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IMPORTANT DAYS

NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
April 01	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) celebrated its 90th anniversary	-
April	Utkal Divas/Odisha Day/Vishuva Milan	-
April 04	Microsoft Foundation Day	-
April 05, 2025	62 nd National Maritime Day	-
April 5	Samata Diwas	-
April 11	National Safe Motherhood Day	"Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures".
April 13, 2025	106th Anniversary of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre/Amritsar Massacre	-
April 14	BR Ambedkar Remembrance Day/Ambedkar Jayanti	-
April 13, 2025	41 st Siachen Day	-
April 15	Himachal Day	-
April 21, 2025	The 17th National Civil Services Day	-
21st to 25th April 2025	The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare observes Pan-India 'Fire Safety Week'	"Fire Safety in Health Facilities".
April 24	16th National Panchayati Raj Day, also known as National Local Self-Government Day	-
April 26	National AI Day	-
April 28	National Superhero Day	-









INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
April 06	The United Nations (UN's) 12th International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	"Leveling the Playing Field: Sport for Social Inclusion"
April 07	United Nations (UN's) World Health Day	"Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures".
April 07	International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda	
April 10	World Homeopathy Day	
April 11	World Parkinson's Day	
April 14	World Chagas Disease Day	"Prevent, Control, Care: Everyone's Role in Chagas Disease".
April 14, 2025	4th World Quantum Day	
April 15	World Art Day	"Art for Unity and Healing".
April 17, 2025	31st World Hemophilia Day	"Access for All: Women and Girls Bleed Too".
April 18	International Day for Monuments and Sites, also known as World Heritage Day	"Heritage under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts: Preparedness and Learning from 60 years of ICOMOS Actions".
April 19	World Liver Day	"Food is Medicine".
April 21	United Nations (UN) observes the World Creativity and Innovation Day	









<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
April 22	United Nations (UN) observes International Mother Earth Day/Earth Day	"Our Power, Our Planet".
April 23	World Book and Copyright Day	"The Role of Literature in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".
April 25	World Malaria Day	"Malaria Ends With Us: Reinvest, Reimagine, Reignite".
April 25	United Nations (UN)'s 6th International Delegate's Day	
April 24 to April 30	World Immunization Week 2025	"Immunization for All is Humanly Possible".
Last Saturday of April (26th April, 2025)	World Veterinary Day	Animal Health Takes a Team".
April 26	World Intellectual Property Day (World IP Day)	"Music and IP: Feel the Beat of IP".
April 27	World Design Day	
April 28	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	"Revolutionising Health and Safety: The Role of AI and Digitalisation at Work".
April 29	International Dance Day also known as World Dance Day	
April 30	United Nations (UN)'s International Jazz Day	









SPORTS

Cricket

- Virat Kohli becomes 1st Indian to score 13,000 runs in T20 Cricket
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) confirmed that cricket will make its return to the Olympic Games at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics
- Virat Kohli becomes 1st player to hit 1000 boundaries in IPL
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) unveiled a new initiative aimed at aiding displaced Afghan women cricketers
- Virat Kohli reached a historic milestone during IPL 2025 by scoring his 100th halfcentury in T20 cricket
- ICC Players of the Month for March 2025- ICC Men's Player of the Month: Shreyas Iyer (India).ICC Women's Player of the Month: Georgia Voll (Australia).
- Virat Kohli etched his name in IPL history by surpassing Australian cricketer David
 Warner for the most 50+ scores in the tournament's history
- Rohit Sharma, the opening batsman for Mumbai Indians became the 2nd Indian cricketer after Virat Kohli to score 12,000 runs in T20 cricket
- Rajasthan Royals' Vaibhav Suryavanshi (14-year old) has became the youngest player to score century (100 runs) in the IPL history

Football

• The United Kingdom is set to host the 2035 FIFA Women's World Cup, emerging as the only "valid" bidder for the prestigious event

Hockey

 Vandana Katariya, a legendary figure in Indian women's hockey, has announced her retirement from international hockey

Tennis

The 40th edition of the Miami Open 2025

Category	Winners	Runner-Up	
Men's	Jakub Menšík (Czech	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	
Singles	Republic)		
Women's	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Jessica Pegula (United States)	
Singles			
Men's	Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador)	Julian Cash (United Kingdom) and	
Doubles	and Mate Pavić (Croatia)	Lloyd Glasspool (United Kingdom)	
Women's	Mirra Andreeva (Russia) and	Cristina Bucșa (Spain) and Miyu Kato	
Doubles	Diana Shnaider (Russia)	(Japan)	









2025 World Table Tennis (WTT) Contender Tunis

Category	Winners	Runner-Up
Men's Singles	Felix Leburn (France)	Anders Lind (Denmark)
Women's	Miwa Harimoto (Japan)	Satsuki Ode (Japan)
Singles		
Men's	Benedikt Duda and Bendre	Li Hechen and Wu Yifei (China)
Doubles	Bertelsmeier (Germany)	
Women's	Miwa Harimoto and Miyuu Kihara	Satsuki Odo and Sakura Yokoi
Doubles	(Japan)	(Japan)
Mixed	Manush Shah and Diya Chitale	Sora Matsushima and Miwa
Doubles	(India)	Harimoto (Japan)

Shooting

International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2025
 Medal Tally at the ISSF World Cup 2025:

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
China	5	3	3	11
India	4	2	2	8
United States of America (USA)	2	3	1	6

Indian Winners at the ISSF World Cup 2025:

Medal	Winners
Gold	 Sift Kaur Samra-Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions Rudrankksh Patil-Men's 10m Air Rifle Suruchi Singh-Women's 10m Air Pistol Vijayveer Sidhu-Men's 25m Rapid-Fire Pistol
Silver	 Esha Singh-Women's 25m Pistol Arya Borse & Rudrankksh Patil-Mixed 10m Air Rifle
Bronze	 Saurabh Chaudhary & Suruchi Singh-Mixed 10m Air Pistol Chain Singh-Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions

 The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Rifle/Pistol and Shotgun World Cup Lima 2025 was held in Lima, Peru













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Indian Winners at the ISSF World Cup Lima 2025:

Medal	Winners
Gold	 Suruchi Inder Singh-Women's 10-meter (m) Air Pistol Suruchi Inder Singh & Saurabh Chaudhary-Mixed 10m Air Pistol
Silver	 Manu Bhaker-Women's 10m Air Pistol Arjun Babuta-Men's 10m Air Rifle Simranpreet Kaur Brar-Women's 25m Air Pistol Rudrannksh Patil & Arya Borse-Mixed 10m Air Rifle
Bronze	Saurabh Chaudhary-Men's 10m Air Pistol

Boxing

 World Boxing Cup 2025 - The World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025, the first leg of the World Boxing Cup 2025 was held at Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, where India secured 6 medals and finished 2nd in the overall men's medal tally.

Grandprix

 Francesco Bagnaia Triumphs at Grand Prix of the Americas After Marc Marquez Crash

Japanese Grand Prix 2025

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing)	Dutch-Belgian
2	Lando Norris (McLaren)	United Kingdom
3	Oscar Piastri (McLaren)	Australia









Formula 1(F1) Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2025

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Oscar Piastri (McLaren)	Australia
2	George Russell (Mercedes)	United Kingdom
3	Lando Norris (McLaren)	United Kingdom

The 2025 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Oscar Piastri (McLaren)	Australia
2	Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing)	Dutch-Belgian
3	Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)	Monaco

Events

- The 2025 Aditya Birla Memorial Polo Cup- Rajnigandha Achievers has won the title by defeating Jindal Panther at the event held in New Delhi.
- The 2025 Senior Asian Wrestling Championship

Medal	Winner	
Gold (1)	Manisha Bhanwala (Women's 62kg)	
Silver (3)	 Reetika Hooda (Women's 76kg) Udit (Men's Freestyle 61kg) Deepak Punia (Men's Freestyle 92kg) 	
Bronze (6)	 Antim Pangal (Women's 53kg) Mansi Lather (Women's 68kg) Muskan (Women's 59kg) Dinesh (Men's Freestyle 125kg) Dinesh Kumar (Men's Greco-Roman 87kg) Nitesh (Men's Greco-Roman 97kg) 	







- Indian Army's Batalik Cricket League 2025- The Batalik Cricket League was organized by the Indian Army at Jubar Stadium in Batalik as part of the Kargil Vijay Diwas 2025 celebrations.
- Indian Men's Recurve Team won Silver in Stage 1 at Archery World Cup 2025
- Spanish tennis sensation Carlos Alcaraz won the Monte Carlo Masters 2025 title- He defeated Italy's Lorenzo Musetti. The win marks his 6th ATP Masters 1000 title.
- The 11th edition of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25

Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 Awards		
Category	Winners	
Golden Boot (Top Scorer)	Alaaeddine Ajaraie, NorthEast United FC (NEUFC)	
Golden Ball (Best Player)	Alaaeddine Ajaraie, NEUFC	
Golden Glove (Most Clean Sheets)	Vishal Kaith, MBSG	
Emerging Player of the Season	Brison Fernandes, FC Goa (FCG)	
Best Grassroot Program	Jamshedpur FC	
Best Elite Youth Program	Punjab FC	

Logo and Mascot for Khelo India Youth Games 2025- The Khelo India Youth Games 2025 marks a historic occasion for Bihar, which is hosting the event for the first time from May 4 to 15.

- The 6th Asian U18 (Under 18) Athletics Championships 2025- This biennial event, organized by the Asian Athletics Association (AAA), featured athletes aged 15 to 17 from across Asia, held at Prince Naif Bin Abdulaziz Sports City in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.
- The 2nd Asian Yogasana Sport Championship 2025- This event was held at the KD Jadhav Arena in the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi, Delhi.









BANKING AND FINANCE

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- Enhanced RBI supervision over Co-operative Banks- The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020 has significantly expanded RBI's supervisory powers over co-operative banks, ensuring better governance, financial stability, and depositor protection.
- 98.21% of Rs 2000 Banknotes Returned to Banking System, Says RBI
- RBI issued fresh directives on Government of India-guaranteed Security Receipts (SRs) managed by Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)
- RBI Conference on Strengthening Large Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) held in Chennai
- RBI will shift nearly 500 financially unstable Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) from the existing Supervisory Action Framework (SAF) to the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework starting April 1, 2025
- Major banks cut lending, deposit rates following RBI's repo rate cut
- RBI announced that Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) investment limits in Government securities (G-Secs), state development loans (SDLs), and corporate bonds
- RBI launched an official WhatsApp channel "RBI Kehta Hai WhatsApp Channel" for verified financial updates
- RBI's 1st Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy of FY 2025-26 for April 2025

Category	Percentage
Policy Repo Rate	6.00%
Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)	5.75%
Bank Rate	6.25%
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)	6.25%
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	18%

- RBI permitted NPCI to revise UPI transaction limits for Person-to-Merchant (P2M) payments
- RBI announced two measures to support banking system liquidity









- RBI has issued revised directions regarding the opening and operation in the deposit accounts of minors
- Several banks have approached the RBI seeking clarification after being directed to raise risk weights on certain commercial real estate (CRE) exposures from 100% to 150%
- RBI has announced amendments to the existing Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) framework
- RBI issued a directive mandating all banks to migrate their digital operations to the exclusive '.bank.in' domain by October 31, 2025
- RBI cancelled the banking licence of Aurangabad (Maharashtra)-based Ajantha Urban Co-operative Bank Maryadit
- The Supreme Court has allowed the RBI and lenders to resume actions against major defaulters
- RBI imposes fines on Indian Overseas Bank and Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited for Non-Compliance
- RBI has decided that all banks and White Label ATM Operators shall ensure that their Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)
- RBI's bond purchases through open market operations (OMO)
- RBI instructs all banks, financial companies, and other regulated entities to use PRAVAAH portal from 1st May 2025

Public Sector Banks State Bank of India (SBI)

- SBI Cards & Payment Services Ltd (SBICPSL) + Tata Digital Private Limited to launch the 'Tata Neu SBI Card', a co-branded credit card
- SBI reintroduced its special Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme, 'Amrit Vrishti', with a tenor of 444 days
- SBI announced the deployment of "Grahak Mitras" (Customers' Friends) across 4,500 branches
- The Department of Posts (DoP) also known as India Post + SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFM) signed a MoU-To simplify the customer on-boarding process for Mutual Fund (MF) investors.











Punjab National Bank (PNB)

 Punjab National Bank celebrated its 131st foundation day with the launch of 34 innovative products and services

Private Sector Banks Bandhan Bank

 Bandhan Bank launched the Elite Plus Savings Account targeted at High Net-worth Individuals (HNIs)

IDFC First Bank

 IDFC First Bank planned to raise ₹7,500 crore in fresh equity capital from Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares (CCPS)

IndusInd Bank

 IndusInd Bank's board has appointed Ernst & Young (EY)- To conduct a 2nd forensic audit to probe a Rs 600 crore discrepancy in accrued interest income from its microfinance portfolio.

Kotak Mahindra Bank

 Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) + Kotak Mahindra Bank signed a MoU= To enhance investor education and protection through extensive digital outreach.

Insurance News

- The Indian life insurance industry witnessed a healthy growth of 5.13% in total new business premium collection in the financial year 2024-25
- Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company files for initial public offering (IPO)

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

- SEBI is considering allowing direct market access for foreign individuals to Indian equity markets
- SEBI imposed strict restrictions on Gensol Engineering and its promoters, Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi
- SEBI has announced updated redemption cut-off timings for overnight and liquid mutual fund schemes, set to take effect from June 1, 2025









Asian Development Bank (ADB)

 ADB released its latest 'Asian Development Outlook (ADO) April 2025: Trade Uncertainty Challenges Resilience in Asia and the Pacific'

World Bank

 World Bank released the Poverty and Equity Brief Spring 2025, highlighting India's progress in poverty reduction over the last decade

Others

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) recovered ₹92,400 crore in outstanding tax for the financial year 2024-25 until March 15
- India Post has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited (Nippon India Mutual Fund)
- In April 2025, several key developments were announced in the Indian banking and financial services sector
- Razorpay Software Pvt Ltd + National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) BHIM Services Limited (NBSL) + Axis Bank - To launch the 'Razorpay Turbo Unified Payments Interface(UPI) plugin' on the Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) Vega platform.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)'s plan to enable saving UPI IDs on Merchant Websites
- Government clarifies no GST on UPI transactions above ₹2,000
- Nifty Bank index hits record high on strong Q4 bank earnings
- Borrowing costs for top PSUs fall below 7% after 3 years as bond yields drop, boosting corporate funding efficiency
- Department of Posts to honor Tabla Legend Pandit Chatur Lal with Commemorative Stamp

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IIT News

- IIT Madras Pravartak Technologies Foundation has successfully completed training the 1st batch of Cyber Commandos
- The Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) + IIT Bombay- To implement a pilot project for integrating Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) technology into the state's energy system.









Space and Science & Technology News

- Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX) successfully launched 'Fram2' mission
- Meta launched Llama-4 Al Suite: Scout, Maverick & Behemoth to Rival ChatGPT, Gemini
- Pop star Katy Perry and five other women were launched into space on a Blue Origin rocket and came back safely to Earth
- The Chinese government has directed its airlines to suspend the procurement and delivery of Boeing aircraft
- James Webb Telescope Founds Possible Life on Exoplanet K2-18b
- The long-awaited NISAR satellite mission, a collaborative effort between NASA and ISRO is now tentatively scheduled for launch in June 2025
- NASA is leading the development of the Quantum Gravity Gradiometer Pathfinder (QGGPf)
- Amazon.com launched the first 27 satellites of its 'Project Kuiper' broadband internet constellation

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

- DRDO and the Indian Army conducted four flight tests over two days of the Army version of the Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM)
- DRDO carried out release trials of the Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) named 'Gaurav'
- DRDO-Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL) conducted a 1000 seconds ground test of an Active Cooled Scramjet Subscale Combustor

India in Science & Technology

- Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) + Germany-based Museum Koenig Bonn, discovered
 6 new species of Sericinae scarab beetles
- India achieved a significant milestone in medical science through its 1st-in-human gene therapy trial for Haemophilia
- Start up Sarvam to build India's 1st indigenous Al Large Language Model (LLM) under the Rs.10,370 crore India Al mission
- ISRO conducted a short-duration hot test of its semi cryogenic engine at the ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
- India's Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla will be the 1st Indian astronaut to fly to the International Space Station (ISS)









Environment & Energy

 South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) to become the 1st coal PSU to implement paste fill technology for underground coal mining

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Bangladesh

Bangladesh became the 54th country to sign the Artemis Accords

Bhutan

 The 6th Joint Group of Customs (JGC) Meeting between India and Bhutan took place in Thimphu

China

- India and China celebrated the 75th anniversary of their diplomatic relations
- In an escalating trade war, China has responded to the US's 104% tariffs with retaliatory tariffs of up to 84% on American goods
- China imposed fresh restrictions on the export of 7 rare earth elements (REEs)
- China has tested a new type of hydrogen bomb that does not require fissile materials
- The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra (KMY) is a significant annual pilgrimage symbolizing deep religious and cultural ties between India and China

France

- India cleared a ₹63,000 crore over \$7 billion) deal with France to procure 26 Rafale
 Marine fighter jets for the Navy
- India and France officially signed a Rs 64,000 crore (USD 7.4 billion) deal

Italy

India and Italy strengthen strategic partnership through high-level bilateral engagement

Japan

Japan builds world's first 3D-printed train station

Mauritius

 Mauritius became the 1st African country to sign a Country Partnership Framework (CPF) with the International Solar Alliance (ISA)







Pakistan

- India has taken an unprecedented step by terminating the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan
- Trade between India and Pakistan, two neighbouring yet often diplomatically strained countries, has always been limited but significant
- India's 5-Point action plan against Pakistan after Pahalgam Terror Attack

Russia

- Russia has introduced the Perm, a nuclear-powered submarine featuring the Zircon hypersonic cruise missile
- 8th Session of India-Russia Working Group on Priority Investment Projects (IRWG-PIP) was held in New Delhi

Saudi Arabia

 Saudi Arabia ban 14 countries for Temporary Visa including India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh

Slovakia

 India and Slovakia signed their inaugural defence Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)- To enhance India's indigenous defence capabilities. The agreement was signed during President Droupadi Murmu's state visit to Slovakia.

Sri Lanka

 India and Sri Lanka signed their 1st formal defence cooperation agreement in strengthening their bilateral relations

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

 Crown Prince of Dubai and UAE Deputy PM Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum was on his 2-day official visit to India

United States of America

- President Donald Trump has temporarily halted increased tariffs for most US trading partners, choosing instead to implement a standard 10% tariff
- New York City, USA has officially proclaimed April 14 as 'Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Day'
- India aims to finalize the 1st phase of a proposed trade deal with the US
- US Vice President, JD Vance commenced his maiden official visit to India, receiving a ceremonial Guard of Honour at Palam Airport in New Delhi









Don Pettit Oldest Serving US Astronaut Returns to Earth on His 70th Birthday

Summit/Event

- Thailand hosted the 6th Summit of the Heads of State/Government of the member States of BIMSTEC was held in Bangkok
- The 11th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Environment Ministers'
 Meeting convened in Brasília, Brazil
- World Health Organization + International Diabetes Federation (IDF) hosted hybrid side event on integrated strategies for addressing tuberculosis and diabetes
- Africa's largest technology and startup exhibition, GITEX Africa 2025, concluded its 3day program in Marrakesh, Morocco
- 11th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Labour and Employment Ministers' meeting was held in Brasilia, Brazil

Exercise

- The 4th edition of bilateral Tri-Service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise "Tiger Triumph-25"
- The 6th edition of the India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise "DUSTLIK" commenced at the Foreign Training Node in Aundh, Pune, Maharashtra
- Indian Air Force (IAF) Participated in the Multinational Exercise 'Desert Flag-10' in United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- Indian Air Force conducted Exercise 'Aakraman,' a series of military drills simulating attacks on both mountain and ground targets

Others

- The United Nations (UN) elected India by Acclamation to International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) for 2025-27 Term
- Brazil has introduced a proposal to create a Global Climate Action Council within the UNFCCC framework, aiming to speed up global climate initiatives
- India announced a financial grant of USD 990,000 to Sierra Leone for a project aimed at empowering persons with disabilities











- BRICS is considering several initiatives on alternative payment platforms exclusive of SWIFT, including one such proposal by Brazil
- World Health Organisation (WHO) Pandemic Treaty Proposal Finalised
- India signed a Headquarters Agreement with the New Delhi-based International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)
- Humanoid Robots Compete in Beijing Half-Marathon
- UNESCO has designated 16 new Global Geoparks, bringing the total number of sites in its Global Geoparks Network to 229 across 50 countries
- World Social Report 2025: A New Policy Consensus to Accelerate Social Progress

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Prime Minister; Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister: Shri Narendra Modi (Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh)

- PM Modi visited Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, laid the foundation stone and inaugurated projects worth over Rs.3,880 crore in Varanasi
- PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Vizhinjam International Seaport near Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on May 02, 2025

Ministry News

Ministry of Defence: Shri Rajnath Singh (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)

- Defence exports surge to a record high of Rs 23,622 crore in Financial Year 2024-25, a growth of 12.04% over 2023-24
- India has set an ambitious defence production goal of ₹3 lakh crore by 2029, with current production projected to cross ₹1.60 lakh crore

Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Cooperation: Shri Amit Shah (Gandhinagar, Gujarat)

 Amit Shah unveiled a statue of Maharaja Agrasen and laid the foundation stone for a PG hostel in Hisar, Haryana

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways: Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

 Ministry of Road Transport and Highways + National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)- Jointly made the announcement of a pilot program for ANPR-FASTag-based Barrier-Less Tolling System.









Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers: Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda (Rajya Sabha- Gujarat)

 J.P Nadda launched the Inter-AIIMS Referral Portal-Launched as part of the government's ongoing efforts to transform healthcare management in India.

Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs: Smt Nirmala Sitharaman (Rajya Sabha- Karnataka)

- Nirmala inaugurated the 'NITI NCAER States Economic Forum' portal in New Delhi
- Department of Financial Services (DFS) announced 'One State One RRB' through official notification

Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Minister of Rural Development: Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh)

 Shivraj issued a comprehensive guidelines for establishing Bio-Input Resource Centres (BRCs) under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)

Minister of Civil Aviation: Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu (Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh)

The Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN)

Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Minister of New and Renewable Energy: Shri Pralhad Joshi (Dharwad, Karnataka)

 Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme launched by the Minister of New and Renewable Energy

Minister of Railways; Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha-Odisha)

- Indian Railways and the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)- For the procurement and installation of Automatic Wheel Profile Measurement Systems (AWPMS) at Rail Bhawan in New Delhi.
- MeitY launched the 1st edition of Digital Threat Report 2024 for the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sector
- Union Railways Minister revealed plans for the rollout of Kavach 5.0
- MeitY announced that a total of 34 supercomputers have been deployed across India under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)









Minister of Communications; and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region: Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia (Guna, MP)

 The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) + Sterlite Technologies Limited (STL)- Conducted India's 1st Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) transmission over a 4core Multi-Core Fibre (MCF).

Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Shri Bhupender Yadav (Alwar, Rajasthan)

 The Ministry of Environment has notified the Draft Greenhouse Gases Emissions Intensity (GEI) Target Rules, 2025

Minister of Women and Child Development: Smt. Annpurna Devi (Kodarma, Jharkhand)

 The 7th edition of Poshan Pakhwada 2025 launched by the Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development Savitri Thakur

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas: Shri Hardeep Singh Puri (Rajya Sabha-UP)

 The Ayushman Vay Vandana scheme was launched by the Delhi government to enhance healthcare access for elderly residents

Minister of Labour and Employment; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports: Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (Porbandar, Gujarat)

- The Ministry of Labour & Employment + Swiggy signed a MoU- To enhance employment opportunities in India's gig and logistics sector through the National Career Service (NCS) portal.
- A Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour urged the Labour Ministry- To finish the 1st-ever 3rd-party evaluation of the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) by the end of 2025.
- Mandaviya inaugurated the Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) at the National Dope Testing Laboratory in New Delhi

Minister of Jal Shakti: Shri C R Patil (Navsari, Gujarat)

 National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved the Action Plan 2025 under the River Cities Alliance (RCA)

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture: Rao Inderjit Singh (Gurgaon, Haryana)









 The "Women and Men in India 2024" report was released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayush; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Shri Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao (Buldhana, Maharashtra)

 The Ministry of Ayush organized a special session of the Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Programme at Ayush Bhawan, Delhi

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Education: Shri Jayant Chaudhary (Rajya Sabha-UP)

 Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship + Microsoft has unveiled the 'Al Careers for Women' program

State News

Andhra Pradesh

- Andhra Pradesh has launched a flagship poverty eradication initiative, 'Zero Poverty-P4 Policy' on Ugadi, the Telugu New Year
- Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has approved a draft ordinance to implement subcategorisation of Scheduled Castes (SCs) in the state
- Amaravati, the planned capital of Andhra Pradesh, is on track to become the world's
 1st city powered entirely by renewable energy
- India's 1st Quantum Computing Village being developed in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Arunachal Pradesh

• SJVN releases ₹269.97 crore land compensation for 3,097 MW Etalin Hydro Power Project in Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh

Assam

- Rongali Bihu/Bohag Bihu is being celebrated across Assam in mid-April 2025
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the 'Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan' (MMMUA) in Behali (Assam)









Bihar

- Amit Shah unveiled schemes and laid the foundation stones for projects, worth over ₹800 crore, in Bihar
- Bihar CM Nitish Kumar launched the "Mahila Samvad" campaign

Chhattisgarh

 Modi launched numerous development projects in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, valued at over ₹33,700 crore

Gujarat

- The Saudagari block print, a traditional craft practiced by artisans in Jamalpur,
 Ahmedabad, has been recognized with a Geographical Indication (GI) tag
- Gujarat Police launched the "Gujarat Police-Drone Response and Aerial Surveillance Tactical Intervention (GP-DRASTI) Project"
- Cap-and-Trade Scheme in Gujarat's Surat Achieves 30% Pollution Cut

Haryana

- Haryana Heritage and Tourism Department has declared that two Harappan sites
- Haryana Government Announced 20% Quota for Agniveers in Haryana Police

Jharkhand

- Sarhul Festival of Jharkhand 2025- "Sarhul" translates to worship of the Sal tree, representing the union of the Sun and Earth which is vital for life.
- Coal India and Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) signed an MoU-To set up a 1,600 MW ultra-supercritical thermal power plant in Jharkhand with an investment ₹16,500 crore.

Karnataka

- Karnataka's Yeshasvini Health Insurance Scheme is poised for major changes
- Government sanctioned ₹40 crore for Mangaluru's "Kallapu-Sajipa Riverfront Road Project"

Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh declared its 25th wildlife sanctuary named Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Abhyaran
- Relocation of Cheetahs from Kuno to Gandhi Sagar approved









Maharashtra

- Maharashtra Government has renamed Khuldabad, located in Chhatrapati Sambhaji
 Nagar district to its historical name, Ratnapur
- Maharashtra State Wildlife Board approved the declaration of the Delhi Public School (DPS) Flamingo Lake as a conservation reserve
- Hindi is now Mandatory as 3rd Language in Classes 1-5 in English and Marathimedium schools in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra Govt has launched the Pink E-Rickshaw Initiative

Odisha

- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Odisha government
- Odisha's Similipal officially declared as India's 107th National Park and Odisha's 2nd after Bhitarkanika
- Odisha targets to more than triple its steel capacity to 130 million tonnes (mt) from current 41 million tonne by 2030

Punjab

 Punjab-based dairy cooperative Milkfed has launched a new mascot named 'Veera' for its Verka brand

Tamil Nadu

- The Kumbakonam betel leaf of Thanjavur and the Thovalai flower garland of Kanyakumari have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) Tags
- Tamil Nadu has achieved the highest real economic growth rate in India for the year 2024-25
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple rail and road development projects worth over Rs 8,300 crore in Rameswaram
- Kerala & Tamil Nadu Unite for Nilgiri Tahr Census 2025
- Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin announced the establishment of a high-level committee-To review Centre-State relations, constitutional provisions, and policies to suggest measures for enhancing the autonomy of States.

Telangana

 Telangana notified the implementation of the 'Telangana Scheduled Castes (Rationalisation of Reservations) Act, 2025'









 Telangana introduced a landmark reform in land governance through the Telangana Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights) Act, 2025

Tripura

 Tripura CM Manik Saha, inaugurated the 'Garia and Borsho Boron Utsav 2025' at Swami Vivekananda Maidan, Agartala

Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh's Zero Poverty Scheme to be named after Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam (Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation) in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh has raised Rs.150 crore

Uttarakhand

- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami announced the renaming of 15 places across Haridwar, Dehradun, Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar districts
- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar launched the Bhagirath app as part of the Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan (Water Conservation Campaign) 2025

West Bengal

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee inaugurated Jagannath Temple in Digha

Union Territory News Delhi

 Delhi has officially become the 35th state to adopt the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)

Jammu and Kashmir

 Jammu and Kashmir launched an initiative to offer free bus services for women across the Union Territory











Puducherry

 The 11th Pondicherry Heritage Festival 2025-Pondicherry Heritage Festival kicked off with a vibrant display of culture, history and community spirit in Puducherry's Tamil Quarter.

Union Cabinet News

- Union Cabinet has approved two key infrastructure projects, the Patna-Arrah-Sasaram Corridor and the Kosi-Mechi Intra-State Link Project
- Centre Withholds Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Funds to Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal for FY 2024-25
- Union Cabinet has approved Rs.1,600 crore new sub-scheme named 'Modernisation of Command Area Development and Water Management (M-CADWM)'
- Centre notifies Radar Speed Measurement Equipment rules under Legal Metrology Act

NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)

 NITI Aayog launched a report titled "Unlocking USD25+ Billion Export Potential-India's Hand & Power Tools Sector"

Events held in India

- India's 1st-ever Agentic Al Hackathon, organized by Techvantage.ai in collaboration with CrewAl
- The 9th edition of the Global Technology Summit (GTS) held in New Delhi
- The Hyderabad City Security Council (HCSC) is set to host the 2nd edition of the STREE Summit 2025
- The 2-day conclave titled 'Buddha Dhamma and the Culture of Northeast India' being held in Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh

Others

- India records highest child adoptions in 12 years
- Geographical Indication (GI) Registry granted GI certificates to Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), Telangana, Assam and Kerala
- The Union Government has undertaken a major initiative to establish 440 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) across the country
- The Rajya Sabha approved the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and the Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill, 2024









- Stand up India Scheme, a transformative initiative of Government of India has completed 9 years of successful implementation
- India celebrates 10 years of the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA (Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency) Yojana (PMMY)
- Madhavpur Mela (Madhavpur Ghed Mela)- It has been organizing since 2018 every year to celebrate the sacred union of Lord Krishna and Rukmini, symbolizes cultural unity and devotion, bringing together traditions from different regions of India.
- India's National Critical Mineral Mission for a Sustainable Future 2025 launched
- The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) celebrates 75 years of Cultural Diplomacy in Dhaka
- Supreme Court laid down a 3-month deadline for Presidential assent on State Bills reserved by Governor
- Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has introduced new category of industries called 'Blue category' industries
- The Supreme Court issued guidelines on child trafficking
- The manuscripts of Shrimad Bhagvad Gita and Bharat Muni's Natyashastra have been included to UNESCO's Memory of the World (MoW) Register
- According to the BlueKraft Digital Foundation, Rs.3.48 lakh crore India's Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system has saved between 2009 and 2024
- India's Largest Cruise Terminal-Mumbai International Cruise Terminal (MICT) begins Operations
- India is preparing to permit foreign companies to acquire up to a 49% stake in its nuclear power sector, three government officials revealed
- The Hindu Kush Himalaya region, often called the "3rd Pole," plays a critical role in supporting river systems and water needs across South Asia
- India has taken a significant step in improving cervical cancer detection with the launch of indigenously developed HPV test kits
- Supreme Court suggests Minimum Vote Requirement for Unopposed Election Wins

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- Moody's Ratings projects India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will grow at 6.5% for Financial Year 2025-26 (FY26), down from 6.7% in FY25
- Gross GST revenue collection in January 2025 at Rs.1,1,95,506 crore
- Gross GST revenue collection in March 2025 at Rs.1.96 lakh crore
- India's UPI hit a new record in March 2025, with a total of 19.78 billion transactions amounting to Rs.24.77 lakh crore









Renault Group has decided to take full control of Renault Nissan Automotive India
 Private Ltd by acquiring Nissan's remaining 51% stake in the company

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- The Ernst & Young (EY) Economy Watch report estimates that India's GDP will grow by 6.5% in FY26 (April 2025-March 2026)
- Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) announced the amalgamation of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Aditya Birla Finance Limited (ABFL)
- HIL Limited (Hyderabad Industries Limited), a C.K. Birla Group has rebranded as BirlaNu Limited as part of its strategic transformation
- Excise duty on petrol, diesel increased by ₹2/litre; no change in retail prices
- Unemployment Rate Dips Marginally to 4.9% in 2024
- Bengaluru (Karnataka) based payments infrastructure company, Juspay became India's 1st Unicorn of 2025
- BlackRock, the world's largest asset manager, has subscribed to a \$750 million private bond issue by India's Adani Group
- India's industrial sector witnessed a marked deceleration in February 2025, with the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) expanding at just 2.9%, the slowest pace in 6 months
- India's retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), declined to 3.34%, for March 2025
- Morgan Stanley has revised its year-end Sensex target downward to 82,000 (from the earlier 93,000) and trimmed India's FY26 GDP growth estimate to 6.1%
- CRISIL (Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited)projected India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to grow by 6.5% in FY26
- India's Exports rise marginally by 0.7% in March 2025
- India's Trade Dynamics in FY25 Surplus with US Widens, Deficit with China Deepens
- Fitch Ratings revised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for the current FY 2025-26 downward by 10 basis points (bps) to 6.4% from 6.5%
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released a 'Trade and Development Foresights 2025- Under Pressure: Uncertainty Reshapes Global Economic Prospects' report
- India's Pharmaceutical Exports in FY25 Cross \$30 Billion mark for the first time ever
- In FY25 Engineering, Textile, and Apparel Exports Witness Over 6% Growth
- Quick commerce major Zepto has changed its parent company name from Kiranakart Technologies Private Ltd to Zepto Private Ltd
- A Report Of Global Trade Outlook and Statistics 2025- The World Trade Organization (WTO) released its Global Trade Outlook and Statistics 2025, projecting a marginal









decline in global merchandise trade amid persistent tariff tensions, especially between the - States and China.

- India's smartphone industry has achieved a major milestone in the financial year 2024-25 (FY25) as exports crossed ₹2 lakh crore for the 1st time
- India announced the imposition of a 12% provisional safeguard duty on select categories of steel imports
- India's core sector output recorded a 3.8% year-on-year growth in March 2025
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has amended Form 27EQ
- World Bank released "South Asia Development Update April 2025" report
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) lowered India's GDP growth projection for FY26 to 6.2%
- India has achieved a significant milestone in its inland water transport sector by recording 145.5 million tonnes of cargo movement during the FY 2024-25
- Credit card spending in India reached a record ₹21.16 lakh crore in FY25
- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) plans to spend up to ₹3,500 crore
- Fitch Ratings has revised India's GDP growth forecast downward for the current fiscal year, cutting it by 10 basis points to 6.4%
- India's factory output grew slightly to 3% in March 2025, improving from February's low but still lower compared to last year
- CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) spending by listed Indian companies has surged by 16% in FY 2023-24

RANKING

National Ranking

- Rajasthan tops Solar Installations in Indian Railways Stations and Service Buildings
- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj released the 1st Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) for the fiscal year 2022–23

State	Total No.of Gram Panchayats	No of Front Runner
Gujarat	14, 618	346
Telangana	12,768	270
Tripura	1,176	42
Maharashtra	27,849	8









Uttar Pradesh	57,702	4
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International Ranking

 The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)'s global 'Readiness for Frontier Technologies' index

Top 5 countries in the 2024 Readiness for Frontier Technologies Index

Rank	Country
1	United States of America (USA)
2	Sweden
3	The Netherlands
4	Singapore
5	Switzerland
36	India

Ookla's Speedtest Global Index for February 2025

Category	Details
Mumbai's Performance	 Global Rank: 123 Download Speed: 58.24 Mbps Upload Speed: 56.30 Mbps Latency: 5 milliseconds Lowest ranked Indian city in fixed broadband category
Delhi's Performance	 Global Rank: 89 Download Speed: 91.11 Mbps Upload Speed: 88.16 Mbps Latency: 5 milliseconds Highest ranked Indian city in the report
India's Overall Ranking	 Global Rank slipped from 94 to 95 Download Speed: 61.66 Mbps Upload Speed: 57.89 Mbps Latency: 7 milliseconds









Top-10 Cities with the Most Billionaires in 2025

Rank	Name	No. of Billionaires	Total Net worth	Richest Resident	Wealth
1.	New York City	123	\$759 Billion	Michael Bloomberg	\$105 Billion
2.	Moscow	90	\$409 Billion	Vagit Alekperov	\$28.7 Billion
3.	Hong Kong	72	\$309 Billion	Li Ka-shing	\$38.9 Billion
4.	London	71	\$355 Billion	Len Blavatnik	\$29.9 Billion
5.	Beijing	68	\$273 Billion	Lei Jun	\$43.5 Billion
6.	Mumbai	67	\$349 Billion	Mukesh Ambani	\$92.5 Billion
7.	Singapore	60	\$259 Billion	Zhang Yiming	\$65.5 Billion
8.	San Francisco	58	\$217 Billion	Dustin Moskovitz	\$17 Billion
9.	Shanhai	58	\$198 Billion	Colin Huang	\$42.3 Billion
10.	Los Angeles	56	\$243 Billion	Peter Thiel	\$16.3 Billion

Skytrax World Airport Awards 2025

Rank	Airport	Country and State
World's Top 10 Airports in Skytrax World Airport Awards 2025		
1	Singapore Changi Airport	Singapore
2	Doha Hamad International Airport	Qatar
3	Tokyo Haneda International Airport	Japan
4	Seoul Incheon International Airport	South Korea
5	Tokyo Narita International Airport	Japan
6	Hong Kong International Airport	Hong Kong







Rank	Airport	Country and State	
7	Paris-Charles de Gaulle (CDG)	France	
8	Rome Fiumicino Airport	Italy	
9	Rome Fiumicino Airport	Italy	
10	Zurich Airport	Switzerland	
	Indian Airports in the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2025		
32	Indira Gandhi International Airport or Delhi International Airport (Best Airport in India and South Asia)	New Delhi	
48	Kempegowda International Airport (Best Regional Airport in India & South Asia)	Bengaluru, Karnataka	
56	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (Best Airport Staff in India & South Asia 2025 for the 4th time)	Hyderabad, Telangana	
73	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport	Mumbai, Maharashtra	
80	Manohar International Airport (Best Airport by Passenger Numbers with less than 5 million passengers)	Mopa, Goa	

Some Important Recognition:

Category	Airport Name
World's Best Airport Staff	South Korea's Seoul Incheon Airport
World's Best Regional Airport award	Japan's Chubu Centrair International Airport, Nagoya
Best Airport in Europe	France's Paris-Charles de Gaulle, also known as Roissy Airport for a 3rd successive year
Best Airport and the Best Airport Staff Service Awards in Africa	South Africa's Cape Town International Airport
World's Best Airport Baggage Delivery	Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport

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World's Best Airport Art	USA's Houston Airport System for the 3rd successive year
World's Cleanest Airport in the category for airports handling under 25 million passengers annually	Bahrain's Bahrain International Airport
Best Airports by Pas	ssenger Numbers
70+ million passengers	Tokyo International Airport (Haneda)
60 to 70 million passengers	Singapore Changi Airport (Singapore)
50 to 60 million passengers	Hamad International Airport (Qatar)
40 to 50 million passengers	Rome Fiumicino Airport (Italy)
30 to 40 million passengers	Narita International Airport (Japan)

 Airports Council International (ACI) World released its Annual Rankings of the World's busiest Airports 2024

World's Top 5 Busiest Airports in 2024

Rank	Airport Name	Country	Passenger Traffic
1	Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport	USA	108,067,766
2	Dubai International Airport	The United Arab Emirates (UAE)	92,331,506
3	Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport	USA	87,817,864
4	Tokyo International (Haneda) Airport	Hapan	85,900,617
5	London Heathrow Airport	The United Kingdom (UK)	83,884,572
9	Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)	India	77,820,834









Richest Actor in the World by April 2025

Rank	Name	Net Worth (in US Dollar)	Nationality
1	Tyler Perry	\$1.4 Billion	American
2	Jerry Seinfeld	\$1.1 Billion	American
3	Tom Cruise	\$800 Million	American
4	Shah Rukh Khan	\$770 Million	Indian
5	Dwayne Johnson	\$700 Million	American
6	George Clooney	\$500 Million	American
7	Robert De Niro	\$500 Million	American
8	Arnold Schwarzenegger	\$450 Million	Austria, United States
9	Kevin Hart	\$450 Million	American
10	Adam Sandler	\$440 Million	American

- India is poised to become the world's fastest-growing large aviation market by 2026, according to Airports Council International (ACI)
- TIME's 100 Most Influential People of 2025-TIME reveals the 2025 TIME100, its annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Times Higher Education (THE) released its 13th Asia University Rankings

THE Asia University Ranking 2025: Top 5 Institutes			
Rank	Name of the Institution	Country/State	Overall Score
1	Tsinghua University	China	92.5
2	Peking University	China	92
3	National University of Singapore	Singapore	89.9
4	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore	81.8
5	The University of Tokyo	Japan	83.3
THE Asia University Ranking 2025: Top5 Indian Institutes			
38	Indian Institute of Science (IISc)	Bengaluru, Karnataka	65.2
111	Anna University	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	52.3







131	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-Indore)	Indore, Madhya Pradesh	49.4
140	Mahatma Gandhi University	Kottayam, Kerala	48.6
146	Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences	Bajhol, Himachal Pradesh	48.1

Top 10 most expensive cities to live around the World (2025) Top 10 Most Expensive Cities in the World (2024–2025)

Rank	City	Country
1	Monaco	Monaco
2	New York City	USA
3	Hong Kong	Hong Kong (SAR China)
4	London	UK
5	Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat	France
6	Paris	France
7	Sydney	Australia
8	Palm Beach	USA
9	Miami Beach	USA
10	Los Angeles	USA

Stanford's 2024 Al Index Report: Leading Nations in Al Innovation Top 10 Countries with the Highest Number of Al Startups (2013-2023):

Rank	Country	Total Number of AI Startups
1	United States	5,509
2	China	1,446
3	United Kingdom	727
4	Israel	442
5	Canada	397
6	France	391
7	India	338
8	Japan	333
9	Germany	319
10	Singapore	193







Top 10 Largest Economies in the World (2025) Top 10 Largest Economies by GDP (Current Prices)-2025

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Rank	Country	GDP (USD)	Projected Growth (2025)	GDP Per Capita (USD)
1	United States	\$30.34 trillion	2.70%	30.51 thousand
2	China	\$19.53 trillion	4.60%	19.23 thousand
3	Germany	\$4.92 trillion	80%	4.74 thousand
4	India	\$4.39 trillion	6.20%	4.19 thousand
5	Japan	\$4.27 trillion	6.50%	4.19 thousand
6	United Kingdom	\$3.73 trillion	1.60%	3.84 thousand
7	France	\$3.28 trillion	0.80%	3.21 thousand
8	Italy	\$2.46 trillion	0.70%	2.42 thousand
9	Canada	\$2.33 trillion	2.00%	2.23 thousand
10	Brazil	\$2.31 trillion	2.20%	2.13 thousand

Top Military Spenders of 2024-25 Top 5 Military Spenders Worldwide in 2024:

Rank	Country	Total Military Spending in 2024 (in USD)
1	The United States of America (USA)	997 billion
2	China	314 billion
3	Russia	149 billion
4	Germany	88.5 billion
5	India	86.1 billion

• Government of India has set up an inter-ministerial committee- To design the broad frame of the proposed National Manufacturing Mission (NMM), with an aim to boost Make in India initiative.









AWARDS

National Awards

- The Andhra Pradesh government has announced that renowned historian and archaeologist MyNaa Swamy honored with the prestigious Ugadi Award
- Tibetan spiritual leader The Dalai Lama was honored with the Gold Mercury Award for Peace and Sustainability

National Youth Awards (NYA)

Name	State		
National Youth Award 2021-22 (Individual)			
Akshit Bansal Delhi			
Ayush Trivedi	Uttar Pradesh		
Devesh Sharma	Madhya Pradesh		
Harmanjot Singh	Jammu & Kashmir(J&K)		
Dr. Mahendra Meena	Rajasthan		
Mannat Kaur	Delhi		
Rahul Rajpoot	Madhya Pradesh		
Sunaina Gupta	Haryana		
Vinayak Bahadur	Uttar Pradesh		
Raj Kumar	Himachal Pradesh		
Sumit	Himachal Pradesh		
National Youth Award 2022-23 (Individual)			
Mohit Sharma	Uttar Pradesh		
Joanna Jewel M	Kerala		
Chetan Upadhyay	Delhi		
Meghanamurthy G	Karnataka		
Pushyamitra Keshav Joshi	Maharashtra		









Name	State	
Gudlanaram Shiva Kumar	Telangana	
Rahul Maharana	Odisha	
Jeya Malhotra	Karnataka	
Akarsh G Shroff	Karnataka	
Arjun Bhati	Uttar Pradesh	
Somesh Sharma	Uttarakhand	
Akram Garwal	Madhya Pradesh	
National Youth Award 2022-23 (Organization)		
Let's Be The Change	Karnataka	

Youth Parliament Awards 2025

Award Recipient		Criteria
Best Opening Speaker Award	Dhirendra Singh, Uttar Pradesh	Given to the most impactful and articulate speaker who sets the tone for discussions with clarity, confidence, and depth
Best Question	Harshita Sharma, Rajasthan	Awarded for the most insightful and thought provoking question raised during the session
Best Reply	Laasya Priya, Andhra Pradesh	Given to the participant who provides the most well-structured and convincing response
Best Speaker	Riya Gupta, Jharkhand	Short Discussion



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- Captain Rajesh Unni, Founder of Singapore-based Synergy Marine Group, was awarded the National Maritime Varuna Award
- The "Investigation, Prosecution and Conviction Portal" of Uttar Pradesh Police won the SKOCH Award at national level in the 'Police & Safety' category
- P. Sivakami, a noted author, former IAS officer, and activist honoured with Verchol Dalit Literary Award 2025
- Meghalaya honoured with 2 UIDAI Awards for Excellence in Aadhaar Implementation
- The 6th edition of 'National Highways Excellence Awards' (NHEA 2023)-
- Organised by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), was held at Bharat Manadapam Convention Centre in New Delhi.

Winners of National Highways Excellence Awards (NHEA) 2023:

Williers of National Highways Excellence Awards (NHEA) 2023.		
Excellence in Project Management		
Company Name	Project Name & State	Award
H.G. Infra Engineering Limited (Jaipur, Rajasthan)	Ateli Mandi to Narnaul section of NH-11 & Narnaul Bypass as an economic corridor (Haryana)	Silver for Public-Private Partnership category
Bhartia Infra Projects Limited (Guwahati, Assam)	Hakanjuri to Khonsa section of NH-315A (Arunachal Pradesh)	Silver for Excellence in Project Management (EPC) category
Excellence in Operation & Maintenance		
Nanguneri Kanyakumari Tollway Private Limited (TN)	Madurai to Kanyakumari of NH-7 Package 4 (Tamil Nadu, TN)	Gold for Flexible Category
<u>Green Highways</u>		
Ashoka Buildcon Limited (Nashik, Maharashtra)	Kandi to Ramsanpalle section of NH-161 (Telangana)	Gold









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Deccan Tollways Limited (Chennai, TN)	Maharashtra-Karnataka border to Sangareddy section of NH-65 (in Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh, AP)		
	Best Engineer Award		
Name of the Winner	Name of the Winner Designation & Company Name		
Navratan	Director General Manager (DGM) & PD, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)		
Devender Kumar	Devender Kumar General Manager (GM) of New Delhi (Delhi)-based National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL)		
Subhash Chandra	Regional Office (RO) Itanagar (AR), MoRTH		
Special Recognition Award			
Vatakara Kozhikode (Kerala)-based Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society (ULCCS)			

 Five Indian Armed Forces Personnel honoured with MacGregor Memorial Medal for 2023 & 2024

Awardees of the MacGregor Memorial Medal:

Year	Winners
2023	 Wing Commander D. Panda, Indian Air Force (IAF) Electrical Artificer (Radio) Rahul Kumar Pandey (Retired), Indian Navy (IN)
2024	 Chief Electrical Aircraft Artificer (Radio) Ram Ratan Jat (Retired), IN Sergeant Jhumar Ram Poonia, IAF Colonel Ranvir Singh Jamwal, Director of the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), Arunachal Pradesh

 PoshanTracker Application received the prestigious Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024 under the Innovation (Centre) category







- Achyuta Samanta, the founder of KIIT and KISS, was honored with the 2025 Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award in Kokrajhar, Assam
- Maharashtra Governor presents the 3rd edition of the Yashraj Bharti Samman Awards 2025
- Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group will be conferred with the prestigious Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award
- The National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) received the Udyog Vikas Award

International Awards Women's Prize for Non-Fiction 2025 Shortlisted Books

Women's Prize for Non-Fiction 2025 Shortlist			
Book Title	Author	Theme	
What the Wild Sea Can Be	Helen Scales	Ocean history & future	
Raising Hare	Chloe Dalton	Nature & human-wild interaction	
A Thousand Threads	Neneh Cherry	Music memoir & identity	
The Story of A Heart	Rachel Clarke Medicine, grief & organ donation		
Private Revolutions	Yuan Yang	Women's resilience in China	
Agent Zo	Clare Mulley	WWII resistance & forgotten heroines	

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded Sri Lanka's highest civilian award, the Mithra Vibhushana
- Sudarsan Pattnaik won the Fred Darrington Award for Excellence in Art and Culture
- President Droupadi Murmu was honored with the 'City Key of Honour' by the Mayor of Lisbon
- Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (DDLJ), a defining film in Indian cinema, is being honoured internationally with a bronze statue
- The 11th annual Breakthrough Prizes, also known as the Oscars of Science

Category	Winner	
Life Sciences	Daniel J. Drucker (University of Toronto), Joel Habener (Harvard University, the USA), Jens Juul Holst (University of Copenhagen, Denmark), Lotte Bjerre Knudsen (Novo Nordisk, Denmark), and Svetlana Mojsov (Rockefeller University, the USA) for their work on Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP)-1	











Category	Winner		
	 hormone, leading to new treatments for diabetes, obesity, and metabolic diseases. Stephen L. Hauser (University of California, the USA) and Alberto Ascherio (Harvard University, the USA) were recognized for their contributions to multiple sclerosis. David R. Liu (Harvard University) received the prize for developing gene-editing technologies, base editing and prime editing, which correct genetic mutations without cutting Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA). 		
Fundamental Physics	Awarded to thousands of researchers from over 70 countries, representing 4 collaborations at CERN's (Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire or European Organization for Nuclear Research) Large Hadron Collider (LHC): ATLAS (A Toroidal LHC Apparatus), CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid), ALICE (A Large Ion Collider Experiment), and LHCb (Large Hadron Collider beauty).		
Mathematics	Dennis Gaitsgory from Germany based Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, for his central role in proving the geometric Langlands conjecture.		
Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics	Gerardus 't Hooft from Utrecht University, The Netherlands, for his fundamental insights into gauge theory and his important contributions to the Standard Model.		
New Horizons in Mathematics Prize	 Ewain Gwynne from the University of Chicago, the USA was recognized for his work in conformal probability, especially in understanding the LQG (loop quantum gravity) metric. John Pardon Stony Brook University(SBU), the USA, was awarded for his contributions to symplectic topology and his research in geometry and topology. Sam Raskin from Yale University, the USA received the prize for his work on the geometric Langlands program 		
New Horizons in Physics Prize	 Waseem Bakr from Princeton University, the USA, was awarded for his creation of quantum gas microscopes. Jeongwan Haah from Stanford University, the USA was recognized for discovering Haah's code, a model that 		











Category	Winner		
	 introduces fractal conservation laws and applies discrete mathematical structures to physics. Sebastiaan Haffert from Leiden University, the Netherlands, Rebecca Jensen-Clem from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and Maaike van Kooten from the National Research Council Canada were honored for developing new adaptive optics techniques to directly detect the smallest exoplanets. 		
Maryam Mirzakhani New Frontiers Prize	 Si Ying Lee from Stanford University (PhD from Harvard University in 2022) was recognized for her work on Shimura varieties, which are important in number theory and geometry. Rajula Srivastava from the University of Bonn, Germany and the Max Planck Institute for Mathematics (PhD from the University of Wisconsin in 2022) was honored for her contributions to harmonic analysis and analytic number theory. Ewin Tang from the University of California, Berkeley (PhD from the University of Washington in 2023) received the prize for his work on developing classical analogs of quantum algorithms for machine learning, as well as advances in quantum machine learning on quantum data. 		

- Announcement of Best Stunt Design category for 100th Academy Awards- The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has officially announced a significant and long-awaited change in the structure of the Academy Awards.
- Bollywood actor Aamir Khan was honored at the 2025 Macau International Comedy Festival in China
- Dr. D.Nageshwar Reddy honoured with 'Legends of Endoscopy' Award in Tokyo











Laureus World Sports Awards 2025 Winners of Laureus World Sports Awards 2025:

Category	Winner	Sport
Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award	Armand Gustav Duplantis (Mondo Duplantis) (Sweden)	Pole Vault
Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year Award	Simone Arianne Biles Owens (USA)	Gymnastics
Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award	Rebeca Rodrigues de Andrade (Brazil)	Gymnastics
Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year Award	Lamine Yamal Nasraoui Ebana (Spain)	Football
Laureus World Team of the Year Award	Real Madrid Men's Football Team (Spain)	Football
Laureus World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability	Jiang Yuyan (China)	Para Swimming
Laureus World Action Sportsperson of the Year Award	Thomas Pidcock(United Kingdom, UK)	Cyclist
Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award	Robert Kelly Slater (USA)	Surfing
Laureus Sporting Icon Award	Rafael Nadal Parera (Spain)	Tennis
Laureus Sport for Good Award	Kick4Life (Lesotho)	Charity foundation

- The 2025 edition of the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack- The Wisden Cricketers' Almanack has revealed its 5 Wisden Cricketers of the Year, highlighting exceptional performances in the world of cricket.
- 4th Annual Gold House Gold Gala- The prestigious Gold House Gold Gala returns for its 4th annual celebration, at the Music Centre in Downtown Los Angeles.
- Indian filmmaker Payal Kapadia was honoured with the "Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres" (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters)
- Airports Council International Asia-Pacific & Middle East (ACI APAC & MID) announced the winners of the 9th Green Airports Recognition (GAR) 2025











GAR 2025 Winners by Passenger Category:

Passengers per annum	Category	Operator & Airport	Country
	Platinum	Singapore Changi Airport (Changi Airport Group)	Singapore
Over 38 million	Gold	Hong Kong International Airport (Airport Authority Hong Kong)	Hong Kong (special administrative region of China)
	Silver	Sydney Airport (Sydney Airport Corporation)	Australia
	Platinum	Kansai International Airport (Kansai Airports)	Japan
Between 15-	Gold	Melbourne Airport (Australia Pacific Airports Corporation)	Australia
38 million	Silver	Kempegowda International Airport (Bengaluru International Airport Limited)	India (Karnataka)
	Platinum	Christchurch International Airport (Christchurch International Airport Limited)	New Zealand
Between 6-15 million	Gold	Chubu Centrair International Airport (Central Japan International Airport Co.,Ltd.)	Japan
	Silver	Cochin International Airport (Cochin International Airport Limited)	India (Kerala)
	Platinum	Hubballi Airport (Airports Authority of India)	India (Karnataka)
Less than 6 million	Gold	Wellington International Airport (Wellington International Airport Limited)	New Zealand











Passengers per annum	Category	Operator & Airport	Country
	Silver	Darwin International Airport (Airport Development Group Pty)	Australia

• Sri Madhusudhan Sai, an Indian spiritual and Humanitarian leader, was conferred the 'Companion of the Order of Fiji'

APPOINTMENTS

National Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
A Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, Seema Agrawal	Director General of Fire and Rescue Services	DGP Abhash Kumar
Ambuj Chandna	MD & Head of Consumer Banking Group at DBS Bank India	
Anant Ambani	Executive Director of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)	-
Balaji Nuthalapadi	Executive Director for Technology and Operations at Equitas Small Finance Bank	-
Secretary of Department of Agricultural Research and Dr. Mangi Lal Jat Education (DARE) and Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)		Dr. Himanshu Pathak
Dr. Mohan Rajan, Chairman and Medical Director of Rajan Eye Care Hospital	Vice-President of the All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS), which is one of the largest professional medical bodies in the country	-









Name	Designation	Succeeded by
H Shankar	Managing Director of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL)	-
IAS Officer, Vinod Kumar Gunjiyal	Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Bihar	H R Srinivas
Indian Police Service (IPS), Viplav Kumar Choudhry	Special Director in the Enforcement Directorate	-
Judge Kaveri Baweja	New Registrar (Vigilance) of the Delhi High Court	-
Justice Arun Palli of the Punjab and Haryana High Court	Chief Justice of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court	Chief Justice Tashi Rabtan
Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai	52nd Chief Justice of India (CJI)	CJI Sanjiv Khanna
Justice Dinesh Maheshwari	Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India, which was constituted on Sept 1, 2024, with its term extending until Aug 31, 2027	-
Kamal Haasan	Chairperson of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry's (FICCI) Media and Entertainment Committee South	-
Nipun Aggarwal Chairman of Air India Express		Campbell Wilson
Poonam Gupta, Director General of National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)	Appointed as the RBI Deputy Governor	Michael Debabrata (MD) Patra











Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Salila Pande	MD& CEO of SBI Card	-
Santosh Kumar	Deputy Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of IndusInd Bank	Arun Khurana
Sohini Rajola	Executive Director- Growth at the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)	-
Swaminathan S. lyer	Whole-Time Member (Life) of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)	-
T. Rabi Sankar	Reappointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	It marks his 2nd consecutive 1-year extension since his initial appointment in May 2021, succeeding B.P. Kanungo
The 1991 batch Indian Audit & Accounts Service (IA&AS) officer, Sivasubramanian Ramann	New Chairperson of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)	Incumbent Chairman Depak Mohanty
Tokyo 2020 Olympic silver medallist Saikhom Mirabai Chanu Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF)		-
Viral Davda	Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)	<u>-</u>













International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by	Key Points
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) appointed Ajay Bhushan Pandey	As the Vice-President of Investment Solutions	-	Prior to this, he served as India's Finance Secretary and Revenue Secretary in the Ministry of Finance.
Daniel Roy Gilchrist Noboa Azín	Re-elected as President of Ecuador	-	For a tenure of 4- years.
Dr. Neelam Dhungana Timsin, Senior Deputy Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank	Acting Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank	Maha Prasad Adhikari	•
Indian filmmaker, Jitendra Mishra	President of the International Centre of Films for Children and Young People (CIFEJ)	-	For the 2025-2027 term.
Interim President of Gabon, Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema	Elected as the President of Gabon	President Ali Bongo Ondimba	For a tenure of 7- years.
Mark Carney	Prime Minister of Canada	-	Carney was sworn in as the 1st unelected PM of Canada in March 2025 after the resignation of former PM Justin Trudeau.
Mohsin Naqvi	President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)	Shammi Silva of Sri Lanka	-







Name	Designation	Succeeded by	Key Points
		Cricket (SLC)	
N Chandrasekaran, the Chairman of Tata Sons	Member of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director's Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship and Growth	-	This council aims to provide insights into macroeconomic and financial policies to support innovation, entrepreneurship, and long-term economic growth.
Peter Brabeck- Letmathe, Chairman and CEO of Nestlé S.A.,	Interim Chairman of the World Economic Forum (WEF)	Klaus Schwab	Letmathe, an Austrian businessman, has been associated with the WEF as Vice Chairman of the Foundation Board.
Satish Chavva	CEO of the Oman India Joint Investment Fund (OIJIF), jointly promoted by the Oman Investment Authority (OIA) and the SBI	-	He was previously at British International Investment (BII), the U.K.'s development finance institution.
Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, from Ghana	Assumed office as the 7th Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations	Baroness Patricia Janet Scotland of Dominica	With this, she has become the 1st woman from Africa to hold this office and 2nd woman to take on the position.
Stacie Sire	Vice President and Managing Director of Boeing India Engineering & Technology Center (BIETC)	Ahmed Elsherbini	In addition, she will also serve as the Chief Engineer for Boeing India.
United Arab Emirates (UAE)	Elected as the Chair of the International Criminal Police	-	Lt. Col. Dana Humaid Al Marzouqi







Name	Designation	Succeeded by	Key Points
	Organization (INTERPOL) Committee on Governance		chaired the committee.

Brand Ambassadors

Name	Brand Ambassador	Key Points
Bollywood actress Ananya Panday	1st-ever Indian brand ambassador for the iconic French luxury house, Chanel	-
Kriti Sanon	1st-ever Indian brand ambassador for Dreame Technology	Dreame Technology, founded in 2017, is a rapidly growing Chinese firm specializing in innovative smart home appliances.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Published by	Details
The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India	Sanjeev Chopra		The book highlights Shastri's leadership style, administrative decisions, and nation-building contributions.
"CARELESS PEOPLE: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed, and Lost Idealism"	Former Facebook Executive Sarah Wynn Williams		Central Theme: Facebook's internal dysfunction, toxic leadership, ethical failures and unchecked corporate power.
"Sanskriti Ka Paanchva Adhyay" (translated as the 5th Chapter of Culture)			This book is a curated compilation of speeches and thoughts by PM Narendra Modi, focused on India's







			cultural, spiritual, and traditional heritage.
"I Am Circular" Coffee Table Book	-	-	The book was launched by the MeitY and international Council for Circular Economy (ICCE).
"The Kashmir Shawl"	Rosie Thomas	-	Published in 2011, The Kashmir Shawl by Rosie Thomas has resurfaced in 2025, capturing fresh interest among readers, especially in Kashmir.
"Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician"	Arun Singhal and Devendra Kumar Sharma	Vani Prakashan Group	-

OBITUARY

- Veteran Indian actor and filmmaker Manoj Kumar passed away at the age of 87 in Mumbai
- Renowned Folk Dance Artist Ram Sahay Panday passed away at the age of 92
- Dadi Ratan Mohini, the Chief Administrator of Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya
 Vishwavidyalaya, passed away at the age of 101 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Renowned Environmentalist Daripalli Ramaiah, popularly called "Vanajeevi Ramaiah" and "Chettu Ramaiah" passed away at the age of 87
- Renowned Kathak dancer and Padma Awardee Kumudini Lakhia passed away at the age of 95
- Mario Vargas Llosa, the Nobel Prize-winning Peruvian Novelist and a towering figure in Latin American literature, passed away at the age of 89 in Lima, Peru
- Pope Francis, the 1st Latin American leader of the Roman Catholic Church passed away at the age of 88 in Vatican, Vatican City
- Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan, former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Padma awardee passed away at the age of 84
- Muttayil Govinda Sankara Narayanan passed away at the age of 92
- Eminent filmmaker and cinematographer Shaji Neelakandan Karunakaran, passed away at 73 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala









DEFENCE

- The Army Commanders' Conference (ACC) 2025 is held in New Delhi
- The Navika Sagar Parikrama II (NSP-II), an all-women Indian Navy circumnavigation expedition, has completed its 4th leg, reaching Cape Town, South Africa
- The 2nd edition of the Defence Literature Festival 'Kalam & Kavach 2.0' at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- Indian Navy organized its 3rd Meteorological and Oceanological Symposium,
 Meghayan-25 in Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi to mark World Meteorological Day
- The Indian Navy's warship INS Sunayna has docked at Nacala Port in Mozambique
- The European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) Operation ATALANTA stands as a cornerstone of maritime security efforts in the Western Indian Ocean and Red Sea regions











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