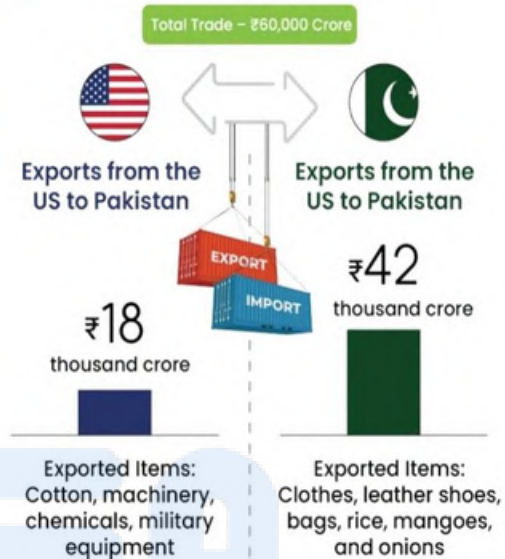
This development coincides with Washington’s tariff escalation against India, suggesting a relative warming of US–Pakistan ties at a time when India–US relations are fraying.

From India’s perspective, the juxtaposition of punitive measures against Delhi and incentives for Islamabad could signal a partial realignment of US

policy in the region — a move with both strategic and symbolic consequences.



US–Pakistan Trade



Source – 2024 United States Trade Representative (USTR)

Tariffs and the US Deficit: The Economic Debate

A related domestic political claim in the US has also drawn attention. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick argued that Trump’s tariffs could “pay off the federal deficit.”



Fact-checking shows otherwise:

- ✓ Current tariff revenues: \$30 billion per month (\$2.8 trillion over 10 years)
- ✓ Projected deficits over the same period: ~\$21.8 trillion
- ✓ Additional deficit from tax cuts and spending: ~\$3.4 trillion
- ✓ Economists conclude that tariffs alone cannot close the US fiscal gap. They may even have

negative side effects — higher consumer prices, slowed trade, and reduced overall tax revenue.

Domestic US Political Dynamics and Foreign Policy

Some analysts attribute the recent hardening of US policy toward India partly to President Trump's political motivations. His reported focus on winning the Nobel Peace Prize has influenced foreign policy decisions, prioritising symbolic "wins" over long-term strategic stability. This has included outreach to Pakistan and high-profile mediation attempts, while India faces tariffs and other punitive economic measures despite earlier warmth in leadership ties.

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Source: Reuters, The Economic Times

Potential Pathways to Rebuilding Trust

Several proposals have been floated to reverse the deterioration:

Nuclear Energy Cooperation

By accelerating legal reforms to allow up to 49% foreign investment in nuclear projects and implementing risk-sharing mechanisms, India could open opportunities for US companies to build reactors domestically.

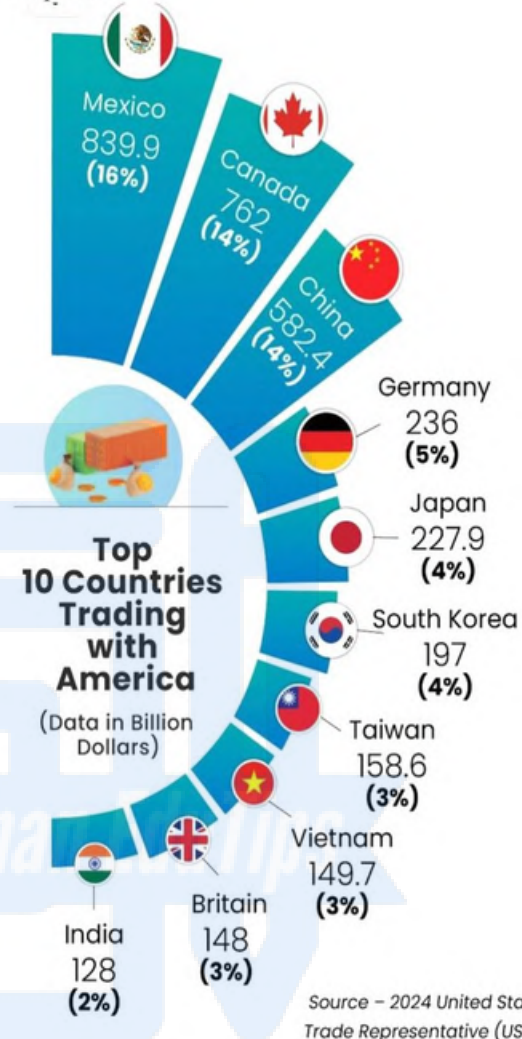
This would support India's goal of 100 GW nuclear capacity by 2047 and provide a strategic "win" for both sides.

De-escalation of Tariffs

Mutual reduction of punitive duties, possibly via phased agreements, could restore trade stability without forcing either side to abandon core policy positions.

Strategic Communication Channels

Reviving high-level dialogues on defence, technology, and climate cooperation could help ring-fence sensitive areas of cooperation from trade disputes.



Conclusion: Navigating a Critical Juncture

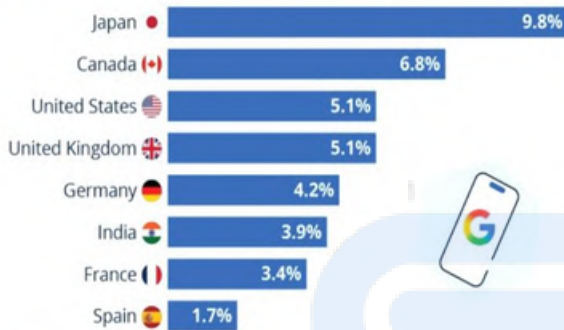
The India-US relationship in 2025 is at an inflection point. A year that began with ambitious bilateral targets has been overshadowed by tariff escalations, divergent geopolitical moves, and the perception of shifting US alignments in South Asia.

For the partnership to recover, both sides must move beyond transactional posturing toward mutual respect for strategic autonomy. India will need to safeguard its economic interests and regional policies, while the US will need to balance domestic political imperatives with the long-term value of a stable, trusted partner in the Indo-Pacific.

Infographics

Google Remains a Fringe Player in the Smartphone Market

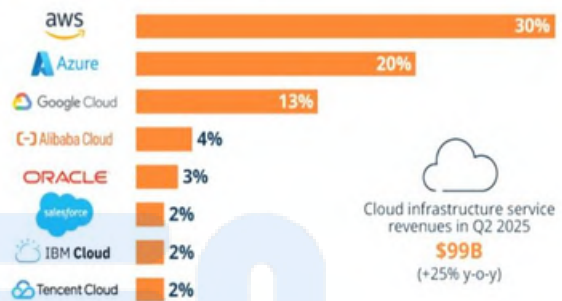
Share of respondents who used a Google phone as their primary smartphone in 2024/25



1,700-8,600 smartphone users (18-64 y/o) per country surveyed Jul. 2024-Jun. 2025
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

The Big Three Stay Ahead in Ever-Growing Cloud Market

Worldwide market share of leading cloud infrastructure service providers in Q2 2025*



* Includes platform as a service (PaaS) and infrastructure as a service (IaaS) as well as hosted private cloud services
Source: Synergy Research Group

Cloud infrastructure service revenues in Q2 2025
\$99B
(+25% y-o-y)

The World's Top Gaming Markets

Estimated revenue of the video games market*, by country (in billion U.S. dollars)



* Covers the creation, publishing, distribution and monetization of console, PC, mobile and online games, plus related hardware and accessories. Estimates as of May, 2025.
Source: Statista Market Insights

The Chinese-Indian Trade Relationship

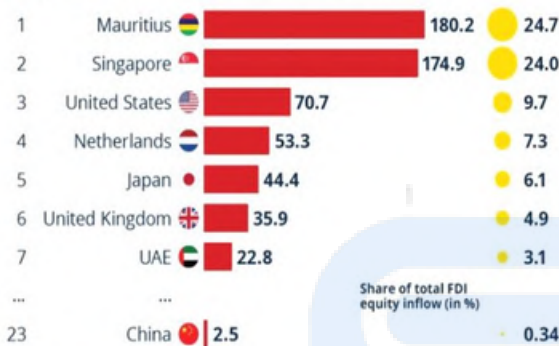
Trade in selected goods between China and India in 2023*



Source: UN Comtrade/BACI International via OEC/MIT

China Has Not Been a Major Source of FDI into India

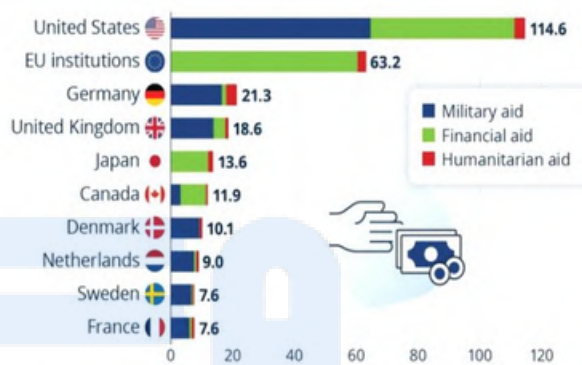
FDI* equity inflows to India from Apr. 2000 to Mar. 2025, by major investors (in billion U.S. dollars)



* Foreign direct investment
Source: High Commission of India

U.S. Has Given Ukraine the Most Aid to Date

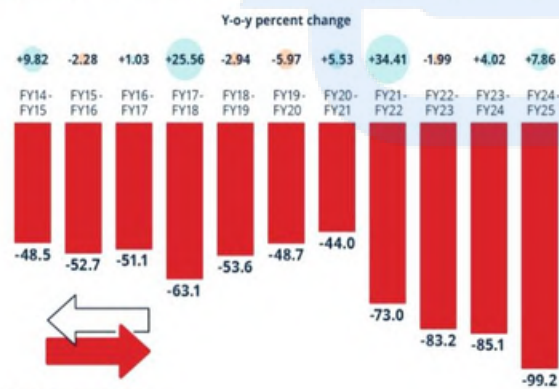
Countries allocating the most aid to Ukraine from Jan. 24, 2022 to Jun. 30, 2025 (in billion euros)



Source: IFW Kiel, Ukraine Support Tracker

India's Growing Trade Deficit With China

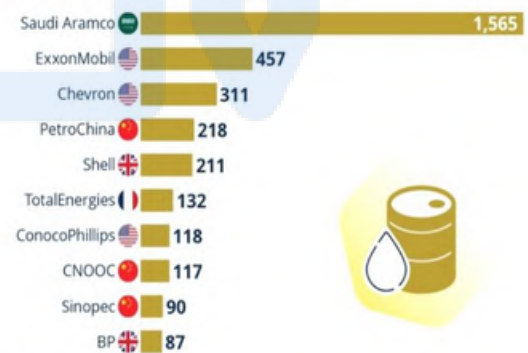
India's annual trade deficit* with China (in billion U.S. dollars)



* exports minus imports
Source: India's Department of Commerce

The Biggest Oil and Gas Companies in the World

Market capitalization of major oil companies in 2025 (in billion U.S. dollars)



As of Aug. 6, 2025
Source: companiesmarketcap.com

The World's Most (And Least) Powerful Passports

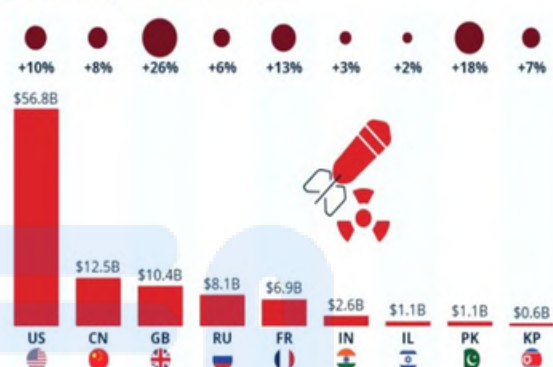
Passports ranked by the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa (as of July 2025)



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

Nuclear Weapons Spending on the Rise

Annual total spending on nuclear weapons in 2024 and change from previous year



Source: International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

The Countries That Will Sell You a Passport

Countries with citizenship-by-investment schemes (as of August 2025)

\$130,000 - \$250,000

- Antigua & Barbuda
- Dominica
- Egypt
- North Macedonia
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- St. Lucia
- Grenada
- Nauru

\$400,000 - \$750,000

- Jordan
- Malta
- Turkey

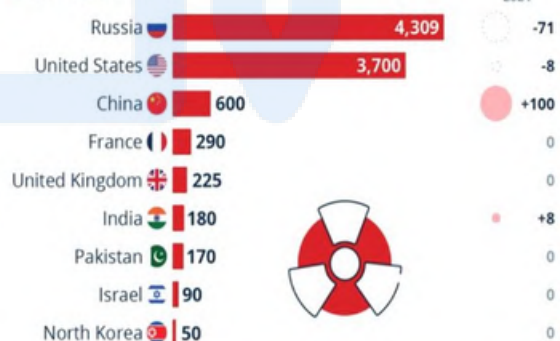
Substantial contribution

- Austria

Malta: Mandatory residence period with rental/purchased property minimum value requirement.
Turkey alternative: Create 50 jobs
Source: Henley & Partners

The Countries Armed With Nuclear Weapons

Estimated nuclear warhead inventories (as of Jan. 2025)*

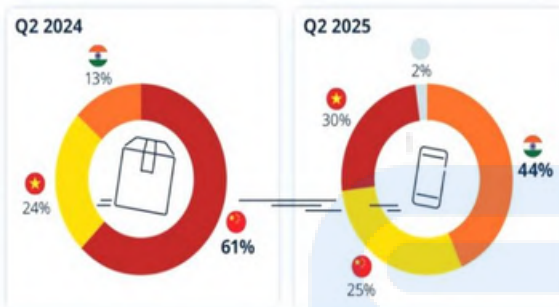


* Deployed warheads as well as warheads in central storage. Excludes retired warheads
Source: SIPRI

India Is Now the Top Supplier of Smartphones to the U.S.

Share of smartphone shipments to the United States in Q2 2024 and Q2 2025, by manufacturing country

● China ● Vietnam ● India ● Others



Source: Canalys

The Most Powerful Quakes Are in the Ring of Fire

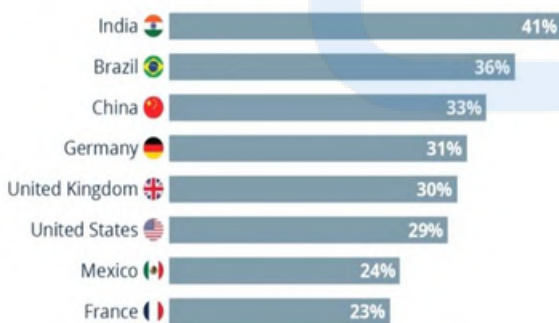
Most powerful earthquakes measured worldwide since 1900, according to the Moment Magnitude scale (Mw)



Source: United States Geological Survey (USGS)

Functional Phone = Electronic Waste?

Share of respondents who buy new electronics even when their old model still works



1,800-9,300 respondents (18-64 y/o) surveyed per country Jul. 2024-Jun. 2025
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

Which Countries Like to Swim?

Share of respondents in a selection of countries who say they swim/dive at least occasionally (in percent)



5,000-23,000 respondents (18-64 y/o) per country surveyed Jul. 2024-Jun. 2025
Source: Statista Consumer Insights



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