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Rajasthan Affairs

Major Programs, Plans, Campaigns

Mukhyamantri Shikshit Rajasthan Abhiyan (MSRA)

- The campaign was launched by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on 29 March 2025.
- In Rajasthan, this campaign has been started for effective implementation of the National Education Policy-2020.
- Rajasthan has become the first state to launch such a massive campaign.
- Objective: All-round development of students, improvement in the quality of education, making the state a model state.
- The campaign is being implemented in a phased manner from the academic session 2025-26.

4 main components of the campaign (including 41 tasks)

1. Student-centered task
2. School-centered task
3. Teacher-centered task
4. Academic Outcomes Advancement Focused task

Key Tasks of the Campaign

- Increase in enrolment in government schools.
- Reform of employment-oriented education.
- Tracking the progress of students through digital monitoring.
- Timely delivery of course material, uniforms etc.
- Improvement in academic results and moral values.
- Mega PTM and other initiatives
- Classification of children by AI based ORF and reading remediation through Prakhar 2.0.
- Further improvement in the quality of education through intense and accomplished campaigns.
- Mega PTMs are being organized to engage parents and teachers for active participation of Principals, teachers, SMCs/SDMCs and community.

Ayushman Bal Sambal Yojana: Age limit relaxed

- Under the Mukhyamantri Ayushman Bal Sambal Yojana, patients above 18 years of age suffering from muscular dystrophy and rare diseases will also be able to take advantage.
- Earlier this scheme was limited to children below the age of 18 years.
- After the decision of the Rajasthan High Court, now the benefit will be given to citizen patients of all age groups in the scheme.

- Recently, during the hearing on November 28, the bench of Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati directed that the condition-1 of Clause 5 of the Chief Minister's Ayushman Bal Sambal Yojana 2024 should be considered applicable to all patients of all ages till further orders.

Nai Chetna 4.0 □ □ Initiative for Change□ Gender Campaign

- The event was inaugurated on 25th November 2025 in Jaipur.
- The campaign will run from 25th November to 23rd December 2025 across the state.
- The campaign focuses on women's economic empowerment and prevention of digital violence.
- This initiative has been run by the Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad (RGAVP).
- Along with this, the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence program was also started.
- Its main focus is the prevention of violence against women and girls in digital media.

Mukhyamantri Ayushman Bal Sambal Yojana

- This scheme has been started for children suffering from rare diseases.
- Under this, free treatment up to ₹ 50 lakh is provided for treatment.
- Apart from this, an assistance amount of ₹5,000 per month is also payable.
- The objective of the scheme is to provide appropriate arrangements, treatment, care and support to children below the age of 18 years under the National Policy-2021.

Eligibility □

- Children must be under 18 years of age.
- Must be a native of Rajasthan or have resided for at least 3 years.

Major decisions taken in the state cabinet meeting

- The Cabinet meeting was held on 19th November 2025 under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Bhajan Lal Sharma.
- The Cabinet approved the creation of a new department for Pravasi Rajasthanis.
- Objective: To strengthen dialogue, cooperation and relations between the migrant Rajasthanis and the state government.
- This department will prepare a policy framework to connect migrant Rajasthanis with the schemes of the state government and make arrangements to address their issues and problems.

- The Department will organize Pravasi Rajasthani Divas, felicitation ceremonies, and exchange programmes.
- The portal for registration of Pravasi Rajasthani Associations will also be operated by this department.

Rajasthan Global Capability Centre (GCC) Policy-2025 Implemented

- The GCC Policy-2025 was approved in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.
- Objective: To make Rajasthan the largest GCC Excellence Hub in the country.
- **Proposed GCC cities:** Jaipur, Udaipur, Jodhpur.
- The back-end operations of global companies, including technology, finance, HR, data analytics, R&D, operate in the GCC.

Target (by 2030)

- Installation of 200+ GCC Units
- Employment to more than 1.5 lakh youth

Key Incentives of GCC Policy-2025

- **Capital Investment Subsidy:** 30% of the project cost (excluding land and building costs), up to a maximum of ₹10 crore.
- **Land Cost Incentive:** 50% of the land/lease area cost, maximum ₹1 crore.
- **Payroll Subsidy:** 30% of employees' salary for the first 3 years, maximum ₹1.25 lakh per employee/year.
- **Rental Assistance:** Rented units are eligible for 50% rent for the first 3 years, 25% rent for the next 2 years, subject to a maximum of ₹5 crore per GCC per year.
- **Skill Development Incentives:** 50% of the training cost, maximum ₹2.5 crore per year.
- **Research & Environmental Support:** 50% support on patent/copyright costs.
- Green Incentives to promote Green Technology Innovations.
- Exemption on stamp duty and electricity duty.
- The policy also includes the benefits of the provisions of RIPS-2024.
- All applications under the GCC Policy-2025 will be made on the RAJNIVESH Single Window Portal.
- The Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) will study the DPR.
- It will send its recommendation to the Project Approval Committee (PAC) in 60 days.
- The PAC will also make a final decision in 60 days.

Structure

- **PEC Chairman:** Executive Director, RICO
- **PAC Chairman:** Administrative Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce
- **Nodal Department:** Department of Industries and Commerce.

JV company approved for energy projects worth Rs 15,600 crore

- The Cabinet approved the formation of a joint venture company between RVUNL and SCCL (Singareni Collieries Company Limited).
- RVUNL and SCCL will hold 26% and 74% shareholding respectively in the company.
- It will set up 800 MW coal-based thermal power projects at the mine site at a cost of Rs 9,600 crore and solar projects of 1500 MW capacity in Rajasthan at a cost of Rs 6,000 crore.

State Government's unique initiative for traditional farming and cow protection

- Under this, the Rajasthan government will give an incentive of ₹ 30,000 per year to selected small and marginal farmers who cultivate with bullocks.
- **Objectives:** Promotion of traditional and organic farming, cow protection, financial assistance to farmers.
- With this incentive, the state government will also provide subsidies on the use of bullocks, improve the fertility of the fields and environmental protection.
- This will reduce the cost of cultivation of farmers, increase the use of clean energy and strengthen organic farming by availability of organic manure.

Country's first initiative in Gharial Conservation by Rajasthan

- On November 13, 2019, Rajasthan Minister of State for Forest and Environment Sanjay Sharma launched a new initiative for Gharial Conservation at the National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary, Palighat in Sawai Madhopur district.
- Under this, 10 out of 30 gharial hatchlings of 5 months of age were released to their natural habitat in the Chambal river.
- The remaining hatchlings in the state will be released back into the river at an interval of 5-6 days.
- These small gharials were being protected by the Forest Department under the Rearing Fast Track-Head Start programme since their hatching.

Cabinet Sub-Committee of Six Ministers on Land Allotment Policy

- The Government of Rajasthan constituted a Committee of 6 Ministers to review the exemption provisions in the Land Allotment Policy.
- The objective of this committee is to study the necessary relaxations in the rules of land allotment and to determine the quantum of exemption for different areas.
- For this, the UDH department was made the nodal department.

Members of the Committee

1. Deputy CM Premchand Bairwa
2. Education Minister Madan Dilawar
3. Health Minister Gajendra Singh Kheenvsar
4. Minister Avinash Meena

- 5. Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra
- 6. Minister Hemant Meena
- The committee will submit its report to the Chief Minister.

□Nyay Aapke Dwar□ campaign launched

- On the occasion of National Legal Services Day, on 10th November 2025, Acting Chief Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma launched the campaign □Nyay Aapke Dwar □ Accessible and Speedy Solutions to Public Utility Problems□ at Vidhik Sewa Sadan.
- Its objective is to provide accessible and speedy justice to the general public.

Urban Areas Revised Rules 2025 come into force.

- In Rajasthan, the □Urban Areas (Non-Agricultural Use Permission and Allotment of Agricultural Land) Rules 2012□ has now been renamed as □Urban Areas (Non-Agricultural Use and Allocation of Agricultural Land) Revised Rules 2025□.
- There was an obligation to settle in the first 60 days; In the amended Rules 2025, it has been made mandatory to deliver the application to the concerned officer within 10 days
- It is mandatory to approve agricultural to non-agricultural use within 30 days
- If the approval is not received within 30 days, it will be considered as deemed (automatic) acceptance.
- These rules will be applicable in Jaipur, Jodhpur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Kota, Bharatpur, Bikaner Development Authority and 14 UIT cities.
- However, the new rules do not specify the size of land and the maximum area limit for conversion from agricultural to non-agricultural in cities.

Rajasthan ranks first in 11 National Programmes/Schemes

- In the financial year 2024-25, Rajasthan secured the first position among 11 national programs/schemes.
- Apart from this, the state performed strongly at the national level by securing the second position in 5 programs and 3rd in 9 programs.

National Programmes/Schemes with First Position

1. **International Day of Yoga:** Rajasthan secured the first position in the country with the participation of 85,31,185 participants across 62,915 locations, according to the □Yoga Sangam Portal□ of the Union Ministry of Ayush.
2. **Organ Donation and Transplantation:** Rajasthan received the National Award and 1st Place for the year 2025 as an emerging state in promoting organ donation and transplant services.
3. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (in the rankings released in September 2025)
4. In Poshan Pakhwada 2025 and activities organized at Anganwadi Centres.
5. **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (Kharif 2025):** A total of 2.18 crore policies were issued.
6. Farmer Registry Scheme (Digital Initiative in Agriculture Sector)
7. Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign-2025 (Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen)
8. PM-KUSUM Scheme, Component A (Installation of Renewable/ Solar Power Capacity)
9. Fit India Freedom Run □ 2024
10. Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra
11. Ujjwala Yojana: 5.94 lakh new gas connections released.

National Programmes/Schemes with 2nd Position

1. **PM Vishwakarma Scheme:** In loan sanction and disbursement and programme implementation.
2. **Poshan Maah 2025:** Rajasthan stood second at the national level in the activities organized.
3. **Micro Irrigation (Drop More Crop):** In 2024-25, the state stood second by installing a micro irrigation system in 1.31 lakh hectares.
4. Rajasthan was awarded the National e-Governance Silver Award (2nd Place) for digitizing government processes.
5. **Har Ghar Tiranga Programme □ 2025:** Rajasthan stood second at the national level in the category of Volunteer Registration and Media Upload.

National Programmes/Schemes with Third Position

1. **PM-KUSUM Scheme (Component B and Component C-FLS):** Rajasthan stood third in both the components.
2. **TB Free Gram Panchayat Campaign (2024):** Announcement of TB Free Panchayats.
3. **ACSM activities during the 100 days campaign:** The state stood third at the national level in both these categories.
4. **Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0:** Rajasthan adjudged Best Performing State.
5. **National Programme for Palliative Care:** The state was ranked third for outstanding contribution.
6. **Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY):** Rajasthan was the third state at the national level in Claim Settlement and Hospital Empanelment during 2024□25 as well.
7. **One District-One Product (ODOP):** The Department of Industries and Commerce bagged the Bronze Award (Third Place) in the Implementation category.
8. **Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan 1.0: Rajasthan ranked third in 2025 in this campaign of Panchayati Raj Department.**

- **Note:** Rajasthan received the Best Performer State award in the Central Government□s LEADS Report 2024, making the state a leader in improving logistical efficiency.
- **Note:** Rajasthan was awarded as the Best Performing State for its remarkable work under the □Dharti Aba Janbhagidari Abhiyan□.

Celebrities

V Srinivas appointed as new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan

- Voruganti (V.) Srinivas, a 1989-batch IAS officer, was appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan on 16 November 2025.
- Former Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant handed over the charge to him on 17 November 2025.
- Srinivas was till now the Secretary of the Union Department of Administrative Reforms, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- He was on deputation at the Centre since December 2018.
- He initiated the Digital AIIMS project, which brought about a paradigm shift in the e-hospital system.
- He has been a technical assistant to the India-based Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- He is the first Indian IAS officer to be elected as the President of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS).**
- Along with the Chief Secretary, he has also been given the additional charge of Chairman of Mines and Minerals Corporation Limited, Udaipur and Chief Residential Commissioner, New Delhi.
- His term will last till September 2026.
- In 2018, while being the chairman of the Board of Revenue, he started initiatives like Lok Adalat.
- Note:** Sudhansh Pant will serve as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Union Cabinet Secretariat till November 30, followed by the post of Social Justice and Empowerment Secretary at the Centre.

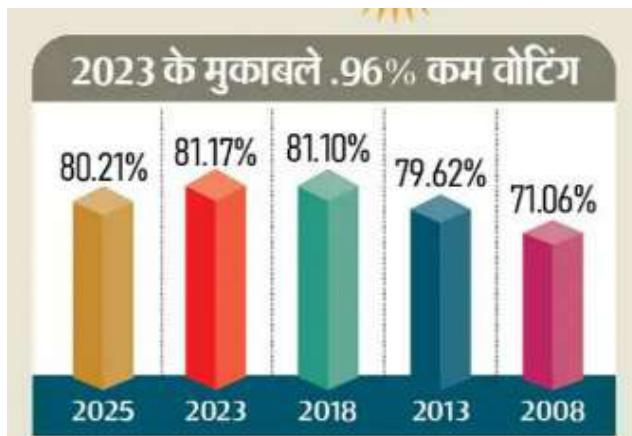
Anta by-election: Congress□ Pramod Jain Bhaya wins

- Congress candidate Pramod Jain Bhaya defeated BJP's Morpal Suman by a margin of 15,612 votes.
- Pramod Jain Bhaya got a total of 69,571 votes, BJP candidate 53,959 and independent Naresh Meena got 53,800 votes.
- This was Pramod Jain Bhaya's third win for the field for the 5th consecutive time.
- Prior to this, he was an Independent MLA from Baran from 2003 to 2008.



- After the victory of the Congress, its total strength in the House has reached to 67 MLAs.

Political Parties	Seats
Bharatiya Janata Party	118
Indian National Congress	67
Bharat Adivasi Party	4
Bahujan Samaj Party	2
Rashtriya Lok Dal	1
Not belonging to any group or party	8



- In the last 23 months of Rajasthan, the BJP has won 5 seats, the Congress 2 and the BAP 1.
- Bharatiya Janata Party:** Jhunjhunu, Deoli-Uniara, Khinvsar, Ramgarh, Salumbar.
- Indian National Congress:** Dausa, Anta.
- Bharat Adivasi Party:** Eighty-four.

RPSC member Sangeeta Arya resigns

- Dr. Sangeeta Arya, a member of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC), resigned to Governor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde on 28 November 2025.
- His term was scheduled to expire on October 13, 2026.
- At present, a total of 10 member posts are sanctioned in RPSC. At present, 3 posts are vacant.

Prof. Madan Mohan Jha: New Vice-Chancellor of Sanskrit University

- Governor and Chancellor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde appointed Prof. Madan Mohan Jha as the Vice-Chancellor of Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Rajasthan Sanskrit University, Jaipur.
- Prof. Jha will hold the post for a period of 3 years or till the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier, from the date of assumption of charge.

Sagar Mal Dhayal becomes observer at World Boxing Cup

- Rajasthan's Sagar Mal Dhayal, the chief coach of the railway boxing team and a recipient of the Dronacharya Award, has been appointed as an observer in the World Boxing Cup.
- The World Boxing Cup was held in Noida, Uttar Pradesh from 16 to 28 November 2025.

Former minister Dr. Ratan Lal Jat passes away

- Former MLA of Sahara Assembly constituency and former minister Dr. Ratanlal Jat passed away on 13th November 2025.
- He was the Minister of Higher Education during the Chief Minister Bhairon Singh Shekhawat's tenure.
- During the year 2005-2008, he served as the Chairman of the State Seed Corporation.

Former MLA Vijay Singh passes away

- Former Digod (Kota) MLA Vijay Singh Palatha (93) passed away on 27 November 2025.
- He was an MLA from Digod from 1975 to 1998.
- Vijay Singh was also the state president of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh.

Famous Places

Evidence of 4,500-year-old civilization in Bansial village of Jhunjhunu

- Evidence of a civilization of about four and a half thousand years has been found in Bansial village, 65 km from Jhunjhunu district.
- The materials found in the excavation were** walls made of lime powder, copper rings, bone tools and jewelry.
- Copper objects, beads of carnelian-steatite and scarlet pottery were found.
- This site is believed to be associated with the Chalcolithic culture.
- According to experts, this area is part of the Ganeshwara civilization, which is considered to be contemporary to the Harappan period.
- Researchers Dr. Isha Prasad and Dr. Shweta Sinha Deshpande said that for the first time, evidence of structures within the settlement has been found. The outline of the hut (grotto) and the platform attached to it were also found.

India's first Zinc Park to be set up in Rajasthan

- The first zinc park will be set up in Rajasthan.
- The Zinc Park will be developed in the vicinity of Hindustan Zinc's Mining-Smelting Complexes at Chanderia, Dariba and Debari.
- Hindustan Zinc and Rico** have jointly proposed to build the country's first zinc park.
- The Zinc Park was announced by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal at the December 2024 Rising Rajasthan Global Summit.
- Objective: To develop a new industrial ecosystem for innovation, manufacturing and value addition in the zinc, lead, silver and related metal value chains.
- The park will become an integrated industrial ecosystem for zinc, lead, silver and related metal value chains.

- Zinc-based units and ancillary industries can be set up in this zinc park.
- This industrial park will help in making Rajasthan a global hub of metals and manufacturing.

Inland port to be built in Jalore

- An inland port (waterway) will be set up at Jalore for direct waterway connectivity to Rajasthan from the Arabian Sea through the Gulf of Kutch.
- The MoU for the construction of the Inland Port was signed between the Rajasthan River Basin and Water Resources Planning Authority and the Inland Waterways Authority of India in Mumbai.
- The width of the proposed waterway will be 45 meters and the depth will be 8 meters.
- There will be about 14 km of this waterway in Rajasthan, which is being surveyed by IIT Madras.
- Note:** Jawai-Luni-Rann of Kutch river system has been declared as National Waterway-48.
- Note:** It is planned to develop about 262 km long waterway from Kandla Port to Jalore.
- It has an estimated dredging cost of over Rs 10,000 crore.
- The project will give the state a new identity in the field of logistics, industry development, employment and waterways connectivity.
- The routes for this project are being studied, including Bhawtara-Navlakhi road Kandla Creek (about 262 km) as a possible route.

Confirmation of Garnet Reserves in Kocharia-Sundarpura Area

- The presence of garnet was recorded in the Kocharia area, 25 km from Bhilwara.
- The reserves in the Kocharia-Sundarpura area are spread over a total of 73.62 hectares. The size of the crystals found here is 2-5 cm.
- This mineral extends from 50 to 180 meters in width in two major branches.
- The Geological Survey team of the Rajasthan Directorate of Mining has sent the report to the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Nagpur.
- As soon as the report is confirmed, the mineral lease auction process for an area of 73.62 hectares will start.
- Garnet mineral lease in Rajasthan will be offered for auction for the first time.

Features and Uses of Garnet

- Garnet is a silicate-based mineral group.
- It is commonly known as a semi-precious gemstone of red color, but it is also found in green, yellow, orange, pink colors.
- Its main use is in jewelry manufacturing.

India's largest solar-battery storage project to be built in Bikaner

- India's largest combined solar power and battery storage project will be set up in Bikaner.

- The total capacity of the project is set at 2450 MW solar generation and 5000 MWh of battery storage.
- The project will increase the production of low-cost solar power and store the electricity for use as per requirement through battery storage.
- In terms of capacity, the project will be larger than the current Bhadla Solar Park (2245 MW) in Rajasthan.
- This will enable the solar energy generated during the day to be stored in the battery system.

Selected Model Solar Villages in 11 Districts

- Under the PM Surya Ghar - Muft Bijli Yojana, ideal solar villages have been identified in 11 districts of Rajasthan.

The selected villages are as follows:

1. Salasar (Churu)
2. Dabi (Bundi)
3. Peacock (Tonk)
4. Misrol (Jhalawar)
5. Jethana (Ajmer)
6. Kelwa (Rajsamand)
7. Dalot (Pratapgarh)
8. Chanana (Jhunjhunu)
9. Bhawari (Pali)
10. Chauth Ka Barwada (Sawai Madhopur)
11. Basai Nawab (Dholpur)

- All of them will be provided assistance of up to ₹1 crore to encourage community solar activities.

Notification issued for construction of airport at Uttarlai (Barmer)

- A formal notification was issued by the Department of Civil Aviation for the construction of a civil airport at Uttarlai.
- The construction of the airport was announced in the year 2018-19.
- As per this notification, the total land required is 64.43 acres and the land to be acquired from private accounts will be 62.96 acres.
- The villages related to this will be Chaklani, Beriwala, Lalni ki Dhani.
- Barmer is currently an important hub for the oil, gas and energy sector and being a border area, this airport will be strategically important.

India's first modern renewable energy research centre to be developed in Phalodi (Baap)

- The Rajasthan Solar Association (RSA) will construct a state-of-the-art renewable energy research and development centre and Sun Temple at Baap in Phalodi.
- This centre will be the country's first modern renewable energy research centre.
- Project area 15,000 sq. m.
- **Objective:** To promote research and innovation in the renewable energy sector for MSMEs and to help local industries move forward in the green energy sector.

High-speed trial of Vande Bharat train □ Rohalkhurd to Vikramgarh

- A high-speed trial of the Vande Bharat train was conducted between Rohalkhurd and Vikramgarh Alot stations on the Delhi-Mumbai route.
- The train was run at a speed of 175 km/h during the trial, which was the second day of the 15-day trial programme.
- After the Mathura-Nagda route was developed into a semi-high-speed track, the trial of Vande Bharat was conducted for the first time on this route by RDSO.
- The train also achieved a maximum speed of 180 km/h during the trial.

Inauguration of Water Harvesting Training Centre and Surface Barrier at Piplantri

- Rajasthan Education and Panchayati Raj Minister Madan Dilawar inaugurated the Water Harvesting Training Centre (Extended Form) and Surface Barrier work at Piplantri Model village in Rajsamand district.
- Piplantri is known as the ideal model of environmental protection throughout the country.
- Here, the tradition of planting 111 saplings on the birth of every daughter contributed significantly in making the village green.
- Piplantri has set an excellent example of sustainable development by protecting, nurturing and creating protected areas of trees.

Jaipur Metro Phase-2: Prahladpura-Pinjrapol Goshala Route

- Under Jaipur Metro Phase-2, work on the 12 km route from Prahladpura (Tonk Road) to Pinjrapole Goshala will start in December.
- Technical clearances for the project have been received from 15 Central Ministries.
- In this phase, 13 new metro stations will be built.
- Project cost: ₹1361 crore.
- For this, a new joint venture company Rajasthan Railway Corporation has been formed with a 50-50% stake with the Centre.
- JMRC (Jaipur Metro Rail Corporation) will function under the JV in Phase-2 and all its officers will continue to work under the JV.

First Interstate Tiger Translocation: Tigress to be Brought by Helicopter

- Helicopter approval has been received for the first interstate tiger translocation in Rajasthan.
- The tigress will be brought from Pench Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh) to Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan) by an Air Force helicopter.
- The objective is to improve the gene pool in the tiger habitat of Rajasthan and ensure the development of new breeding lines from tigers from the outlying area.

Approval for allotment of land to RIICO in 3 districts

- In order to boost industrial potential, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma approved the allotment of land for industrial use in Bhilwara, Didwana-Kuchaman and Phalodi districts.
- 20.80 hectares of land in village Kodia of Tehsil Kotri of Bhilwara district was given to RIICO for setting up a new industrial area.
- 71.59 hectares of land was allotted for industrial purposes in Bhakri Moulas of Tehsil Parbatsar of Didwana-Kuchaman district.
- A total of 49.82 hectares of land was approved in the villages of Hajisagar and Tenna Nadi of Tehsil Aau of Phalodi district.

Census Pilot Project □ Training begins in Barmer and Dungarpur

- Under the Census pilot project, the work of geotagging of houses and collection of household data has started.
- For this, training is being imparted to the enumerators and supervisors to be posted in the field in Barmer and Dungarpur.
- This training will help in identifying and rectifying potential deficiencies in the data collection process.

Jaipur – North India's first Robotic Implant Hub

- In an international panel held on 1st November 2025, Jaipur was declared North India's first robotic implant hub, touting Immediate Load Implant Dentistry and Robotic Implant Surgery as the medical technology of the future.
- Jaipur has now evolved into a major premium centre for all-on-four and immediate load implant procedures.

Awards & Honors

Rajasthan wins three National Gopal Ratna Awards

- The Rajasthan Co-operative Dairy Federation (RCDF) received the National Gopal Ratna Awards in three categories at a function held in Delhi on the occasion of National Milk Day.
- RCDF Managing Director Shruti Bhardwaj received the award along with the milk union office bearers of the respective districts.

Award-winning categories

- Best Dairy Co-operative Society □ **Ghinoi Milk Producers Cooperative Society, Jaipur**
- Best Dairy Farmer Award □ **Harshit Jhuria, Sikar**
- Best AI Technician Award □ **Vikas Kumar, Hanumangarh**

- The Ghinoi Committee was awarded ₹3,00,000, a merit certificate and a memento.

- Harshit Jhuria was awarded for his innovative efforts in increasing milk production and improving quality. He was awarded ₹2,00,000, certificates, and insignia.
- Selected for his outstanding contribution to fertility services and AI technology, he was awarded a merit certificate and insignia.
- National Gopal Ratna Award is being given by the Central Government since the year 2021 to individuals, institutions and technicians who have excelled in the field of animal husbandry and dairying.

Rajasthan gets Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Award for the third time



राष्ट्रपति श्रीमती द्वापदी मुर्मु ने जल संचय-जन भगीदारी में बाइमेर के प्रथम स्थान पर रहने पर जिला कलक्टर श्रीमती टीना डाबी को पुरस्कृत किया। टांका निर्माण के जरिए बारिश के पानी को सहेजने की अभिनव पहल के तहत प्रथम श्रेणी में चयनित बाइमेर जिले को 2 करोड़ रुपये के पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया।



- Rajasthan received the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari award for the third time for outstanding performance in water resources management and community participation.
- The state was ranked third among the three best states in the country based on this achievement.
- Barmer received the first prize at the national level under Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 1.0.
- Barmer district was awarded the Best District in West Zone award at the national level for its outstanding performance in water conservation works.
- Eight other districts □ Bhilwara, Jaipur, Udaipur, Alwar, Baran, Dungarpur, Chittorgarh and Sikar □ were also honoured for their contribution to water security in India.

Prize Money Distribution

- First category: Bhilwara and Barmer □ Rs 2 crore each
- Second category: Jaipur and Udaipur □ Rs 1 crore each
- Note: Jaipur district secured the second position in the entire country under National Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari.
- Category 3: Alwar, Dungarpur, Baran, Chittorgarh and Sikar □ Rs 25 lakh each

National Water Awards □ 2025

- The award distribution ceremony was held on 18th November 2025, at Vigyan Bhawan (New Delhi).
- The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu presented the felicitations under the 6th National Water Awards-2025.
- The award is associated with the ongoing Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) programme under the Catch the Rain campaign.
- The programme encourages states to develop at least 10,000 recharge and storage structures.
- Target for North-East and Hill States 3,000 structures
- Target for municipalities 10,000 structures

Rajasthan□s performance at National Water Awards 2024

- The 6th National Water Awards 2024 announced by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, saw outstanding achievements from many participants from Rajasthan.

Main Winners from Rajasthan:

- Shri Bajrang Lal Jethu (Sikar) 1st Award for Excellence in Water Sector in the Western Region
- Kharlan Jal Upyokta Sangam (Sriganganagar) 3rd prize in the Best Water Users Association Category

Other Esteemed Institutions:

- BITS Pilani 2nd (combined) in the Inside Campus subcategory of the Institute category other than School/College.
- Ambuja Foundation, Jaipur 2nd Prize in the Best Civil Society Organization Category
- A total of 46 winners have been announced this year.
- The awards will be presented in 10 major categories viz. Best State, District, Gram Panchayat, Urban Bodies, Schools/ Colleges, Industry, Water User Associations, Civil Society and Individual Excellence.

Udaipur wins □ Best Non-Motorized Transport System□ Award



- Udaipur Smart City was awarded the Excellence in Urban Transport Award in the City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System category at the Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo.
- Urban Development and Autonomous Government Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra received the award on behalf of Rajasthan.

- Udaipur undertook several innovative and corrective steps to make transportation in the city more accessible, cleaner and eco-friendly under the Smart City Mission.

Rajasthan wins Top Achiever Award in Ease of Doing Business

- Rajasthan was awarded in the Top Achiever category in the Ease of Doing Business Rankings at the Udyog Samagam organized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- Rajasthan was presented the award by Union Minister Piyush Goyal for its outstanding performance in business entry, labour reforms, and service sector.
- Industries Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore and Industries Commissioner Rohit Gupta received the award on behalf of the state.



Rajasthan wins □ Excellence in Wind and Hybrid Policy□ Award

- Rajasthan was awarded the Excellence in Wind and Hybrid Policy award at the Windergy India 2025 conference held in Chennai.
- The award was presented to the Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation (RREC) by Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Prahil Joshi.

Hindustan Zinc conferred Platinum Worldwide Award

- Hindustan Zinc, the world's leading zinc producer, received a Platinum Worldwide ranking in the \$1-10 billion revenue category at the International LACP Spotlight Awards 2025 for its Integrated Annual Report for the financial year 2024-25.
- The company secured the first position in India and sixth globally by scoring 99 points out of 100. With this achievement, Hindustan Zinc has become the only Indian company to be ranked in the Global Top 10.

9 artists to receive State Art Awards

- The Jury of the 66th Annual Exhibition of Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi declared 9 artists as award-worthy.
- A total of 113 artworks by 64 artists were selected for the exhibition.
- On the opening occasion of the exhibition, 9 artists will be awarded ₹25,000 in cash, certificates and mementos.

Award-winning Artists and their Creations

- Ramesh Kumar Saini (Jaipur) 1st Jaipur ki Galiyan 1-2-3
- Vikas Kumar Mirotha (Bundi) 2nd Samuh-2

3. Jayant Sharma (Jaipur) ☐ City of Dunes
4. Shweta Naina (Jaipur) ☐ Tara-3
5. Mohanlal Chaudhary (Bikaner) ☐ Mat Bancho Gathariya
6. Urmila Sharma (Jaipur) ☐ Anukalp-1
7. Dheeraj Balihara (Hanumangarh) ☐ Weaving Tradition
8. Karuna (Vanasthali) ☐ Childhood-3
9. Shivpal Kumawat (Sikar) ☐ Delusion-II

Udaipur wins ☐Best Wedding Destination Award

- Udaipur was given the Best Wedding Destination Award at the event held in New Delhi.
- This honor was presented at the Outlook Traveller Awards.
- The award was received by Anand Tripathi, Additional Director, Rajasthan Tourism, and Sumita Saroch, Joint Director, Udaipur.

Rajasthan ranks first in National Jamboree

- In the 19th National Jamboree of Bharat Scout-Guides held in Lucknow, the Rajasthan contingent secured the first position in 20 competitions.
- The Rajasthan contingent was awarded the highest award shield and flag.
- Under the direction of Chief Scout Commissioner of Rajasthan Niranjan Arya, 1703 Scout-Guides and other participants participated.

Rajasthan Mandap wins Gold Medal at India International Trade Fair

- The Rajasthan Pavilion was awarded the Gold Medal for its outstanding performance at the 44th India International Trade Fair held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- The pavilion showcased products from 41 districts of Rajasthan on the ☐One District, One Product☐ wall.
- The Rajasthan Pavilion was curated in collaboration with the Department of Industries, Department of Tourism, RIICO, BIP, Khadi, Rajeevika and RUDA.
- The cultural synergy of Rajasthan and Assam was highlighted on the theme ☐Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat☐, which attracted the attention of the visitors.

SDRF Rajasthan ranks second in Western Zone

- The team that performed brilliantly in two major national level competitions was felicitated at SDRF Control Room, Jaipur.
- The Rajasthan SDRF team stood second in the Western Zone CBRN Competition 2025 held in Pune under the aegis of NDRF.
- SDRF is the State Disaster Response Force of Rajasthan. It is a special unit of Rajasthan Police formed for rescue and relief operations during natural and man-made disasters.

Various Agreements/MoUs

MoU signed between State Government-FICCI for organizing GRAM-2026

- Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM) ☐ 2026 in March 2026 as per Budget Announcement 2025☐ 26.
- The JECC will be held at Sitapura, Jaipur.
- The Rajasthan government has chosen the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) as the summit partner.
- It will witness participation of 50,000+ farmers from all districts of Rajasthan.
- 3 International Roadshows for Agricultural Investment and Technology Transfer, Domestic Roadshows in 4 Major Indian Cities
- Around 300 exhibition stalls will be set up.
- It will have a tech-based smart farm, tech farm, animal exhibition and machinery exhibition.

MoU signed between Tourism Department and Hotel Federation of Rajasthan for Travel Mart-2026

- An MoU was signed between the Tourism Department and the Hotel Federation of Rajasthan for the Hadoti Travel Mart-2026 to be held in Kota from January 2 to 4, 2026.
- The MoU was signed by Tourism Commissioner Rukmani Riar and Hotel Federation of Rajasthan President Hussain Khan.
- It aims to connect the tourist places of Kota, Bundi and Jhalawar with the mainstream of state tourism.

MoU between Rajasthan Police and National Defence University (Gujarat)

- The MoU between Rajasthan Police and National Defence University, Gujarat was signed on 24th November 2025 at Police Headquarters, Jaipur.
- This will lead to research-based reforms in policing, work in critical areas such as cyber security, digital forensics and internal security in a more effective and organized manner.
- It aims to enhance academic, training and research cooperation in the field of national and internal security and promote joint programmes of smart policing, security innovation, capacity-building.

MoU for Comic Con at Rajasthan DigiFest

- The Rajasthan government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ComicCon India to host the pop culture event ☐Comic Con☐ during the upcoming TIE Global Summit and Rajasthan DigiFest.
- The first Jaipur Comic Con will be part of the TIE Global Summit and DigiFest to be held at JECC, Sitapura from January 4 to 6.
- It aims to bring technological innovations and fans on one platform.

- It will create an environment conducive to pop culture and technology along with the heritage of Jaipur.
- The event is being organised under the state government's AVGC policy.
 - This policy was issued by the Rajasthan government to provide new investment, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities to the youth in these new sectors in the state.
- The Comic Con will encourage the state government's iSTART scheme and local talent.
- Startups working in the animation, gaming and comics sector of Rajasthan will get an international level platform.

Department of Medical Education□University of Manchester MoU

- The Department of Medical Education signed an MoU with the University of Manchester (UK) on 11th November 2025.
- The collaboration will promote co-development, joint teaching and academic exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.
- Under the MoU, cooperation will also be carried out in the field of prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).
- Networks will be built to share knowledge, experience and expertise on healthcare, universal health coverage and other health-related topics.

IIT Jodhpur-BSF MoU: Development of Indigenous Anti-Drone Technology

- IIT Jodhpur and the Border Security Force (BSF) signed an important MoU to strengthen the security of the borders through new technology.
- Under this collaboration, both the institutes will jointly work on drone and anti-drone technologies, and AI-based security innovations.
- This partnership aims to equip India's borders with an indigenous AI-powered hi-tech security system.
- Anti-drone technology will also control the infiltration of drones coming from across the border.

Sports

5th Khelo India University Games

- It was inaugurated on 24th November 2025 at SMS Stadium, Jaipur.
- It was inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma. Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Member of Parliament Manju Sharma, State Sports Minister Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore and other ministers were present at the event.
- The closing ceremony of the Games took place on 5th December 2025 at Poornima University, Jaipur.

Features of the event

- Singer Swaroop Khan presented the anthem of these games □Padharo Mhare Rajasthan, Jeet Lo Sara Hindustan□.

Mascots □Khamma□ and □Ghani□



- The 2 mascots of the Games □ □Khamma and Ghani□ □ are inspired by the camel, the state animal of Rajasthan and the traditional greeting □Khamma Ghani□.
- The logo of these games presents an amalgamation of Rajasthan's cultural heritage
 - Hawa Mahal:** A symbol of architectural splendor
 - Ranthambore Fort:** A Symbol of Courage and Determination
 - Windmills:** Progressive thinking and sustainable development spirit of the state
 - Sandy Dunes:** Desert Beauty and Sense of Detail
- The torch also depicts a beautiful combination of the lotus figure and the art of Rajasthan.
- Largest group: Lovely Professional University (LPU), Punjab □ 267 players total
- Host Rajasthan □ Total 235 players (163 men + 72 women)
- Contested in 7 major cities - Jaipur, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, Ajmer, Bharatpur and Bikaner.
- Total 24 games□23 medal games and 1 demonstration game (kho-kho).
- 24 Sports: Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Hockey, Swimming, Tennis, Football, Archery, Shooting, Mallakhambh, Cycling, Rugby, Judo, Beach Volleyball, Canoeing and Kayaking, Kabaddi, Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Yogasana, Fencing, Volleyball, Boxing, Wrestling and Kho-Kho (Demonstration Matches).
- The host, Rajasthan had 163 men and 72 women players in the team.
- Torch Transfer: Arjuna Awardee International Archer Rajat Chauhan and Youth World Boxing Champion Arundhati Chaudhary handed over the torch of KIUG to the Chief Minister.
- Sports included for the first time: beach volleyball, canoeing and kayaking, cycling.
- Beach Volleyball for the First Time in Rajasthan □ Venue: Udaipur
- Most participants: 560 (Athletics)
- Lowest participants: 96□96 (Mallakhamba and Yogasana)
- Note: In the last KIUG, Chandigarh University topped the list with 66 medals (28 gold).

List of games and locations

District	Organized Games
Ajmer	Rugby, Kho-Kho
Bharatpur	Wrestling, boxing
Bikaner	Kabaddi, Weightlifting
Jodhpur	Yoga, Table Tennis
quota	Fencing, volleyball
Udaipur	Judo, beach volleyball, canoeing and kayaking
Jaipur	Athletics, badminton, basketball, hockey game, Act or art of swimming, tennis, football, Archery, shooting, Mallakhamba, Cycling.

Rajasthan Squads at Khelo India University Games

- 232 players from Rajasthan participated in 15 sports.

Sport	player
Kabaddi	36 (maximum)
Cycling	28
Shooting	23
Wrestling	23
Archery	10
Athletics	6
Badminton	12
Basketball	12
Boxing	20
Hockey	18
Judo	10
Kayaking/Canoeing	11
Rugby	11
Table tennis	10
Weightlifting	2

KIUG: Pooja wins Rajasthan's first medal

- At the Khelo India University Games, Pooja won the silver medal in road cycling and won the first medal for Rajasthan.
- He represented Maharaja Ganga Singh University.
- In the Women's Elite 30km Individual Time Trial held on the Jaipur-Agra highway, Pooja won the silver with a time of 46:52.003 minutes.

Arundhati Choudhary of Kota becomes World Boxing Champion

- Kota boxer Arundhati Choudhary has become the world champion.
- In the final match of the 70 kg category held in Greater Noida, Zokirova of Uzbekistan defeated Aziza 5-0.

- Arundhati has already won gold in the Youth World Championship.
- Arundhati has so far won 7 gold medals at the international level.
- Arundhati will now represent India at the Asian Games and Olympic Games.
- In this championship, Indian women boxers won a total of 20 medals, including 7 gold and male boxers 2 gold.

Para shuttler Krishna Nagar – 2 gold medals at Japan Para Badminton International Championships

- Paralympic gold medallist and badminton player from Rajasthan, Krishna Nagar won 2 gold medals at the Hulic Daihatsu Japan Para Badminton International Championship held in Japan.
- Krishna won the gold in the men's singles and also won the gold medal in the mixed doubles with Nithya Sri Sivan.
- Both these gold medals were received in the SH-6 category.

ISSF World Cup – Rajasthan's Yogesh Kumar wins silver medal

- Rajasthan's shooter Yogesh Kumar won the silver medal for India at the ISSF World Championships (Rifle and Pistol) held in Cairo (Egypt).
- In the 50m pistol men's team event, Yogesh won the medal along with teammates Ravindra Singh and Kamaljeet.

Allen World Cup □ Avani Lekhara won 1 gold and 1 silver medal

- Rajasthan's Avani Lekhara won the gold medal in the 10m air rifle event at the Ellen World Cup Para Shooting held in Changwon, Korea.
- Along with this, she also won a silver medal in the 50m 3-P women's event.

69th School National Wushu Competition

- Rajasthan won the overall championship by scoring a total of 28 points in the 69th School National U-17 Wushu Competition held in Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir) under the aegis of the School Games Federation of India.
- The girls category won the first place trophy with 21 points, including 3 gold and 2 silver.
- The overall team performance won a total of 8 medals including a total of 4 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Gold Medalists	Silver Medalists	Bronze Medalists
Himani Vaishnav □ 60kg Almas Khan □ 65kg Riya Mishra □ 70kg Anshuman □ 75kg	Gayatri Punia □ 45kg Nojal □ 56 kg	Divyansh □ 52kg Manish □ 56kg

National Para Swimming Championships: Rajasthan finishes third

- The 25th National Para Swimming Championships held in Hyderabad Rajasthan secured the third position by winning a total of 97 medals.
- Rajasthan won a total of 97 medals, including 36 gold, 38/39 silver and 23 bronze medals.
- President of Para Sports Association of Rajasthan ☐ Rajbala Saini.

National Sub-Junior Boys Judo: Rajasthan Overall Runners-up

- Rajasthan finished as the overall runners-up in the National Sub-Junior Boys Judo Championship held in Hyderabad from November 16-19.
- It won a total of 4 medals, including 1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze.
- Rajasthan's Vijender Kumar won the gold medal in the 35kg weight category by defeating Khetlendra Pal of Uttar Pradesh.
- Patron of Rajasthan State Judo Association ☐ I. K. Dutta.
- President of Rajasthan State Judo Association ☐ Harish Chand Sharma.

Asian Equestrian Championship: India wins silver, Rajasthan team includes Divyakriti

- The Indian Dressage team won the silver medal at the Asian Equestrian Championship held in Pattaya, Thailand.
- In this, India missed out on the gold medal by a very small margin (only 0.2%).
- The Indian team consisted of three key riders Gaurav Pundir (Uttar Pradesh), Divyakriti Singh (Rajasthan) and Shruti Vora (Maharashtra).
- The gold medal went to Thailand, while Hong Kong won the bronze.
- Note: Divyakriti Singh became the first Indian equestrian to win medals at both the Asian Games and the Asian Championships.

RUFC wins Governor's Gold Cup for the first time

- Rajasthan's football team RUFC has won the title by participating in the prestigious Governor's Gold Cup in Sikkim for the first time.
- The final match was played at Paljor Stadium, Gangtok (Sikkim).
- RUFC defeated Services FC 1-0 in the final on 29 November 2025.
- The decisive goal was scored by Joseph Lalvenhima in the 59th minute.

Major Awards

- Naoba Meitei ☐ Player of the Tournament.
- Joseph ☐ Player of the Match.
- Pedro Astray ☐ Most Valuable Player.

Ultra Marathon: Amar Singh wins gold medal

- Amar Singh Devanda, a runner from Chithwadi

(Chaumu), won the gold medal by winning the main race in 6 hours 59 minutes 37 seconds in the 100 km ultra marathon held in Thailand.

- Earlier, Amar Singh won the gold medal for India at the Asia-Oceania Ultra Marathon held in Canberra (Australia) in April 2024 by running 272.537 km in 24 hours.
- He has so far won 4 gold and 1 silver at the international level.

25th National Para Swimming Championships: Rajasthan wins 47 medals

- The Rajasthan team won a total of 47 medals, including 18 gold, 19 silver and 10 bronze at the 25th National Para Swimming Championships organised by the Paralympic Committee in Hyderabad.

Gold Medalists

- Surajbhan, Vedant Singh, Shivdev Singh, Lakhan Singh, Nirmala Devi, Jiah, Sadhna Malik, Dimple Vaishnav, Ajay Debenda, Anmol, Kiran Tank, Bhairaram and Sanjay Sankhla.

Silver Medal Winners

- Dimple Vaishnav, Ramniwas, Shivdev Singh, Lakhan Singh, Vikram Singh Gurjar, Yesu Swami, Pappu Devi, Bhagirath Ram, Anmol, Nirmala, Jiya, Vedanta, Yudhishthira, Om Prakash, Vishnu and Sanjay Sankhla.

Bronze Medalists

- Vikram Singh Gurjar, Sita Devi, Mohan Singh, Gurjant, Jamnalal, Manoj, Om Prakash, Sahiram, Jagvir Singh and Yudhishthir.

Rajasthan wins two bronze medals in Senior Fencing Championship

- In the 36th National Senior Women's and Men's Fencing Championship, Rajasthan players Gajendra (Jaipur) won bronze medals in the foil category and Karan Singh (Alwar) won bronze medals in the sabre category.
- Karan Singh has previously won gold medals in sabre for 10 consecutive years.
- In Sabre, the gold went to Ghishu Nidhi (Army) and the silver went to Abhay Shinde (Maharashtra).
- In the foil category, Swarn Dev Kumar (Haryana) and Rajat Mohammad Ismail Khan (SSB) won.
- A total of 24 players from Rajasthan participated in the championship.

Grappling National Championships ☐ Pooja Sharma wins 2 gold medals

- In the Junior and Senior National Grappling Wrestling Championship held in Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh), Pooja Sharma of Rajasthan won two gold medals in the 58 kg category.
- In the No-Gi category, she won the gold medal by defeating Hema Kumari of Madhya Pradesh.
- In the No-Gi category, she won the second gold by defeating Nikita Kumari of Tonk (Rajasthan).

Akshat Rao wins silver medal in National Junior Taekwondo

- Rajasthan's Akshat Rao won the silver medal in the 42nd Junior National Taekwondo Championship.
- The championship was held in Bengaluru from October 28 to November 2.
- Akshat achieved this feat in the 48 kg weight category.

Grappling Championship: Rajasthan wins 33 medals

- Rajasthan won a total of 33 medals, including 8 gold, 10 silver and 15 bronze, in the 18th National Junior Grappling Championship held in Haridwar, Uttarakhand.
- Gold medalists: Namami Yadav, Meera Pareek, Tamannaah, Rudra Pratap, Aarushi Sharma, Arun Swami, Man Tyagi and Umra Khan.
- Silver medalists: Aarushi Sharma, Daivik Agarwal, Jyoti Chaudhary, Selvi Kumawat, Madhur, Kavya Awasthi, Vaidik Rawat, Ojas Jindal, Bhavya, Harshit.
- Bronze medalists: Manvendra Singh, Daivik Agarwal, Manas Karamchandani, Tanu Dubey, Priyal Chaudhary, Ojas Jindal, Bhavya, Kavya, Hemant Singh, Aditi, Ayush, Shenoy, Ayushi, Tanvi Sharma, Yuvi Sharma.

Amish Sivadas wins 2 gold medals in kickboxing

- Amish Shivedas of Jaipur won 2 gold medals in the National Kick Boxing Competition held in Pune (Maharashtra).
- He won gold in both the light contact and low kick events of the 94kg category.
- This is his third consecutive national gold.

Masters Swimming: Sudha Khandelwal wins bronze

- Jaipur's Sudha Khandelwal won the bronze medal in the 100m backstroke at the 21st National Masters Swimming Championship held at the GMC Balayogi Complex in Hyderabad.
- It was organised by the Swimming Federation of India and the Telangana Swimming Association.

National Boxing Championships: Aaradhya Chatterjee wins gold

- Jaipur's Aaradhya Chatterjee won the gold medal at the 8th National Boxing Championships.
- In the final, Aaradhya defeated Uttarakhand's Tejaswini to win the gold.
- The competition was organised by the Boxing Development Federation of India in Alipur, Delhi.

Shooting: Poshika Mavalankar wins bronze medal

- Jaipur's international shooter Poshika Gupta won the bronze medal in the 50m pistol event at the 34th All India GV Mavalankar Shooting Championship held in Ahmedabad.
- He also recently participated in the Asian Shooting Championships.

Ishita Gupta becomes Ironman World Champion in Triathlon

- Jaipur's Ishita Gupta won the title at the Ironman 70.3 World Championship held in Goa on November 9.
- The 23-year-old completed 1.9 km swimming, 90 km cycling and 21.1 km race in a total of 7 hours and 51 minutes.
- She has become the youngest woman winner from Rajasthan in this championship.

Junior National Shooting Ball: Rajasthan Girls team wins bronze medal

- The Rajasthan girls team won the bronze medal in the 44th Junior National Shooting Ball Championship held in Ghaziabad.
- The team won a silver medal last year.
- The Rajasthan team won the bronze medal by defeating Delhi 21-12, 21-18.
- Maharashtra secured the first position and UP secured the second position.

Rajasthan wins Bronze Medal at Junior National Shooting Ball Championship

- The Rajasthan Girls team won the bronze medal in the 44th Junior National Shooting Ball Championship held in Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh).
- The team defeated Delhi 21-12, 21-18 to finish third.
- In the same competition, the Rajasthan Boys team secured the fourth position.

Junior Asia Cup □ Three Rajasthani players selected in the Indian team in archery

- 3 archers from Rajasthan have been selected for the Junior Asia Cup to be held in Jeddah.
- Pradyuman Yadav, Vasu Yadav and Devansh Singh have been included in the Indian team in the compound men's category.
- Note: The President of the Rajasthan Archery Association is Dipendra Singh.

World Bodybuilding Championship: Arshan Khan wins gold

- Rajasthan's Arshan Khan won the gold medal in the over 100 kg weight category at the Mr. World Body Building Championship held in Indonesia.
- Arshan won the title, beating players from 30 countries.
- He was selected as Asia's No. 1 player at the 56th Asian Championship held in August 2024.

□Tour de Thar□ □ First 200 km International Cycling Race in Bikaner

- The country's first 200 km international cycling race □Tour de Thar□ was held in Bikaner.
- The race was held on a 50 km track from Norangdesar to Desalsar in Bikaner on the Amritsar-Jamnagar Bharatmala Expressway.
- Cyclists from many countries including India, France, Switzerland, Singapore participated in it.

- The name of the **Tour de Thar** has now been registered in the category of the world's prestigious cycling events Tour de France and Tour de Swiss.

Neeraj Batra □ Indian coach at Asian Lacrosse Games

- Rajasthan's Neeraj Batra was appointed as the coach of the Indian team at the Asian Lacrosse Games held in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) from November 17 to 23.
- Rajasthan's lacrosse team, led by Neeraj Batra, has won 13 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals out of 20 national competitions held in all categories of Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior (men and women) in the last 3 years.
- Under his guidance, India won a silver medal in the last Asian Lacrosse Games.

Rajasthan's performance in National Sub-Junior and Junior Squash Championships

- Rajasthan's Divyanshi Jain won the gold medal in the Sub-Junior and Junior National Squash Championships held in Chennai.
- In the final, she defeated Maharashtra's Shanaya Parasrampuria 11-3, 11-7, 7-11, 11-9.
- Apart from this, Rajasthan's Dhairya Gogia and Prabhav Bajoria won bronze medals in the championship.
- Dhairya lost to Delhi's Amarya Bajaj 5-11, 5-11, 8-11 in the semi-finals.
- Prabhav Bajoria was defeated by Delhi's Abhyudaya Arora 9-11, 11-13, 9-11 in the semi-finals.

Miscellaneous

Auction of 8 Major Mineral Blocks □ Rajasthan is the first state in the country

- The Department of Mines started the e-auction process of 8 pre-embedded Major Mineral Blocks of Limestone at Bilara from 7th November.
- Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to auction 8 pre-embedded blocks.
- All the necessary permissions such as the mining plan and environmental clearance have already been obtained by the department.
- RSMET has been made the nodal agency to facilitate these proceedings.

32nd Meeting of the Northern Zonal Council



- The 32nd meeting of the Northern Zonal Council was held on 17th November 2025 in Faridabad, Haryana.

- Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma represented the state.

States included in the Northern Zonal Council

- Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Delhi (National Capital Territory), Chandigarh, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Structure

- Chairman: All Zonal Councils are headed by the Union Home Minister.
- Vice-President: The Chief Ministers of the states included in the Council serve as Vice-Chairpersons for one year each, respectively.
- Members: Chief Minister of each State, two Ministers nominated by the Governor and two members from each Union Territory.
- Advisor: A representative nominated by NITI Aayog (formerly Planning Commission), Chief Secretary of each State and a Senior Officer/Development Commissioner nominated by the States included in the Zone.

Regional Councils

- Zonal Councils are not mentioned in the Constitution.
- These have been established under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 enacted by the Parliament.
- Through this act, the country was divided into five major regions—North, Central, East, West, and South—and a council was formed for each region.
- A separate North-Eastern Council was also set up through the North-Eastern Council Act of 1971. (Includes Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Meghalaya and Sikkim)
- The work of these councils is mainly advisory in nature.
- They give recommendations on issues of central and state boundary disputes, inter-state transport, linguistic minorities and common socio-economic interests.

Inauguration of the Sahakar Gallery

- Minister of State for Cooperation Gautam Kumar Dak inaugurated the **Sahakar Gallery** at Rajasthan Institute of Cooperative Education and Management (RISEM), Jaipur.
- This initiative was taken under the International Year of Cooperatives 2025.
- The history, principles, achievements and innovations of cooperatives are depicted in separate sections in this gallery.
- It uses clip boards, acrylic sheets, vinyl prints, photo frames and digital screens.

□Vande Mataram Gallery□ inaugurated in Rajasthan Legislative Assembly

- On the initiative of Assembly Speaker Vasudev

Devnani, the Vande Mataram Gallery was inaugurated at the Digital Museum of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly on 26 November 2025.

- This is probably the first Vidhan Sabha in the country where the Vande Mataram Gallery has been constructed.
- To commemorate 150 years of Vande Mataram, its historical aspects have been displayed through paintings.
- Earlier, on the last Constitution Day, Devnani had inaugurated the Constitution Gallery at the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Digital Museum.

Indo-UK joint military exercise 'Ajeya Warrior 2025'

- The joint military exercise 'AJEYA WARRIOR-2025' between the armies of India and the United Kingdom was conducted at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Bikaner from 17-30 November 2025.
- A total of 240 soldiers from the Sikh Regiment of India and the Royal Gorkha Rifles of the UK participated in the exercise.
- It imparted special training on counter-terrorism operations, modern warfare techniques and joint operations.

Increase in TSP funds for development of tribal areas

- The TSP (Tribal Sub-Plan) fund for the development of the Scheduled Tribe community was increased from Rs 1000 crore to Rs 1500 crore.
- To promote progress in tribal areas, 'Govind Guru Tribal Regional Development Scheme' has been launched, which focuses on the development of community forest jurisdictions.
- Under the new initiative, new residential schools are being set up in Deola-Kotra (Udaipur) and Jaswantpura (Jalore).
- Apart from this, the process of setting up of Sahariya Tribal Sports Academy in Shahabad (Baran) is going on.

Rajasthan High Court to increase the number of judges

- The High Court administration has sent a proposal to the state government to increase the number of judges to a total of 60 judges.
- The proposal proposes to add 10 new posts of judges.
- At present, there are 50 sanctioned posts in the Rajasthan High Court. If the proposal is approved, the total number will be 60 judges.
- The Rajasthan government will forward it to the Supreme Court and the central government.
- Earlier in 2018, the number of judges was increased from 40 to 50.

Changes in Rural Development Secretary Designation

- The Rajasthan government revised the designation of Rural Development Secretary.

- According to the new order, the name of the post will now be 'Government Secretary and Commissioner, Department of Rural Development'.

UAE's Minerva Energy to invest Rs 3 lakh crore in Rajasthan

- The UAE has completed the registration process for an investment of around ₹3 lakh crore in Rajasthan.
- The entire investment will be through Minerva Energy Pvt. Ltd. of UAE.
- The company will develop 60,000 MW of renewable energy projects in the state, including solar power, wind power, biomass battery storage projects.
- This is considered to be the largest ever foreign investment in the country's energy sector.
- Rajasthan receives the highest solar radiation in India. It has a solar power generation capacity of about 5.72 units per square meter per year.

Abha ID Mandatory in IHMS

- With the aim of making health services more advanced, transparent and digital in the state, the use of ABHA ID (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) has now been made mandatory in the Integrated Health Management System (IHMS).
- Under the Rajasthan Digital Health Mission, ABHA ID is being prepared for all the citizens of the state, so that every person's health record can be saved on a single platform.
- Registration to get health services under the Mukhya Mantri Nishulk Nirogi Rajasthan Yojana (MNNRY) will now be done mandatorily through ABHA ID.
- ABHA ID is a unique digital health identity, which keeps all the medical records of the person safe.
- More than 6.37 crore ABHA IDs have been created in the state so far, making Rajasthan the third largest in the country.

A 'Solar Village' to be developed in every district of Rajasthan

- At least one model solar village will now be developed in each district of Rajasthan.
- All DISCOMs have been instructed to prepare a list of such villages by the end of this month and prepare an action plan.
- So far, solar villages have been selected in Churu, Bundi, Tonk, Jhalawar, Ajmer, Rajsamand, Pratapgarh, Jhunjhunu and Pali districts.

Sahkar Membership Campaign □ 8.90 lakh new members added in Rajasthan

- Camps were organized at about 8,500 PACS levels under the Sahkar Membership Campaign.
- The main objective of the campaign was to connect the youth and women with the cooperative movement in greater numbers.
- More than 8.90 lakh new members were added to the cooperatives during the campaign.
- This achievement is approximately 21.25% higher than the target of 7.34 lakh members.

Conferences, Meetings, Festivals

Rashtriya Swadeshi Mahotsav

- The Rashtriya Swadeshi Mahotsav will be held in Chittorgarh from December 23 to 28.
- This event will be organized with the guidance of the government and in collaboration with the district administration.
- The Mahotsav will provide a national platform to local artisans and small scale industries and a mega Ayurveda and Panchakarma Mela will be a major attraction where traditional medicine practices will be experienced.
- It will witness participation of artisans, artists, indigenous entrepreneurs and Ayurveda experts from across the country.

Ghoomar Festival



- Rajasthan's famous Ghoomar Festival was held on 19th November 2025.
- It was organized in 7 cities of the state i.e. Ajmer, Bikaner, Bharatpur, Kota, Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur.
- It was organized by the Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan.
- In Jaipur, Jodhpur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Bikaner, Kota and Bharatpur divisions, 6100 women and young women danced together.
- The event entered the Asia Book of Records.
- The main event was held at Vidyadhar Nagar Stadium in Jaipur.
- The dance performance was based on the ancient style of Ghoomar's song 'Ek Baar Ho Piya Jaipur Shehar Padharjo'.

NAPCON 2025: National Respiratory Conference

- The 27th National Conference on Respiratory Diseases, NAPCON-2025, organized by the Indian Chest Society, was inaugurated by Governor Haribhau Bagde at Birla Auditorium in Jaipur.
- The theme of the conference was 'Era of Pulmonary Revolution'.
- It aims to raise awareness among citizens about clean air and healthy lungs.
- The event was attended by (Pulmonologists), clinicians, and researchers.

Green India Expo to be held in Jaipur and

Jodhpur

- The expo will be organized under the 'Green India Campaign'.
- Objective: To promote renewable energy.

Events

- Phase 1: 21-23 November 2025, Gandhi Maidan, Jodhpur.
- 2nd Phase: 16-18 January 2026, JECC Sitapura, Jaipur.
- This will give Rajasthan a spot as a solar component hub.
- This will give a boost to renewable energy based MSMEs and create new solar energy jobs.

International Conference Honouring Outstanding Contribution to the Craft Sector

- The three-day international conference commenced on 2nd November 2025 at the Indian Institute of Crafts, Jaipur.
- The theme of the conference was 'Kumbh and Culture of Creation'.
- Artisans, designers, educators and entrepreneurs who have made outstanding contributions in the craft sector were felicitated.

Bundi Festival 2025

- The three-day Bundi Mahotsav was inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla by hoisting the flag on 8th November 2025.
- In this, puja and worship at the Garh Ganesh temple, traditional procession, folk art performance and various competitions were organized.

Reports & Indices

Rajasthan ranks third in terms of complaints in banking services

- Rajasthan ranked third in the country in poor banking services with 11.9 complaints per one lakh account holders.
- Rajasthan recorded 11.9 complaints per one lakh account holders, which is 34% higher than the national average of 8.9. Chandigarh was first and Delhi was second.
- The total number of grievances under the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme of RBI was 4,18,184 in FY 2021-22, which increased to 7,03,544 in 2022-23 and 9,34,355 in 2023-24.

Rajasthan ranks first in digital form submission in SIR 2026

- So far, more than 1.25 crore forms have been uploaded online under the distribution of forms in Rajasthan under the Electoral Roll Special Intensive Revision Programme-2026 (SIR).
- In this, Rajasthan is at the first place in digital form submission, followed by Tamil Nadu at the second place and West Bengal at the third place.

Rajasthan among top five states in honey production

- Rajasthan contributes 9% of the total honey production in the country.
- On the basis of this contribution, Rajasthan has joined the list of 5 largest honey producing states of the country along with Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Bihar.
- Beekeeping is an important source of income for farmers.
- At present, about 8,200 metric tonnes of honey is being produced in Rajasthan.
- Note: Alwar, Bharatpur and Hanumangarh are at the forefront of this sector.
 - o The Government of Rajasthan will provide a total of Rs 8 crore as 40% grant to the beekeepers of these districts.
- In addition, Centres of Excellence in Beekeeping are being set up at Bharatpur and Tonk under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana to provide better facilities for scientific technology, training and problem-solving. (At a cost of Rs 10 crore each)

Rajasthan ranks first in 4 major categories in Business Reforms Action Plan 2024

- In the Business Reforms Action Plan 2024, Rajasthan ranked first in four key categories—Business Entry, Labor-Related Facilities, Environmental Registration, and Service Sector Reform.
- The report was released by the Union Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

Rajasthan ranks second in the country in Financial Inclusion Drive

- The Union Ministry of Finance conducted a country-wide saturation drive from July 1 to October 31 to enhance the reach of financial inclusion and social protection schemes.
- It aims to provide banking, insurance and pension services up to the village level and to link eligible persons with the schemes.
- According to the report, Rajasthan secured the second position in the country by adding 1 crore 28 lakh beneficiaries in this period.
- Rajasthan has been successful in reaching out to the maximum eligible people by organizing camps in 11,232 Gram Panchayats during this campaign .

Rank	State	No. of Beneficiaries
First	Uttar Pradesh	1.30 crore
Second	Rajasthan	1.28 crore
Third	Maharashtra	1 crore 40 thousand
Fourth	Bihar	97 lakh 53 thousand
Fifth	Andhra Pradesh	91 lakh 50 thousand

PM Surya Ghar Yojana: Status of Rajasthan

- Under the PM Surya Ghar Nishulka Bijli Scheme, 1 lakh 257 rooftop solar plants have been installed in the houses of the state which has a capacity of 408 MW.

DISCOM-Wise Statistics

1. Jaipur DISCOM: 33,922 plants
2. Jodhpur DISCOM: 33,378 plants
3. Ajmer DISCOM: 32,957 plants

- At present, on an average, about 10,000 new plants are being set up every month in Rajasthan.
- Under this scheme, there is a provision to give a subsidy of ₹ 78,000 from the central government on a maximum of 3 kW plants.
- Apart from this, consumers registered in the Chief Minister's Free Power Scheme will get an additional assistance of ₹ 17,000.
- Note: Rajasthan ranks 5th in installing roof top solar plants under PM Surya Ghar Yojana, while Gujarat ranks first with 6,73,554 plants.

Hindustan Zinc – First Place in Global Sustainability

- Hindustan Zinc Limited was ranked first in the world in the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) 2025 for the third consecutive year in the metal and mining sector.
- The company received a score of 90 out of a total of 100 out of 235 global companies.
- This achievement is a result of the company's continuous improvement in climate strategy, community development, water conservation, waste management, and renewable energy efficiency.



2. NATIONAL AFFAIRS

No time limit can be fixed on bills for Governor, President: Supreme Court

- The Supreme Court on 20 November 2025 clarified that Articles 200 and 201 of the Constitution do not give any fixed timeline to the President or the Governor to decide on bills.
- The court said that the judiciary cannot impose such a binding time limit as it would be tantamount to an amendment to the Constitution.
- The court held that the word **as soon as possible** gives the governor an obligation to take prompt action, but changing it to a limit of fixed days is not in conformity with the Constitution.
- According to the court, the decision is expected in a “reasonable time”, but changing it to a fixed time frame would be judicial encroachment.
- Excessive delays can be challenged through judicial review.
- The Governor or the President cannot delay indefinitely, and if the delay is unreasonably long it will come under judicial review.

Background

- In the Tamil Nadu vs. Governor case, on 8 April 2025, a 2-judge bench of the Supreme Court had suggested a time limit of 1 month for the Governor, and 3 months for the President.
- The validity of these deadlines was challenged, following which the President sought the advice of the Supreme Court on the issue under Article 143.

Supreme Court declares Tribunal Reforms Act unconstitutional

- The Supreme Court on 19 November 2025 declared several key sections of the Tribunal Reforms Act, 2021 unconstitutional.
- The court said that the Act gives the central government excessive control over the appointment, operation and service conditions of tribunals, which violates the independence of the judiciary.
- The Supreme Court ordered the central government to set up the National Tribunal Commission (NTC) within 4 months.
- According to the court, the excessive powers given to the executive affect the independence of the tribunals.

Key provisions struck down by the Supreme Court

- Tenure:** The term of office of the members was fixed at only four years in the Act. According to the court, this period affects liberty, so this provision was declared unconstitutional.
- Minimum Age Limit:** The Act had set a minimum age of at least 50 years for tribunal members. The court said that this limitation excludes qualified and young specialists, so this provision is illegal.

- Excessive control of the central government: The center had control over many matters, including salaries, allowances, appointment process and tenure. The Supreme Court held this to be against judicial independence.

Important Notes

- The Supreme Court said that its earlier order was not an advisory but a binding direction. The court said that **the Constitution is what the Supreme Court says.**
- Judicial independence is paramount and the powers of the executive are limited.

The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2025

- The central government will introduce the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2025 in the upcoming winter session.
- The amendment aims to bring the Union Territory of Chandigarh within the ambit of Article 240.
- This will give Chandigarh an independent administrator like other non-Legislative Union Territories.
- At present, the Governor of Punjab is serving as the Administrator of Chandigarh.
- Under Article 240, the President has the power to make rules for the governance of certain Union Territories.

Bihar Assembly Elections 2025

- In the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) secured a clear majority, securing 202 out of 243 seats.
- In Bihar, 122 seats are required for a majority in the Legislative Assembly.
- In Bihar, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged as the single largest party with 89 seats and the Janata Dal (United) i.e. JD(U) came in second with 85 seats.
- The Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) [LJP(RV)] won 19 seats.
- In the opposition party, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) got the support of 25 seats and the Indian National Congress got 6 seats.

Political Parties	Seats
Janata Dal (United)	85
Bharatiya Janata Party	89
Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas)	19
Hindustani Awam Morcha	5
Rashtriya Lokmat	4
Rashtriya Janata Dal	25

Indian National Congress	6
Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) & Liberation	2
Indian Inclusive Party	1
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	1
All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen	5
Bahujan Samaj Party	1

Supreme Court orders declaring Saranda forest as wildlife sanctuary

- The Supreme Court ordered the Jharkhand government to declare the Saranda forest as a wildlife sanctuary.
- The decision was taken with an aim to protect the region's rare bio-diversity, ecological significance, and tribal heritage.

Saranda Forest

- Location: West Singhbhum, Jharkhand.
- Area: 820-900 km².
- Asia's largest natural Shorea robusta forest.
- Landscaping: It is called the "Land of Seven Hundred Hills" because of the hills and valleys.
- It connects to the forests of Odisha and Chhattisgarh and forms a large green corridor.

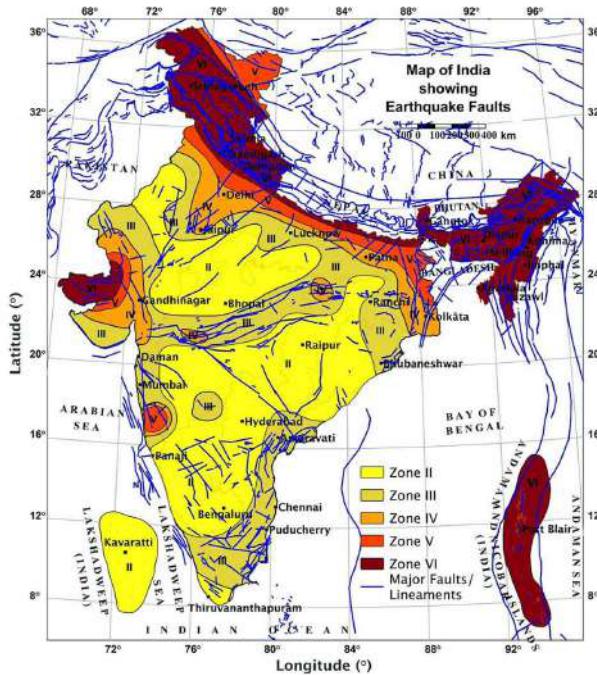
EU leaders to be chief guest at Republic Day celebrations

- India has invited the top leadership of the European Union as the Chief Guest at this year's Republic Day celebrations.
- Invitations have been sent to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Antonio Costa.
- This will be the first time that the two key leaders of the European Union will participate in India's Republic Day celebrations as chief guests.

India's New Earthquake Map (2025)

- The new earthquake map of India was released by the BIS on 28 November 2025, and this new map is part of the IS 1893 (2025) earthquake-resistant design code.
- Zone VI has been added for the first time to the new map, which has been considered the most dangerous category.
- This shift has brought 61% of the country into medium-high-risk areas, raising the risk level for many cities.
- The new map is based on the Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Assessment (PSHA) model, which predicts the largest earthquake with a 2.5% probability in 50 years.
- It uses scientific information such as the probable intensity of earthquakes, active fault lines, soil-rock data, history of past earthquakes, PGA values and movement of the Indian plate.
- The new map is not based on administrative boundaries but according to the actual geological hazard, population density and risk of buildings.

Earthquake Zone



- The old map had four zones (II-V) and the new map has five zones (II, III, IV, V, VI).
- Zone II: Very low threat (11% land), some areas of South India.
- Zone III: Medium Hazard (30% land), Central India.
- Zone IV: High risk (18% land), several major cities including Delhi-Mumbai.
- Zone V: Very High Threat (11% land), North-East and Kutch region.
- Zone VI: Highest threat, entire Himalayas from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh.
- The medium-high hazard area in the country has increased from 59% to 61%.
- In the old map, the Himalayas were placed in zones IV and V, but the PSHA model showed that the Himalayas have highly accumulated seismic energy.
- The Himalayas are the Indo-Eurasian Plate collision zone where faults are constantly active and when these break up, tremors can reach cities to the south.

\$250 million fund launched to promote Indian brands globally

- The India Global Forum (IGF) has launched a \$250 million fund to support high-potential Indian consumer and industrial brands to expand into global markets.
- The initiative aims to push Indian companies into the Middle East, Africa, Europe and other regions, making Dubai their global hub.
- Dubai's strong global connectivity, IGF's network, and DP World's logistical capabilities will combine to enable Indian companies to expand globally.
- The fund will provide special support for entry into key sectors such as food and beverages, consumer products, chemicals, automotive, and advanced manufacturing.

Punjab became the first state to implement the Revamped Bharat Net scheme

- Punjab has become the first state in India to fully implement the Revamped Bharat Net Scheme.
- The scheme has greatly enhanced broadband connectivity, live monitoring of border areas and access to rural digital services across the state.
- Bharat Net aims to enhance digital connectivity and e-governance in rural India.

Maharashtra: First state to partner with Starlink for satellite internet

- Maharashtra became the first state in India to tie up with Starlink to provide satellite-based internet services in rural areas and government institutions.
- The agreement was signed in the presence of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.
- This initiative has been taken to provide digital connectivity to remote areas.
- Under this scheme, Starlink internet facilities will be made available in uncovered districts and government institutions.
- Starlink is a satellite-based broadband service of the SpaceX company founded by Elon Musk.
 - It provides high-speed, low-latency internet through a network of satellites in low-Earth orbit (LEO).

First state in India to implement paid menstrual leave policy

- The Karnataka government approved an initiative to provide 12 days of paid menstrual leave per year for women.
- The policy will be applicable to all establishments, including government, private and industrial.
- This policy is in line with the progressive systems of countries such as Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan and Spain.

- This will provide relief especially for women working in areas with manual labour.

Key Highlights of the Policy

- **Beneficiaries:** All women employees (government and private) of Karnataka.
- **Vacation:** 1 day per month, a total of 12 days per year.
- **Purpose:** To support women's health, dignity and functionality.

India becomes the 6th largest patent filer in the world

- According to the World Intellectual Property Indicator (WIPI) 2025 report, India filed over 63,000 patents in 2024 and became the 6th largest patent filer in the world.
- More than 55% of these applications were made by Indian innovators.
- Note: India has moved up from 81st position to 38th position in the Global Innovation Index.
- The year 2024 saw 3.7 million patent applications filed worldwide, a 4.9% increase compared to 2023.
- China ranked first with 18 lakh applications, followed by the US, Japan, South Korea and the European Patent Office.
- India ranked among the top five in the world in trademark applications with 555,613 filings.
- India rose from 11th to 7th position in design applications, registering a 43.2% increase.
- In terms of Geographical Indications (GI), India has 658 Geographical Indications (GIs) in force, which is one of the highest numbers of countries outside Europe.



3. ECONOMY

Rare Earth Permanent Magnet Project Approved

- The Union Cabinet on 26th November 2025 approved the Rs 7,280 crore **Rare Earth Permanent Magnet (REPM) Manufacturing Scheme**.
- The scheme will create an integrated REPM manufacturing ecosystem for the first time in India, through which the country will reduce dependence on imports of REPMs.
- This initiative will propel India towards emerging as a significant player in the global REPM market.

Key Features of the Scheme

- Objective: Production capacity of 6,000 MTPA (Metric Tons Per Annum) sintered REPMs will be set up in India.
- Under this, sales-based incentives of ₹6,450 crore will be given over a period of 5 years.
- The capital subsidy of ₹750 crore will help in setting up 6,000 MT/year capacity.
- The global competitive bidding process will select 5 companies, and each company will be allowed to set up a maximum capacity of 1,200 MT/year.
- The total duration of this scheme will be 7 years:
 - 2 years: To set up facilities
 - 5 years: For disbursement of incentives

Selection Process

- The total capacity will be divided into 5 companies.
- Each company will get a maximum capacity of up to 1,200 MTPA.
- The selection will be done through a global competitive bidding process.

Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPMs)

- REPMs are among the most powerful permanent magnets in the world.
- They are used in electric vehicles (EVs), wind turbines and renewable energy systems, aerospace and defense, industrial automation, and consumer electronics.
- India is currently almost entirely dependent on China importing these magnets.

The central government promulgated four new labour codes on 21st November 2025

- The central government implemented four new labor codes from 21 November 2025.
- They replaced 29 outdated labour laws in the country.
- These codes will provide a simple, integrated and modern framework to wages, employment security, social security and workplace safety.

4 Codes

- Code on Wages 2019
- Industrial Relations Code 2020
- Code of Social Security 2020
- Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code 2020

Aim

- Simplification of labour laws.
- Increasing safety, wages and social security for all workers.
- Bringing gigs, platforms, MSMEs, migrant and unorganised sector workers under the formal security ambit.
- Easing compliance and attracting investment through labour reforms.

Code on Wages, 2019	Industrial Relations Code, 2020	Code on Social Security, 2020	Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National minimum wages for all workers. Timely payment of salaries is mandatory. Help reduce wage disparity between states. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better tribunal mechanism for speedy settlement of labour disputes. Greater transparency and stability in employer-employee relations. Promote investment and industrial peace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scope includes: gig and platform workers, self-employed, migrant workers and unorganised sector workers. Portability of facilities like PF, ESIC, Pension, Insurance. Expansion of social security infrastructure across the country. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Safety Standards for All Industries. Annual free health check-up for workers aged 40+. Improve the safety, hygiene and working conditions of workplaces.

Benefits of New Labour Codes

- Minimum wages guaranteed for all workers.
- Appointment letter mandatory for youth.
- Women allowed to work in all sectors including night shifts (including security arrangements).
- Comprehensive social security for 40 crore workers.
- Benefit of gratuity after 1 year to fixed term employees.
- Double pay for overtime.
- High safety provisions for those working in hazardous areas.
- Justice and security in line with international labour standards.

Old vs. New Labor Laws

Old labor laws	New labor laws
• Appointment letter not mandatory	• Appointment letter to every worker
• Minimum wage limited to industries	• Minimum wage for all
• ESIC coverage limited	• ESIC available across the country
• Ban on women's night shifts	• Women are allowed to work in all fields.
• Multiple licenses and registrations	• Single registration, single return, single license
• Health check-up not mandatory	• Free health check-up above 40 years
• Fragmented, complex labor system	• Simple, modern and integrated labour structure

The PM Fasal Bima Yojana will also cover wild animal attacks and paddy inundation

- As per the revised policy in Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, crop loss due to wild animal attacks will now be included as the 5th additional cover under localized risk.
- Apart from this, floods in paddy fields were again included under local calamity.
- Earlier, such losses were not covered under insurance and were not compensated.
- States will have to notify the list of wild animals and identify vulnerable districts/insurance units.
- Farmers will have to report losses within 72 hours and upload geotagged pictures on the crop insurance app.
- This new coverage will be applicable from Kharif 2026.
- The scheme will provide relief to farmers affected by animals like elephants, wild boars, nilgai, deer, monkeys.

Research, Development and Innovation Plan

- It was launched on 3rd November 2025 in New Delhi.
- This fund is designed to encourage research, development, and innovation.
- Under this, a ₹1 lakh crore research fund has been constituted.
- It will be operated under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF).
- It will not invest in industries or startups, but will provide capital through second-tier fund managers such as AIFs, DFIs, and NBFCs.
- Under this, financial assistance will be given to high risk and high impact projects.
- The fund will position India as a global research and innovation powerhouse.

- Ease of Doing Research will be promoted in the country, which will increase the participation of the private sector.

□Research□ Fund and DeepTech Innovation Initiative

- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal announced two new financial initiatives to strengthen India's technological self-reliance:
 1. **Startup Fund of Funds (2nd Edition)** ☐ Support for early-stage deeptech startups.
 2. ₹1 lakh crore 'Anusandhan Fund' ☐ to invest in research, product development and transformative technologies.
- These initiatives will strengthen India's deeptech ecosystem and accelerate domestic technological innovation.

New Credit Assurance Scheme for Exporters Approved (CGSE)

- The Union Cabinet has approved the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE).
- This is to provide financial assistance and liquidity to exporters, including MSMEs.
- The scheme has been designed to support India's \$1 trillion export target and strengthen the objective of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- Under the scheme, NCGTC will provide 100% credit guarantee coverage to member lending institutions.
- Additional credit facility of up to ₹20,000 crore will be provided to eligible exporters without collateral.

Approval of Export Promotion Mission (EPM)

- The Union Cabinet has approved the EPM with a budget of ₹25,060 crore, which was announced in the Budget 2025-26.

- The Mission will run from FY 2025-26 to 2030-31 and aims to provide a digital, resilient and outcome-based framework for exporters.
- The Mission focuses on addressing structural challenges such as lack of trade finance, high compliance costs, and weak branding.
- The Mission will help in enhancing the competitiveness of Indian exporters in sectors such as textiles, leather, gems and jewellery, engineering and marine products.

USA and Singapore Top Contributors to India's FDI

- According to the RBI's Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA) Calculation 2024-25, the United States and Singapore jointly contributed over 34% of India's total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

Contribution of Top FDI Source Countries

Country	FDI Contribution (%)
United States	20%
Singapore	14.3%
Mauritius	13.3%
United Kingdom	11.2%
Netherlands	9%

- The total FDI asset value in India exceeded ₹61.88 lakh crore, marking an 11.1% increase over the previous year.
- The manufacturing sector received 48.4% of the FDI investment.
- In addition, the services sector was the second largest recipient. Investment increased especially in digital, IT, and business services.

India's Outward Direct Investment (ODI)

- Outward Direct Investment (ODI) refers to the expansion of operations by an Indian company abroad.
- India's ODI soars reached ₹11.66 lakh crore in 2024-25, registering a 17.9% annual growth.

Top ODI Destinations

Country	ODI Contribution (%)
Singapore	22.2%
America	15.4%
United Kingdom	12.8%
Netherlands	9.6%

- Note: ODI growth exceeded FDI, reflecting the acceleration of Indian companies' global expansion.

SBI becomes first Indian state-owned bank with \$100 billion market cap

- State Bank of India (SBI) has achieved a landmark milestone by crossing a market capitalization of \$100 billion and a total turnover of Rs 100 trillion.
- SBI has become the first state-run Indian bank to achieve this feat, while HDFC Bank has already reached the global top 10.

- SBI has now joined the list of companies like HDFC Bank, TCS, Reliance Industries, Bharti Airtel and ICICI Bank that have crossed the \$ 100 billion mark.
- In terms of market capitalization, Reliance Industries tops the list with \$228 billion, followed by HDFC Bank with \$170 billion.

Submits 16th Finance Commission Report to President of India

- The 16th Finance Commission headed by Chairman, Dr. Arvind Panagariya and other Members presented the Report for 2026-2031 to the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu on 17th November 2025.
- The report will be in public domain after it is presented in Parliament by the Union Finance Minister under Article 281 of the Constitution of India.
- The report will form the basis of tax-disbursement, grants, disaster management finance and fiscal framework for the period from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2031.

Finance Commission

- The Finance Commission, which is constituted under Article 280 of the Constitution, recommends the net income-distribution of taxes between the Centre and the State.
- It makes suggestions on income sharing among states, principles of grants, financial provision of disaster management and other subjects referred to by the President.

16th Finance Commission

- The Commission was constituted on 31st December 2023.
- Chairman: Dr. Arvind Panagariya

Member:

- Annie George Mathew
- Dr. Manoj Panda, MD
- T. Rabi Shankar (part-time)
- Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh (part-time)
- Secretary: Ritwik Pandey

India's economy registered a GDP growth of 8.2% in the second quarter (July-September) of FY26

- It was released by NSO, and the growth was significantly higher than the 5.6% in Q2 FY25.
- Strong expansion of industry and services has been a major factor in this growth.

Sector-wise Performance

- The manufacturing sector grew by 9.1%.
- The construction sector grew by 7.2%.
- The services sector grew by 9.2%, with financial, real estate, and professional services registering a growth of 10.2%.
- The growth of agriculture and allied sectors stood at 3.5%, which was affected by weather volatility.
- Utility services such as electricity, gas and water supply registered a growth of 4.4%.



4. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

20th G20 Summit 2025

- The conference was held in Johannesburg, South Africa on 22-23 November 2025.
- Conference Theme: Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability
- This is the first time that an African country has hosted the G-20 Summit.
- India was represented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- South Africa is the G-20 Chair from 1 December 2024 to 30 November 2025.
- The G20 Summit will be hosted by the United States in 2026.
- The 19th G20 Summit was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Note: The African Union became a permanent member of the G-20 during India's presidency in 2023.

Keynote Sessions and Key Focus

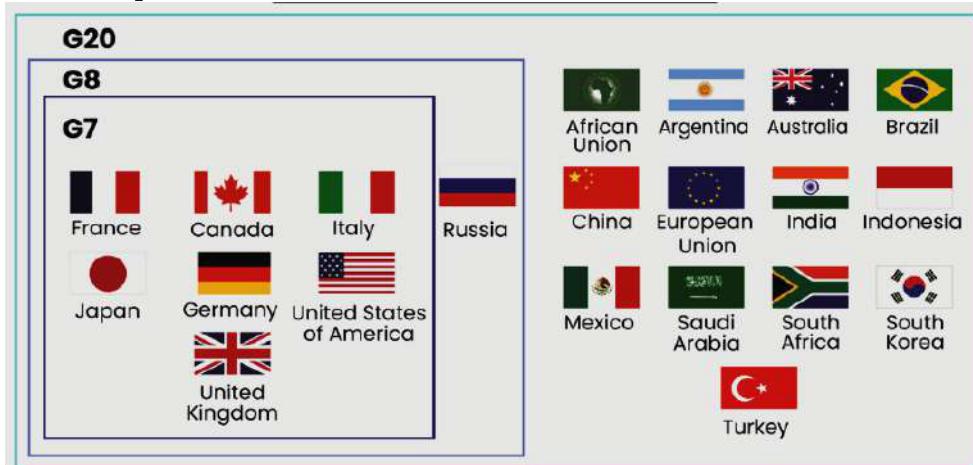
- Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth: Discussion on Global Trade, Development Financing, and the Growing Debt Crisis.
- A Resilient World: Considering disaster risk reduction, climate change, energy transition, and strengthening food systems.
- A Fair and Equitable Future for All: Discussion on Important Minerals, Decent Work, and the Role of AI in Global Governance.
- Note: India chaired the G20 during December 2022-November 2023 and hosted the 18th G20 Summit in New Delhi in September 2023.

G-20

- It was formed in 1999 in the aftermath of the Asian financial crisis (1997-98).
- Initially, the forum was only for finance ministers and central bank governors.
- After the global financial crisis of 2008, it began to be held at the level of Heads of State/Government.
- Objective: To establish a strong, balanced and stable global economic system by deliberating on key issues affecting the world economy.
- Every year the G-20 summit is held under the chairmanship of one of the member countries.
- It does not have a permanent secretariat.
- Its presidency is supported by a mechanism called the Troika.
- The Troika consists of three countries: the past president, the present president, and the future president.

Members

- 19 Countries: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, USA.
- Organizations: European Union (EU) and African Union (AU).



- Year 2025 Troika: Brazil - South Africa - United States.

India-Australia-Canada: Launch of ACTI Technology and Innovation Partnership

- India, Australia and Canada launched the ACTI-Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation Partnership during the G-20 Summit in Johannesburg.
- Through this initiative, the cooperation on critical and emerging technologies was formalized by the three countries.
- It aims to strengthen the global tech ecosystem in line with green energy innovation, resilience in supply chains of critical minerals, and net-zero goals.
- The initiative will also explore ways to accelerate AI development for governance and public service improvement.
- The three countries will meet in the first quarter of 2026 to implement this collaborative agenda.

Visit of President of India to Angola and Botswana

Angola Tour

- The President paid a State Visit to Angola and Botswana from November 8-13, 2025.
- It was the first visit by an Indian President to the two countries.
- India has initiated the process of finalising a USD 200 million Line of Credit for Angola's defence modernization.
- The President was speaking at an event to mark the 50th anniversary of Angola's independence and address the Parliament.
- Angola is an important oil-producing partner in India's energy security.

Botswana Tour

- The visit coincided with the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.
- In bilateral talks between President Murmu and President Duma Gideon Boko, it was agreed to enhance cooperation in education, health, skill development, energy and digital technology.
- The two countries signed an agreement that will ensure affordable and quality availability of Indian medicines to the citizens of Botswana.
- President Murmu also addressed the Parliament of Botswana.

Prime Minister Modi's visit to Bhutan

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid a two-day State Visit to Bhutan on 11-12 November 2025 at the invitation of His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, King of Bhutan.
- The visit was aimed at further strengthening the special India-Bhutan relationship and traditional friendship.
- Prime Minister Modi attended the celebrations at Changlimithang as the Chief Guest on the 70th birth anniversary of the IV Druk Gyalpo.

- Prime Minister Modi and the King of Bhutan jointly inaugurated the 1020 MW Punatsangchhu-II hydroelectric project on 11 November 2025.
 - The project is an important symbol of India-Bhutan energy cooperation and will significantly enhance Bhutan's power generation capacity.
- Apart from this, India announced a concessional Line of Credit (LoC) of ₹4,000 crore to Bhutan for energy projects.
- For the Gelephu region, India decided to set up a new immigration check post at Hatisar in Assam.

USA makes Saudi Arabia a Major Non-NATO Ally

- The United States has formally declared Saudi Arabia a Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA).
- This has now made Riyadh equal to Israel in terms of military and economic privileges.
- The US and Saudi Arabia have signed a strategic agreement covering defence, artificial intelligence, civil nuclear cooperation and critical minerals.
- This status would give Saudi Arabia access to advanced military equipment and economic privileges, but would not apply to a collective defense commitment like NATO.
- The US confirmed the sale of F-35 stealth fighter jets to Saudi Arabia shortly after it received MNNA status, making Saudi Arabia the first Arab country to receive a fifth-generation aircraft.
- Note: India was declared a Major Defence Partner in 2016, but it is still not granted the status of Major Non-NATO Ally.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

- NATO was established on 4 April 1949 through the North Atlantic Treaty (Washington Treaty).
- Its founding members were 12 countries, including the US, UK, France, Italy and Canada.
- The organization currently has 32 member nations and is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium.
- NATO is based on the principle of collective defense, which is outlined in its Article 5.

Conference of Parties 30 (COP 30)

- It was held in Belém, Brazil from 10th to 21st November 2025 under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- It aims to advance climate change, adaptation, mitigation, finance, and climate justice.

Major Outcomes

- COP30 adopted the Belém package, which consists of 29 decisions and aims to go beyond mere discussions to strengthen implementation, climate finance, just transition, adaptive monitoring, gender inclusion, and international cooperation.
- The Global Mutual Agreement prioritizes cooperation and implementation capacity between countries rather than new goals.

- Brazil launched the Global Mutirão Platform, which focuses on bridging the gap between commitments and real progress through digital means in the energy, finance and trade sectors.

Important Initiatives

- Just Transition Mechanism (JTM)/ Belém Action Mechanism (BAM) was adopted at COP30, which aims to enable capacity-development and cooperation for fossil fuel-based economies, although it does not have assured financial provisions.
- The Global Implementation Tracker and the Belém Mission to 1.5°C were launched, so that the country steps and NDCs can ensure that they are compliant with the 1.5°C warming limit.
- The NAP Implementation Alliance was launched to speed up adaptation efforts, with countries agreeing to triple adaptation finance by 2030 compared to 2025.
- 59 voluntary indicators were decided to measure progress under the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) and the Baku Adaptation Roadmap was finalized.
- The Belém Health Action Plan was launched, which aims to strengthen health systems to combat climate impacts. It is the first global plan linking climate-change action and public health.
- Brazil launched the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF), which is based on a satellite-monitoring based payment-for-performance model and aims to raise around \$125 billion.
- The Belém 4X pledge was announced, which aims to increase the use of sustainable fuels by four times by 2035 compared to 2024.
- The Belém Declaration was released, with 43 countries and the EU emphasizing the centrality of vulnerable communities in climate policy and advocating for prioritizing adaptation and social protection measures.
- The Belém Gender Action Plan (GAP) was approved, which aims to strengthen women's participation in climate governance.

Key Challenges

- There was no common agreement on the phase-out of fossil fuels.
- There was not enough clarity and strong progress on climate finance.
- Several large emitting countries, including India, did not submit updated NDCs on time, affecting global ambition.
- Despite many pledges, concrete timelines, accountability and monitoring mechanisms remained unclear.
- The impact of equitable transition mechanisms is limited by the lack of assured finance.

UNFCCC and COP

- The COP is the UNFCCC's apex decision-making forum, established after the 1992 Rio Conference.
- The COP began in Berlin in 1995 and by COP30 it

- has become a forum for 198 countries.
- The COP also serves as the CMP (Kyoto Protocol) and CMA (Paris Agreement).
- The COP is hosted by a rotation system in five UN regions; the next hosts are Turkey (COP31), Ethiopia (COP32) and India's proposed COP33 (2028) respectively.

First South Asian country to join United Nations Water Convention

- Bangladesh officially accepted the UN Water Convention in November 2025.
- It became the first South Asian country to do so.
- This is important towards securing transboundary water management within the multilateral legal framework.
- The Convention was adopted in Helsinki in 1992 and entered into force in 1996 under the UNECE framework.
- It provides a legal framework for equitable and sustainable use of common rivers, lakes and aquifers.
- Note: India has not yet acceded to this Convention and relies mainly on bilateral agreements to resolve water disputes.

Maldives: First country in the world to implement a generational ban on tobacco

- The Maldives has implemented the world's first generational tobacco ban from 1 November 2025.
- According to this law, anyone born after January 1, 2007 is prohibited from both the use and purchase of tobacco products.
- This law applies to both local residents of the country and foreign visitors.
- The law also imposes a complete ban on vaping and e-cigarettes for all age groups.
- This ban has been implemented through the second amendment to the Tobacco Control Act.
- Vendors who violate the rules will be fined 50,000 Maldivian Rufia.
- Individuals found using vaping devices will be fined 5,000 bucks.

UAE becomes world's third-largest humanitarian donor in 2025

- According to the latest UNOCHA report, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has become the third-largest humanitarian aid provider globally in 2025.
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has provided humanitarian assistance worth USD 1.46 billion, accounting for 7.2% of global humanitarian aid.
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) ranked third after the US and the European Union.
- The total number of global humanitarian aid in 2025 amounted to \$20.28 billion.
- War, climate disasters and economic crises led to a huge increase in the demand for aid.

8th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Conference

- The 8th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Conference was held in New Delhi on 28th October 2025.
- In this, India launched several new international initiatives to strengthen global solar cooperation.

Key Global Initiatives of ISA 2025

1. SUNRISE Initiative

- ISA launched SUNRISE (Solar Upcycling Network for Recycling, Innovation & Stakeholder Engagement) Initiative
- It aims to strengthen the circular economy by promoting recycling, innovation, stakeholder engagement in the solar sector.

2. One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG)

- It is an intercontinental solar grid network connecting Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and Africa.
- It aims to strengthen global energy partnerships.

3. Global Capacity Centre

- The centre will act as an international institute to promote research, AI-based training, and solar startup innovation.

4. ISA Academy

- It is an AI-powered solar education platform, which will provide skill development and training as per the requirements of different countries.

5. Solar Innovation Hub

- The company aims to establish a Silicon Valley of Solar Energy in India, which will accelerate advanced solar innovations.

6. SIDS Solar Procurement Platform

- It has been jointly developed by ISA and the World Bank.
- It enables joint procurement of low-cost and sustainable solar systems for small island developing countries.

International Solar Alliance (ISA)

- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) was launched in Paris in 2015, when India and France jointly announced it during the 21st Conference of the UNFCCC (COP21).
- This institution became the first intergovernmental international organization to have its headquarters in India.
- Currently, the ISA consists of 125 countries (members + signatories).
- These countries are collaborating to promote clean, affordable and reliable solar energy worldwide.

Main Objectives Mission:

- Making solar energy a key driver of the global energy transition.
- Strengthen energy access, energy security and sustainable development globally.
- Making solar energy-based technology and solutions more comprehensive, accessible and effective.

7th Colombo Security Conference (CSC)

- It was held on 20th November 2025 in New Delhi.
- It was a National Security Adviser (NSA) level conference.
- The theme of the conference was: Coordinated Security Cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region.
- Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh participated in the conference.
- It saw Seychelles join as a full member for the first time.
- Malaysia was present as the guest country.
- Five key pillars: maritime security, counter-terrorism and radicalisation, human/drug trafficking and transnational crime, cyber security and protection of critical infrastructure, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR).
- Objective: To strengthen collective security strategy in the Indian Ocean, enhance joint action against terrorism and organized crime, and cooperate in the protection of cyber security and technological infrastructure.

Colombo Security Conference (CSC)

- The CSC is a security platform, established in 2011 for maritime security cooperation.
- Initial Members: India, Sri Lanka, Maldives.
- Recently, Mauritius became the fourth member.

First BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network Conference

- The first biennial BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network (BIMReN) conference was held in Kochi, Kerala from November 4-6.
- The conference was attended by scientists, researchers and policy-makers from the BIMSTEC region.
- The aim was to review advances in marine research and develop a joint approach to sustainable ocean governance.
- BIMReN was initiated by India's Ministry of External Affairs in 2024 to connect maritime research centres and top Indian institutions from BIMSTEC countries.
- The initiative was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 2022 Colombo BIMSTEC Summit.

Social media bans for children under 15 in Denmark

- Denmark plans to ban social media use for children under the age of 15.
- Teens between the ages of 13 and 14 will be able to use the platform only with parental permission.
- The move aims to protect children's mental health and reduce online time.

India-US 10-Year Defence Framework Agreement

- India and the United States signed a 10-year Framework for the US-India Major Defense Partnership agreement on 31 October 2025.

- The agreement will give direction to the long-term strategic cooperation between the two countries and promote peace, stability and a rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The agreement was signed during the ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Key Highlights of the 10-Year Defence Framework

- The MoU will strengthen cooperation in the following key areas:
 - Military Coordination and Joint Exercises
 - Defence Technology Partnership and Innovation
 - Information and Intelligence Exchange
 - Cooperation in the Defence Industry
 - Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific

India-US LPG Agreement

- India has entered into a structured energy agreement for LPG imports from the US for the first time.
- Under this, 2.2 MTPA LPG will be purchased every year from 2026.
- This volume would account for approximately 10% of India's total LPG imports, promoting energy security and supplier diversification.
- India currently imports over 60% of its LPG demand, with the main supply coming from West Asia.
- Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited have signed this agreement with the United States for LPG.
- India is the second largest LPG consumer in the world. Currently, India imports more than 50% of its LPG needs and most of the supply comes from markets in the Middle East.

Nvidia's market cap exceeds \$5 trillion

- American semiconductor company Nvidia has crossed its market cap of \$ 5 trillion (about Rs 453 lakh crore).
- It has become the first company in the world to achieve this feat.
- Currently, Microsoft and Apple are the second and third most valuable companies, respectively.
- Microsoft's market cap is \$ 4.03 trillion (Rs 356 lakh crore),
- While Apple's market value is \$ 4.02 trillion (Rs 355 lakh crore).
- Note: Nvidia's valuation is about Rs 90 lakh crore more than India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

India re-elected to the Codex Executive Committee

- India has been re-elected to the CCEEXEC by 2027 by making India the representative of the Asia region at the 48th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

- The Indian delegation was led by Rajit Punhani, Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) CEO.
- India has also supported the use of modern technologies such as Artificial Intelligence to enhance the efficiency of codex systems including document translation.

37th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP37)

- The 37th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol was held on 3-7 November 2025 at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi.
- The meeting was held to review the progress in ozone layer protection and to consider further strategies.
- Global efforts are underway to phase out ozone-depleting chemicals under the Vienna Convention of 1985 and the Montreal Protocol of 1987.

Past and upcoming meetings

- MOP36: Bangkok (2024)
- MOP1: Helsinki (1989)
- MOP38: Kigali, Rwanda (2026) □ On the 10th anniversary of the Kigali Amendment.

Second World Summit for Social Development

- The second World Summit for Social Development was held in Doha, Qatar from 4-6 November.
- The Indian delegation was led by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Labour and Employment.
- He participated in the High-Level Roundtable on Strengthening the Three Pillars of Social Development.

India suspends its operations at Tajikistan's Ayni airbase

- India officially ended its operations at the Ayni Airbase (GMA) in Tajikistan.
- It was India's first overseas military base in Central Asia.
- India had established its first overseas military base in Farkhor in 1998, where a helicopter facility and military hospital were located.
- After the closure of Farkhor in 2008, India developed the Ayni airbase and made it its second overseas military base.
- The Ayni base was located about 20 km from Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor, giving India strategic access to Central Asia and a strategic edge over Pakistan.
- During the Taliban's re-occupation of Afghanistan in 2021, India conducted the evacuation of its citizens and officials from this airbase.

Marburg virus in Ethiopia

- The death toll from the outbreak of Marburg virus disease in Ethiopia has risen to five and the mortality rate has now reached 50%.

- Marburg virus is a highly contagious pathogen, which causes severe hemorrhagic fever, such as Ebola.
- Symptoms include high fever, intense headache, and rapidly deteriorating health conditions.
- According to the WHO, the mortality rate of this disease can go up to 88% in the event of a severe outbreak.

Heli Gubbi volcano erupts in Ethiopia after 12,000 years

- The Heli Gubbi volcano, located in the Afar region of Ethiopia, erupted on November 23, 2025, after nearly 12,000 years.
- The volcano is located about 800 km northeast of Addis Ababa, near the Eritrean border.
- The region is part of the East African Rift Zone, where the African and Arabian tectonic plates are separating at a rate of 0.4–0.6 inches each year.
- Heli Gubbi is a shield volcano, in which no activity was recorded during the Holocene period (12,000 years).



5. SPACE AND DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY

Space Technology

The country's heaviest communication satellite CMS-03 was successfully launched.

- India launched the CMS-03 satellite weighing 4,410 kg on 2nd November 2025 via an LVM3-M5 rocket.
- It is the heaviest communication satellite ever sent from an Indian launch site.
- The satellite was placed in a geosynchronous transfer orbit.
- The launch was carried out from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota and was the fifth operational flight of LVM3.

Key Features of CMS-03

- CMS-03 (GSAT-7R) is a multi-band military communications satellite, which will provide secure communication services in the land and sea areas of India.
- The satellite will provide high-speed internet, extensive broadcasting services, and improved communication support in remote and maritime areas.
- The total weight of the rocket was 642 tons and the height was 43.5 meters.
- CMS-03 is a replacement for the GSAT-7 satellite launched in 2013.
- It has transponders on C, Extended C and Ku bands, which will be used for voice, data and video communication.
- The satellite will strengthen the Indian Navy's connectivity and improve digital connectivity in remote areas.

LVM3 rocket

- The LVM3, formerly called the GSLV Mk-3, consists of solid, fluid, and cryogenic engines.
- It is capable of carrying a payload of up to 8,000 kg in low earth orbit and 4,000 kg in geosynchronous orbit.

Vikram-I rocket and Infinity Campus of Skyroot launched

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Infinity Campus of Skyroot Aerospace on 27th November 2025 via video conferencing.
- In addition, Skyroot Aerospace Company's first orbital launch vehicle Vikram-I was unveiled.
- Note: Earlier in November 2022, India's first private suborbital rocket Vikram-S was launched.

Salient Features of Vikram-I

- Vikram-I is named after Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, the father of India's space program.
- It is India's first privately developed orbital rocket.
- It can place small satellites in Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

Skyroot's "Infinity Campus"

- The 2,00,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art campus in Hyderabad is fully designed for design, integration and testing of launch vehicles.
- SkyRoot aims to produce one orbital rocket every month.
- This will help in greater participation of the private sector under India's New Space Policy.

Successful Trial of Main Parachute of Gaganyaan Crew Module

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) tested the main parachutes of the Gaganyaan crew module at the Babina Field Firing Range (BFFR) in Jhansi.
- The test was part of the Integrated Main Parachute Air-Drop Test (IMAT) series, which aims to prove the merit of the parachute system.
- A simulated mass was dropped from the Il-76 aircraft of the Indian Air Force at an altitude of 2.5 km, and the parachute system ensured a stable landing and soft landing with the planned sequence.
- The Gaganyaan Parachute System consists of a total of 10 parachutes of four types—Apex Cover Separation Parachute, Drogue Parachute, Pilot Parachute and Main Parachute.
- The main parachutes open in a phased manner, called the reefed-inflation process, leading to a thorough deployment in a controlled manner.
- This test is an important step in the process of making Gaganyaan eligible for human spaceflight.

ISRO announces Mangalyaan-2 mission by 2030

- ISRO has announced that the Mangalyaan-2 mission will be launched in 2030, aiming to land on Mars for the first time.
- The mission will include an orbiter and a lander, and the possibility of a small rover is also kept.
- The mission is an extension of India's increasingly intensive space missions such as Chandrayaan-3, Aditya-L1 and NISAR.
- The scientific payloads of Mangalyaan-2 will consist of MODEX, RO, EIS and LPEX, which will study the atmosphere, dust and environment of Mars.
- Advanced propulsion, navigation, and precision landing systems for the mission are under development.

- The preliminary design and studies have already begun at ISRO's Space Applications Centre and Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre.

Mangalyaan Mission

- The mission was launched from PSLV-C25 on November 5, 2013 and reached the Martian orbit on September 24, 2014.
- With the Mangalyaan mission, India became the first Asian country to reach Mars orbit in the first attempt and do so.

IN-SPACe-SIDBI launches Space Venture Capital Fund

- IN-SPACe and SIDBI Venture Capital Limited have launched a ₹1,000 crore venture capital fund to empower India's private space ecosystem.
- The focus of the fund is on areas such as launch systems, satellite and payload manufacturing, in-space services, earth observation and communication technology and downstream applications.
- It aims to strengthen indigenous innovation and the space value chain.
- The fund will provide seed and growth capital to startups in the space sector.

Shenzhou-21: China's space mission

- China successfully launched the Shenzhou-21 spacecraft from the Jiuquan Launch Center via a Long March-2F rocket.
- The spacecraft joined the Tiangong space station in a matter of hours, where a three-member crew will conduct research, maintenance and spacewalks for six months.
- The team includes Zhang Lu (commander), Wu Fei (engineer) and Zhang Hongzhang (expert), with Wu Fei becoming China's youngest astronaut.
- A special biological experiment has also been sent with four mice in this mission to understand the effect of microgravity on mammals.

India's first commercial PSLV Oceansat to be launched

- For the first time in India, the PSLV rocket, built entirely by the private sector, will be launched in 2026.
- Early next year, Oceansat will send the satellite into space.
- This PSLV-XL variant is built by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T), which was part of the five PSLV manufacturing contracts awarded by ISRO in 2022.
- HAL and L&T built all stages and system integration of the rocket entirely on their own.
- This will make India more competitive in the global launch market and strengthen the commercial space industry.

Project Suncatcher launched

- Google launched Project SunCatcher to test the

- possibilities of setting up AI data centers in space.
- This research initiative works towards developing space-based data centers through a constellation of solar-powered satellites.
- According to Google, space is the ideal place for AI computing to expand, because it receives constant sunlight, atmospheric damage is minimal, and solar energy is more available.
- This vacuum-based cooling can reduce energy consumption by up to 40%.

Key Points

- Google will launch two prototype satellites by early 2027.
- In the future, a network of satellites will be able to connect huge AI hardware, like the internet.

Defense Technology

Indian Navy: First Mahe-class ASW Shallow Water Craft inducted

- The Indian Navy commissioned the first Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft Mahe on November 24.
- The platform is made up of more than 80% indigenous materials.
- Mahe has been developed as a fast and silent hunter for anti-submarine operations in coastal areas.
- It will play a crucial role in strengthening the security of the Western Seaboard and give a boost to the Navy's modernisation efforts.

Indigenously built Survey Vessel Ikshak commissioned into Indian Navy

- Indian Navy commissioned indigenous survey vessel Ikshak on November 06 at Naval Base, Kochi.
- This is the third ship of the Survey Vessel (Large) class.
- The commissioning ceremony was presided over by Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff.
- The vessel has been built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- More than 80% indigenous components have been used in Ikshak.
- The Sanskrit meaning of Ikshak is guide.
- It is equipped with advanced hydrographic and oceanographic equipment such as multi-beam sonar, autonomous underwater vehicles.
- The ship will undertake a detailed survey of the coastal and deep sea for safe navigation.
- The vessel is also designed for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.
- It has the ability to be converted into a hospital vessel in case of an emergency.
- It is the Navy's first major survey vessel to have a dedicated accommodation for women officers and crew.

DRDO develops new generation □ Man-Portable Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (MP-AUV) □

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a new generation Man-Portable Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (MP-AUV) for detecting landmine-like objects in real time.
- The system is made up of several autonomous underwater vehicles, including side scan sonars, high-end cameras, and deep learning-based detection algorithms.
- Deep learning algorithms enable the system to automatically identify a variety of targets, reducing operator workload and reducing mission time.
- The MP-AUV has been manufactured by DRDO's Naval Science and Technology Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam.
- It features underwater acoustic communication, enabling team-coordination by securely connecting multiple AUVs.

Indian Army Acquires Intellectual Property Rights for New Coat Combat (Digital Print)

- The Indian Army introduced the new combat coat (digital print) in January 2025.
- This is an important step towards modernisation, indigenisation and enhancing the comfort of the troops.
- The apparel has been designed and developed by NIFT, New Delhi as a consultancy project with the Army Design Bureau.
- It is a 3-layered garment, featuring advanced technical textiles, ergonomic design, and a structure adapted to different climatic and tactical conditions.
- Its outer layer consists of a durable digital camouflage coat, insulation in the middle layer, and a thermal base layer inside.
- The design has been successfully registered with the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks (CGPDTM), Kolkata.

Russia's new nuclear submarine 'Khabarovsk'

- Russia has launched its latest nuclear-powered submarine □Khabarovsk□.
- This is one of Russia's new generation tactical nuclear submarines, equipped with advanced technology and weapons systems.
- Khabarovsk□ is designed by the Rubin Central Design Bureau of Marine Engineering.
- It was built at the Sevmash shipyard in Russia. (INS Vikramaditya was rebuilt.)
- Khabarovsk□ will further strengthen Russia's strategic nuclear power.

Highlights:

- This submarine is capable of carrying the nuclear drone □Poseidon□, which can cause massive destruction at sea.

- Poseidon is called the □Doomsday Weapon□ because it has the ability to completely destroy coastal areas.
- It uses advanced underwater weapon systems, autonomous robotic technology, and nuclear propulsion technology.

US successfully test-fires Minuteman-III nuclear missile

- The US successfully test-fired the Minuteman-III intercontinental nuclear missile on 5 November 2025.
- It was tested from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California and the missile flew about 6,760 km and landed near the Marshall Islands.
- It was a missile without a warhead and was codenamed □Glory Trip 254□.
- The test was aimed at confirming the reliability, operational readiness and accuracy of the missile.

Features of the Minuteman-III

- Full Name: LGM-30G Minuteman III
- Stationed in the U.S. Air Force since the 1970s.
- Three-stage, solid-fuel-based ICBM, with a range of 10,000□13,000 km.
- It is the most important missile in the land-based part of the US nuclear triad.

Defense Cooperation Agreement □ HAL□GE Engine Deal

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a deal worth ₹5,375 crore with American company GE Aerospace.
- Under this agreement, 113 F404-IN20 engines will be purchased.
- These engines will be installed in the Tejas Mk-1A fighter aircraft manufactured in India.
- The agreement will strengthen IAF's combat capability and indigenous aircraft manufacturing programme.

India-Vietnam Submarine Rescue Assistance Agreement

- India and Vietnam signed a MoA for mutual assistance on submarine search and rescue cooperation.
- The agreement was signed during the 15th Defence Policy Dialogue held in Hanoi.
- The aim is to ensure prompt and coordinated assistance to both the navies in case of submarine accidents or emergencies.
- The two countries also signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to promote defence manufacturing, technological partnerships and joint development projects.
- The agreement strengthens maritime security and strategic cooperation amidst growing submarine activities.

Technology

India's First Domestic CAR T-Cell Therapy

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched NexCAR19 in November 2025, India's first indigenous CAR T-cell therapy.
- It has been developed in collaboration with ImmunoACT (IIT Bombay Incubated Startup), Tata Memorial Hospital, DBT, and BIRAC.
- NexCAR19 is developed for patients on whom conventional treatments such as chemotherapy or radiation are not effective.

NexCAR19

- It is an advanced Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy in which the patient's T-cells are genetically modified to make cancer cells recognizable and destroyed.
- It is specifically formulated to treat B-cell blood cancers, such as leukemia, lymphoma.
- This will reduce dependence on highly expensive (up to ₹3-4 crore) therapy available abroad.

Thorium-Uranium fuel conversion achieved for the first time

- China successfully carried out the first-ever thorium to uranium fuel conversion within the Thorium Molten Salt Reactor (TMSR).
- The announcement was made on November 3, 2025.
- This feat was achieved at the 2 MW TMSR-LF1 located in Wuwei City, Gansu Province.
- With this technology, China will be able to reduce dependence on uranium by using its vast thorium reserves.

Thorium Molten Salt Reactor (TMSR)

- It is an advanced nuclear power system, which uses molten salt as a coolant.
- Thorium is used as a fuel.
- A salt mixture that acts at high temperatures provides greater energy efficiency and passive safety.
- This system generates less nuclear waste than conventional uranium reactors.
- NOTE: Thorium-232 (Th-232) is naturally abundant, but not directly fissionable.
- It is converted into uranium-233 (U-233) by neutron absorption, which is fissionable and works as a nuclear fuel.

AI-based cancer diagnostic tool called OncoMark developed

- Indian scientists have developed an AI-powered diagnostic tool called OncoMark.
- In this, the treatments are not based on the size of the tumor but on its molecular behavior.
- It analyses cancer at the molecular level and will help in classification and treatment of the disease.

- This technique has been developed with the joint effort of S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences and Ashoka University.
- It goes beyond traditional cancer staging to identify the biological characteristics that control tumor growth, aggressiveness, and treatment resistance.
- OncoMark is a machine learning framework that has been trained to identify the fundamental biological processes (hallmarks) of cancer.

BIRSA 101: India's First CRISPR Gene Therapy

- India's Union Minister for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh launched the country's first indigenous CRISPR-based gene therapy BIRSA 101 on 19th November 2025.
- It has been developed for the treatment of sickle cell disease.
- Its name is inspired by Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- BIRSA 101 has been developed by CSIR-IGIB.
 - It has entered into a technical collaboration and transfer agreement with Serum Institute of India to translate into affordable and effective gene therapy.
- Sickle cell disease is a serious genetic blood disorder that reduces life expectancy due to complications such as chronic anemia, acute pain, and organ damage.
- The disease primarily affects the tribal population of India.

Tata-Safron's new LEAP engine unit

- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and Safran Aircraft Engines of France inaugurated the LEAP Engine Parts manufacturing unit at Adibatla, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The plant is located at the Tata Centre of Excellence for Aero Engines.
- It will manufacture complex rotating parts of CFM International's LEAP engines.
- Here advanced machining and specialized processes will be available in one place.
- In January 2024, Tata-Safran had signed a long-term agreement for the production of rotating parts of the LEAP engine under the partnership.
- This engine is developed by CFM International, a joint venture of GE Aerospace and Safran Aircraft Engines.
- LEAP engines power the new generation of narrow-body aircraft and deliver 15% more fuel efficiency, less noise and better performance.

Country's first indigenous driverless car — 'WIRIN'

- Wipro and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have teamed up to develop India's first indigenous driverless car.
- The car has been named WIRIN (Wipro-IISc Research and Innovation Network).
- The car was unveiled in Bengaluru.

- The project started in 2019, when IISc and Wipro started work on developing a driverless car suitable for Indian roads.
- RV College of Engineering also played a technical partnership in this project.
- It is completely manufactured with Indian technology.

Exercises

Exercise Garuda 25: Indo-French Air Force Exercise

- The Indian Air Force participated in the 8th edition of the bilateral air exercise Garuda 25 with the French Air and Space Force.
- It was held at Mon-de-Mersenne Air Base, France from 16-27 November 2025.

Indo-Vietnam military exercise VINBAX 2025 begins in Hanoi

- The India-Vietnam joint military exercise VINBAX 2025 is being held in Hanoi from 11-29 November 2025.
- This is the sixth edition of VINBAX; The previous edition of VINBAX 2024 took place in Ambala, Haryana.
- The aim of this exercise is to enhance the interoperability of both armies and share best practices in UN peacekeeping operations.

Joint Exercise □Mitra Shakti XI□

- The joint military exercise Mitra Shakti XI of India and Sri Lanka is being conducted at Belagavi, Karnataka from 10-23 November 2025.
- This is the eleventh edition of the exercise; the 10th edition was held in Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka.
- The aim of the exercise is to enhance joint response capability in counter-terrorism operations.

Malabar Naval Exercise 2025

- Exercise MALABAR 2025 was conducted from 10 to 17 November at Guam in the North Pacific Ocean.
- It is a major multilateral naval exercise in which the Quad countries of India, USA, Japan and Australia participated.
- The exercise was conducted in both harbour and sea phases.
- India was represented by INS Sahyadri, an indigenously designed guided missile stealth frigate.

Sagar Kavach Coastal Security Exercise

- The Indian Coast Guard conducted a two-day Sagar Kavach exercise in Karnataka and Kerala.
- The aim was to test and certify the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of coastal security.
- The exercise covered 320 km of the coastline of Karnataka and 580 km of Kerala.

Brahmashira Exercise

- The Indian Army conducted Exercise Brahmarshira in Rann and Creek Sector as part of Tri-Service Exercise.
- The exercise was jointly participated by the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and BSF.
- The aim of the exercise was to validate integrated operational capabilities in the land, water and air domains.
- The exercise was conducted in coordination with the civil administration, thereby strengthening military-civilian cooperation.

Military Exercise Maru Jwala and Akhand Prahar

- In Jaisalmer, the troops carried out Marujwala and Akhand Prahar exercises under practical conditions.
- The aim of these exercises was to test joint arms operations, mobility and joint firing integration.



6. SPORTS

Lakshya Sen wins Australian Open 2025

Men's Singles title

- Lakshya Sen won his first BWF World Tour title of the year and sixth career title by winning the Australian Open 2025 in Sydney on 23rd November 2025.
- He defeated Japan's Yushi Tanaka 21-15, 21-11 in 38 minutes.
- Lakshya Sen became the second Indian male player to win the Australian Open after Kidambi Srikanth in 2017.
- Sen won the Super 300 title in 2024 and the Canada Open Super 500 in 2023.
- He became the second Indian player to win the BWF World Tour title in the 2025 season, having previously won the Aayush Shetty US Open Super 300 in June.

India won the first ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 title



- The Indian women's cricket team defeated South Africa by 52 runs in the final to win their first ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title.
- The final was played on 2 November 2025 at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai.
- Batting first, India scored 298/7 (the second highest score in Women's ODI World Cup Final history).
- The Indian team, captained by Harmanpreet Kaur, has become the first women's team in Asia to win the World Cup title in any format.
- Earlier, India had finished runners-up in the 2005 and 2017 World Cups.
- India's Shafali Verma won the Player of the Match award with a match-winning all-round performance of 87 runs and 2 wickets.
- Deepti Sharma won the Player of the Tournament award with 215 runs and 22 wickets.
- Deepti scored 58 runs in the final and took 5/39. (First Indian to take five wickets in Women's World Cup final)
- Smriti Mandhana became the highest run-scorer for India in the tournament. He scored 434 runs at an average of 54.25, including a century and two half-centuries.

ICC Women's Cricket World Cup

- Period: 30 September to 2 November 2025
- Host countries: India and Sri Lanka
- Version: 13th
- Opening Ceremony: September 30 at the Assam Cricket Association Stadium in Guwahati.
- Official song "Bring It Home".
- A total of eight teams were involved.
- India had earlier hosted the World Cup in 1978, 1997 and 2013.
- Sri Lanka became the co-host for the first time.
- The Indian women's cricket team has become the fourth team in the world to win the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title.
- Australia has won the most 7 titles of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup.
- Apart from this, England won the title 4 times, New Zealand won the title 1 time.

India won the first Blind Women's T20 World Cup

- India won the first Blind Women's T20 World Cup on 23rd November 2025 by defeating Nepal by seven wickets in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Nepal scored 114 runs in 20 overs.
- India's Fula Saren won the Player of the Match award by scoring 44 runs off 27 balls.
- Co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka, the tournament began on November 11 and was played in New Delhi, Bengaluru and Colombo.

World Boxing Cup 2025

- It was organized in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Indian boxers won a total of 20 medals, including 9 gold, 6 silver and 5 bronze medals. The tournament concluded in Greater Noida on Thursday.
- The dominance of Indian women boxers was seen throughout the tournament. He won 7 out of 10 gold medals, while the male boxers could win only 2 gold medals.

Women's Category

Player	Weight Category	Medal
Meenakshi Hooda	48 kg	Gold
Nikhat Zareen	51 kg	Gold
Preeti Pawar	54 kg	Gold
Jasmine Lamboria	57 kg	Gold
Arundhati Choudhury	70kg	Gold

Nupur Sheoran	80+ kg	Gold
Praveen	60 kg	Gold
Pooja Rani	80kg	Silver
Neeraj Phogat	65 kg	Bronze
Savitri Boora	75 kg	Bronze

Men's Category

Player	Weight Category	Medal
Sachin Siwach	60 kg	Gold
Hitesh Gulia	70kg	Gold
Jadumani Singh	50kg	Silver
Pawan Bartwal	55kg	Silver
Avinash Jamwal	65 kg	Silver
Ankush Panghal	80kg	Silver
Narendra Berwal	90+ kg	Silver
Sumit Kundu	75 kg	Bronze
Jugnu	85 kg	Bronze
Naveen	90 kg	Bronze

ISSF World Championships 2025: India Wins 13 Medals

- Indian shooters won a total of 13 medals, including 3 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze at the ISSF World Championships Rifle/Pistol 2025 in Cairo, Egypt.
- India finished third in this championship.
- The People's Republic of China ranked first with (12 gold, 7 silver and 2 bronze medals) and the Republic of Korea (7 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals).

India's Medal Winners

Players/Teams	Championship	Medal
Samrat Rana	Men's 10m Air Pistol (Individual)	Gold
Samrat Rana, Varun Tomar, Shravan Kumar	Men's 10m Air Pistol (Team)	Gold
Ravindra Singh	Men's 50m Pistol (Individual)	Gold
Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar	Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (Individual)	Silver
Anish Bhanwala	Men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol (Individual)	Silver
Isha Singh, Samrat Rana	10m Air Pistol (Mixed Team)	Silver
Ravindra Singh, Kamaljeet, Yogesh Kumar	Men's 50m Pistol (Team)	Silver
Esha Singh, Manu Bhaker, Suruchi Singh	Women's 10m Air Pistol (Team)	Silver

Gurpreet Singh	Men's 25m Centre Fire Pistol (Individual)	Silver
Esha Singh	Women's 25m Pistol (Individual)	Bronze
Elavenil Valarivan	Women's 10m Air Rifle (Individual)	Bronze
Varun Tomar	Men's 10m Air Pistol (Individual)	Bronze
Elavenil Valarivan, Meghna Sajjanar, Shreya Agarwal	Women's 10m Air Rifle (Team)	Bronze

Anish Bhanwala □ Silver medal at World Championships

- India's Anish Bhanwala won the silver medal in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol event at the ISSF World Championships in Cairo.
- Anish became the first Indian individual pistol shooter to win a World Championship medal at an Olympic event.

Asian Youth Games 2025

- The Games were held from 22nd to 31st October 2025 in Manama, the capital of Bahrain.
- Indian athletes won a total of 48 medals, including 13 gold, 18 silver and 17 bronze.
- India finished sixth in the medal tally. (India's best performance so far.)
- A total of 222 Indian players (119 women and 103 men) participated in it.
- The largest contingent was in athletics (31 players), followed by Kabaddi (28), Handball (16) and Boxing (14).



Gold Medalists

Player/ Team	Category	SPORT
Anjali	Girl 55 kg	Beach Wrestling
Sani Phulmali	Boy 60 kg	Beach Wrestling
Arjun Ruhil	Boy 90 kg	Beach Wrestling
Khushi Chand	Girl 46kg	Boxing
Ahana Sharma	Girl 50 kg	Boxing
Chandrika Pujari	Girl 54 kg	Boxing
instalment	Girl +80 kg	Boxing
India	Girls Team	Kabaddi
India	Boys Team	Kabaddi
Pritsmita Bhoi	Girls 44kg Clean & Jerk	
Moni	Girls Freestyle 57kg	Wrestling
Yashita	Girls Freestyle 61kg	Wrestling
Jaiveer Singh	Boys Freestyle 55kg	Wrestling

- This edition was the qualifying event for the 2026 Youth Olympics (Dakar, Senegal).
- This was the third edition of the Asian Youth Games.
- The last time they were held was in China in 2013.
- The upcoming editions will be held in Uzbekistan in 2029 and Cambodia in 2031.

Kushal Dalal – Won Gold at GT Open Indoor World Series 2025

- Indian archer Kushal Dalal won the gold medal in the men's compound category in Strassen, Luxembourg.
- He defeated former world No. 1 Stephen Hansen of the United States in the final.
- In the U-21 compound category, India's Ganesh Maniratnam Thirumuru won the bronze medal.

Winners of GT Open 2025:

- Recurve Men - Roy Dror (Israel)
- Recurve Women - Elia Canales (Spain)
- Compound Male - Kushal Dalal (India)
- Compound Women - Ella Gibson (Great Britain)

Zavokhir Sindarov wins FIDE World Cup 2025

- Uzbekistan's Grandmaster Javokhir Sindarov defeated GM Wei Yi in a tiebreak 1.5-0.5 to win the FIDE World Cup 2025.
- The tournament took place in Goa from October 31 to November 27, 2025, and featured 206 players.
- Sindarov became the youngest World Cup champion in history, winning \$120,000 in prize money.
- Wei Yi finished second and received \$85,000.
- The third place was achieved by GM Andrey Esipenko, who received \$60,000.
- The top three players have also been eligible to play in the 2026 Candidates Tournament.

FIDE Chess World Cup trophy named "Viswanathan Anand Cup"

- The trophy of the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 was named in honour of India's Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand.
- The official name of this trophy was changed to Viswanathan Anand Cup.
- The decision was taken to honour the exceptional contribution of 5-time world champion Anand to global chess.

India won the Women's Kabaddi World Cup for the second time in a row

- India defeated Chinese Taipei 35-28 in the final of the Women's Kabaddi World Cup in Dhaka to win the title for the second consecutive time.
- A total of 11 countries participated in the tournament.
- The tournament was the second edition of the Women's World Cup.
- The last edition was held in Patna in 2012 and India then defeated Iran in the final.

India won 16 medals in Deaflympics shooting

- India won 16 medals in the Deaflympics shooting held in Tokyo, which is the best ever performance.
- These 16 medals include 7 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze.
- Sandhu was India's best player, winning 2 gold and 2 silver medals.
- Apart from this, pistol shooters Abhinav Deshwal and Pranali Prashant Dhumal won 2 gold and 1 silver medal.
- Dhanush Srikanth won two golds in the 10m air rifle individual and mixed team event.
- Mohammad Murtaza Wania won 1 silver and 1 bronze, while Komal Milind Waghmare won two bronze.
- Anuya Prasad won the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol.
- Shaurya Saini won silver in the 50m rifle three positions, and Kushagra Singh Rajawat won bronze in the 50m rifle prone.
- Note: In the last Deaflympics (Brazil, Caxias do Sul), India won 5 medals, including 3 gold and 2 bronze.

Curacao makes history by qualifying for FIFA World Cup

- The Caribbean island of Curacao has become the smallest country ever to qualify for the FIFA World Cup.
- Curacao has a population of only 156,000.

Rahul V.S. becomes India's 91st Grandmaster

- Rahul V.S. became India's 91st Grandmaster by winning the title at the 6th ASEAN Individual Championships with one round remaining.
- Rahul has previously received an International Master's degree and is also an Asian Junior Champion.
- The Grandmaster title is awarded by FIDE and is the highest rank in chess.
- This requires achieving three GM norms and a 2500 rating.
- Note: Earlier, Ilamparthy A.R. from Tamil Nadu became the 90th Grandmaster of India.

Ilamparthy A.R. India's 90th Chess Grandmaster

- Tamil Nadu chess player Ilamparthy A.R. became India's 90th Grandmaster (GM) by achieving his final Grandmaster Norm at the Bijeljina Open tournament held in Bosnia.
- He is an alumnus of Velammal School, Chennai - an institution that has produced top Indian grandmasters like D. Gukesh and R. Praggnanandhaa.
- Earlier, S. Rohith Krishna (Tamil Nadu) became the 89th Grandmaster (GM) of India.

Saryu Velpula becomes India's 26th Woman Grandmaster

- India's chess player Saryu Velpula has completed her final WGM norm.
- With this achievement, she has become the 26th woman Grandmaster of India.

Clutch Chess Champions Showdown: Carlsen wins title

- Norway's Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen won the title of Clutch Chess Champions.
- India's defending world champion D Gukesh finished fourth in this tournament.
- Carlsen defeated both Gukesh and Fabiano Caruana twice during the tournament.
- With this win, he received a prize money of one crore rupees.
- On the basis of points, Fabiano Caruana was second with 16.5 points, Hikaru Nakamura was third with 14 points and D. Gukesh was fourth with 10 points.

Ahmedabad to host 2030 Commonwealth Games

- Ahmedabad, Gujarat has got the rights to officially host the 2030 Commonwealth Games.
- This decision was approved by 74 Commonwealth countries at the General Assembly held in Glasgow, United Kingdom.
- India will host the Commonwealth Games (CWG) for the second time.
- Earlier, India hosted it in 2010 in New Delhi.
- The 355-acre SVP Sports Enclave near the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad and the 143-acre Karai Sports Hub in Gandhinagar are being prepared as major venues for the Games.
- Yoga will be included as a demonstration sport at the 2026 Asian Games.

Commonwealth Games

- The CWG is the world's second-largest multi-sport event, involving 71 countries and territories.
- The Games began in 1930 as the British Empire Games and have been called the Commonwealth Games since 1978.
- The event takes place every four years.

ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2026

- The ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2026 will be jointly hosted by Zimbabwe and Namibia from 15th January to 6th February 2026.
- The tournament will be held across five venues and a total of 16 teams will participate in 41 matches, while the final will be played at Harare Sports Club.
- The tournament format consists of four groups, the Super Six stage, the semi-finals and the final.
- India is the most successful team in U19 World Cup history, having won 5 titles (2000, 2008, 2012, 2018, 2022).

Asian Archery Championships 2025

- It was held from 8th to 14th November 2025 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- India won a total of 10 medals, including 6 gold, 3 silver, and 1 bronze, at the Asian Archery Championships 2025 (Dhaka).
- The total 10 medals are the best in India's Asian archery history.

- India finished first in this championship. South Korea, Chinese Taipei and Kazakhstan finished second, third and fourth respectively.

Indian Medal Winners

Players/Teams	Category	
Jyothi Surekha Vennam	Female Compound	Gold
Dheeraj Bomma Deva	Male Recurve	Gold
Ankita Bhakat	Women's Recurve	Gold
Atanu Das, Rahul, Yashdeep Bhoge	Men's Recurve Team	Gold
Abhishek Verma, Deepshikha	Mixed Team (Compound)	Gold
Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Preethika Pradeep, Deepshikha	Women's Compound Team	Gold
Rahul	Male Recurve	Silver
Preethika Pradeep	Female Compound	Silver
Abhishek Verma, Sahil Jadhav, Prathamesh Phuge	Men's Compound Team	Silver
Sangeeta	Women's Recurve	

Valencia MotoGP 2025: Marco Bezzecchi was the winner

- Marco Bezzecchi of Aprilia Racing won the Valencia MotoGP 2025 title.
- He started from pole position and overtook Raul Fernandez of the Trackhouse team.
- It was his second consecutive GP win and third of the season, a first in Aprilia's history.
- Aprilia achieved an overall top-3 finish for the first time in its MotoGP history.

India won the Cognevera International Polo Cup 2025

- India won the 2025 Cognevera International Polo Cup by defeating Argentina, the world's No. 1 team, 10-9 in the final.
- The match was held at the Jaipur Polo Ground and the win is a landmark achievement for Indian polo.
- In this, the Indian team was captained by Sawai Padmanabh Singh.

Giovanna De Sequeira wins bronze at World Jiu-Jitsu Championship

- India's Giovanna De Sequeira won a bronze medal at the World Professional Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2025 held in Abu Dhabi.
- She competed in the Under-28 kg, Infant/Girls (GI) category.

Centenary celebrations to mark 100 years of Indian hockey

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced a grand centenary celebration to mark 100 years (1925-2025) of Indian hockey.
- The Indian Hockey Federation, the first hockey governing body of India, was established on 7 November 1925.
- Since 2009, Hockey India (HI) has been functioning as the national federation of the sport.
- India has won a total of 13 medals at the Olympics in hockey, including 8 gold, which is a world record.
- The centenary celebrations were held on November 7 at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi.

Rohan Bopanna retires from professional tennis

- India's Rohan Bopanna has announced his retirement from professional tennis.
- His last tournament was the Paris Masters 2025 and Rohan Bopanna played his last professional match pairing up with Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublic.

- The pair lost in the round of 32 against Australia's John Pearce and Britain's James Treacy.

Key Achievements:

- Grand Slam titles: 2024 Australian Open (men's doubles) with Matthew Ebden (Australia) and 2017 French Open (mixed doubles) with Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada).
- He became the world's oldest No. 1 player. (Became world No. 1 doubles player at the age of 43)
- Represented India in Davis Cup and Olympic Games.
- A total of 5 Grand Slam finals were reached (2 won, 3 were runners-up).

ICC Player of the Month (October 2025)

- The ICC announced the October 2025 Player of the Month Awards, with South African players winning in both categories.
- Senuran Muthusamy received the honour in the men's section and Laura Wolvaardt received the honour in the women's section.

Asian Paints becomes 'Official Colour Partner' of Indian Cricket

- Asian Paints has signed a large-scale three-year partnership with the BCCI.
- Under this, he will become the official color partner of Indian cricket.
- Asian Paints Color Cam is a creative digital activation capturing the most colorful fans in the stadium.
 - It aims to entertain the audience as well as strengthen the brand's identity.



7. AWARDS & HONORS

Michelle Bachelet honoured with Indira Gandhi Peace Prize (2024)

- Former President of Chile and former High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations Michelle Bachelet was awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development (2024) on 20th November 2025 in New Delhi.
- The award recognizes Bachelet's lifelong contributions to human rights, gender equality, and global justice.
- Michelle is the first and only female president of Chile to serve two terms.
- She established the Ministry of Women and Gender Equality in Chile and advanced LGBT rights.

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

- Established in 1985, the award recognizes scientific contributions to international peace, development cooperation, democratic governance and human welfare.

National Gopal Ratna Awards 2025

- The Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD) announced the National Gopal Ratna Award 2025.
- The awards were presented on the occasion of National Milk Day on 26th November 2025.
- The award is a premier civilian honour of India's livestock and dairy sector.
- This year, winners were selected in three major categories out of a total of 2,081 applications.

S. No.	Category	Winners of National Gopal Ratna Awards 2025
1.	Best Dairy Farmers rearing indigenous cow/buffalo breeds	<p>Non-Northeast:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Arvind Yashwant Patil, Kolhapur, Maharashtra Dr. Kankanala Krishna Reddy, Hyderabad, Telangana Shri Harshit Jhuria, Sikar, Rajasthan Kumari Shraddha Satyawan Dhawan, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra <p>Northeast/Himalaya:</p> <p>Mrs. Vijay Lata, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh Shri Pradeep Pangaria, Champawat, Uttarakhand</p>
2.	Best Dairy Cooperative/Milk Producer Company/Dairy Farmer Producer Organization	<p>Non-Northeast:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Meenan Gadi Kshirod Padak Sahakaran Sangham Ltd., Wayanad, Kerala 2nd Kunnamkattupathi Kshiroldak Sahakaran Sangham, Palakkad, Kerala 2nd Ghinoi Milk Producers Cooperative Society, Jaipur, Rajasthan 3rd TYSPL 37 Sendurai Milk Producers Cooperative Society Limited, Ariyalur, Tamil Nadu <p>Northeast/Himalaya:</p> <p>Kulha Milk Producers Cooperative Society, Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir Kulha Milk Producers Cooperative Society, Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir</p>
3.	Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT)	<p>Non-Northeast:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Shri Dilip Kumar Pradhan, Angul, Odisha 2nd Shri Vikas Kumar, Hanumangarh, Rajasthan 3rd Smt. Anuradha Chakli, Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh <p>NER/ Himalayan:</p> <p>Shri Deluvar Hassan, Barpeta, Assam</p>

- The winners were given certificates of merit, mementos and cash prizes (in two categories).
- 1st Prize - ₹5,00,000
- 2nd Prize - ₹3,00,000
- 3rd Prize - ₹2,00,000
- Special Award for North-East/Himalayan States - ₹2,00,000

Urban Mobility India (UMI) 2025 announces awards in 8 categories

- At the three-day Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Exhibition 2025 held in Gurugram, the Union Minister presented awards in eight categories.

- The logo and official website of the Pradhan Mantri e-Bus Seva Yojana were launched during the event.
- The 19th UMI Conference will take place on 23-25 October 2026 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- These awards were given with the aim of encouraging excellence and best practices in urban transport.

Transport Sector & Award List

Category	Winner/ Praise	Institution/ city
Best Public Transportation System	Winner	Chennai
	praise	Hubli-Dharwad BRTS
Best Non-Motorized Transportation System	Winner	Udaipur
	Special Mention	Thrissur State Mission Management
The most innovative financing mechanism	Winner	Pimpri Chinchwad
Best Green Transportation Initiatives	Winner	Hyderabad (TGREDCO)
	praise	Kochi Metro Rail
Metro with the best multimodal integration	Winner	Chennai Metro
Metro with the best passenger services and satisfaction	Winner	Delhi Metro
	praise	Chennai Metro

David Szele wins the Booker Prize 2025

- British author of Hungarian origin David Szele was awarded the 2025 Booker Prize for his novel *Flesh*.
- This novel depicts the life of an ordinary man over several decades.
- Szele was awarded the prize money of £50,000 on November 10.
- He was also nominated for the Booker Prize in 2016 for *All That Man Is*.
- The 2024 Booker Prize was won by Britain's Samantha Harvey for *Orbital*.

Booker Prize

- This award is the world's best literary award, which is given for a single work of fiction.
- It is awarded by the Booker Prize Foundation.
- The award was initially given to writers from the Commonwealth and Ireland, but now it can be given to writers from any country of global scale.
- Its purpose is to promote excellence in fiction by rewarding original fiction written in English.

Difference Between Booker Prize and International Booker Prize:

- The Booker Prize was first awarded in 1969 and is originally awarded for the best single work of fiction written in English.
- The International Booker Prize was established in 2005 and is awarded for the best single fiction translated from any other language into English. It recognizes the achievement of both the author and the translator.

Lucknow □ UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy 2025 declared

- Lucknow was declared the □Creative City of Gastronomy□ for the year 2025 at the 43rd session of the UNESCO General Conference held in Uzbekistan.
- Lucknow became the second city in India to receive this honor, while Hyderabad had earlier received this recognition.
- With this achievement, the total number of cities in India in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) has increased to 9.

Indian cities included in UCCN

Year	City	Category
2015	Jaipur	Crafts and Folk Arts
2015	Varanasi	music
2017	Chennai	music
2019	Mumbai	film
2019	Hyderabad	Culinary
2021	Srinagar	Crafts and Folk Arts
2023	Kozhikode	literature
2023	Gwalior	music

Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025

- The Bal Sahitya Puraskar ceremony organized by Sahitya Akademi on 14th November 2025 in New Delhi.
- The award awarded ₹50,000 and a bronze plaque to the winners.

Language	Style	writer
Hindi	Ek Bate Barah (Non-Fiction/Memoir)	Sushil Shukla
English	South: South Indian Myths and Legends (Stories)	Nitin Kushalappa MP
Rajasthani	Pankheruv ni Peeda (play)	Bhogilal Patidar
Assamese	Mainahuntar Padya (Poem)	Surendra Mohan Das
Bengali	Ekhonno Gaye Kanta Daye (Stories)	Tridib Kumar Chattopadhyay
Bodo	Kanthi Bswan Arva Akhu Danai (Stories)	Binay Kumar Brahma
A language spoken in Dogra region	Nanhi Tor (poem)	P.L. Parihar Hobby
Gujarati	Tinchak (poem)	Kirtida Brahmabhatt
Kannada of Kashmir	Notebook (short stories)	K. Shivalingappa Handihal
Konkani	Shure Te Tchure(short stories)	Izhar Mubashir
Maithili	Belabai's Shankar and Waris Kanyo (Stories)	Nayana Adarkar
Malayalam	Penguinukaludae vankaravil (novel)	Sreejith Muthedath
Manipuri	Angangshing Ji Shannabungshida (play)	Shanto M.
Marathi	Abhal (poem)	Suresh Govindrao Sawant
Of or belonging to Nepal	Shanti Van (novel)	Sangmu Lepcha
Oriya language	Kate Phula Futichi (poem)	Rajkishore Parhi
Punjabi	Jaddu Patta (novel)	Pali Khadim (Amrit Pal Singh)
Sanskrit	Balavishvam (poem)	Preeti R. Pujara
Santali	Sona Miru-Ag Sandesh (poem)	Harlal Murmu
Of or pertaining to Sindh	Aasmani Pari (poem)	Heena Agnani Heer
Tamil	Otrai Sirgu Oviya (novel)	Vishnupuram Saravanan
Telugu	Kaburla Devta (story)	Gangisetty Sivakumar
Urdu	Qaumi Sitare (article)	Gazanfar Iqbal

Fatima Bosch becomes Miss Universe 2025

- Mexico's Fatima Bosh won the Miss Universe 2025 title at the 74th Miss Universe pageant held in Thailand.
- Fatima Bosch was crowned Miss Universe 2024 winner Victoria Kier Thylwig (Denmark).
- Thailand's contestant Praveen Singh (of Indian origin) was the runner-up.
- India's representative Manika Vishwakarma reached the top 12.
- India's badminton player Saina Nehwal was also included in the 8 international judges in this competition.
- Note: Puerto Rico will host the 75th Miss Universe 2026.

Indian art director Thota Tharani wins prestigious French Chevalier Award

- Thota Tharani was awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the French government.
- The honour was conferred by the Ambassador of France to India in November 2025.
- Kamal Haasan, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Sivaji

Ganesan and Kalki Koechlin have also been honored with this honor.

Awards & Honors

- 2 National Film Awards
- Padma Shri (2001)
- Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (one of France's top artistic honors)

National Water Awards 2024

- The 6th National Water Awards 2024 were announced on 11th November 2025 by the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, C.R. Patil in New Delhi.
- A total of 46 winners were selected in 10 categories to recognize outstanding contribution in water conservation and management.
- These awards are given by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti since the year 2018.
- These aim to encourage excellent water management and water conservation initiatives.

- Best State:** Maharashtra received the Best State award, while Gujarat and Haryana ranked second and third, respectively.

2. Best District (Zone-wise First Prize)

Zone	Best District
Eastern Zone	Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)
Western Zone	Khargone (Madhya Pradesh)
Southern Zone	Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu)
Northern Zone	Mirzapur (Uttar Pradesh)
North-East Zone	Sipahijala (Tripura)

- 3. Best ULBs:** Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4. Best Institutes [Inside Campus Category (Combined):]** IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat and ICAR-E Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa.
- Best Institution [Outside Campus Category (Combined):]** Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar and Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur Circle, Odisha.
- 5. Best Water Users Association:** Vettaikaranpudur Canal WUA, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- 6. Best Civil Society:** Banaskantha District Co-operative Milk Producers Union Ltd., Gujarat
- 7. Best Gram Panchayat (combined):** Dubbiganipalli Annamayya, Andhra Pradesh and Payam, Kannur, Kerala.
- 8. Best Schools/Colleges (Combined):** Krishna Public School, Raipur and Army Public School, Kolkata
- 9. Best Industry:** Apollo Tyres Limited, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu
- 10. Best Person for Excellence in Water Sector (Zone-wise)**

Zone/ field	Best Person
Eastern Region	Shri Kishore Jaiswal (Bihar)
Western Region	Shri Bajrang Lal Jaithu (Rajasthan)
Northern Territory	Shri Mohan Chandra Kandpal (Uttarakhand)
Southern Region	SHRI PODILI RAJASEKHARA RAJU (Andhra Pradesh)

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar receives □World Peace and Security Leadership Award 2025□

- The 2025 World Peace and Security Leadership Award was presented by the spiritual guru Boston Global Forum (BGF) and the AI World Society (AIWS).
- Sri Sri Ravi Shankar was given the award for his contribution to peacekeeping, reconciliation and humanitarian service.
- The award was established in 2015 to honour global leaders who promote ethical governance, compassion and moral courage.
- Founded in 1981, the Art of Living Foundation is now a leading global NGO focused on stress relief, mental health, and humanitarian service.

FIFA announces peace prize at 2026 World Cup

- FIFA President Gianni Infantino announced the introduction of the FIFA Peace Prize.
- The award was first presented on 5 December 2025 during the 2026 World Cup draw in Washington DC.
- The first award was given to the President of the United States, Donald Trump.
- It is officially named “FIFA Peace Award – Football Unites the World”.
- This annual award will honor individuals or groups who have made an exceptional contribution to the promotion of peace through football.

Earthshot Prize 2025 to 5 Projects

- The winners of the Earthshot Prize 2025 were announced in Rio, Brazil.
- Here 5 winning projects were awarded £1 million to advance environmental improvement efforts.

Earthshot Prize 2025 □ Winner

- re.green (Brazil)** □ Carried out large-scale reforestation and ecological restoration in the Atlantic Forest and Amazon regions.
- Omoyemi Akerele (Nigeria)** □ Established sustainable and eco-friendly models in the fashion industry through □Lagos Fashion Week□.
- Carlos Fernando Galán (Bogotá, Colombia)** □ Reduced pollution by 24% since 2018 through clean air policies in the city.
- Rebecca Hubbard (High Seas Treaty Organization)** □ Led ocean conservation efforts to improve global ocean governance.
- Runa Khan (Friendship, Bangladesh)** □ Pioneered health, education and environmental restoration projects for climate-sensitive communities.

- Note: This global award was established by the Prince of Wales in 2020.
- The award is based on 5 key goals:
 1. Conservation of nature
 2. Clean air
 3. Revitalization of the Oceans
 4. Waste-free world
 5. Climate improvement.

Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) Awards

- The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti announced the JSJB 2025 awards for outstanding performers under the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) initiative.
- The awards were conferred by the President of India on 18th November 2025 along with the National Water Awards 2025 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The awards felicitated the best State/UT, Outstanding Districts, Municipal Corporations, ULBs, Ministries, NGOs, Industry Associations and philanthropists.
- A total of 100 awards were given this year, with the top performing districts getting Rs 2 crore, the second category districts Rs 1 crore, and the third category being given Rs 25 lakh.

Best Performing States/UTs

Category	Rank	State/ Union Territories
Best Performing State/UT	1	Telangana
Best Performing State/UT	2	Chhattisgarh
Best Performing State/UT	3	Rajasthan

- Raipur, Hyderabad, and Gorakhpur have been selected in the municipal category, while Guna (MP) will get the honor in the urban local body category.
- The Ministry of Railways, Department of Water Resources and Ganga Rejuvenation, and Defence Estates have been selected as the best partner Ministries/Departments.
- In the NGO category, Jaltara Save Groundwater, Girkanga Parivar, and Art of Living are the winners.

Jay Shah honoured with □Indian of the Year 2025□

- ICC Chairman Jay Shah was honoured with the Outstanding Achievement Award of □Indian of the Year 2025□.
- The award is given to Indians who have made a significant impact at the national or global level and have made a transformational contribution to their field with vision and innovation.
- Jay Shah made historic reforms in women□s cricket, including the establishment of the Women□s Premier League (WPL) and the implementation of equal match fees for men□s and women□s national teams.
- He played a key role in the efforts to bring cricket into the Olympic Games.

IFFI 2025 □ India□s First AI Film Festival and Cinema AI Hackathon

- India's first AI Film Festival was launched by Waves Film Bazaar and IFFI in association with LTIMindtree during the 56th IFFI in Goa.
- 14 filmmakers from across the globe submitted their entries, out of which 27 films were selected for the Competition section and 4 films were selected for the Non-Competition section.

- The Craft Master Award (Best AI Short Film) went to France□s □Nagori□.
- The Kraft Vanguard Award (Experimental AI Fiction) went to Germany□s □The Cinema That Never Was.□
- The Kraft Spectra Award (Best AI Animation/Visual Design) was won by the American film “Kyra”.
- Two films — “The Last Backup Final Part” (English) and □Miracle on Kachua Beach□ (Hindi) □ were given the Special Jury Prize.

Tom Cruise wins honorary Oscar at Governors Awards 2025

- Tom Cruise was awarded an honorary Oscar (Honorary Academy Award) at the 2025 Governors Awards.
- This honor was given to him for his more than 40 years of contribution to acting, producing, and preserving the cinematic experience.
- The ceremony took place at the Ray Dolby Ballroom in Los Angeles.
- Tom Cruise has been given the Oscar trophy for the first time, before that he has been nominated in the competitive category 4 times.

10th Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2025 (DPIFF 2025)

- The 10th Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2025 (DPIFF 2025) was held in Mumbai.
- Kartik Aaryan won the Best Actor award and Kriti Sanon won the Best Actress award.
- The DPIFF was established in 2012 in honour of Dadasaheb Phalke (Dhundiraj Govind Phalke), the father of India's film industry.

DPIFF 2025 Winner List

- Best Film □ Stree 2
- Best Actor □ Kartik Aaryan
- Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) □ Kriti Sanon
- Best Director □ Kabir Khan
- Best Producer of the Year □ Dinesh Vijan
- Critics Best Film □ Missing Ladies



8. PERSON IN NEWS

Justice Surya Kant sworn in as 53rd Chief Justice of India

- President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice Surya Kant as the 53rd Chief Justice of India on November 24.
- He was appointed by Justice B.R. Gavai who was replaced.
- His term will last until February 9, 2027 (approximately 14 months).
- Note: Justice Gavai is the second Dalit Chief Justice of India after Justice K.G. Balakrishnan (37th CJ of India).

Justice Surya Kant

- Born: 10 February 1962, Hisar (Haryana).
- On July 7, 2000, he became the youngest advocate general of Haryana.
- He was appointed as a Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on January 9, 2004.
- He became the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in October 2018.
- He was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court on 24 May 2019.

Major Judicial Decisions

- Decision to abrogate Article 370.
- The bench declares the electoral bond scheme unconstitutional.
- Hearing on Pegasus spyware case and suspension of sedition law.

Nitish Kumar will be the Chief Minister of Bihar for the 10th time.

- Nitish Kumar became the Chief Minister of Bihar for a record 10th time on 20 November 2025.
- BJP's Samrat Chaudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha became deputy chief ministers.
- As many as 26 ministers took oath with the new government, including first-time minister Shreyasi Singh.
- Nitish Kumar has been in power for more than 19 years and has become the longest-serving Chief Minister of Bihar so far.

Gyanesh Kumar as Chairman of International IDEA in 2026

- Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India Gyanesh Kumar has been appointed as the Chairman of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) for the year 2026.
- He will formally assume this position during the Council of Member States meeting to be held in Stockholm, Sweden on 3 December 2025.
- India is a founding member of International IDEA.
- Gyanesh Kumar will chair all council meetings to be held in 2026 as chairman.

INTERNATIONAL IDEA

- International IDEA is an intergovernmental organization founded in 1995.
- It aims to strengthen democratic institutions and electoral processes around the world.
- It is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden and consists of 35 member countries, including India.

Justice Vikram Nath appointed as new working chairman of NALSA

- Justice Vikram Nath was appointed as the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) with effect from 24th November 2025.
- The appointment was made by the President under Section 3(2)(b) of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- He will replace Justice Surya Kant, who has stepped down after being sworn in as the 53rd Chief Justice of India.
- NALSA aims to provide equal access to justice and free legal aid to all sections under Article 39A of the Constitution.

Aparajita Sarangi appointed joint parliamentary committee chairperson

- BJP MP Aparajita Sarangi was appointed as the chairperson of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) set up to review three amendment bills.
- The committee has a total of 31 members, including 15 from the BJP, 11 from the NDA, four from the opposition and one nominated member.
- Three Bills, the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, and
- There is the Union Territory Laws (Amendment) Bill.

Praveen Kumar becomes Director General of ITBP

- ACC appointed Praveen Kumar as DG of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
- He is a 1993 batch IPS officer of the West Bengal cadre and was formerly the Special Director of the Intelligence Bureau.
- His tenure will last till September 30, 2030, which is the date of his retirement.
- He replaced Rahul Rasgotra.

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

- Founded: 24 October 1962
- Main Functions: Protection of 3,488 km India-China border from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh
- Motto: Bravery Perseverance Karma Integrity

Praveen Ranjan appointed as Director General of CISF

- Praveen Ranjan, an IPS officer of the 1993 batch of

AGMUT cadre, was appointed DG of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

- He was currently the Special Director General of CISF.
- Now he will serve as DG till 31 July 2029.
- He replaced Rajwinder Singh Bhatti, who was retiring.

Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

- Constituted under the CISF Act, 1968.
- Objective: Security of government and industrial establishments.
- It was granted full force status by an Act of Parliament on 15 June 1983.

Sandip Pradhan appointed whole-time member of SEBI

- Sandip Pradhan has been appointed as a whole-time member on the board of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- His tenure will be for three years from the date he assumes charge.
- The appointment was made through a notification issued by the Department of Economic Affairs.
- He is a 1990 batch IRS officer.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has 4 full-time member posts, with Amarjeet Singh and Kamlesh Chandra Varshney already serving.
- Two part-time members — Deepti Gaur Mukherjee and Anuradha Thakur — are also on the board.

Reappointment of Secretaries by Central Government

- The central government has appointed new secretaries in the ministries.
- Neeraj Mittal — Secretary of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- Amit Agarwal — Telecom Secretary.
- Manoj Joshi — Secretary of the Department of Pharmaceuticals.
- Atish Chandra — Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Agriculture.
- V. Vidyavathi — Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- Srivatsa Krishna — Secretary of Tourism.
- Sunil Paliwal — Chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
- Anju Rathi Rana appointed as Member Secretary of the 23rd Law Commission.
- Rajiv Mani — Tenure as Secretary of the Legislative Department extended till July 2028.

Indian-origin Zohran Mamdani sworn in as New York Mayor

- Indian-origin Zohran Mamdani won the election for the post of Mayor of New York City.
- He became the first South Asian and the first Muslim person to become the Mayor of New York.
- Mamdani is a Democratic Socialist and contested as a Democratic Party candidate.

- He is the son of renowned Indian filmmaker Mira Nair and Ugandan scholar Professor Mahmood Mamdani.

Sanjay Garg appointed as Director General of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

- Sanjay Garg has become the Director General of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).
- The appointment took effect from November 1, 2025.
- Sanjay Garg is a 1994 batch IAS officer.
- BIS is the national standards body of India, responsible for the formulation and compliance of quality standards.

Gennady Golovkin is the new president of World Boxing

- Former world champion Gennady Golovkin of Kazakhstan has been elected as the president of World Boxing.
- He replaced Boris van der Vorst of the Netherlands.
- Golovkin won a silver medal in the middleweight category at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

Demises

Veteran actor Dharmendra passes away

- Bollywood's legendary actor Dharmendra passed away on 24th November 2025.
- He acted in more than 300 films and was called the He-Man of Hindi cinema.
- He was born on 8 December 1935 in Ludhiana.
- Dharmendra's original name is Krishna Deol.
- He was an MP from Bikaner (BJP) during 2004-2009.
- He was also given the Padma Bhushan, Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award (1997) and National Film Awards for the film Ghayal.

James Watson passes away

- James Watson, the co-discoverer of the bi-helix structure of DNA and Nobel laureate passed away recently.
- Watson discovered the structure of DNA in 1953 with Francis Crick. For this, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1962.

Bharatanatyam dancer Kumari Kamala passes away

- Famous Bharatanatyam dancer Kumari Kamala (Kamala Lakshminarayanan) passed away recently.
- She was also known as "Baby Kamala".
- Kumari Kamala contributed to the development of Bharatanatyam from the Sadeer dance prevalent in temples to the stage-appropriate Bharatanatyam.

Awards

- Padma Bhushan (1970)
- Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1968) — The highest national honour in dance and arts.
- US National Heritage Fellowship — the highest honor for promoting Indian dance in the US.

9. PLACES IN NEWS

Gogabeel Lake declared India's 94th Ramsar site

- Gogabeel Lake, located in the Katihar district of Bihar, was declared as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention (1971).
- It is the 94th Ramsar site in India.
- It is the first community reserve in Bihar, which is protected and managed by the local community.
- Gogabeel Lake is a Gomukh/Gomukh lake located between the Ganges and Mahananda rivers. The Oxbow type of floodplain is a wetland.
- This is the sixth Ramsar site in Bihar and has reached the third position in India in terms of the number of Bihar Ramsar sites.
- It supports high biodiversity of aquatic flora, fishes and other wetland-based species.
- Note: India ranks third in the world with 94 Ramsar sites (UK - 176, Mexico - 144) and ranks first in Asia.

Hyderabad: India's first world-class aircraft engine MRO facility

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first world-class aircraft engine MRO facility in Hyderabad on 26th November 2025.
- The facility has been set up as Safran Aircraft Engine Services India (SAESI), developed by French aerospace company Safran.
- The project has been set up with an investment of ₹1,300 crore near GMR Aerospace and Industrial Park (SEZ), RGIA.
- It is one of the largest LEAP engine MRO facilities in the world.
- This is the first MRO facility set up by any global engine OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) in India.
- Capacity: There will be servicing of 300 LEAP engines every year.
- Note: LEAP engines power the Airbus A320neo and Boeing 737 MAX.

AI-native data centre to be set up in Visakhapatnam

- Digital Connection Brookfield, a joint venture of Reliance Industries and Digital Realty, announced an \$11 billion AI data center in Visakhapatnam.
- The project will create an AI-native campus with a capacity of 1 GW.
- It is one of the largest digital infrastructure projects in India.
- The project will be developed over 400 acres with plans to be completed by 2030.
- The announcement follows Google's recent \$15 billion AI data center project.

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated India's first floating river terminal on the Brahmaputra river in Guwahati.
- The terminal has been developed by Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society at a cost of Rs 304.95 crore.
- Earlier, he also inaugurated the Brahmaputra Riverfront Development Project, which will include a 1.2 km long promenade, boulevard, garden, cycling track, children's play area and commercial areas.
- This new terminal will act as a central hub for ferry operations of the Inland Water Transport Department of Assam.

India's First Digital Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first digital Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum at Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar in Chhattisgarh.
- The museum is dedicated to the sacrifices of tribal heroes who fought during the British colonial era.
- It has been named Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Memorial and Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum.

Attributes

- VFX based visual presentation.
- Digital projection and interactive screen.
- QR-code based story presentation.

Kangchendzonga National Park rated "Good" by IUCN

- The latest global review by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has rated Kanchenjunga National Park as "Good".
- It is the only Indian World Heritage Site to receive a positive rating.
- Kangchendzonga, also known as the Kangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve, is India's first "mixed" UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- It was recognized in 2016 due to its natural beauty and cultural significance.
- The park covers 1,784 square kilometers and extends from subtropical forests to the snowy peaks of Mount Kanchenjunga, 8,586 meters high.

Tesla's first dedicated centre in India

- In India, on 26th November 2025, its first Tesla Center was launched at the Orchid Business Park in Gurugram, Haryana.
- The centre will act as a showroom, delivery hub and service centre for the Indian market.
- Note: Tesla's first Indian Experience Center was opened on 15 July 2025 at Maker Maxity in BKC, Mumbai.

India's first megawatt-hour scale vanadium redox flow battery system inaugurated

- Union Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the country's first 3 megawatt-hour (MWh) capacity vanadium redox flow battery (VRFB) system at the NTPC NETRA centre in Greater Noida.
- The project will help in developing long-term energy storage technology and strengthen grid stability.
- Vanadium flow batteries are an emerging alternative to traditional lithium-ion batteries and offer new possibilities in energy storage.

Goa: 77-feet tall Ram statue unveiled

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 77-feet tall bronze statue of Lord Shri Ram at the Shri Sansthan Gokarna Partgali Jeevottam Math in Canacona, South Goa on 28th November 2025.
- He inaugurated the Ramayana Theme Park, which has been developed as an interactive cultural complex presenting the stories of Ramayana in a modern way.
- The Prime Minister also visited the Udupi Sri Krishna Math in Karnataka, where he participated in the historic Laksh Kantha Gita Parayan.
- More than 1 lakh students, saints and devotees recited the Bhagavad Gita together.

Asia's largest metro depot inaugurated

- Recently the Mandalay depot for Mumbai Metro Line 2B (DN Nagar-Mankhurd) was inaugurated.
- It is the largest and first elevated metro depot in Asia.
- This depot has been developed by MMRDA.
- Total area: 30.45 hectares, equipped with state-of-the-art technology, future-oriented and eco-friendly facilities.
- It will have a total capacity of 72 metro trains.

Centre for South East Asian Studies to be set up at Nalanda University

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the establishment of the centre during the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit held in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia.
- The new **Centre for South East Asian Studies** will give a new direction to India's Act East Policy.
- This initiative will strengthen academic and cultural cooperation with ASEAN countries.
- This new centre will not only strengthen academic partnerships but also open up new possibilities for shared heritage and policy dialogue.

Country's first 'Vamana Vriksha Vatika' inaugurated

- On the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth Rs 1,220 crore in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.

- Among these projects is the country's first **Vamana Vriksha Vatika**, which has been built with inspiration from Vamana avatar.
- This garden is spread over an area of 13,885 square meters.
- It has 1,147 miniature trees of 65 species.
- The Interpretation Centre of the Vatika will take visitors on a virtual journey from Indian tree art to Japanese bonsai art.

Centre of Excellence for Financial Audit in Hyderabad

- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) will set up a Centre of Excellence for Financial Audit in Hyderabad.
- It aims to modernize the country's audit system and bring it at par with global standards.
- It will adopt international best practices and implement them in the Indian context.
- The Centre will play a pivotal role in strengthening India's audit framework in view of the increasing complexities of public financial management.

Two beaches in Odisha get International Blue Flag certification

- Odisha's Sunapur and Puri Golden Beach again received the Blue Flag certification for 2025-26.
- Sunapur Beach has received this recognition for the third time, while Puri Golden Beach has received this recognition for the seventh time.
- The Blue Flag certification is given by the Denmark-based FEE institution, which is based on 33 international standards such as environmental cleanliness, water quality, safety, and eco-education.
- A total of 13 beaches in India are included in this list, out of which 12 have received full certification.
- Sunapur Beach is famous for its clean sand, river-sea confluence, and community-driven conservation works.
- Puri Golden Beach has smart waste management, safety standards, and dedicated bathing areas.

Miscellaneous

Polygamy Bill 2025 passed in Assam

- The Assam Assembly has passed the Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025.
- Here are the strictest restrictions on polygamy (second marriage without duly consummating the first marriage).

Key Provisions

- Criminalization of polygamy:** It would be a punishable offence to marry a second without ending the first marriage.
- Hiding Marriage:** Concealing information of the first marriage carries a provision of rigorous imprisonment of up to 10 years.
- Remarrying without divorce:** Remarrying without divorce can lead to imprisonment of up to 7 years.

- Harsher Penalties on Repetition: Repeat offenses will be punished twice as much as the first one.
- Religious Officer/Religious Officer/T Penalty on Qazi: Religious leaders who conduct such marriages will be fined up to ₹1.5 lakh.
- Obstruction of Justice Process: Concealment of matrimonial information will result in imprisonment of up to 2 years and a fine of ₹1 lakh.
- Deprivation of government benefits: Guilty persons will be disqualified for government jobs and state welfare schemes.
- Victim Assistance Fund: A compensation fund will be created for women affected by polygamy.
- Note: This law will not apply to tribal communities.

3 new districts created in Andhra Pradesh

- The Andhra Pradesh government approved the creation of three new districts, increasing the existing number from 26 to 29.
- The objective of administrative restructuring is to ensure better governance, faster services, and management in line with local needs.
- New districts: Polavaram, Markapuram and Madanapalle.

GI tag to Tungbuk and Pumtong Pulin

- The Government of India has granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags to 2 traditional musical instruments of the Lepcha community of Sikkim, the Tungbuk and Pumtong Pulin.
- The tungbuk is a three-stringed instrument.
- The Pumtong pulit is a flute made of bamboo.
- Both these are an important part of Lepcha folk music and cultural traditions.

Dr. B.R. Singh at UNESCO Headquarters Unveiling of Ambedkar's statue

- A statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was unveiled on Constitution Day at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.
- Dr. Ambedkar, after Mahatma Gandhi, became the second Indian leader to have the statue installed in the UNESCO Peace Garden.

Camikara: The first Indian rum to win Global Brand of the Year

- In a major achievement for the Indian spirits industry, Camikara won the title of "Rum Brand of the Year" at The Spirits Business Awards 2025 held in London.
- She has become the first Indian rum to receive this honor.
- Camikara is manufactured by Piccadilly Agro Industries Limited.
- It is India's first aged rum, which is made from pure cane juice.
- This technique is commonly used in areas such as Martinique, Réunion.

First leopard birth control programme in the country

- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has approved Maharashtra's leopard birth control programme on 17th November 2025.
- This is the first such programme in India.

- The programme will be implemented in a phased manner, in the first phase, birth-control technology will be used on 5 female leopards.

Goa Police: India's First 100% Cyber Fraud Response Police

- Goa Police secured the first position in the country by achieving 100% cyber fraud call response.
- The Cyber Fraud Call Centre received 5,000+ calls and 581 complaints were registered.
- It also fully responded to nearly 1,500 missed calls, bringing the accessibility rate to 100%.
- The Goa Call Centre (1930) is cloud-based and was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

MFC 2025: India's First Digital Marine Fisheries Census

- India has launched the National Marine Fisheries Census 2025.
- It was launched by Union Minister of State George Kurien at ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi.
- This is the country's first fully digital marine fisheries census, which is being conducted from 3rd November to 18th December 2025.
- The census will collect data from more than 12 lakh fish households and more than 4,000 marine fisheries villages.
- Mobile apps called VyAS Bharat and VyAS Sutra are being used for data collection, which provide real-time data, geo-referencing, and centralized monitoring facility.

Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar campaign: India creates three Guinness World Records

- India set three GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS under the "Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar" campaign spearheaded by the Union Health Ministry.
- The Abhiyaan is an important national initiative to strengthen women's health, nutrition and preventive services.
- The campaign was conducted during the Poshan Maah from 17th September to 2nd October 2025, with the participation of more than 11 crore people and 19.7 lakh health camps being conducted.

Three Guinness records associated with the expedition

1. Highest registrations on health platform in a month → 3.21 crore
2. Highest number of registrations for online breast cancer screening in a week → 9.94 lakh
3. Highest number of registrations for state-level vital sign screening in a week → 1.25 lakh

Parasocial Chosen as Word of the Year 2025 by Cambridge Dictionaries

- The Cambridge Dictionary declared "Parasocial" as the Word of the Year for the year 2025.
- The meaning of this word is to feel a connection to someone that the person does not really know.
- The year 2025 has seen a sharp rise in parasocial relationships with podcasters, AI chatbots, celebrities, fictional characters, and social media influencers.

10. CONFERENCES/FESTIVALS

Chanakya Defense Dialogue 2025

- The Indian Army conducted the 3rd edition of the Chanakya Defence Dialogue (CDD) in New Delhi on 27-28 November 2025.
- The dialogue was inaugurated by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu.
- Its theme: "Reform to Transform: Sashakt, Surakshit and Viksit Bharat".
- Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi presented a three-stage transformation strategy to transform the Indian Army into a modern, integrated and future-oriented force by 2047.

5th India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF)

- The fifth edition of the India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2025 will be held in New Delhi on 27-28 November 2025.
- The theme of the event was "Advancing Internet Governance for an Inclusive and Sustainable Developed India".
- The forum will bring together policy-makers, tech industry leaders, academia, civil society, and international digital organizations.

Sixth International Agricultural Science Congress

- The 6th International Agricultural Science Congress (IAC-2025) will be inaugurated on 24th November 2025 by Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi.
- The theme of IAC-2025 was "Reimagining Agronomy for Smart Agri-Food Systems and Environmental Protection".
- It hosted plenary talks, theme-based seminars, research presentations, and exhibitions.
- The event was organized with the aim of promoting global scientific discussion on agricultural sciences.
- It was attended by university heads, ICAR officials, industry leaders, and agribusiness innovators, besides global delegates.

International Conference on Preservation of Rural Buddhist Heritage

- A separate International Conference on Preservation of Rural Buddhist Heritage was held in New Delhi on November 28-30.
- The conference was organized by the Rural Heritage and Development Trust of India.
- It aims to advance the global dialogue on the protection of rural Buddhist sites.

Nagaland Hornbill Festival 2025

- The 2025 Hornbill Festival was held from December 1-10, at the Kisama Heritage Village (near Kohima).
- This year's theme was: "Cultural Engagement".
- Recently Nagaland chose Switzerland and Ireland as the official partner nation for the Hornbill Festival 2025.
- The United Kingdom is also already a partner country of the festival.

Regional Open Digital Health Summit 2025 (RODHS 2025)

- India hosted the 2nd Regional Open Digital Health Summit in New Delhi on 19-21 November 2025.
- It was jointly organized by MeitY's NeGD, the National Health Authority (NHA), WHO-SEARO and UNICEF.
- Many countries including India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Thailand, Maldives participated in it.
- Objective: To advance Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through digital public infrastructure and ensure interoperability across countries' health systems.

56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI 2025)

- IFFI was held from 20th to 28th November 2025 in Panaji, Goa.
- More than 240 films from 81 countries were screened in this edition.

Focus and Special Countries

- Focus country: Japan
- Spotlight Countries: Spain and Australia
- Special Honour: Rajinikanth was honoured for his contribution to the cinema sector for over 50 years.

Youth AI for All campaign

- The central government has launched a free national online course named "YUVA AI for ALL" to bring artificial intelligence to the general public.
- This initiative has been launched by MeitY under the IndiaAI Mission and aims to give basic AI skills to 1 crore Indians.
- It is a 4.5-hour self-paced course, which includes easy language, Indian examples, and real case studies.
- This course is available free of cost on FutureSkills Prime, iGOT Karmayogi, and other ed-tech platforms.

International Gita Festival 2025

- The 21-day 10th International Gita Mahotsav-2025 was held in Kurukshetra, Haryana.
- The UK was declared the partner country of the International Gita Mahotsav 2025.
- Madhya Pradesh is the partner state of this festival.
- The festival was held from 15th November to 5th December 2025.
- In Kurukshetra, Haryana, Lord Krishna preached the Bhagavad Gita to Arjuna.
- The festival aims to restore the universal message of Gita on the global platform.

13th International Tourism Mart

- The 13th International Tourism Mart (13-16 November 2025) was held in Gangtok, Sikkim to showcase the tourism potential of North East India.
- It was inaugurated by Union Tourism and Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- The aim was to promote the natural beauty, cultural diversity and adventure tourism potential of India's North East.

Asian Seed Congress 2025

- It was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra from 17-21 November 2025.
- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the Asian Seed Congress 2025.
- Its theme: "Sowing the seeds of prosperity through quality seeds".

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit 2025

- The Vice President of India, C.P. Radhakrishnan, inaugurated the 30th CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam on 14th November 2025.
- The summit was jointly organized by CII, DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade), Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- Theme of the Summit "Technology, Trust and Trade: Navigating the New Geo-Economic Landscape".
- The summit aims to strengthen global cooperation on trade, investment, and the future of emerging technologies.

Second WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit

- The 2nd Global Traditional Medicine Summit will be held from 17th to 19th December at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The event is being jointly organized by the World Health Organization and the Ministry of Ayush.

- The main theme of the conference is "Restoring Balance: The Science and Practice of Health and Well-being".
- The summit will help advance WHO's Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-2034.
- The objective of this conference is to foster global cooperation, research and development of policies and integrate traditional healing practices into the modern health system.

ESTIC 2025



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated ESTIC 2025 in New Delhi on 3 November 2025.
- ESTIC stands for: Emerging Science, Innovation and Research Technology Conclave.
- Theme: "Ease of Doing Research" that is, making research simple, transparent and result-oriented.
- Objective: To empower the ecosystem of scientific research and innovation in India and to motivate the private sector to participate in R&D.
- It is India's first such platform that brings together policymakers, scientists, researchers, and industry in the field of science, technology, and innovation.
- It was organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology (DST).
- Its topics include artificial intelligence (AI), energy, green technology, space technology, health innovation, quantum science, and semiconductor manufacturing.

44th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025

- The 44th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025 was held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- The fair was based on the theme "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat".
- The event witnessed wide participation from India's states, ministries, PSUs, foreign exhibitors, and private companies.

Main Awards

Partner State Category	State & UT Category	Thematic presentation (by states)	Swachh Pavilion (Swachh Bharat Abhiyan)
Gold: Rajasthan Silver: Bihar Bronze: Uttar Pradesh Special Appreciation: Maharashtra	Gold: Odisha Silver: Madhya Pradesh Bronze: Puducherry Accolades: Delhi, Goa and Karnataka	Gold: Meghalaya Silver: Kerala Bronze: Andhra Pradesh Accolades: Chhattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura.	Gold: Haryana Silver: Punjab Bronze: Assam Accolades: Andaman-Nicobar, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu.

Ministries, PSUs and Commodity Board Awards	Ministries, PSUs & PSBs	Focus State Array
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden: Ministry of Defence Silver: Ministry of Mines Bronze: Ministry of Railways Praise: Ministry of Ayush, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Rural Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden: Airports Authority of India (AAI) Silver: National e-Governance Division (NeGD) Bronze: Food Corporation of India (FCI) Accolades: Ministry of Textiles, SBI, LIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold: Jharkhand.



11. INDEXES & REPORTS

Global Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2026

- The CCPI is published jointly by Germanwatch, the NewClimate Institute and the Climate Action Network.
- In this report, India's ranking has fallen by 13 places to 23rd.
- The major reason for India's decline in rank is the absence of a national plan for phasing out coal.
- This time, with a score of 61.31, India has fallen from **High Performer** to **Medium Performer**.
- The Global Climate Change Performance Index evaluates countries' climate action and performance.
- The CCPI tracks the climate performance of a total of 63 countries + the European Union, which together are responsible for more than 90% of global greenhouse gas emissions.
- The first three spots in this report are empty because no country fell into the category of **Very high performing**.

Best performing countries	Worst-performing countries
4th Denmark (80.52)	64th Russia
5th Morocco (70.75)	65th United States (21.84)
6th United Kingdom (70.8)	66th Iran (14.33)
	67th Saudi Arabia (11.9)

Germanwatch Climate Risk Index 2026

- Germanwatch released the Climate Risk Index (CRI) 30 at COP11 (Belém, November 2025) 2026.
- According to this report, between 1995-2024, more than 9,700 extreme weather events globally killed 8.32 lakh people and affected approximately 5.7 billion people.
- The total economic losses amounted to more than US\$4.5 trillion.
- Most affected countries (long-term): Dominica, Myanmar and Honduras
- Countries at Constant Risk: India, Philippines, Nicaragua, and Haiti

Location of India

- India ranks 9th in the long-term list of 1995-2024.
- India recorded around 430 extreme weather events during this period.
- These events caused more than 80,000 deaths, 1.3 billion people affected, and nearly \$170 billion in economic damage.
- India's ranking for the year 2024 was 15th. (It ranked third in the world based on the population affected.)

Amul and IFFCO ranked first and second in global cooperatives rankings

- Amul ranked first in the ranking of global cooperatives released by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA).
- In addition, India's Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) secured the second position globally.
- The announcement was made during the ICA conference in Doha, the capital of Qatar.
- This ranking was given on the basis of Turnover Relative to GDP Per Capacity.
- Amul is run by the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF).
- IFFCO is the largest fertilizer cooperative run by farmers in India.

Asia Power Index 2025: India ranks 3rd

- The index is released by the Lowy Institute and evaluates the overall strength of Asian countries based on eight key parameters.
- India secured the third position in the Asia Power Index 2025.
- Before India, there was only the US and China.
- This is the first time that India has entered the **Major Power** category. India achieved a score of 40.0/100.
- The index assesses eight areas such as economic capability, military capability, resilience, future resources, diplomatic influence, economic ties, defence networks and cultural influence.
- India ranked third in both economic capacity and future resources.
- In the military sector, India performed strongly due to modernization, defence production and strategic presence.
- In economic relations too, India recorded progress with the expansion of trade and investment networks in Asia and globally.
- India's defence network remains fragile as formal military alliances are limited.
- Diplomatic and cultural influence also needs to be improved.
- The US topped the list with a score of 81.7/100 and China secured a score of 73.7/100.

HDFC becomes India's most valuable brand

- According to the Kantar Brands Most Valuable Indian Brands Report 2025, HDFC Bank overtook TCS to become India's most valuable brand with a brand value of \$44.9 billion.
- HDFC Bank's brand value has increased by 377% compared to 2014.

- Zomato remains the fastest-growing Indian brand for the second year in a row, with its brand value nearly doubling to \$6 billion in 2025.
- This time the list was increased to 100 brands.
- In this report, the brand value is determined by combining the financial value + brand contribution.
- According to this report, the combined value of India's top 100 brands is \$523.5 billion, which is about 13% of India's GDP.

QS World University Sustainability Rankings 2026

- In the QS World University Sustainability Rankings 2026, Lund University in Sweden has been declared the world's most sustainable university.
- Nearly 2,000 universities from 106 countries were evaluated this year.

QS Sustainability Rankings 2026 □ Top 5 Universities

1. Lund University, Sweden
2. University of Toronto, Canada
3. University College London (UCL), UK
4. University of Edinburgh, UK
5. University of British Columbia, Canada

India's Performance

- No Indian institution made it to the top-200.
- The best ranking in India was achieved by IIT Delhi, which reached a global position of 205 (previously 171).
- Leading institutions such as IIT Bombay (235 □ 236) and IIT Kharagpur (202 □ 236) have seen a decline in their rankings.
- The top 10 institutes in India include 6 IITs.
- Out of the total 15 IITs, 6 IITs improved their ranking, while others recorded a decline.
- India ranked fourth in total university representation (after the US 240, China 163, the UK 109).
- This time a total of 103 Indian universities were included in the ranking.
- The country's 26 institutions joined for the first time, the highest in the world after China.

□Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2025□

- Union Minister of State Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel released the □Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics (BADHS) 2025□ on 26th November 2025.
- This report is based on the Integrated Sample Survey conducted from March 1, 2024, to February 29, 2025.
- This document provides vital data for livestock and dairy sector trends, production estimates, and policy needs.
- It includes a detailed description of the production status of major animal products such as milk, egg, meat, and wool.
- Milk Production: Globally, India ranks first in milk production.

- The country's estimated total milk production in 2024□25 is 247.87 million tonnes.
- Per capita milk availability has increased to 485 g/day in 2024□25.
- Top 5 milk producing states □ Uttar Pradesh (15.66%), Rajasthan (14.82%), Madhya Pradesh (9.12%), Gujarat (7.78%) and Maharashtra (6.71%)
- Egg Production: India ranks second in the world in egg production.
 - Total egg production in 2024□25 is estimated at 149.11 billion.
 - The per capita egg availability has gone up to 106 nooses/year in 2024□25.
 - Top contributing states: Andhra Pradesh (18.37%), Tamil Nadu (15.63%), Telangana (12.98%), West Bengal (10.72%) and Karnataka (6.67%)
- Meat Production: India ranks fourth in the world in meat production.
 - Total meat production in 2024□25 is estimated to be 10.50 million tonnes.
 - The top five meat producing states are West Bengal (12.46%), Uttar Pradesh (12.20%), Maharashtra (11.57%), Andhra Pradesh (10.84%) and Telangana (10.49%)
- Wool Production
 - The total wool production of the country is estimated at 34.57 million kg in the year 2024□25.
 - **Rajasthan tops the list of wool production with 47.85%.**

World Urbanization Prospects 2025: Jakarta becomes the world's most populous city

- According to the UN's World Urbanization Prospects 2025 report, Jakarta in Indonesia has now become the most populous city in the world. About 42 million people live here.
- Bangladesh's Dhaka is in second place with a population of 37 million, while Tokyo has now come in third place with 33 million.
- According to the UN, this change is due to a new methodology, which applies the same definition to cities, towns, and rural areas.
- Nine of the 10 most populous cities in the world are located in Asia: Jakarta, Dhaka, Tokyo, New Delhi (4th), Shanghai, Guangzhou, Cairo, Manila, Kolkata (9th), and Seoul.
- The densest cities include Mumbai, Kasai-Kongo, Beni-Kongo, Karachi and Surat.
- According to the report, by 2050, two-thirds of the world's population will be living in cities.
- The number of megacities (cities with a population of at least 10 million) has increased to 33 cities in 2025.

World's Best Cities 2026 □ 4 Indian cities in Global Top 100

- The report was prepared by Resonance Consultancy and Ipsos.
- More than 270 global cities were evaluated on parameters such as quality of life, attractiveness and well-being.
- London has become the world's number 1 city for the 11th consecutive year.
- In this report, four major metro cities of India - Bengaluru (29th), Mumbai (40th), Delhi (54th) and Hyderabad (82nd) have been ranked in the Global Top 100.

World's Best Cities 2026 - Top 10 Global Cities

Rank	City
1	London
2	New York
3	Paris
4	Tokyo
5	Madrid
6	Singapore
7	Rome
8	Dubai
9	Berlin
10	Barcelona

Mumbai named Asia's happiest city

- In a survey conducted on Asian residents by Time Out, Mumbai was declared the happiest city in Asia by 2025.
- The survey evaluated factors such as culture, food, nightlife, and quality of life.

Top 10 Happiest Cities in Asia (2025)

Rank	City
1	Mumbai (India)
2	Beijing (China)
3	Shanghai (China)
4	Chiang Mai (Thailand)
5	Hanoi (Vietnam)
6	Jakarta (Indonesia)
7	Hong Kong
8	Bangkok (Thailand)
9	Singapore (Singapore)
10	Seoul (South Korea)

QS Asia University Rankings 2026: IIT Delhi Top Indian Institutes

- The QS Asia University Rankings 2026 were released on 4th November 2025.
- The University of Hong Kong won first place in Asia.
- IIT Delhi became India's top institute with 59th rank.
- According to the QS World University Rankings Asia 2026, although no Indian university is in the top 50.
- The QS Asia rankings now include 294 universities in India and are second only to China. The total number of universities in China is 395.

Top 3 Universities in Asia

1. University of Hong Kong
2. Peking University
3. National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

Top Indian Institutes:

- IIT Delhi: 59th position
- IISc Bengaluru: 64th Position
- IIT Madras: 70th position
- IIT Bombay: 71st position
- IIT Kanpur: 77th position
- University of Delhi: 95th position

India's total installed power capacity reaches 500 GW

- India's total installed power capacity has reached 500.89 GW (as of 30 September 2025).
- Non-fossil fuel source: 256.09 GW (over 51% of total capacity)
 - This includes solar, wind, hydropower and nuclear energy.
 - Solar power: 127.33 GW
 - Wind power: 53.12 GW
- Fossil fuel-based sources: 244.80 GW (about 49%)
- In the first half of FY 2025-26, India has added 28 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity and 5.1 GW of fossil fuel capacity.



12. IMPORTANT DAYS

Day	Day/State Day	Key facts
November 1	Karnataka Foundation Day	Formation: Nov. 1. 1956; The unification of Kannada-speaking regions led to the state of Mysore, renamed Karnataka in 1973.
November 1	Kerala Foundation Day	Formation: Nov. 1 . 1956; Travancore + Cochin + Malabar
November 1	Madhya Pradesh Foundation Day	Formation: Nov. 1 . 1956
November 1	Chhattisgarh Foundation Day	Formation: Nov. 1 . 2000 (different from MP)
November 1	Haryana Foundation Day	Formation: Nov. 1 . 1966 (Partition from Punjab)
November 7	National Cancer Awareness Day	Objective: Early detection and treatment of cancer; On the birth anniversary of Madame Curie
November 8	World Radiography Day	Purpose: Honouring the contribution of radiologists/ radiographers
November 9	Uttarakhand Foundation Day	Formation: Nov. 9, 2000 (Formerly part of UP)
November 9	National Legal Services Day	Justice for All and Legal Awareness
November 10	World Science Day	Launched by UNESCO in 2001; 2025 Theme: Trust, Transformation, Tomorrow
November 10	World Immunization Day	Awareness on the importance of vaccination
November 11	National Education Day	Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
November 12	World Pneumonia Day	Objective: Global Awareness on Pneumonia
November 14	National Children's Day	Nehru Jayanti; Children's Rights and Welfare
November 15	Bhagwan Birsa Munda Jayanti/ Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas	150th Jubilee (1875-2025); Heroes of the tribal movement
November 16	National Press Day	Press Council of India (1966)
November 16	International Day for Tolerance	Established in 1995 by the UNGA; 50th Anniversary of UNESCO
November 17	International Students' Day	Awareness on Students' Challenges
November 20	World Children's Day	Children's rights; Started by the UN in 1954, celebrated by UNICEF
November 21	World Television Day	Recognition of TV's contribution to education, information and communication
November 21	World Fisheries Day	sustainable fisheries management; 2025 Theme: Transforming India's Waterborne Economy
November 26	National Milk Day	Birth Anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien; Importance of Milk and Dairy Industry
November 26	Constitution Day	Nov. 26. The Constitution was adopted in 1949; Law Day in the East
November 29	International Jaguar Day	Jaguar Conservation Awareness



