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# National

## PM Narendra Modi Addressed the RSS Centenary Celebrations in New Delhi, Delhi

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi addressed the celebration of the **100th year** of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) as the Chief Guest at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The event also marked the release of a commemorative postage stamp and a coin of **Rs.100**, featuring an image of “**Bharat Mata**” on an Indian currency for the first time.

### Exam Hints:

- **What?** PM Narendra Modi addressed RSS centenary celebrations
- **Where?** In New Delhi (Delhi)
- **Founder:** Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar
- **Commemorative Coin:** Rs.100, featuring Bharat Mata in Varada Mudra
- **Stamp feature:** 1963 Republic Day Parade by Swayamsevaks of RSS

### About RSS:

**Overview:** RSS was established on September 27, 1925, in Nagpur (Maharashtra) by Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar (also known as Dr. K.B. Hedgewar), as a volunteer-based organization, with an aim to promote Hindutva (Hindu cultural nationalism), social cohesion, discipline, and national pride among Hindus.

**Significance:** In the 1940s, RSS was active in social reform and relief during India's independence movement. Its function expanded into education, health, and cultural programmes in the post-independence era.

- Its goal is the “**Sarvangeena Unnati**” (all-round development) of India.

### Commemorative Coin and Postage Stamp:

**Coin Details:** The Rs.100 commemorative coin weighs 40 grams (g), measures 44 millimeters (mm) in diameter, and is made of 99.9% silver with 200 serrations.

- The coin features Lion Capital of Ashoka, the national emblem on the obverse (front) and depicts Bharat Mata in Varada Mudra, a gesture of blessing, seated on a lotus with a lion beside on the Reverse (Back).

## UPSC Entered 100th Year of Service: Launched ‘My UPSC Interview’ Portal and Unveiled New Logo and Centenary Emblem

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) entered its centenary (**100th**) year marking a major milestone for India's civil services.

- As part of its centenary celebrations, **Dr. Ajay Kumar**, Chairman of UPSC has launched the dedicated anecdote portal ‘**My UPSC Interview: From Dream to Reality**’; unveiled new logo and centenary logo, on the occasion of **99th** foundation day celebrations of UPSC held in New Delhi, Delhi.

**My UPSC Interview Portal:** Through this new portal, UPSC invites civil servants, both serving and retired, to share their experiences of appearing before the UPSC Interview Board.

- The interested individuals are required to submit their applications by **December 31, 2025**.

**New Logo:** The new logo of UPSC features national emblem at its centre, representing authority and service to the nation. It is surrounded by a wreath of banyan leaves which symbolizes wisdom and resilience.

- The logo reinforces the ethos of accountability and duty, is anchored by a ribbon inscribed with '**Sangh Lok Seva**' in 'Hindi' language.

**Centenary Logo:** The logo features wave motif which signifies the UPSC's journey over a century: progressive, enduring, and adaptive, culminating in the final '0' of '100', where the UPSC logo rests.

#### **About Union Public Service Commission (UPSC):**

**Chairman-** Dr. Ajay Kumar

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**Established –** 1926

#### **Chhattisgarh's Balod Becomes India's First Child Marriage-Free District**

Balod district in Chhattisgarh was declared India's first Child Marriage-Free district by the state government, after achieving zero reported child marriage cases across all 436 gram panchayats and 9 urban local bodies.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** India's first Child-Marriage Free district declared
- **District:** Balod (Chhattisgarh)
- **Campaign:** "Child Marriage-Free India"
- **Certification:** 436-gram panchayats and 9 urban bodies
- **Support:** UNICEF
- **Goal:** Chhattisgarh aims to make all districts child marriage-free by 2028–29;

#### **About Child Marriage-Free District :**

**Campaign:** The achievement is part of the "**Child Marriage-Free India**" campaign, initiated by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on August 27, 2024, aimed at eliminating child marriage across India.

**Certification:** The 436-gram panchayats and 9 urban bodies Balod has been certified child-marriage free, following a rigorous verification process, confirming that no child marriage cases were reported in the **past two years**.

**Support:** The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) provided technical support and assisted in designing awareness programs and monitoring mechanisms.

**Future Goal:** Following Balod, 75 gram panchayats in Surajpur were declared child marriage-free, with Chhattisgarh targeting all districts by 2028–29.

#### **BRO Builds World's Highest Motorable Road at 19,400 ft in Ladakh**

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO), under **Project Himank**, constructed the **world's highest motorable road** at **Mig La Pass** near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) at an altitude of 19,400 feet, surpassing its own previous Guinness World Record at **Umling La**.

Pass (19,024 feet) in Ladakh, set in 2021.

**Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Construction of the world's highest motorable road
- **By Whom?** Border Roads Organisation (BRO), under Project Himank
- **Where?** Mig La Pass, Ladakh
- **Altitude:** 19,400 feet (world's highest)
- **Previous Record:** Umling La Pass (19,024 feet), 2021
- **Significance:** Third axis to Fukche village near the LAC
- **Led by:** Brigadier Vishal Srivastava, Chief Engineer, Project Himank

**Alignment:** Part of the **Likaru–Mig La–Fukche** road, connecting the **Hanle region** to **Fukche village** near the Indo-China border.

**Strategic Importance:** The road provides a third vital axis to Fukche, significantly strengthening India's border logistics, troop mobility, and defense infrastructure in eastern Ladakh

**Engineering Achievement:** Built under extreme conditions of low oxygen, freezing temperatures, and rugged terrain, the road showcases BRO's engineering excellence

**Enhanced Connectivity:** The road improves access for remote villages like Hanle and Fukche, linking them more effectively to the region.

**Tourism and Development:** It promotes adventure tourism through scenic routes in the Indus Valley and Hanle region while supporting the socio-economic growth of Ladakh's border areas.

**NCRB Releases Crime in India 2023'; Kolkata Becomes India's Safest City for the Fourth Time**

National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), released a report titled "**Crime in India 2023**". As per the report, **Kolkata** (West Bengal, WB) has been named **India's safest city in 2023** for the fourth consecutive year, with a crime rate of **83.9** cognizable offences per lakh population.

- **Kochi** (Kerala) has become the most unsafe city in India with a crime rate of 3,192.4.
- The national average crime rate in India stood at **433** cases per lakh population, , reflecting the overall incidence of cognizable offences across India.

**Performances of the top 10 safest cities in 2023:**

**Kolkata:** The 2023 crime rate of Kolkata was lower with 11,843 cognizable cases than the rates in previous years such as 86.5 (12,212 cases) in 2022 and 103.5 (14,591) in 2021.

- The crimes against women have slightly declined to 1,746 cases in 2023, from 1,890 in 2022 and 1,783 in 2021.

**Other top 10 cities:** Hyderabad(Telangana), the second safest Indian city has been ranked behind with a difference of 248.4 crimes. Two cities of Maharashtra, such as Pune(3rd) and Mumbai(4th) have been ranked among the top 5 cities. Two cities from TN, such as Coimbatore(5th) and Chennai(6th) (419.8) have been ranked among top 10 cities.

- Other top 10 safest cities include Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh, UP) (449.1), Ghaziabad (UP) (482.6), Bengaluru (Karnataka) (806.2), and Ahmedabad (Gujarat) (839.3).

## Overview of UK PM Keir Starmer's Visit to India from October 8 to 9, 2025

Keir Starmer, Prime Minister (PM) of the United Kingdom (UK), visited India from October 8 to 9, 2025, at the invitation of PM of India **Narendra Modi**, marking his first official visit to India.

- His visit follows the visit of PM Narendra Modi in July 2025, when India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (**CETA**) was signed.

### Highlights of UK PM Keir Starmer's Visit to India:

**Visit to Mumbai:** On October 8, 2025, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer arrived in Mumbai, Maharashtra, where he addressed Indian business leaders to boost India-UK trade and investment ties.

**Global Fintech Fest 2025:** On October 9, 2025, UK PM Keir Starmer attended the 6th edition of the Global Fintech Fest (GFF), the world's largest fintech festival, at Jio World Centre in Mumbai.

- During the visit, India and the UK have launched **India-UK Fintech Corridor** to boost financial and technological cooperation.

**CEO Forum meeting:** UK PM Keir Starmer and PM Narendra Modi welcomed the inaugural CEO Forum meeting in Mumbai during the India-UK Summit and expressed hope for the early ratification of the India-UK CETA to unlock its benefits.

- During the meeting both the countries agreed to reset the India-UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO).

**Key Outcomes:** During the visit PM Keir Starmer announced the establishment of campuses of **nine UK universities in India**, following the approval of University Grants Commission (UGC) under the National Education Policy (NEP 2020).

- Launched India-UK Connectivity and Innovation Centre and India-UK Joint Centre for AI.

## Overview of Global Fintech Fest 2025 held in Mumbai –

The sixth edition of the Global Fintech Fest (**GFF 2025**), was held from October 7-9, 2025 at the Jio World Convention Centre and Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

### About GFF 2025:

**Organiser:** Payments Council of India (PCI), National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and Fintech Convergence Council (FCC).

**Theme:** “Empowering Finance for a Better World Powered by AI: Augmented Intelligence Innovation Inclusion”.

**Key People:** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance (MoF) participated in the inaugural session of the GFF 2025.

- Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi and the United Kingdom (UK) PM Keir Starmer delivered the keynote addresses during the event.

### Highlights of GFF 2025:

**Forex Settlement system:** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched a Foreign Currency Settlement System (**FCSS**) at the International Financial Services Centre (**IFSC**) in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (**GIFT City**).

**Initiatives launched by RBI:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched four new digital payment initiatives : UPI (Unified Payment Interface) Help, IoT (Internet of Things) Payments with UPI, and Banking Connect.

### **MNRE Recognised Three Major Ports as Green Hydrogen Hubs under NGHM**

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) officially recognised three major ports, **Deendayal Port Authority** (Gujarat), **V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority** (Tamil Nadu, TN), and **Paradip Port Authority** (Odisha) as **Green Hydrogen Hubs** under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Recognition of three major ports as Green Hydrogen Hubs
- **By Whom?** MNRE
- **Ports Recognised:** Deendayal Port (Gujarat), V.O. Chidambaranar Port (TN), Paradip Port (Odisha)
- **Objective:** Promote green hydrogen production, utilisation, and export; foster sustainable maritime logistics
- **Mission Focus:** Large-scale hydrogen hubs, cluster-based development model

#### **About the Green Hydrogen Hubs:**

**Strategic Development:** The three ports were selected as strategic hubs for large-scale green hydrogen production, industrial use, and export.

**Net-Zero Goal:** Supports India's net-zero emissions target by **2070** under the NGHM.

**Incentives:** Projects in these zones eligible for benefits under Central and State Government schemes, facilitating access to infrastructure, approvals, and financial incentives.

**Innovation and Investment:** Hydrogen hubs are expected to promote industrial participation, attract green investments, and drive innovation in clean fuel technologies.

**Guidelines:** On June 27, 2025, revised guidelines were issued for Hydrogen Valley Innovation Clusters (HVIC) and Green Hydrogen Hubs, allowing ports to be recognized under Component B2 without direct financial assistance while still enabling access to government incentives.

#### **Port-Wise Strategic Importance**

- **Deendayal Port, Gujarat:** Western gateway with significant trade and hydrogen project potential.
- **V.O. Chidambaranar Port, TN:** Southern hub with strong industrial linkages.
- **Paradip Port, Odisha:** Eastern port capable of supporting **large-scale energy projects**, industrial growth, and green investments.

#### **About National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM):**

**Launched by:** Government of India (GoI) in 2023 with an outlay of Rs. 19,744 crore.

**Aim:** Position India as a global hub for production, utilisation, and export of green hydrogen and its derivatives

**Strategy:** Develop large-scale hydrogen hubs as focal points for production and consumption

**Model:** Cluster-based approach to enhance project viability, achieve infrastructure convergence, and economies of scale

### **Sachin Tendulkar Launches Sportswear Brand ‘TEN x YOU’**

Former Indian cricketer and Bharat Ratna **Sachin Tendulkar** launched his first sportswear and athleisure brand “**TEN x You**”, to promote fitness and sports in India.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What:** Launch of sportswear & athleisure brand
- **Brand Name:** TEN x YOU
- **By:** Sachin Tendulkar, Karthik Gurumurthy & Karan Arora
- **Under:** SRT10 Athleisure Pvt. Ltd
- **Financial Backing:** Peak XV Partners and Whiteboard Capital

#### **About TEN x YOU:**

**Partners:** Bengaluru(Karnataka) based TEN x YOU brand co-founded by **Sachin Tendulkar**, Karthik Gurumurthy, and Karan Arora, under the company **SRT10 Athleisure Private Limited**. It has secured financial backing from Peak XV Partners and Whiteboard Capital

**Vision:** The brand aims to transform India from a sports-loving nation to a sports-playing nation, encouraging individuals of all ages to embrace an active lifestyle.

**Product Range:** TEN x YOU offers a variety of products, including cricket-specific footwear, lifestyle apparel, and accessories, designed to cater to Indian athletes’ needs.

### **Highlights of 9th India Mobile Congress Held in New Delhi, Delhi**

The **9th** edition of India Mobile Congress (**IMC 2025**), Asia’s largest telecom, median and technology event, was held, with the theme “Innovate to Transform”, from October 08 to 11, 2025 at the Yashobhoomi India International Convention & Expo Centre (IICC) in **New Delhi**, Delhi.

#### **About IMC 2025:**

**Organised by:** The 4-day long conference was organised by the Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**) which works under the Ministry of Communications (MoC) , in partnership with the Cellular Operators Association of India (**COAI**).

**Inaugurated by:** The conference was inaugurated by Prime Minister (**PM**) **Narendra Modi**. While addressing the conference, PM Modi highlighted that India’s success in the telecom sector, has witnessed **6-fold** growth in electronics production and **28-fold increase** in mobile manufacturing since 2014.

**International Bharat6G Symposium 2025:** Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, MoC and Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Secretary (Telecom), inaugurated the 2nd edition of International 6G Symposium 2025, held from October 09 to October 10, 2025 at IMC 2025 in New Delhi, Delhi.

- In the symposium, **Bharat 6G Alliance** signed two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with National Association of Software and Service Companies (**NASSCOM**) and European Space Agency (**ESA**), aimed to foster joint participation in the field of technology department.

**Key Events:** 23rd Bharat Telecom, first SATCOM Summit, International AI Summit, Cyber Security Summit, OpenAI API Hackathon, and IMC Aspire Competition.

**IMC 2025 Awards:** The awards, presented across 15 categories, recognize industry leaders, innovators, and emerging enterprises driving the future of digital connectivity.

## **Union Minister Rajnath Singh Releases book “Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II: Shaping a Future Ready Force”**

Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence(MoD), released the book “**Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II: Shaping a Future Ready Force**”, written by Chief of Defense Staff (CDS), General **Anil Chauhan**.

- The book was published by **Pentagon Press**.

### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Release of book
- **Name of Book:** “Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II: Shaping a Future Ready Force”
- **By?** Union Minister Rajnath Singh, MoD
- **Author?** CDS General Anil Chauhan
- **Publisher?** Pentagon Press
- **Part I:** “Ready, Relevant and Resurgent: A Blueprint for the Transformation of India’s Military”

### **About the Book:**

**Overview:** The book offers a comprehensive, forward-looking plan to make India’s Armed Forces future-ready, alongside insights into the evolving nature of warfare.

**Emerging Frontiers:** The book also focuses on emerging frontiers such as cyberspace, space-enabled operations, cognitive warfare, and their growing relevance for the Indian Armed Forces.

**Part I:** This volume builds on the first book, “Ready, Relevant and Resurgent: A Blueprint for the Transformation of India’s Military”, which was released in May 2025.

## **Defense Minister Rajnath Singh Released Lt Gen Raj Shukla’s Book on “Civil-Military fusion”**

Union Minister **Rajnath Singh**, Ministry of Defence(MoD), released the book titled “**Civil-Military Fusion as a Metric of National Power and Comprehensive Security**”, authored by Lieutenant General (Lt Gen) **Raj Shukla** (Retired) at the event held at the United Service Institution of India (USI) in New Delhi, Delhi.

### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Book Released
- **Name of Book:** “Civil-Military Fusion as a Metric of National Power and Comprehensive Security”
- **Author?** Lt Gen Raj Shukla (Retd)
- **Released by?** Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh
- **Publisher:** Notion Press.

### **About the book:**

**Publisher:** The book was published by Notion Press.

**Focus:** The book focuses on conveying that civil-military relations must evolve into Civil-Military Fusion (CMF) with deeper integration of civilian industry, academia and defense technology.

**Emphasis:** The book emphasizes asset-based thinking rather than deficit-based thinking.

## **Overview of 2nd Edition of IN's Commanders' Conference Held in New Delhi**

The **2nd** edition of Indian Navy (IN)'s biannual Commanders' Conference (CC) **2025** was held from October 22 to 24, 2025 at Nausena Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.

### **Highlights of IN's Commanders' Conference 2025:**

**Key Addresses:** The conference started with the inaugural address by **Dinesh Kumar (DK) Tripathi**, Chief of Naval Staff (CNS). While addressing the event, he highlighted the IN's role in protecting national maritime interests through preparedness, adaptability, and regional engagement.

**Key Launches:** During the conference, several publications were released and Naval Intellectual Portal for Unified Knowledge (NIPUN) launched

### **Army Commanders' Conference Held in Rajasthan:**

Union Minister **Rajnath Singh**, MoD inaugurated key digital and welfare initiatives during the Army Commanders' Conference (ACC) held at **Jaisalmer in Rajasthan**. These initiatives reinforce the Indian Army (IA)'s vision of a Decade of Transformation.

- He also inaugurated '**Chandpuri Hall**', an audio-visual room in Laungewala, Rajasthan.

## **Cabinet Approves ToR for 8th Central Pay Commission; Report Due in 18 Months**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) **Narendra Modi** approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the **8th** Central Pay Commission (CPC), a temporary body which will review the salaries of nearly 50 lakh central government employees, including defence services personnel and about 69 lakh pensioners.

- The commission has been directed to submit its recommendations **within 18 months** of its formation and may submit interim reports when specific recommendations are finalized.
- The recommendations of 8th CPC are expected to be effective from **January 01, 2026**.

### **About 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC):**

**Approval :** In January 2025, the Union Cabinet had approved the formation of 8th CPC to review and recommend revisions regarding the salaries and benefits of central government employees.

**Composition:** The 8th CPC will include **3 members** including, chairperson, one part-time member and one member-secretary.

- The Union Cabinet has also approved the appointment of former Supreme Court (SC) **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai** as the chairperson of the pay commission.
- Also, **Professor Pulak Ghosh**, who is currently working as Professor at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore (Karnataka), has been named as the part-time member.
- And, **Pankaj Jain**, Secretary of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), has been named as the member-secretary.

# International

## ILO's State of Social Justice Report 2025: Inequality and Decline of Trust in Institutions Hinders Social Justice Worldwide

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) released its latest report titled '**The State of Social Justice 2025: A work in progress**', highlighted that the world is wealthier, healthier and better educated than in 1995, progress remains uneven, with inequality reduction stalling and benefits not equally shared.

- The report was released ahead of the **2nd** World Summit for Social Development(WSSD) scheduled to be held in Doha, Qatar in November 2025.

### Key Progress:

**Child Labour:** The report showed that Child labour among those aged between 5-14 years, has decreased from 250 million (1995) **to 106 million (2024)**.

- Also, the rate of child labour has declined from 20.6% (in 1995) to 7.8% (in 2024).

**Poverty Rates:** The report showed that extreme poverty rate decreased from 4 in 10 people (in 1995) **to 1 in 10 (in 2023)**.

- It further showed that working poverty declined significantly **to 6.9% (in 2024)** compared to 27.9% (in 2000).

## Henley Passport Index 2025: India slips to 85th; Singapore Topped

Henley & Partners, a British consultancy expertized in investment migration, released Henley Passport Index 2025 Global Ranking. According to the index, the **Indian** passport has fallen to **85th** position from 77th in July 2025, providing visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to **57** countries, and is tied with **Mauritius**.

- **Singapore** retains its position as the most powerful passport, offering visa-free access to 193 of 227 destinations, with Japan and South Korea jointly holding the second place.

### Highlights:

**Top 5:** Japan is demoted into **Third place** with Visa-Free Score difference of just one less country (i.e. 189 score)

- Five European Union (EU) nations, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain and Switzerland jointly hold the **4th** position in the index with Visa-Free Score 188.
- Seven EU nations, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland and Netherland jointly hold the **5th** position in the index with Visa-Free Score of 187.

**Progress:** The UAE ranked 10th place, has made the highest progression by moving up to **8th place** since July 2025, totaling to 184 destinations.

**Decline:** The UK is ranked 8th globally in 2025, having declined from its previous higher positions.

- The USA, which held the top spot in 2014, has dropped to 12th globally in 2025, marking the first time in its 20-year history that it has fallen out of the top 10.

### India's GIFT City climbs 3 places to 43rd in 38th GFCI rankings, New York Tops

The China Development Institute (**CDI**) in Shenzhen (China) and **Z/Yen** Partners in London (the United Kingdom, UK) released the 38th edition of the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 38).

- According to the index, Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (**Gift City**) in Gujarat, has climbed from the 46th position in the previous edition to **43rd** position in the **38th edition**.

### About Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 38)

**Financial centres:** The semi-annual report evaluates the competitiveness of 135 financial centres worldwide for this latest edition.

**Instrumental Factors:** The GFCI was compiled using 140 instrumental factors provided by third parties including the World Bank (**WB**), the **OECD** (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development), and the **UN** (United Nation).

**Top Financial Centres:** **New York (NY) City** (United States of America, USA) continues to hold **the top** position with a rating of 766, followed by **London (UK)** in **2nd** place with 765 points and **HK** (China) secures the third spot with a rating of 764.

### WDMMA 2025 Rankings: IAF Surpasses China to Become the World's 3rd Most Powerful Air Force

The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (**WDMMA**), an authoritative online resource that annually ranks global air forces, released its latest 'WDMMA Rankings for 2025'. As per the rankings, the Indian Air Force(**IAF**)surpassed China to become the world's **3rd** most powerful air force in terms of overall effectiveness and capability, with the United States of America(USA) and Russia holding the top two spots.

- However, IAF ranked at **6th** position globally with overall TruVal Rating (TVR) of **69.4**, while China's People's Liberation Army Air Force (**PLAAF**) with TVR of **58.1**, ranked at 7th position.
- In 2025 WDMMA Rankings, the **United States(US) Air Force** tops with a TVR of 242.9 (5,004 aircraft), followed by the US Navy (TVR 142.4, 2,504 units) and the Russian Air Force(TVR 114.2, 3,677 aircraft).

### Key Highlights:

**Other Most Powerful Air Forces:** Japan Air Self-Defence Force(**JASDF**) ranked at 8th position globally, with overall TVR score of 58.1, followed by **Israeli Air Force** (ranked at 9th spot with TVR score of 56.3); French Air Force (ranked at 10th spot with TVR score of 55.3); and the United Kingdom (UK)'s Royal Air Force (RAF) (ranked at 11th position with TVR score of 55.3).

**Neighbouring Countries of India:** While, the Air Forces of Pakistan (TVR score of 46.3 ) and Bangladesh (14.1) ranked at 18th and 83rd position, respectively.

## Global Forest Resource Assessment Report 2025: India Ranks 9th Globally in Total Forest Area; Russia Tops

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) released a report titled “**Global Forest Resource Assessment (GFRA) 2025**”. As per the report, **India** ranks **9th** globally with **72.74 million hectares** (Mha) of forest cover, representing 2% of the world’s total forests, up from 10th in the previous assessment.

- **Russian Federation** ranks first globally with **832.6** Mha, accounting for 20% of the world’s forests, followed by Brazil(486.08 Mha) and Canada(368.81 Mha).

### Highlights of GFRA Report 2025:

**Overview:** Forests cover around **4.06 billion hectares**, or 31% of the world’s land, comprising tropical (45%), boreal (27%), temperate (16%), and subtropical (11%) forests.

**Top Countries:** Russia, Brazil, Canada, the United States of America (USA)(308.9 Mha), and China(227 Mha), together hold more than 50% of the world’s total forest area.

## IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025: New Leadership & Regional Council Elected; Tuvalu Joins IUCN

Vivek Menon, an Indian wildlife conservationist, environmental commentator, author and photographer, elected as **Chair** of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Species Survival Commission (SSC) for the 2025–2029 term, became the first Asian to lead the SSC in its 75-year history.

- He is the Founder and Executive Director(ED) of the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) and has been actively involved with the IUCN for over 25 years, serving in roles such as Chair of the SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group and as an IUCN Councillor.
- The election took place during the IUCN World Conservation Congress held from October 9 to 15, 2025, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

### IUCN Leadership and Regional Council Elections 2026–2029:

**Presidency:** Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak was re-elected as the President of IUCN. She will serve a second term from 2026 to 2029.

**South & East Asia Councillors:** Lima Rosalind from India, Roshani Adhikari Pathak(Nepal), Atsuhiro Yoshinaka (Japan), Yinfeng Guo (China), and Amran Hamzah (Malaysia) were elected as Regional Councillors for South and East Asia.

**New Member:** Tuvalu, a small island country in the west-central Pacific Ocean, joined IUCN, becoming its **90th** State member.

## Overview of 47th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The **47<sup>th</sup> Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit** was held, under Malaysia’s chairmanship of ASEAN, at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC)in KL, Malaysia, from October 26-28 2025.

- The theme of the summit was “Inclusivity and Sustainability”, emphasizing broader participation and a commitment to long-term growth and stability.

### About 47th ASEAN Summit:

**Overview:** Dato’ Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister(PM) of Malaysia, chaired the 47th

ASEAN Summit, which comprised Plenary and Retreat Sessions. **Participating Nations:** The 47th ASEAN Summit was attended by ten ASEAN member states : Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, with **Timor-Leste** formally joining as the 11th member during the summit.

#### **20th East Asia Summit (EAS):**

On October 27, 2025, the **20th EAS**, chaired by Prime Minister (PM) of Malaysia **Anwar Ibrahim**, held in KL, Malaysia, coinciding with the **20th anniversary of EAS**.

- Union Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar, MEA**, represented India during the EAS on behalf of PM Narendra Modi.

#### **22nd ASEAN-India Summit:**

**PM Narendra Modi's Participation:** On October 26, 2025, the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit was held virtually alongside the 47th ASEAN Summit, with PM Narendra Modi participated virtually.

- During the summit, PM Narendra Modi announced **2026 as the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation**, highlighting India's commitment to strengthen ties in maritime security, connectivity, trade, blue economy, and marine environmental protection.

#### **Elon Musk Launches AI-Powered Encyclopaedia 'Grokikipedia'**

Elon Musk's Artificial Intelligence (AI)-company **xAI** launched **Grokikipedia (v 0.1)**, an open-source online encyclopedia, aiming to provide truthful, independent, and AI-driven information to users.

- The Platform initially offered over 8 lakhs articles.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Launch of AI-Powered Encyclopaedia
- **Name:** Grokikipedia

#### **About Grokikipedia:**

**Purpose:** To build an AI-powered knowledge platform that aims to share information openly and reduce bias found in traditional encyclopedias.

**Technology:** The platform is connected to xAI's **Grok chatbot**, which uses AI to create, check, and update information.

**Comparison with Wikipedia:** Unlike Wikipedia's crowdsourced-edited model, Grokikipedia relies on AI to create and verify content, allowing users to suggest corrections through a reporting system instead of direct edits.

# Defence

## India-UK Bilateral Maritime Exercise ‘KONKAN-2025’ Commences Off India’s Western Coast

The India Navy (IN) and the Royal Navy (RN) of the United Kingdom (UK), have initiated the bilateral maritime exercise ‘KONKAN-2025’ off India’s western coast.

- The Exercise KONKAN-25, scheduled from **October 5 to 12, 2025**, is being conducted in two phases: the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase.
- The 2025 edition marks the **first time** India, and the UK have deployed their full Carrier Strike Groups (CSGs) for a joint maritime exercise.

### Exercise KONKAN-2025:

**Aim:** To enhance interoperability, mutual understanding, and maritime security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

**Naval Assets:** Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Vikrant**, the flagship of its Carrier Battle Group along with associated surface ships, submarines, and aviation assets. Representing UK, Her Majesty’s Ship (HMS) **Prince of Wales** of UK led its CSG 2025 with Royal Navy destroyers, frigates, and support vessels.

- For the first time, assets from Norway and Japan are participating in KONKAN.

## India-Australia Joint Military Exercise ‘AUSTRAHIND 2025’ Commenced in Australia

The **fourth edition** of the India-Australia Joint Military Exercise ‘**AUSTRAHIND 2025**’ commenced at Irwin Barracks, Perth, Australia, to enhance interoperability, joint operational capability, and defence cooperation between the Indian Army (IA) and the Australian Army

- The Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2025 is being held from **October 13 to 26, 2025**.

### Exam Hints:

- **What?** 4th Edition of Joint Military Exercise ‘AUSTRAHIND’ commenced
- **Participants:** Indian Army and Australian Army
- **When?** October 13–26, 2025
- **Where?** Irwin Barracks, Perth, Australia
- **Participants:** IA (120 personnel led by a Battalion of Gorkha Rifles) & Australian Army
- **First Edition:** 2022, Rajasthan
- **Previous Edition:** 2024, Pune, Maharashtra
- **Frequency:** Annually held alternately in India and Australia

### Background:

**Inception:** The first edition of Exercise AUSTRAHIND was held in **2022** at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, **Rajasthan**, India, and it is conducted annually on a rotational basis between India and Australia.

**Previous Edition:** The 2024 edition was hosted in Pune (Maharashtra), India.

### **INS Sahyadri Participates in Inaugural of IN-RoKN Bilateral Naval Exercise**

Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Sahyadri** participated in the inaugural edition of Indian Navy (IN)-Republic of Korea (RoKN) bilateral exercise, held from October 13 to 18, 2025, making a port call in **Busan**, South Korea.

- INS Sahyadri made a port call as part of the ongoing operational deployment to the South China Sea and Indo-Pacific.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** IN-RoKN Bilateral Naval Exercise held
- **When?** From October 13 to 18, 2025
- **Where?** In Busan (South Korea)
- **Edition:** 1st
- **Vessels:** INS Sahyadri (India), ROKS Gyeongnam (South Korea)

#### **IN-RoKN Bilateral Naval Exercise:**

**Harbour Phase:** In this phase, IN and RoKN officials will engage in cross-deck visits, share best practices, conduct training sessions, sport fixtures, and the commanding officer will meet senior South Korea officials and local leaders.

**Sea Phase:** In this phase, INS Sahyadri and Republic of Korea Ship (ROKS) Gyeongnam will undertake joint exercises.

**INS Sahyadri:** INS Sahyadri, the third ship of the Shivalik-class stealth frigates, was built and commissioned in 2012. The ship, based in Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh, AP), represents “Atmanirbhar Bharat”, a vision of the Government of India (GOI).

### **India-Indonesia Naval Exercise “Samudra Shakti 2025” commenced in Visakhapatnam, AP**

The Indian Navy (IN) and the **Indonesian Navy**, commenced the **5<sup>th</sup>** edition of joint bilateral maritime exercise “**Samudra Shakti 2025**” in **Visakhapatnam**, Andhra Pradesh (AP).

- The exercise is scheduled from October 14 to 17, 2025 and is conducted in two phases: the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What:** Samudra Shakti
- **Between:** Indian Navy, Indonesian Navy
- **Edition:** 5th
- **When:** 14-17 October 2025
- **Where:** Visakhapatnam, AP
- **Aim:** To strengthen maritime cooperation, interoperability, and mutual understanding between the two navies.
- **Phrases:** Harbour Phase & Sea Phase
- **Participating Ships:** INS Kavaratti & KRI John Lie

#### **Background:**

**Origin:** Samudra Shakti, initiated in 2018 under India’s Act East Policy, held its first bilateral naval exercise with Indonesia in Surabaya(Indonesia).

**Previous edition:** The 4th edition of the Samudra Shakti exercise was, held from May 17-19,

2023, in the South China Sea.

#### **About Samudra Shakti 2025:**

**Aim:** To boost interoperability, deepen mutual understanding, and exchange best practices between the two navies, underscoring their shared commitment to ensuring peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

#### **Participating Ships:**

- **India:** Indian Naval Ship (**INS Kavaratti**), an Anti-Submarine Warfare(ASW) Corvette of Eastern Fleet under the aegis of Eastern Naval Command (ENC).
- **Indonesia:** the Indonesian Navy Ship **KRI John Lie**, a Corvette (with an integral helicopter).

#### **Japan-India Maritime exercise ‘JAIMAX 2025’ Held in Japan**

The Indian Navy(**IN**) and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (**JMSDF**) conducted the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (**JAIMEX**) **2025** off the coast of Kyushu, Japan.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** India-Japan bilateral naval exercise
- **Name of Exercise:** JAIMEX 2025
- **Participants:** INS Sahyadri; JS Asahi, JS Oumi, Submarine Jinryu
- **Aim:** Enhance interoperability & strengthen maritime security cooperation
- **Activities:** Anti-submarine warfare drills, missile defense exercises, flying operations, underway replenishment, cross-deck visits, operational planning, joint Yoga sessions

#### **About JAIMAX 2025:**

**Aim:** To enhance interoperability and strengthen maritime security cooperation between the Indian Navy and the JMSDF.

**Activities:** The activities include scross-deck visits, collaborative operational planning, sharing of best practices, and a combined Yoga session to foster camaraderie and unity.

#### **IAF Participated in Multinational Exercise ‘Ocean Sky 2025’ in Spain**

The Indian Air Force (**IAF**) is participating in ‘**Ocean Sky 2025**’, a multinational air combat exercise which is being hosted by the Spanish Air Force from October 20 to October 31, 2025 at Gando Air Base in the Canary Islands in **Spain**.

- The IAF, deploying its **Su-30MKI fighter jets**, is the first non- North Atlantic Treaty Organization(NATO) country to participate in this exercise, highlighting the growing defense ties between India and Spain.
- **Significance:** IAF is the first non-NATO country to join; deploying Su-30MKI jets.

#### **About Ocean Sky 2025:**

**Objective:** To train air superiority missions in the Defensive Counter-Air (DCA) and Offensive Counter-Air (OCA) domains which will simulate combat between large combined air forces.

**Commanded by:** The exercise is directed by the Air Combat Command (MACOM) and has operational leadership from Gando Air Base and receives support from Lanzarote Air Base.

**Participating Aircraft:** Over 50 aircraft including F-18M, Eurofighter, F-16 C/D B50, F-16 Fighting Falcon M, F-15E, Su-30MKI aircraft, MRTT, KC-767, KC-30M, among others, participating in this multi-national exercise.

### **Russia Successfully Tests Nuclear-Powered ‘Burevestnik’ Cruise Missile**

Russia announced the successful test of its nuclear-powered cruise missile, 9M730 Burevestnik (meaning “storm petrel”), conducted at a Pankovo test site in the Arctic region.

- The missile, claimed to have unlimited range, is designed to evade and break through advanced air and missile defense systems.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** 9M730 Burevestnik Cruise Missile Successfully tested
- **By:** Russia
- **Where?** Pankovo test site (Arctic region)
- **Developed by:** Russia’s Defence Industry
- **Key Figures:** Flew about 14,000 km and stayed airborne for 15 hours
- **Significance:** Features unlimited range
- **NATO Code:** SSC-X-9 Skyfall

#### **About ‘9M730 Burevestnik’ Cruise Missile:**

**Aim:** The objective of this test is to strengthen Russia’s strategic deterrence by developing a missile capable of evading current and future missile defense systems.

**Background:** First revealed in 2018 as part of Russia’s new strategic systems, the Burevestnik has faced several test failures, including a 2019 White Sea explosion.

# Appointments or Resign/Retired

## **Lt General Virendra Vats Assumes Charge as DG of NCC**

Lieutenant General Virendra Vats assumed charge as the **35th Director General (DG)** of National Cadets Corps (NCC). He succeeds **Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh**, who retired from service on September 30, 2025.

- He takes charge as NCC, the world's largest uniformed youth body, expands its cadet strength to 20 lakh across 28 states and 8 Union Territories(UTs).

### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Assumed charge as 35th Director General (DG) of NCC
- **Who?** Lt Gen Virendra Vats
- **Succeeds:** Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh
- **Context:** NCC expanding cadet strength to 20 lakh

### **About Virendra Vats:**

**Service:** He joined the Indian Army(IA) on December 17, **1988**, in to the 19 KUMAON Regimens.

**Experience:** He has extensive experience in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations, with deployments in Arunachal Pradesh(AR), Kashmir, and service at the Army Headquarters.

## **Group Captain Shubansh Sukla Appointed Ambassador of Viksit Bharat Buildathon**

Group Captain **Shubansh Sukla**, first Indian to reach the International Space Station (ISS), was appointed as the **brand ambassador** for the **Viksit Bharat Buildathon**, a nationwide innovation initiative by the Ministry of Education (MoE) aimed at engaging students from classes 6 to 12.

- The largest-ever school hackathon, engaging over 1 crore students from 1.5 lakh schools to create prototypes across four themes.

### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Appointed Brand Ambassador of Viksit Bharat Buildathon
- **Who?** Shubansh Sukla, first Indian to reach ISS
- **Target:** Students from classes 6 to 12
- **Significance:** Engaging over 1 crore students from 1.5 lakh schools across 4 themes

### **About Shubansh Sukla:**

**Profile:** Group Captain Sukla, a 39-year-old Indian Air Force (IAF) officer and test pilot.

**Maiden Space Voyage:** He completed his maiden space voyage as part of the **Axiom-4 mission**, a commercial spaceflight supported by **ISRO** (Indian Space Research Organization) and **NASA**(National Aeronautics and Space Administration), and operated by Axiom Space, American Space Infrastructure developer.

### **Sanju Samson Appointed as EPL Ambassador in India**

Indian Cricketer **Sanju Samson** was officially named as the English Premier League(**EPL**) Ambassador, marking the expansion of Football in India

#### **Brand Ambassador Roles:**

**Role:** He will lead efforts to promote the EPL brand and engage fans nationwide through outreach programs and events.

- He is also Kerala Blasters FC's brand ambassador, highlighting his commitment to promoting football in India.

**Kerala Blasters FC:** He represents Kerala Blasters FC( Football Club) in the Indian Super League (**ISL**) , supporting both cricket and football to inspire young athletes in Kerala and across India.

### **Dan Katz Appointed as IMF First Deputy Managing Director**

The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (**IMF**) approved the appointment of **Dan Katz** as the First Deputy Managing Director (**FDMD**) of the IMF, following the proposal of Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director (MD), IMF on September 19, 2025.

- He succeeds **Gita Gopinath**, who stepped down in August 2025.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Appointment of IMF FDMD
- **Who?** Dan Katz
- **Proposed By?** Kristalina Georgieva, MD, IMF
- **Predecessor?** Gita Gopinath
- **Previous Role?** Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of the Treasury

#### **About Dan Katz:**

**Profession:** Dan Katz is an American economist and policy advisor with over a decade of experience in international economic affairs, financial intelligence, and central banking.

#### **Previous role:**

- Chief of Staff to Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, United States Department of the Treasury (USDT)
- Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for International Affairs
- Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for International Markets
- Served as an Investment Banker at Goldman Sachs

### **Gujarat Cabinet Rejig: Harsh Sanghvi Appointed Deputy CM; Rivaba Jadeja & 24 Others Sworn-in as Ministers**

The state government of **Gujarat** expanded its cabinet under **Bhupendra Patel**, Chief Minister (CM) of Gujarat, inducting **19 new ministers** and retaining **6**, bringing the total strength to **26** from 17.

#### **Cabinet Swearing-In & Key Inductees:**

**Oath:** Gujarat's Governor Acharya **Devvrat** administered the oath of office and secrecy to 21 ministers (including 19 new inductees), at Raj Bhavan in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

**Key Dignitaries:** The swearing-in ceremony was attended by BJP National President and Union Minister Jagat Parkash (JP) Nadda, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW); Union Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya**, Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) and Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS); Union Minister Chandrakant Raghunath (C.R.) Patil, Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), among others.

**Notable Inductees in Gujarat Cabinet:** Gujarat's Home Minister **Harsh Rameshkumar Sanghvi** who was elevated as Deputy Chief Minister (Dy-CM), becoming the only **5th** Dy-CM in the political history of the state.

- Also, **Rivaba Jadeja**, who is Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Jamnagar, and wife of Indian cricketer Ravindra Jadeja, was also inducted into the state cabinet.
- Other notable ministers: Kantilal Ghiya, Keshubhai Patel, Narhari Amin, and Nitin Patel.

**Gujarat Council of Ministers:** It now includes 21 members including 5 Cabinet level, 3 Minister of State(MoS) (Independent Charge, IC); and 12 MoS.

- Gujarat's 182-member assembly allows for a maximum of 27 ministers, equivalent to 15% of the House's total strength.

### **Justice Prathiba M. Singh Appointed as Chair of WIPO Advisory Board of Judges**

Justice Prathiba Maninder (M). Singh of the Delhi High Court(HC) was appointed as the **Chair** of the World Intellectual Property Organization (**WIPO**) Advisory Board of Judges for the **2025 -2027 term** by WIPO through its judicial institute. This is a historic milestone for India, as she is the **first Indian** to head this international body.

- For the 2025–2027 term, alongside Justice Prathiba M. Singh, the Board includes judges from Panama, China, Kazakhstan, Egypt, France, Canada, Tanzania, Luxembourg, and South Korea.
- Under Justice Prathiba M. Singh, the board will advance Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital IP law, foster international judicial collaboration, support women in IP, and broaden the WIPO Lex-Judgements Database.

### **About WIPO Advisory Board of Judges:**

**Governance:** The Board functions under the WIPO Judicial Institute, a global hub for IP judicial training and collaboration.

**Composition:** It is a top-level global forum made up of judges from different countries, all with extensive knowledge of IP law.

### **Sanae Takaichi Becomes Japan's 1st Female PM**

Sanae Takaichi, Japan's former Economic Security and Interior Minister and leader of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), made history by becoming **Japan's first female Prime Minister(PM)** after her election as LDP President was ratified by both the Houses of Parliament (known as Japanese Diet).

- She succeeded **Shigeru Ishiba**, who resigned in September 2025, becoming Japan's **104th PM** and the fourth to hold the post in five years.

### Exam Hints:

- **What?** Election of new PM of Japan
- **Who?** Sanae Takaichi
- **Won Against:** Yoshihiko Noda, leader of CDP
- **Total Votes Secured:** 237 (in Lower House of Parliament) and 125 (in Upper House of Parliament)
- **Significance:** 1st female PM of Japan

### Election Result:

**Lower House:** Sanae Takaichi was elected by the lawmakers in the lower house of parliament, securing **237 votes** against 149 votes by her closest rival **Yoshihiko Noda**, leader of the liberal Constitutional Democratic Party (CDP).

**Upper House:** Later, she was elected by the upper house of parliament, receiving 125 votes, just one vote above the simple majority necessary for victory.

### About Sanae Takaichi:

**Political Career:** She started her political career in 1993 by winning a lower house seat, representing her hometown Nara 2nd District, as an independent. Later, she joined the LDP in 1996.

**Japan's Iron Lady:** She has been widely referred to in the media as 'Iron Lady' of the Japan due to her admiration for Margaret Thatcher, former PM of the United Kingdom (UK) and her own stalwart conservative position.

## Honours/ Awards

### Hurun Rich List 2025: Mukesh Ambani Reclaimed Title of India's Richest Man with Rs 9.55 lakh crore wealth

M3M India Private Limited in partnership with the Hurun Research Institute released the **14th** edition of 'M3M Hurun India Rich List'. As per the report, **Mukesh Ambani**, Chairman of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), has reclaimed the top spot as India's Richest Man with a net worth of **Rs 9.55 lakh crore**, replacing **Gautam Adani and family**, who dropped from 1st spot (in 2024) to 2nd spot in 2025 rankings with a wealth of Rs 8.15 lakh crore.

- For the 1st time, **Roshni Nadar and family** featured into the top 3, ranked at **3rd** position with net worth of **Rs 2.84 lakh crore**, becoming richest woman in India.

### Highlights of M3M Hurun India Rich List 2025:

**Wealth Overview 2025:** This year's M3M Hurun India Rich List features **1,687 individuals** with a net worth of Rs.1,000 crore or more, marking an increase of 148 compared to 2024 and 859 over the past five years.

- India now has **358 billionaires**, six times more than when the list was first published 13 years ago.

**Combined Wealth:** The combined wealth of Indians featured on the list is **Rs 167 lakh crore** (marking an annual increase of 5%), which is equivalent to nearly **50%** of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

**Billionaire Hub:** As per the Hurun's latest report, **Mumbai**(Maharashtra) continues to be billionaire hub in India with **451** billionaires; followed by **New Delhi**(Delhi) (223 billionaires) and **Bengaluru**(Karnataka) (116 billionaires).

**India's Youngest Billionaire:** As per the latest report, **Aravind Srinivas** (31 year old), founder of Artificial Intelligence (AI) startup, **Perplexity**, has emerged as India's youngest billionaire on the list with a net worth of Rs 21,900 crore.

**Top Richest Indian Professional Managers:** Jayshree Ullal, Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Arista Networks, tops with a net worth of Rs.50,170 crore.

**Richest Women in India:** This year's list featured **101 women**, including 26 dollar billionaires.

- **Dr. Garima Sawhney (39 year old)**, co-founder of Pristyn Care, emerged as the youngest self-made woman entrepreneur on the list.

### Shimon Sakaguchi, Mary E. Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell Win Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2025

Shimon Sakaguchi, a Japanese Immunologist, Mary E. Brunkow, an American molecular biologist and immunologist, Fred Ramsdell, an American immunologist, are declared as the winners of **Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2025** by the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden.

- They are recognized for their discoveries concerning peripheral immune tolerance that prevents the immune system from harming the body.
- Nobel Prizes will be presented annually to laureates on 10th December, commemorating the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death.

### Key Discoveries:

**Regulatory T Cells:** In 1995, Shimon Sakakuchi identified a subset of T cells that suppress immune responses, preventing autoimmune diseases. He termed these cells as regulatory T cells (**Tregs**).

- His work demonstrated that the immune system has a mechanism to control itself, ensuring it doesn't attack the body's own tissues.

**FOXP3 Gene:** In 2001, Brunkow discovered that mutations in the FOXP3 gene led to a fatal autoimmune disease in mice. She found that FOXP3(scurfin) is essential for the development and function of Tregs.

### John Clarke, Michel Devoret & John Martinis Won 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics jointly to British physicist John Clarke, French physicist Michel Henri Devoret, and American physicist John Matthew Martinis for their discovery of 'macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit', in Stockholm, Sweden.

- The laureates demonstrated that quantum mechanics governs macroscopic systems, with Josephson junctions underpinning quantum computers, flash memory, and ultra-precise quantum sensors.

### Significance of the Discovery:

**Experiments:** Conducted in the mid-1980s, using a chip-based Josephson junction built from superconductors.

**Observation:** Demonstrated quantum tunnelling and energy quantisation, showing that macroscopic systems can exhibit quantum behaviour.

**Impact:** Laid the foundation for next-generation quantum technologies, including quantum computers, quantum cryptography, and quantum sensors.

### About Nobel Prize in Physics:

**Total Awards:** From 1901 to 2025, **119** Nobel Prizes in Physics were awarded to 230 laureates.

**Prize Components:** Includes a gold medal, personal diploma, and cash award.

**Medal Design:** The Nobel Prize medal was designed by Swedish sculptor and engraver **Erik Lindberg**.

**Cash Award:** Swedish Kronor (**SEK 11 million**), shared among the three laureates.

### F1 Singapore Grand Prix: George Russell Wins; McLaren Secures 10th Constructors' Title

George Russell from the United Kingdom (UK), representing Germany-based Mercedes-Benz, won the 24th Edition of the Formula One (F1) Singapore Grand Prix. The race was held at the Marina Bay Street Circuit, Singapore, serving as the 18th round out of 24 in the 2025 Formula One World Championship.

- Meanwhile, McLaren has secured the enough points to seal the 2025 Teams' Championship with six games to spare.

#### Exam Hints:

- Event:** 24th F1 Singapore Grand Prix
- Venue:** Marina Bay Street Circuit, Singapore
- Winner:** George Russell (UK), represents Mercedes-Benz
- Other Podium Finishers:** Max Verstappen (2nd Place, Red Bull Racing), Lando Norris (3rd Place, McLaren)
- Constructors' Championship:** McLaren (10th), with six races remaining
- First Night Race Debut:** 2008

#### Highlights of Singapore Grand Prix 2025:

**George Russell:** The win marked his fifth career F1 victory and his **second win** of the 2025 season, stands at fourth position in the Drivers' Championship with 173 points.

- He demonstrated a flawless performance by leading the race from start to finish, maintaining his pole position advantage throughout.

**Other Podium Finishers:** Belgian-Dutch driver **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull Racing) secures **second** placed and Britain-driver **Lando Norris** (McLaren) finished **third**, both summed up their total points for the Drivers' Championship to 273 points and 314 points.

- Oscar Piastri secured fourth place in the Singapore GP, and leads the Drivers' Championship with **336 points**.

#### Top 3 Winners of Singapore GP 2025:

Rank	Name of the Driver	Team	Country	Points
1	George Russell	Mercedes	The United Kingdom(UK)	25
2	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	The Netherlands	18
3	Lando Norris	McLaren	UK	15

#### McLaren Clinches Constructors' Title

**Achievement:** McLaren clinched its **10th Constructors' Championship**, also marking its second consecutive championship, a milestone last achieved in 1991.

### Constructors' Championship standings

Position	Constructor	Points
1	McLaren-Mercedes	650
2	Mercedes	325
3	Ferrari	298

- The team secured 12 wins out of 18 races, including seven 1–2 finishes, achieving the title with **six** races remaining.

### Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar M. Yaghi Won 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

Hans Ellegren, Secretary-General of Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced that the 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was jointly awarded to Japanese Chemist Susumu Kitagawa, Australian Chemist Richard Robson, and Jordanian-American chemist **Omar Mwannes Yaghi** for the **development of Metal–Organic Frameworks (MOFs)** during a ceremony held in **Stockholm, Sweden**.

#### About the Discovery of Metal–Organic Frameworks (MOFs):

**Definition:** MOFs are crystalline materials composed of metal ions connected by organic linkers, forming a network with an exceptionally high surface area and porosity.

**Applications:** MOFs are multifunctional materials widely used in gas storage, separation, carbon capture, catalysis, drug delivery, and environmental remediation.

**Sustainable Impact:** By enabling efficient CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration and the purification of air and water, MOFs support advances in clean energy, environmental protection, and sustainable chemical processes.

#### About Nobel Prize in Chemistry:

**Total Awards:** The Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded 117 times to 200 laureates between 1901 and 2025.

**Medal Design:** The Nobel Prize medal was created by Swedish sculptor and engraver Erik Lindberg, featuring a left-profile portrait of Alfred Nobel on the obverse.

**Prize Components:** Nobel laureates receive a gold medal, a personal diploma, and a cash award.

**Cash Award 2025:** The total cash prize for the Nobel Prize in 2025 is 11 million Swedish kronor (SEK), to be shared among the three laureates.

### **Hungarian Author László Krasznahorkai Won Nobel Prize in Literature 2025**

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature 2025 to Hungarian author **László Krasznahorkai** “for his compelling and visionary oeuvre that, in the midst of apocalyptic terror, reaffirms the power of art.”

- He became the second Hungarian author to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, following Imre Kertész in 2002.

#### **About László Krasznahorkai:**

**Distinguished Author:** László Krasznahorkai, born in 1954, is a Hungarian novelist and screenwriter, celebrated for his challenging, postmodern works.

**Signature Works:** Known for *Satantango* (1985) and *The Melancholy of Resistance* (1989), his dystopian, melancholic novels have inspired acclaimed film adaptations by Béla Tarr.

#### **About Nobel Prize in Literature:**

**Total Awards:** Between 1901 and 2025, a total of **118 Nobel Prizes in Literature** have been awarded to **122 laureates**, including **18 women**.

**Medal Design:** The Nobel Prize in Literature medal was designed by Swedish sculptor Erik Lindberg in 1902.

**Prize Components:** Nobel laureate receives a gold medal, a personal diploma and a cash award

**Cash Award 2025:** The total cash prize for 2025 is 11 million Swedish kronor (SEK), approximately USD 1.2 million.

### **Venezuelan Opposition Leader Maria Corina Machado Won Nobel Peace Prize 2025**

Jørgen Watne Frydnes, Chair of the **Norwegian Nobel Committee**, announced that the **2025 Nobel Peace Prize** was awarded to **Maria Corina Machado**, a Venezuelan opposition leader, for her “tireless work promoting democratic rights” and her “struggle for a peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy” at the Norwegian Nobel Institute in Oslo, Norway.

- She became the first Venezuelan to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2025.

#### **About Maria Corina Machado:**

**Role:** National Coordinator of Vente Venezuela, a liberal political party she co-founded in 2013, and former Member of the National Assembly (2010-2015).

**Contributions:** Led efforts for free elections, criticising human rights abuses, and promoting civil society activism in Venezuela.

**Awards & Recognition:** Named among British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC’s) 100 Most Influential Women (2018), recipient of the Charles T. Manatt Prize (2014), Libertad Cortes de Cádiz (2015), and the Liberal International Freedom Prize (2019).

#### **About the Nobel Peace Prize:**

**Total Awards:** From 1901 to 2024, 106 Nobel Peace Prizes have been awarded to 143 laureates, including 112 individuals and 31 organizations (including multiple awards).

**Design:** The medal was designed by Swedish sculptor and engraver Erik Lindberg.

**Prize Components:** Each Nobel laureate receives a gold medal, a personal diploma, and a cash award.

**Cash Award 2025:** The total cash prize for 2025 is 11 million Swedish kronor (SEK), approximately USD 1.2 million.

### **Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt Won 2025 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences**

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in the Memory of Alfred Nobel 2025, also known as the Nobel Prize in Economics, to American-Israeli economic historian **Joel Mokyr**, French economist **Philippe Aghion**, and Canadian economist **Peter Howitt** for “explaining innovation-driven economic growth.”

- The Nobel Prize will be presented on 10 December 2025 in Stockholm, Sweden, commemorating the death anniversary of Alfred Nobel.

#### **About Laureates:**

**Joel Mokyr:** From (Northwestern University, United States of America, USA), he was awarded **half of the Nobel Prize** for identifying the prerequisites for sustained economic growth through technological progress.

- His historical research showed that for innovation to be self-sustaining, societies require not only practical knowledge but also scientific understanding, alongside a culture open to new ideas and societal change.

**Philippe Aghion & Peter Howitt:** Philippe Aghion (Collège de France & INSEAD, France; LSE, UK) jointly received **half of the Nobel Prize** with Peter Howitt (Brown University, USA) for the theory of sustained growth through creative destruction.

### **Global Finance Recognizes DBS Bank as Asia's Safest Bank for 17th Consecutive Year**

Global Finance released a report titled “World’s Safest Banks in Asia 2025”. As per the report, DBS Bank, Singapore, has been named Asia’s safest bank for the **17th** consecutive year from 2009 to 2025. It also maintained its position as the second safest commercial bank globally in the “World’s 50 Safest Commercial Banks” rankings.

- The 2025 rankings mark the **34th edition** of the report.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Release of World’s 50 Safest Banks 2025 report
- **Who?** Global Finance
- **Top Performer:** DBS Bank (Asia), KfW Bank (Globally)
- **Significance:** DBS Awarded for the 17th consecutive year
- **Edition:** 34th

#### **About World’s Safest Banks in Asia 2025:**

**Evaluation:** The Global Finance annual rankings have been a trusted standard for over 30 years, assessing the 500 largest banks using long-term foreign currency ratings from Fitch, Moody’s, and Standard & Poor’s.

**Rankings:** DBS Bank has been followed by the Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation (OCBC), Singapore (2nd) and United Overseas Bank (UOB), Singapore (3rd).

### **Bharath Thammineni Becomes First Indian to Climb 9 Peaks Above 8,000m**

Bharath Thammineni, a mountaineer and expedition leader from Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh, AP), has become the first Indian to climb nine of the world's 14 mountains exceeding 8,000 meters (m), by climbing Mount (Mt) Cho Oyu of 8,188 m in the China-Nepal border, the sixth highest mountain globally.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** First Indian to Climb 9 Eight-Thousanders
- **Who?** Bharath Thammineni
- **9th Mountain:** Mt Cho Oyu (8,188m) in China-Nepal border

#### **About Nine 8,000m Peaks Conquered:**

**Mt Everest** (8,848 m): Summited in 2017, located on the Nepal-China border.

**Mt Manaslu** (8,163 m): Summited in 2018, located in Nepal

**Mt Lhotse** (8,516 m): Summited in 2019, located on the Nepal-China border

**Mt Kangchenjunga** (8,586 m): Summited in 2022, located on the India-Nepal border

**Mt Annapurna I** (8,091 m): Summited in 2022, located in Nepal

**Mt Makalu** (8,485 m): Summited in 2023, located on the Nepal-China border

**Mt Shishapangma** (8,027 m): Summited in 2024, located in China

**Mt Dhaulagiri** (8,167 m): Summited in 2025, located in Nepal

**Mt Cho Oyu:** On September 30, 2025, he reached the base camp of Mt. Cho Oyu.

- On October 12, 2025, he began his climb and reached the summit on October 14, 2025.

#### **Eight Thousanders:**

**Highest Peaks:** The 14 mountains above 8,000 m, located in the Himalayas and Karakoram ranges across Nepal, Tibet (China), and Pakistan, are classified as “eight-thousanders.”

**Other 5 mountains:** The other 5 peaks such as Mt K2 (8,611m), Mt Gasherbrum I (8,080m), Broad Peak (8,051m), and Gasherbrum II (8,034m) are in the China-Pakistan border and Mt Nanga Parbat (8,126m) is in PoK (Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir).

#### **About Bharath Thammineni:**

**Entrepreneurship:** He is the founder of Boots & Crampons, a premier Indian mountaineering company.

### **Neeraj Chopra Honored with rank of Lieutenant Colonel in Territorial Army**

Union Minister **Rajnath Singh**, Ministry of Defence (MoD), formally conferred the honorary rank of **Lieutenant Colonel** in the Territorial Army (TA) upon star javelin thrower and two-time Olympic medallist **Neeraj Chopra** at a piping ceremony in South Block, New Delhi, Delhi.

- The honorary rank, effective April 16, 2025, honors his outstanding contributions to Indian sports and his embodiment of discipline and patriotism.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** conferred the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel
- **Who?** Neeraj Chopra

### **About Neeraj Chopra:**

**Army Service:** Joined the Indian Army (IA) in August 2016 as Naib Subedar in 4 Rajputana Rifles, and subsequently promoted to Subedar (2021), Subedar Major (2022).

### **Sporting Achievements:**

- Olympics: Gold medal in Tokyo 2020(Japan) (first-ever Olympic gold in athletics for India), Silver in Paris 2024(France)
- World Athletics Championships: Gold in Budapest 2023(Hungary), Silver in Oregon 2022(the United States of America, USA)
- Asian Games: Gold in 2018 and 2023
- Commonwealth Games: Gold in 2018
- Asian Athletics Championships: Winner in 2017
- Diamond League: Multiple gold medals
- Personal Best: 90.23 metres, m (2025), national record

**Awards and Honours:** Recipient of prestigious national awards including the Arjuna Award (2018), Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award (2021), Padma Shri (2022) in the field of Sports, Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM, 2022), and Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM, 2022).

### **Dr. Ashokkumar, Nilgiris Scientist Named Among Top 2% Scientists Worldwide for 3rd Consecutive Year**

Dr. Ashokkumar Veeramuthu from Nilgiris(Tamil Nadu, TN), has been featured among the World's Top 2% Scientists list, published annually by Stanford University (the United States of America, USA) in partnership with **Elsevier Publishers**, for the **3rd** consecutive year (2023, 2024 and now in 2025).

### **2025 Top 2% Scientists list:**

**Methodology:** The ranking uses a composite c-score, combining six citation metrics to measure research impact.

- Researchers are categorized into 22 fields and 174 subfields using the Science-Metrix system.

**Eligibility:** To qualify, scientists must rank in the top 100,000 globally by c-score or be within the top 2% of their subfield.

### **World Food Prize Honors Padma Shri awardee Chef Sanjeev Kapoor as 'Top Agri-Food Pioneer'**

Celebrated chef, author, and Padma Shri awardee **Sanjeev Surendra Kapoor** was honoured as one of the **2025 "Top Agri-Food Pioneers (TAP)"** by the World Food Prize Foundation (WFPF) during the Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue, held from October 21–23, 2025, at Des Moines in Iowa, the United States of America (USA).

- The honour recognises Sanjeev Kapoor's impact in promoting healthy, sustainable eating and local, nutrient-rich foods while supporting Indian agriculture globally.

### **About TAP 2025 list:**

**Launch:** It was started in 2024, with an aim to highlight people across disciplines such as research, entrepreneurship, policy, extension, making a valued contribution to food systems transformation.

**2025 List:** The TAP 2025 list honour **39 changemakers** from 27 countries for their

outstanding contributions to transforming global agri-food systems.

**Other Indian Recipients:** Avijit Ghosh, Dr. Manzoor Hussain Dar, Dr. Boddupalli Maruthi Prasanna, and Aadith Moorthy were honoured for contributions to climate-resilient farming, seed innovation, agri-tech, and entrepreneurship.

### **Former England Fast Bowler James Anderson Awarded Knighthood for His Services to Cricket**

Former England fast bowler **Sir James Michael Anderson** has received the **Knighthood Award**, one of the greatest honours conferred by the British Monarchy or Commonwealth nations, for his 'services to cricket'.

- He received this award from **Princess Anne** during a ceremony held at Windsor Castle, located in Berkshire, west of Central London, United Kingdom (UK).

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Knighthood Award
- **Received by:** Sir James Michael Anderson (former England fast bowler)
- **Presented by:** Princess Anne
- **Where?** At Windsor Castle (the UK)
- **In Recognition:** Exceptional Services to Cricket

#### **About Knighthood Award:**

**Honours List:** Sir James Michael Anderson received this award as part of former Prime Minister (PM) of the UK **Rishi Sunak**'s resignation honours list, becoming the only sportsperson to feature in this year's list.

**Recognising a Legendary Career:** The honour acknowledges Anderson's remarkable two-decade-long international career and his exceptional contributions to the sport as the most successful fast bowler in Test history.

**Significance:** Following this award, he now joins the elite club of English cricket icons such as: Sir Ian Botham, Sir Geoffrey Boycott, Sir Alastair Cook and Sir Andrew Strauss.

# Sports

## World Para Archery Championships-2025: Indian Para Archers Shines Globally

The 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the **World Para Archery Championships-2025**, held in Gwangju, South Korea, from September 22 to 28, 2025.

- India secured a total of **five** medals (two gold, two silver, and one bronze), finishing second in the overall medal table.

### Exam Hints:

- **Event:** 15th World Para Archery Championships-2025
- **Venue & Schedule:** Held in Gwangju, South Korea, from September 22 to 28, 2025
- **Organiser:** World Archery
- **Medal Tally:** 1. China (12 Medals), 2. India (5 Medals, Gold – 2, Silver – 2, Bronze – 1), 3. Mongolia (2 Gold Medals)
- **Indian Performers:**
- Sheetal Devi – 3 Medals, (1 – Individual(Gold), 2 – team(Silver, Bronze)),
- Toman Kumar – 2 Medals, (1 – Individual(Gold), 1 – team(Bronze))
- Sarita Adhana – 1 medal(team, Silver), Rakesh Kumar – 1 medal (Individual, Silver)

### About the World Para Archery Championships-2025:

**Organiser:** The event is organised by World Archery (WA), an international governing body for the sport of archery.

**Participants:** A total of 239 participants competing from 47 countries in the championship.

**Top performing nations:** **China** emerged as the topper in the medal tally in the championship with 12 medals (6 Gold, 3 Silver, 3 Bronze).

Rank	Countries	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	6	3	3	12
2	India	2	2	1	5
3	Mongolia	2	0	0	2
4	Turkey	1	3	0	4
5	South Korea	1	1	4	6

- While, **India** finished **second**, and **Mongolia** being **third** with 2 Gold medals.

### Indian Performance:

**Women's Compound Individual:** **Sheetal Devi** scripted history by becoming the first woman without arms to win a world championship **gold** in the category by defeating Turkiye's world No. 1 **Öznur Cure Girdi**.

### **India Beats West Indies in the 2nd Test by 7 Wickets: Win series 2-0**

The second and final Test of the India-West Indies series took place at Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi, where **India** secured a **7-wicket victory** to clinch the series 2-0 against West Indies.

- This series marked India's first home Test series win under the captaincy of **Shubman Gill**.
- The series was part of the 2025–2027 International Cricket Council (ICC) World Test Championship.

#### **Match Summary:**

**Consecutive Series Wins:** India have now won **10 consecutive Test series** against the West Indies (2000–2025), equalling South Africa's record of 10 straight wins against the same opponent (1998–2024).

**Unbeaten Streak:** India extended their unbeaten streak against the West Indies to 27 consecutive Tests (2002–2025).

**Player of the Series:** Ravindra Jadeja earned his third Test Player of the Series award, after an all-round display of 104 runs and 8 wickets in two matches, having previously won it against Australia in 2017 and 2023.

- He surpassed **Harbhajan Singh** to become **India's third-highest wicket-taker** in international cricket at home (377 wickets).

**Shubman Gill** surpassed Virat Kohli to become India's highest run-scorer in World Test Championship history, amassing 2,757 runs in 39 matches at an average of 42.41

### **Australian Olympic Champion Ariarne Titmus Announces Retirement from Swimming**

Australian swimmer **Ariarne Elizabeth Titmus**, a specialist in middle-distance freestyle, officially announced her retirement from competitive swimming, citing a combination of personal and health-related reasons.

- Her achievements include eight Olympic medals (4 gold -3 silver-1 bronze), eight Commonwealth Games(CWG) medals and many World Championship medals.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What:** Retirement from Swimming
- **Who:** Ariarne Titmus of Australia
- **Olympic Medals:**
- Tokyo 2020: 2 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze
- Paris 2024: 2 Gold, 2 Silver
- **Commonwealth Games:**
- 2018: 3 Golds, 1 Silver
- 2022: 4 Golds
- **Current World Record:** women's 200m freestyle (Time – 1:52.23)

### **About Ariarne Elizabeth Titmus:**

**Career:** She began her swimming journey under the guidance of renowned coach Dean Boxall.

**Olympic Achievements:** She made her Olympic debut at the **Tokyo 2020 Games**(Japan), where she won two gold in 200 metre(m) freestyle and 400 m freestyle, one silver in 800m freestyle and one bronze in 4×200 freestyle .

- She continued her dominance at **Paris 2024**(France), two golds (400m freestyle, 4×200m relay) and two silvers (200m and 800m freestyle), cementing her status as one of the world's top freestyle swimmers.

**World Record:** Currently, she holds the World Record in the **women's 200-m freestyle** at 1:52.23 from the 2024 Australian Olympic Trials, and she is also a member of Australia's World Record 800-m freestyle relay from the 2023 World Championships, with a time of 7:37.50.

### **India Wins Bid to Host 2030 Commonwealth Games by HM Amit Shah**

Union Minister **Amit Shah**, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) announced that Commonwealth Association has approved India's bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games (**CWG 2030**).The centenary edition of the CWG will be held in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**, marking India's second time hosting the Games after the 2010 Delhi edition.

- This approval marks a major step for India, which is also aiming to host the 2036 Olympic Games in Ahmedabad.
- **Selected Against:** Abuja, Nigeria
- **1st CWG Held in:** 1930

### **Key Details:**

**Beat Out:** Ahmedabad was selected against **Abuja**, the capital of Nigeria in the final round of consideration for 2030 CWG bid.

**Ahmedabad as Host City:** The Executive Board of Commonwealth Sport has now confirmed that it will recommend Ahmedabad as host city for 2030 CWG.

**Final Approval:** However, the final decision will be taken by the full Commonwealth Sport membership at the General Assembly which is scheduled to be held on November 26 2025, in Glasgow, Scotland.

**Centenary of CWG:** 2030 CWG will mark the centenary (100th year) of the inaugural event of CWG which was held in Hamilton, Canada in 1930.

**About the Commonwealth Games:**The Commonwealth Games, held every four years, unite athletes from 56 Commonwealth nations in diverse sporting disciplines.

- India last finished 4th at Birmingham 2022, winning 61 medals (22 Gold, 16 Silver, 23 Bronze).
- The Glasgow 2026 Games will precede the 2030 event.

### **Khelo India University Games 2025 To be Held in Rajasthan**

Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), announced that the 5th edition of the Khelo India University Games (**KIUG 2025**) will be

held across seven cities in Rajasthan from November 24 to December 5, 2025.

### Exam Hints:

- **What:** Khelo India University Games (KIUG 2025)
- **Edition:** 5th
- **When:** November 24 to December 5, 2025
- **Where:** Rajasthan
- **7 Cities:** Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota, and Bharatpur
- **Host Universities:** Poornima University, University of Rajasthan

### About KIUG 2025

**7 Cities:** Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota, and Bharatpur.

**Host Universities:** Poornima University and the University of Rajasthan will serve as the primary venues for KIUG 2025, hosting major sports competitions and events.

**Organizer:** The MYAS organized this event in collaboration with the Rajasthan State Sports Council.

### Goa CM Pramod Sawant Unveils Official Logo & Anthem for FIDE World Cup 2025

Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister (CM) of Goa, unveiled the official logo and anthem for the International Chess Federation (**FIDE**) **Chess World Cup 2025** at a grand ceremony in Panaji, Goa.

- The tournament marks its return to India after 23 years, taking place in North Goa from October 31 to November 27, featuring 206 top players from 82 countries competing for a USD 2 million prize fund.

### Exam Hints:

- **What?** Logo & Anthem unveiled
- **For:** FIDE Chess World Cup 2025
- **By?** Goa CM Pramod Sawant
- **Logo:** Three trapezoidal panels (Green, Red, and Yellow)
- **Anthem:** 'It's Your Move' by Daler Mehndi
- **Tournament:** North Goa, October 31 – November 27, 2025

### Morocco Scripted History with 2-0 Win Against Argentina in FIFA U-20 World Cup Final

**Morocco** national football team clinched the International Federation of Association Football (**FIFA**) **U-20 World Cup title** by defeating **Argentina** national football team by **2-0** in the final match held at Estadio Nacional Julio Martinez Pradanos in Santiago, Chile.

### Exam Hints:

- **What?** FIFA U-20 World Cup Tournament
- **Held at:** Santiago, Chile
- **Winner:** Morocco
- **1st Runner-Up:** Argentina

### Key Highlights of Tournament:

**Journey:** Morocco advanced to the final with knockout victories over South Korea, the

United States of America(USA), and France, securing their first-ever final spot by defeating France on penalties in the semi-final.

**Historic:** Morocco claimed its first-ever World Cup title at any level, becoming the first Arab nation and only the second African team, after Ghana in 2009, to win the FIFA U-20 World Cup.

**Man of the Match:** Football Club (FC) Famalicao Striker, **Yassir Zabiri** scored both goals against six-time champions Argentina in the final, earning the ‘Man of the Match’ award.

**Other Awards:** Othmane Maama (Morocco) won the Golden Ball as the tournament’s best player, followed by Yassir Zabiri (Silver) and Milton Delgado (Argentina, Bronze).

- Benjamin Cremaschi (USA) claimed the Golden Boot with 5 goals, Argentina’s goalkeeper Santino Barbi received the Golden Glove, while the USA earned the Fair Play Award for sportsmanship.

### Indian GM D Gukesh and Divya Deshmukh Won Gold at 2025 European Chess Club Cup

Indian Grandmaster (GM) Dommaraju (D) Gukesh and GM Divya Deshmukh won gold medals at the **European Chess Club Cup 2025**, held from 18-26 October 2025, in **Rhodes, Greece**.

- The event was organized by the **European Chess Union (ECU)**.

#### Exam Hints:

- **Event:** 40th European Chess Club Cup 2025
- **When?** October 18-26, 2025
- **Where?** Rhodes, Greece
- **Organiser:** European Chess Union
- **Open Section:** SuperChess (featuring GM D Gukesh)  
**Women’s Section:** Cercle d’Échecs de Monte-Carlo (featuring GM Divya Deshmukh)
- **Indian Gold Medalists:** D Gukesh, Divya Deshmukh, Nihal Sarin, Abhimanyu Puranik

#### Highlights of European Chess Club Cup 2025:

**Tournament Overview:** It featured a total of **102 teams**, competing across two main categories: **Open** and **Women’s** sections.

#### 40th European Chess Club Cup Open Section Results

- **Champion:** SuperChess – Achieved a perfect score of 14/14.
- **Runner-up:** Alkaloid – Secured second place.
- **Third Place:** Novy Bor – Finished third overall.

#### Indian Medal Winners:

**GM D. Gukesh:** clinched the **gold medal on the top board** in the Open section, leading his team SuperChess to the championship title.

**GM Divya Deshmukh:** Won the **gold medal on the second board** in the Women’s section, representing Cercle d’Échecs de Monte-Carlo, the team champion.

**GM Nihal Sarin:** Won the **gold medal on the fourth board**, representing Bayegan Pendik, and played a key role in the team’s strong overall performance.

**GM Abhimanyu Puranik:** Secured the **gold medal on the seventh board**, representing Alkaloid, and showcased remarkable consistency and strength throughout the event.

**GM Aravindh Chithambaram:** Won the **bronze medal on the fourth board**, representing Alkaloid, and contributed significantly to the team's second-place finish in the Open section.

**About European Chess Union (ECU):**

**President** – Zurab Azmaiparashvili

**Established** – 1985

**Headquarters** – Hünenberg, Switzerland

# Obituary

## **Padma Awardee & Vocalist Pandit Chhannulal Mishra Passed Away**

Padma Vibhushan Awardee and Classical Vocalist Pandit Chhannulal Mishra passed away at the age of 89 in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh (UP). He was born on August 3, 1936, at Hariharpur in Azamgarh, UP.

- He was conferred the **Padma Bhushan**, the third highest civilian award, in **2010** and **Padma Vibhushan**, the second highest civilian award, in **2020**, for his contributions in the field of art.

### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Classical Vocalist Pandit Chhannulal Mishra passed away
- **Field:** Art(Hindustani Classical Music)
- **Awards:** Padma Bhushan (2010), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2010) and Padma Vibhushan (2020)
- **Recognition:** Called as “Voice of Banaras”

### **About Pandit Chhannulal Mishra:**

**Musical Lineage:** He was trained under his father Badri Prasad Mishra and later received training from renowned musicians, SS Shambhu Bhattacharya and Ustad Ghani Khan of the Kirana Gharana, a tradition of Hindustani classical music.

**Career:** He represented the Banaras Gharana tradition of Hindustani classical music, known for bringing folk flavour and emotional depth into classical ragas and semi-classical genres.

- He specialized in Purab Ang Gayaki, a style rooted in UP and Bihar.

**Recognition:** He was affectionately hailed as the “**Voice of Banaras**” for his soulful renditions and deep connection to the city’s musical heritage.

**Awards :** He received the awards such as Naushad Award in 1995, Bihar Sangeet Shiromani Award in 1999 and UP Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2000 from the UP government.

- In 2010, he was conferred the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award by the Sangeet Natak Akademi.

## **Former Chairman Emeritus of ‘Prestige’ TT Jagannathan Passed Away**

T T Jagannathan, Chairman Emeritus of TTK Prestige Ltd., passed away in Bengaluru, Karnataka at the age of 82. Known as “**The Kitchen Mogul**,” he played a pivotal role in shaping TTK Prestige into a leading kitchen appliance brand and transforming it into a debt-free conglomerate.

### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Former Chairman Emeritus of Prestige T.T. Jagannathan passed away
- **When?** On October 9, 2025
- **Invention:** “Gasket Release System”
- **Awards:** “Distinguished Alumnus Award” (1996), 2024 Hurun India Legacy Leadership Award (2025)

### About TT Jagannathan:

**Overview:** T.T. Jagannathan was a transformative leader in India's kitchen appliance industry and played a pivotal role in making TTK Prestige a household name. His focus on innovation, quality, and safety established Prestige as a trusted Indian brand.

**Early Career:** In the early 1970s, T.T. Jagannathan became the Managing Director (MD) of TTK Prestige (then Prestige Pressure Cookers) during a critical financial phase. His mandate was to revive and rebuild the company from near collapse through restructuring and innovation.

**Leadership:** Under his leadership, TTK Prestige evolved into a globally recognized kitchen solutions brand, expanding into non-stick cookware, gas stoves, induction cooktops, and mixer grinders.

He became Chairman in 1975, joined the Board in 1984, and later served as Executive and Non-Executive Chairman.

### Goa Agriculture Minister and former CM Ravi Naik passed away

Goa's Agriculture Minister and former Chief Minister (CM) **Ravi Sitaram Naik** passed away at the age of 79 in Ponda, Goa. He was born on 2nd September 1946.

### Exam Hints:

- **What?** Goa Agriculture Minister and former CM passed away
- **Who?** Ravi Naik
- **Where?** in Ponda, Goa
- **Current Position:** Minister of Agriculture, Government of Goa
- **Political Career:** 7-time MLA, 2-time CM, 1-time MP (Lok Sabha, 1998)
- **Party Affiliations:** MGP, INC, BJP

### About Ravi Naik:

**Political entry:** Began his political career with the Maharashtra Gomantak Party (MGP) in 1980.

**Legislative Career:** Elected as Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) **seven times** — six times from the Ponda constituency and once from Margao constituency.

**Tenure as CM:** Served as CM of Goa on two occasions:

- **First Term:** January 1991 – May 1993 (under the Progressive Democratic Front Government).
- **Second Term:** April 2 – April 8, 1994 (the shortest tenure by any Goa) CM.

### Padma Bhushan Awardee, Veteran Space Scientist Eknath Vasanth Chitnis Passed Away

Dr. Eknath Vasant Chitnis, Pioneering Indian Space Scientist and Key Architect of Early Space Programme, passed away at the age of 100 in Pune, Maharashtra. He was born on July 25, 1925, in Kolhapur, Maharashtra.

- He received the **Padma Bhushan**, India's third-highest civilian honour, in 1985 for his contributions in the field of science and technology.

### Exam Hints:

- **What?** Prof Eknath Vasanth Chitnis passed away
- **Profession:** Space Scientist
- **Award:** Padma Bhushan, 1985 (Science & Technology)
- **Mentorship:** Guided Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam for SLV project
- **Key Contributions:**
  - Helped establish INCOSPAR (ISRO)
  - Selected Thumba, Kerala, for India's first rocket launch
  - Oversaw India's first telecommunications satellite; laid foundation for INSAT
  - Led Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE)
- **Media Leadership:** Served on BOD of PTI; chaired twice.

### About Eknath Vasanth Chitnis:

**Profile:** Dr. Eknath Vasant Chitnis, a distinguished Indian space scientist, was among the first generation of experts who laid the foundation for India's space revolution.

**ISRO Pioneer:** He was a close associate of Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, the father of India's space programme, played a vital role in founding the Indian National Committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR), which later evolved into the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), and was instrumental in selecting Thumba, Kerala, for **India's first rocket launch**.

- He oversaw the development of India's first telecommunications satellite and established the foundation for the Indian National Satellite System (INSAT).

**Mentor:** He personally guided **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**, recommending him for the Satellite Launch Vehicle(SLV) project and advanced international training, helping shape him into a distinguished scientific leader.

### Former Union Minister & Congress Leader Yogendra Makwana Passed Away

Dr. Yogendra Makwana, former Union Minister and senior Congress leader, passed away at the age of 92 in **Ahmedabad (Gujarat)**. He was born on 23 October 1933 in Sojitra village, Anand district, Gujarat.

### Exam Hints:

- **Key Portfolios:** Home Affairs, Planning, Health, Agriculture, Communications, Steel & Mines
- **Notable Role:** Chairman, Scheduled Caste Department (AICC), 2006

### About Yogendra Makwana:

**Political Affiliation:** Yogendra Makwana began his political journey as the General Secretary of the Kheda District Praja Samajwadi Party and later joined the Indian National Congress (INC) at the invitation of former Prime Minister (PM) Indira Gandhi.

**Parliamentary Career:** He served as a Member of Parliament (MP) in the Rajya Sabha from 1973 to 1989, also holding roles as Deputy Chief Whip and Secretary of the Congress Parliamentary Party (Rajya Sabha).

### **Padma Awardee & Legendary Indian Advertiser Piyush Pandey Passed Away**

Piyush Pandey, the celebrated advertising professional and recipient of the Padma Shri, passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra at the age of 70. Known as the “voice of Indian advertising,” Pandey was instrumental in shaping a distinctly Indian style of advertising that moved away from Western influences and embraced local culture, language, and humor.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Legendary Indian Advertiser Piyush Pandey passed away
- **When?** On October 23, 2025
- **Where?** In Mumbai (Maharashtra)
- **Awards:** Padma Shri (2016), Lions Lifetime Achievement (2018), LIA Legend Award (2024)

#### **About Piyush Pandey:**

**Career:** In 1982 he joined Ogilvy India and rose through the ranks to become the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) worldwide and Executive Chairman of Ogilvy India.

**Campaigns:** His iconic campaigns for companies include Fevicol, Cadbury Dairy Milk, Asian Paints, Hutch Mobile, and Political Advertising. He also crafted “Ab ki Baar, Modi Sarkar”, a tag line which was used during Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi’s election campaign in 2014.

**Awards:** In 2016, he was conferred with **Padma Shri**, the fourth highest civilian award, in “others” category for his contributions to the field of advertising and communications.

- In 2024, he received London International Awards (**LIA**) **Legend Award**, recognizing his lifetime achievement and influence on global advertising.

**Books:** He also authored books like “Pandeymonium” (2015) and “Open House with Piyush Pandey” (2022). His involvement in public campaigns included “Mile Sur Mera Tumhara” and anti-smoking initiatives.

### **Thailand’s Queen Mother Sirikit Kitiyakara Passed Away**

Thailand’s Queen Mother Sirikit Kitiyakara, renowned for her commitment to public service and cultural preservation, passed away at the age of **93** in Bangkok, Thailand. She was born on **August 12, 1932**, in Bangkok.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Thailand’s Queen Mother Sirikit Kitiyakara Passed away
- **Nickname:** “Green Queen”; “Asia’s Jackie Kennedy”
- **Work:** Advanced rural development, preserved crafts, and promoted wildlife conservation
- **Mother’s Day in Thailand:** Celebrated on her birthday, 12 August

#### **About Queen Mother Sirikit Kitiyakara:**

**Queenship:** She married King Bhumibol Adulyadej in 1950 and assumed the role of Queen Consort of Thailand.

- Renowned for her grace and fashion sense, she earned the nickname “Asia’s Jackie Kennedy.”

**Mother’s Day:** Her birthday **12 August** is celebrated as Mother’s Day in Thailand.

# Important Days with theme

## World Heart Day-September 29,2025

September 29 is annually observed as “**World Heart Day**” across the globe. It aims at creating awareness about **Cardiovascular Diseases (CVD)** and the measures to prevent them

- 2025 marks as the **25th Anniversary** of World Heart Day

### Exam Hints:

- **What?** World Heart Day
- **When?** September 29
- **Theme?** “Don’t Miss A Beat”
- **Established by?** WHF

### About World Heart Day:

**Focus:** The event mainly focuses on educating people about the signs and symptoms of cardiovascular disease to avoid any further complications and encouraging people to inculcate a healthy lifestyle to prevent and control any heart related ailments. **Theme:** This year’s Theme is “**Don’t Miss A Beat**”, emphasizing the importance of continuous vigilance in heart health

## World Rivers Day 2025 – September 28

World Rivers Day (WRD) is annually observed across the world on the **4th Sunday of September** month, to raise public awareness about the significance of rivers, encourage the enhanced protection of all rivers worldwide, and promote their conservation and sustainable management.

- WRD 2025 was observed on **September 28, 2025**, marking **20** years of celebrating rivers in over 100 countries across the world.

### Exam Hints:

- **Event:** World Rivers Day (WRD)
- **Observed Annually:** on 4th Sunday of September Month
- **WRD 2025:** September 28, 2025
- **Observance:** 20th
- **Purpose:** To raise awareness about importance of rivers
- **Proposed by:** Mark Angelo, Canadian Water Conservationist

### About World Rivers Day (WRD):

**Water for Life Campaign:** In 2005, the United Nations (UN) had launched the International Decade for Action, ‘**Water for Life (2005-15)**’, to raise awareness about the need to better care for our water resources.

**1st Observance:** The first WRD was observed in 2005 across various countries.

- To mark the inaugural celebration, there was only one event was organized i.e. a riverside clean-up of the Thompson River in BC, Canada.

**2025 WRD Events in India:** The Puthenkavu Metropolitan Higher Secondary School National Cadet Corps (NCC) unit organised **Pampa River** clean-up on the occasion of WRD at Puthenkavu village in Alappuzha district, Kerala.

- The clean-up programme was organised as part of the Puneet Sagar Abhiyan initiative.

### **International Coffee Day 2025 – October 1**

International Coffee Day (ICD) is annually observed across the globe on **October 1** to honour coffee and people behind it, highlighting the importance of coffee and promote fair trade and sustainable practices in coffee production.

- **2025 Theme:** “Embracing Collaboration More Than Ever”

#### **Background:**

**Background:** In March **2014**, the International Coffee Organization (ICO) Member States decided to celebrate ICD on 1st October annually, creating a global day for coffee enthusiasts.

**First Observance:** The first ever ICD was observed on **1st October 2015** by 74 Member States of the ICO and 26 coffee associations around the world.

#### **2025 Events:**

### **International Day of Non-Violence 2025 – October 2**

The United Nations(UN’s) **International Day of Non-Violence** is observed annually across the world on **October 2**, Mahatma Gandhi’s birthday, honoring his philosophy of peace and non-violence. In India, October 2 is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti.

- October 2, 2025, marks the 156th birth anniversary of Gandhi and the 19th International Day of Non-Violence.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** International Day of Non-Violence 2025
- **When?** October 2
- **Edition:** 19(156th birth anniversary of Gandhi)
- **Adoption:** UNGA resolution A/RES/61/271 on June 15, 2007
- **First observance:** October 2, 2007.
- **2025 Special Event:** Commemorative event by Permanent Mission of India to the UN in New York (USA)
- **Swachhata Hi Seva 2025:** September 17 – October 2, 2025

#### **Background:**

**UN Establishment:** The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) established the day through resolution A/RES/61/271 on June 15, **2007**, following a proposal by Iranian Nobel Laureate **Shirin Ebadi** in June 2004.

- It reinforces the vital message: “Say No to Violence.”

**First Observation:** The day was first observed on **October 2, 2007**.

**Observance:** The day is observed along with Swachh Bharat Diwas.

#### **About Mahatma Gandhi:**

**Birth:** Born on **October 2, 1869**, in Porbandar, Gujarat, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, studied law in London, the United Kingdom(UK) before emerging as a key leader in India's struggle for independence.

**Leadership:** Often called the "**Father of the Nation**", Gandhi's influence on India and the world is profound and enduring.

The 2025 edition, themed **Swachhotsav**, runs from 17 September to 2 October, 2025, combining celebration with civic responsibility and mobilizing millions in nationwide cleanliness drives.

#### **World Animal Day 2025 – October 4**

World Animal Day (WAD) or Animal Lovers Day is annually observed across the globe **October 4** to highlight the importance of animals and raise awareness of their welfare.

- The year **2025** marks the **100th anniversary** of WAD since its first observance in 1925.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **Event:** World Animal Day (WAD) 2025
- **When?** October 4
- **Theme 2025:** "*Save Animals, Save the Planet*"
- **Focus:** Caring for animals contributes to a healthier planet.
- **Origin:** Proposed by Heinrich Zimmermann
- **First Observance:** 24 March 1925
- **Official Adoption:** In 1931, October 4 declared WAD at Florence Congress
- **Coordinator:** Naturewatch Foundation(2003)

#### **Theme:**

**2025 Theme:** 'Save Animals, Save the Planet'

**Focus:** This year's theme emphasizes how caring for animals contributes to a healthier planet.

#### **World Teacher's Day 2025 – October 5**

World Teachers' Day (WTD), observed annually on **October 5** by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), celebrates and honours teachers for their crucial role in educating and shaping future generations.

#### **Theme:**

**2025 Theme:** "Recasting teaching as a collaborative profession"

**Focus:** This year's theme emphasizes the transformative power of collaboration among teachers, schools, and education systems.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **Event:** World Teachers' Day (WTD) 2025
- **When?** October 5
- **Observed by:** UNESCO

- **2025 Theme:** “Recasting teaching as a collaborative profession”
- **Adoption:** ILO and UNESCO adopted in 1966
- **Inception:** First observed on October 5, 1994
- **Teachers' Day in India:** September 5

**Background:**

**Adoption :** On October 5, **1966**, the International Labour Organization (ILO), and UNESCO adopted the *Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers* in Paris(France), which was later strengthened in **1997** with a new recommendation addressing the rights and working conditions of higher education faculty.

**Indian Air Force Day 2025 – October 8**

Indian Air Force (**IAF**) **Day**, also known as **IAF Raising Day**, is observed on 8th October across India to commemorate the formation of the IAF on 8 October **1932**, originally established as an auxiliary air force under the British Empire.

- 8th October 2025 marks the **93rd** anniversary of the IAF Day.
- **2025 Theme:**“Indian Air Force – Infallible, Impervious and Precise”,

**Background:**

**Establishment:** The IAF was founded on 8th October **1932** as part of the British Royal Air Force under the name Royal Indian Air Force (**RIAF**).

**Transition:** Following India's independence in 1947, the RIAF was renamed the IAF.

**2025 Event:**

**PARADE :**The 93rd anniversary of the IAF day was celebrated at Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh (**UP**) on 8th October 2025.

The event was graced by Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of the Indian Armed Forces **General Anil Chauhan**.

**Ceremonial Parade:** Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) Air Chief Marshal **Amar Preet Singh** was honoured with an aerial salute by three Mi-17 1V helicopters flying in the '*Dhwaj*' *formation*, carrying the National Flag, IAF Flag, and Operation Sindoor Flag.

**Expedition:** On October 8, 2025, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and IAF flagged off a joint scuba diving expedition from Goa, marking 93 years of IAF service to the nation.

**World Post Day 2025 – October 9**

The United Nations (UN) observes World Post Day (**WPD**) annually on **9th October** to commemorate the founding of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland.

**Theme:**

**2025 Theme:** “#PostForPeople: Local Service. Global Reach”

**Focus:** This year's theme highlights postal services as an essential public service, deeply embedded in communities and driven by people.

**Exam Hints:**

- **Event:** World Post Day (WPD) 2025
- **When?** October 9
- **2025 Theme:**“#PostForPeople: Local Service. Global Reach”
- **Origin:** Recommended by UPU Congress (Tokyo) in 1969
- **Rename:** From UPU Day to WPD in 1984

- **International Letter-Writing Competition 2025(54th):**
- **Organiser:** UPU with UNICEF & UNESCO.
- **Theme:** “A letter to future generations about the world they hope to inherit.”

**Background:**

**Resolution:** In 1969, the UPU Congress in Tokyo, Japan, adopted a resolution recommending the observance of UPU Day on 9th October each year to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the UPU.

**Renaming :** In 1984, the UPU Congress in Hamburg, Germany, officially renamed the observance from UPU Day to WPD.

**International Day of the Girl Child 2025– October 11**

The United Nations (UN's) **International Day of the Girl Child** (IDGC) is annually observed globally on **October 11** to highlight the challenges girls face and promote their empowerment and human rights.

**Theme:**

**2025 Theme:** “ The girl I am, the change I lead: Girls on the frontlines of crisis”

**Focus:** The theme highlights the resilience and leadership of girls leading during crises and advocating for their rights and well-being.

**Exam Hints:**

- **Event:** International Day of the Girl Child (IDGC) 2025
- **When?** October 11
- **2025 Theme:** “ The girl I am, the change I lead: Girls on the frontlines of crisis”
- **UN Adoption (2011):** UNGA Resolution A/RES/66/170
- **First Observed:** 11 October 2012
- **2025 Call to Action:** UNICEF partners with girl-led groups to amplify voices

**Background:**

**Origin:** In 1995, at the Beijing World Conference on Women, the UN adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the first framework to specifically promote girls' rights alongside women's rights.

**World Students' Day 2025 – October 15**

World Students' Day (WSD) is celebrated every year on **15 October** to mark the birth anniversary of **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**, the 11th President of India (from 2002 to 2007) and “Missile Man of India,” honoring students and the transformative role of education in society.

- 15th October 2025 marks the **94th** birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J Abdul kalam.
- **2025 Theme:** “Empowering Students as Agents of Innovation and Change”.

**About Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam:**

**Birth:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was Born on 15 October 1931 in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu (TN).

### **World Food Day 2025 – October 16**

The United Nations (UN)’s World Food Day (WFD) is annually observed across the globe on **16 October** to promote awareness of healthy diets, food security, and access to nutritious food

- 2025 marks the **80th anniversary** of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, established in 1945.
- **2025 Theme:** ‘Hand in hand for better food and a better future!’

#### **Background:**

**Establishment:** WFD was established in **1979** during the 20th session of the FAO Conference held in Rome, Italy.

**UN Recognition:** On 5 December **1980**, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Resolution A/RES/35/70, officially proclaiming 16 October of every year as WFD.

**First Observation:** The inaugural WFD was observed on **16 October 1981**.

#### **2025 Events:**

**World Food Forum – Flagship Event:** The flagship forum takes place from October 10 to 17, 2025, at FAO Headquarters in Rome(Italy) and online.

- During the event, the Food and Agriculture Museum & Network, Four new World Restoration Flagships launched.

**World Food Day 2025 Summit:** On October 16, 2025, a key summit titled “**World Food Day 2025: Food is Medicine and Eating for Health**” was held in Tempe, Arizona, the United States of America(USA)

### **United Nations Day 2025 – October 24**

The United Nations (UN) **Day** is annually observed across the globe on **24th October** to mark the anniversary of the day on which the UN Charter entered into force in **1945**.

- **2025 Theme:** “Education Shapes the Future”
- 24th October 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the UN, observed with the theme “**United Nations at 80: Building Our Future Together**.”

#### **Background:**

**UNGA Resolution:** On October 31, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted resolution A/RES/168(II), officially designating October 24 of each year as UN Day.

**Founding Document:** The UN Charter serves as the founding document of the UN.

**Union Minister Jaishankar Releases postage stamp on UN’s 80th anniversary:** On 24 October 2025, Union Minister S. Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs(MEA), formally released a commemorative **postage stamp** to mark the **80th anniversary of the UN** at an event jointly organised by the MEA and India Post under the Ministry of Communication in New Delhi, Delhi.

### **Raising Day of Indo-Tibetan Border Police 2025- October 24**

October 24 is annually observed as Raising Day of Indo-Tibetan Border Police(ITBP) to mark the establishment of ITBP, a central armed force functioning under the Minister of Home Affairs (MHA), since 1962.

- The day honors ITBP personnel for their sacrifices and role in national security.
- October 24, 2025, marks the celebration of the **64th Raising Day of ITBP**.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Raising day of Indo-Tibetan Border Police(ITBP) 2025
- **When?** October 24
- **Edition?** 64th
- **Under?** Ministry of Home Affairs(MHA)
- **Established on?** October 24, 1962
- **Symbol:** Ashoka Lion Capital on a chakra with crossed rifles.

#### **About ITBP:**

**Armed Police Force:** ITBP is a specialized Armed Police Force of the Nation which trains its personnel in various disciplines including mountaineering and skiing apart from intensive tactical training.

### **Infantry Day 2025 – October 27**

The India Army's (IA) **Infantry Day** is annually observed across India on **October 27** to commemorate the contributions of Infantry in maintaining the sovereignty and security of the nation.

- October 27, 2025 marks the observance of the 79th Infantry Day.
- The IA also celebrated **Shaurya Diwas** to commemorate its successful landing at Srinagar Airfield on October 27, 1947.

#### **Exam Hints:**

- **What?** Infantry day 2025
- **Celebrated on?** October 27
- **By?** Indian Army(IA)
- **Occasion:** 79th Infantry Day
- **Significance:** Honors the Infantry's role in safeguarding India's sovereignty and security.
- **Known As:** "Queen of the Battle"
- **Shaurya Diwas:** Observed on October 27 to commemorate its 1947 landing at Srinagar Airfield.
- **2025 Event:** Runveer 7.0 Marathon(November 9, 2025) with the theme "Saluting Op Sindoor".

#### **Background:**

**First Battalion:** On October 27, 1947, the 1st Battalion of the Sikh Regiment led by Lieutenant (Lt) Colonel (Col) **Dewan Ranjit Rai** landed at Srinagar Airport( Jammu and Kashmir, J&K) following Maharaja Hari Singh's request for aid against Pakistani tribal invaders.