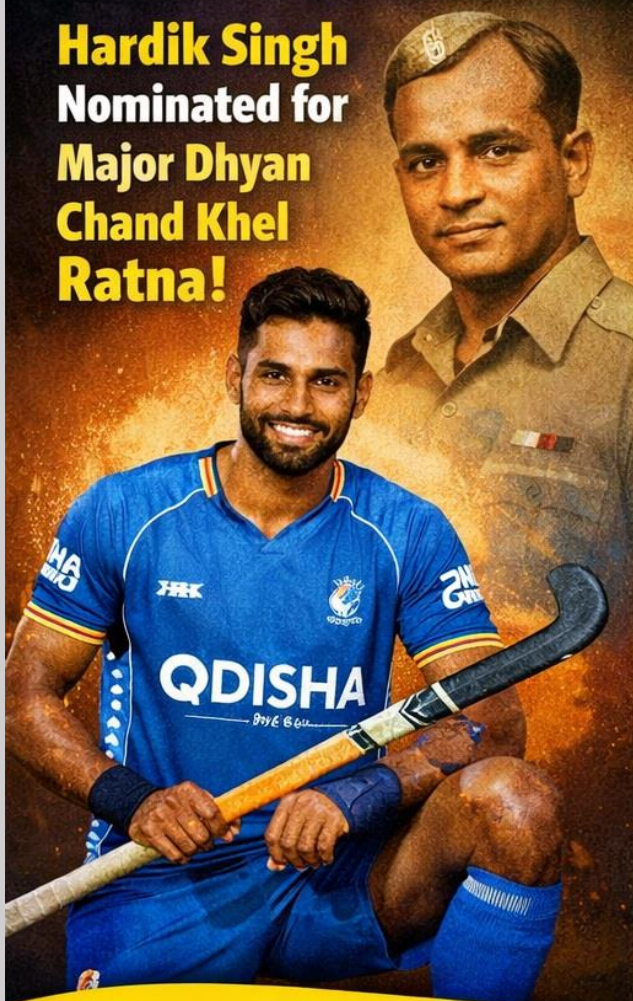


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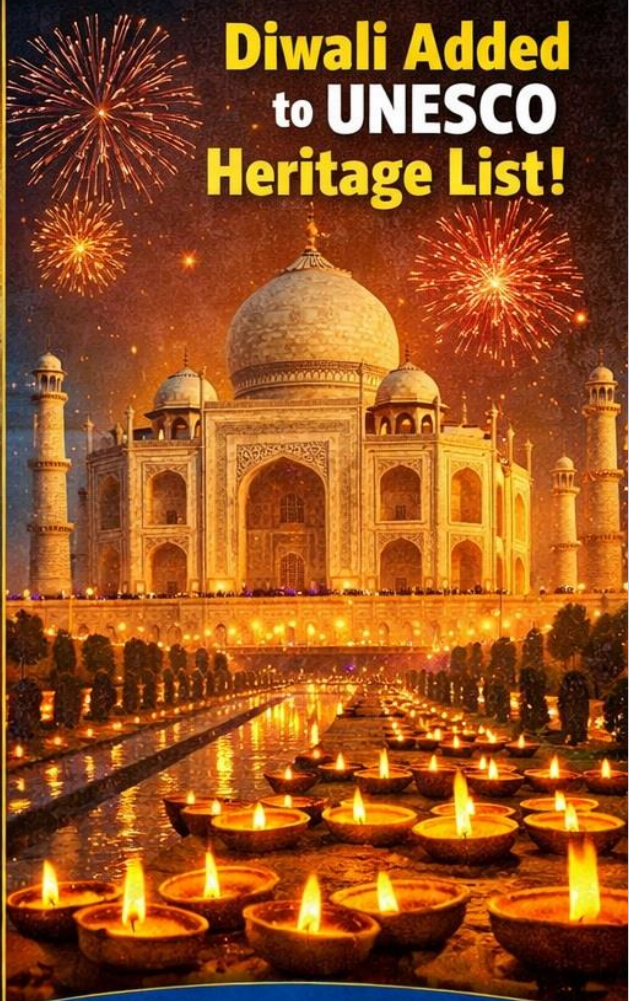
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INTERNATIONAL



[Israel becomes first country to recognise Somaliland as independent state](#)

27/12/2025

Israel has officially become the first country to recognise Somaliland as an independent state, marking a historic diplomatic shift. The move has drawn sharp reactions from Somalia and the African Union, who warn it could destabilise the Horn of Africa.

Key Points

Historic Recognition: On 26 December 2025, Israel formally recognised Somaliland, a breakaway region that declared independence from Somalia in 1991.

First UN Member State: Israel is the first United Nations member to extend such recognition, though Taiwan had earlier recognised Somaliland in 2020.

Strategic Importance: Somaliland lies along the Red Sea corridor, a geopolitically vital region for trade and security.

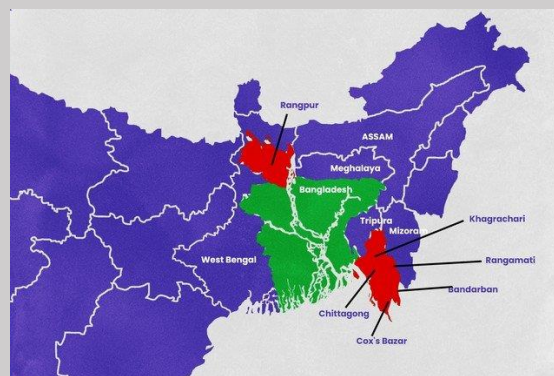
Diplomatic Ties: Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu and Somaliland President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi signed a declaration of mutual

recognition, with plans for cooperation in agriculture, health, and technology.

Global Reactions: Somalia condemned the move as a violation of its sovereignty, while Turkey, Egypt, and the African Union also criticised Israel's decision.

Context

Somaliland has operated with its own government, military, and currency since 1991 but lacked international recognition. Israel's step could encourage other nations to reconsider their stance, though it risks heightening tensions in East Africa.



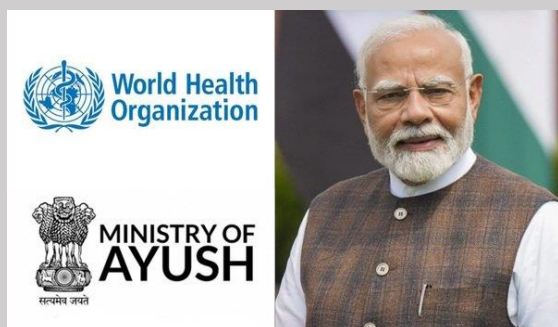
[India-Bangladesh Relations Face Strain Amid Diplomatic Closures and Political Unrest](#)

23/12/2025

India-Bangladesh relations have come under **significant strain in late 2025** due to diplomatic, political, and security challenges. In December 2025, **Bangladesh suspended consular and visa services in New Delhi**, while **India closed its visa centres in Rajshahi and Khulna**, citing security concerns. These steps mark the **sharpest diplomatic downturn in recent years**, disrupting people-to-people contact.

Political instability in Bangladesh following the **oust of Sheikh Hasina in 2024** has contributed to the tensions. The **killing of student leader Sharif Osman Hadi** triggered widespread protests, many of which featured **anti-India slogans**, accusing New Delhi of interference in Bangladesh's internal affairs.

Economically, bilateral trade stood at **USD 13.46 billion in 2024–25**, but the **trade imbalance in India's favour** has been a recurring concern for Dhaka. Strategically, uncertainty now surrounds connectivity projects linked to India's **Act East policy**, including transport and energy initiatives. India is also worried about **border security**, illegal migration, and militancy along the **864-km largely unfenced border**.



[Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine 2025 Held in New Delhi](#)
19/12/2025

The **Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine** was held in **New Delhi from 17 to 19 December 2025**, co-hosted by the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and India's **Ministry of Ayush**. The summit focused on the **evidence-based integration of traditional medicine into global health systems** under the theme **"Restoring balance: The**

science and practice of health and well-being."

Held at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**, the event was supported by the **WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC), Jamnagar**. Addressing the summit, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** stressed the need to mainstream traditional medicine through research, standardisation, and global collaboration. He launched the **My Ayush Integrated Services Portal (MAISP)**, the **Ayush Mark** for quality assurance, and released **WHO's technical report on Yoga training**.



[Modi-Trump Phone Call: India-U.S. Trade Progress and Strategic Cooperation](#)
12/12/2025

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and U.S. President **Donald Trump** held a telephonic conversation on **11 December 2025** to review bilateral ties and ongoing trade negotiations. The discussion focused on strengthening the **India-U.S. Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership**, with emphasis on trade, defence, energy, and emerging technologies.

Both leaders assessed progress in resolving **tariff disputes** and improving **market access** as negotiations between Indian and U.S. trade officials continue. They also discussed **Indo-Pacific security**,

highlighting the need for maritime cooperation and regional stability.

The call came soon after the **India–Russia summit**, reflecting India's balanced and multi-alignment foreign policy.



[Andrej Babiš Reappointed as Prime Minister of Czech Republic](#)

10/12/2025

Andrej Babiš was officially appointed Prime Minister of the Czech Republic on **9 December 2025** by President **Petr Pavel**, marking his return after his earlier tenure from 2017–2021. Leader of the **ANO party**, Babiš formed a coalition with eurosceptic groups after winning the October 2025 elections.

He pledged to prioritise Czech national interests, adopt a cautious stance on EU integration, and reassess support for Ukraine, signalling a shift in Czech domestic and foreign policy.



[Putin Concludes Two-Day India Visit, Boosts Trade, Defence and Energy Ties](#)

06/12/2025

Russian President Vladimir Putin concluded his two-day visit to India on **5 December 2025**, reaffirming the enduring, India–Russia “Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership.”

During the **23rd India–Russia Summit** in New Delhi, both sides set an ambitious **\$100 billion bilateral trade target by 2030**, advanced discussions on a **free trade agreement with the Eurasian Economic Union**, strengthened **defence manufacturing cooperation**, and expanded **energy and nuclear collaboration**, including continued Russian oil supplies to India. The visit highlighted India's balanced foreign policy amid global geopolitics and underscored Russia's effort to reinforce strategic partnerships despite Western sanctions.



[Putin's India Visit 2025: 23rd India–Russia Annual Summit](#)

05/12/2025

Russian President Vladimir Putin is on a two-day state visit to India on **December 4–5, 2025** for the **23rd India–Russia Annual Summit** with Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. This is **Putin's first visit to India since the Ukraine war**, reaffirming the countries' "**Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership.**"

During the visit, Putin was personally received by PM Modi in New Delhi, followed by a private dinner. He was accorded a ceremonial welcome at **Rashtrapati Bhavan** and paid tribute to **Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat**. The summit at **Hyderabad House** focuses on cooperation in **defence, trade, energy, and technology**, with key agreements expected on **Su-57 fighter jets, S-400 air defence systems, and oil–gas partnerships**.

Strategically, the visit highlights **India's continued defence and energy ties with Russia**, India's role in **balancing relations between Russia and Western nations**, and the broader global context of the **Ukraine conflict and energy security**.

ECONOMY



[Government Approves CoalSETU Policy for Transparent Coal Linkage Auctions](#)

13/12/2025

On **12 December 2025**, the Government of India approved the **CoalSETU policy** to ensure **seamless, efficient, and transparent utilisation of coal resources**. The decision was taken by the **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.

Under this policy, a **new auction window called 'CoalSETU'** has been introduced within the **Non-Regulated Sector (NRS) Coal Linkage Auction Policy, 2016**. The policy enables **long-term auction of coal linkages for any industrial use and exports**, ensuring fair access to coal.

Any domestic buyer can participate in the auction **irrespective of end use**. Coal linkages obtained under CoalSETU can be used for **own consumption, exports, or other purposes such as coal washing**, but **resale within the country is not permitted**.

Additionally, linkage holders are allowed to **export up to 50% of the allocated coal** and can **flexibly utilise coal among group companies**,

improving operational efficiency and optimal resource utilisation.



[RBI Monetary Policy Committee cut the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25%](#)

06/12/2025

The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee unanimously cut the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25% in its December 2025 meeting. This marks the fourth rate reduction in 2025, bringing the cumulative cut for the year to 125 basis points. The move comes amid a backdrop of strong economic growth and subdued inflation, described by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra as a "rare Goldilocks period".

Key details and implications of the announcement:

Economic Forecasts: The RBI revised its FY26 GDP growth estimate upward to 7.3% (from 6.8%) and lowered its CPI inflation projection to 2% (from 2.6%).

Liquidity Measures: To ensure smoother monetary policy transmission and support liquidity, the central bank announced plans for Open Market Operations (OMO) purchases of government securities worth ₹1 lakh crore and a three-year dollar-rupee buy-sell swap of \$5 billion.

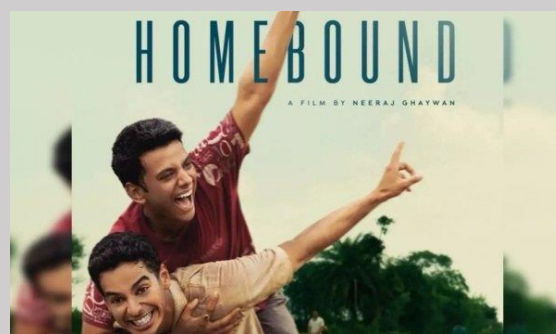
Impact on Borrowers: The repo rate cut is expected to lead to lower interest rates on loans, benefiting

borrowers through reduced Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) for home and auto loans.

Impact on Investors: Lower interest rates are likely to impact fixed deposit returns, while potentially boosting rate-sensitive sectors of the stock market, such as real estate, auto, and banking.

Policy Stance: The MPC has maintained a "neutral" policy stance, leaving room for future adjustments based on evolving economic conditions.

ART AND CULTURE



[Indian Film Homebound Shortlisted for Oscars 2026](#)

17/12/2025

The Indian film **Homebound**, directed by **Neeraj Ghaywan**, has been **shortlisted for the 98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026)** in the **Best International Feature Film** category.

Homebound is among **15 films** that have become **eligible for final nominations** in this category, which highlights outstanding cinema from around the world. Being shortlisted marks a significant achievement for Indian cinema on the global stage.

The **final nominations** in the shortlisted categories will be announced on **22 January 2026**, while the **98th Academy**

Awards ceremony is scheduled to take place on **15 March 2026**.



[Deepavali Inscribed on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List as India's 16th Element](#)

11/12/2025

Deepavali (Diwali), the festival of lights, has been officially inscribed on **UNESCO's List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity** during the **20th UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee session** held at the **Red Fort, New Delhi (8–13 December 2025)**.

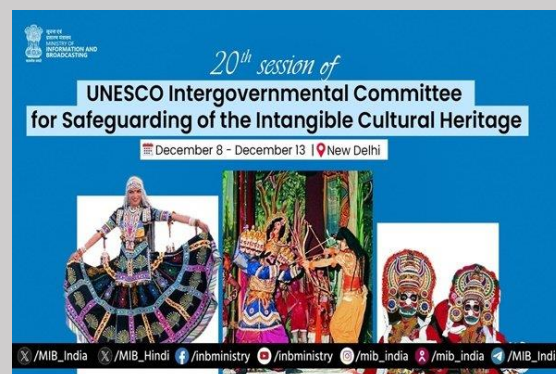
This makes Deepavali the **16th Indian element** on the UNESCO Intangible Heritage list. The announcement was celebrated in Nepal with bhajan gatherings and lamp-lighting at the Pashupati Temple, where community members expressed pride in the global recognition of their tradition.

UNESCO delegates from **194 member states** adopted the inscription, acknowledging Deepavali as a living tradition symbolising **light over darkness** and **good over evil**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed the recognition, noting that Deepavali reflects the **soul of India's civilisation**.

The festival's practices—lighting oil lamps, fireworks, community gatherings, and home-cleaning rituals—promote social bonding, cultural continuity, and hygiene. The inscription honours the millions who celebrate the festival, the artisans who

preserve its traditions, and the enduring cultural values it represents.

India's list of intangible heritage elements already includes **Garba, Durga Puja, Kumbh Mela, Yoga, Vedic chanting, Ramlila**, and several other iconic cultural traditions.

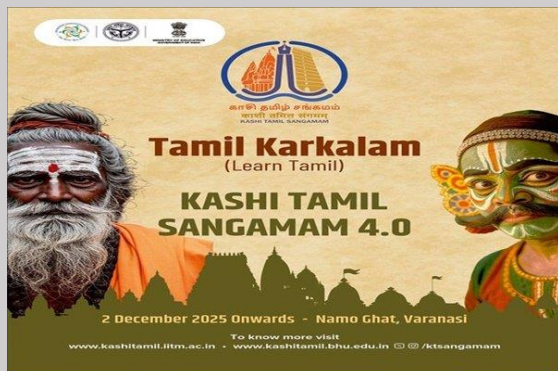


[India Hosts 20th UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee Session at Red Fort](#)

09/12/2025

India is hosting the **20th session of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage** at the **Red Fort, New Delhi, from 8 to 13 December 2025**. The session is chaired by **Ambassador Vishal V. Sharma**, India's Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, and brings together international delegates, cultural experts, and policymakers to review new nominations and strengthen global cooperation under the **2003 UNESCO Convention**.

A key highlight of the session is **India's nomination of Diwali** for inclusion in UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. India currently has **15 elements** already inscribed, including Yoga, Kumbh Mela, and Ramlila.



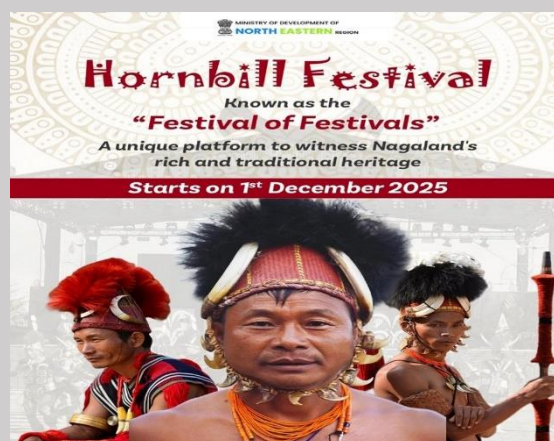
[Kashi-Tamil Sangamam 4.0 Begins in Varanasi](#)

03/12/2025

The **fourth edition of the Kashi-Tamil Sangamam** began on **2 December 2025** in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**. The event was jointly inaugurated by **Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** and **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** at **Namo Ghat**.

The central theme of this edition is **“Let Us Learn Tamil – Tamil Karkalam”**, emphasizing the unity of India's languages and promoting Tamil learning across regions. The event highlights cultural integration, with traditional artists from both **Kashi (Varanasi)** and **Tamil Nadu** performing together.

More than **1,400 delegates** from Tamil Nadu—students, teachers, writers, media professionals, farmers, professionals, artisans, women, and spiritual scholars—will participate in various cultural and educational programs in Kashi.



[Hornbill Festival of Nagaland from 1-10 December, 2025, at the Kisama Heritage Village](#)

01/12/2025

The **26th Hornbill Festival of Nagaland** began on **December 1, 2025**, at the **Kisama Heritage Village** and will continue for ten days. Celebrated annually to mark **Nagaland's Statehood Day**, the festival showcases the unity and cultural richness of the state's **17 major tribes**.

This edition was inaugurated by **Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla**, with **Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio** hosting the event. A key highlight is the newly renamed **Unity Arena**, which hosted the opening ceremony.

The 2025 festival features participation from **six partner countries**—the United Kingdom, France, Austria, Switzerland, Malta, and Ireland—and **Arunachal Pradesh** as the partner state, emphasizing international cultural exchange and regional cooperation. To encourage global tourism, the Government of India relaxed the **Protected Area Permit (PAP)** requirements.

Throughout the celebration, visitors can experience traditional dances, folk music, indigenous sports, arts,

handloom exhibitions, tribal cuisine, carnivals, concerts, and food and adventure events across Nagaland. The festival has grown into a significant platform for tourism, cultural diplomacy, and economic opportunities, strengthening tribal identity while connecting Nagaland to the world.

IMPORTANT DAYS



[Veer Baal Diwas: Honouring the Martyrdom of Sahibzadas \(26 December\)](#)

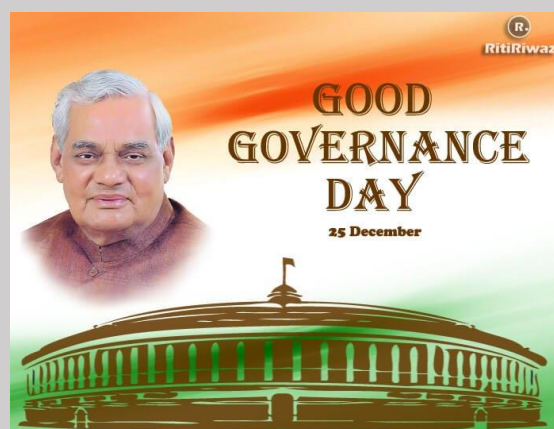
26/12/2025

Veer Baal Diwas is observed every year on **26 December** to honour the **martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's younger sons, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji**, who refused to abandon their faith and chose sacrifice over submission at a very tender age. The day commemorates their unparalleled courage, devotion, and commitment to righteousness.

The younger Sahibzadas—**Zorawar Singh (9)** and **Fateh Singh (7)**—were captured by Mughal forces and pressured to renounce Sikhism. They stood firm and were **bricked alive at Sirhind Fort**, a defining moment of bravery in Sikh history. Veer Baal Diwas serves as a tribute to their sacrifice and

inspires the nation with values of **truth, resilience, and moral strength**.

Observed nationwide, the day includes **prayers, educational programmes, exhibitions, and cultural events**, keeping their legacy alive among youth. The day also sees discussions around renaming it as *Sahibzade Shahadat Diwas*, emphasizing martyrdom. Veer Baal Diwas stands as a reminder that **even children can become eternal symbols of courage and faith**.



[Good Governance Day 2025: Honouring Atal Bihari Vajpayee](#)
25/12/2025

Good Governance Day is observed every year on **25 December** to commemorate the **birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, one of India's most respected **statesmen, poets, and visionary leaders**. Declared by the **Government of India in 2014**, the day underscores the principles of **accountability, transparency, efficiency, and citizen-centric governance**, values that defined Vajpayee's political and administrative philosophy.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee, **born on 25 December 1924**, served as **Prime Minister of India three times** and

played a pivotal role in shaping **modern India** through **inclusive governance, democratic values, and institutional strengthening**. His leadership witnessed landmark initiatives such as the **Pokhran-II nuclear tests (1998)**, the **Golden Quadrilateral highway project**, and major **economic and telecom reforms**, reflecting his commitment to national security and development.

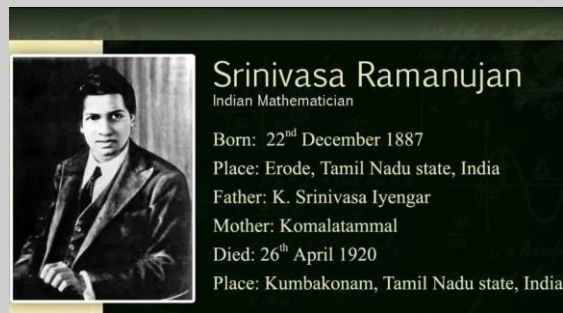


[National Farmers Day \(Kisan Diwas\): 23 December](#)

24/12/2025

National Farmers Day, also known as Kisan Diwas, is observed annually on **23 December** in India to recognise the vital contribution of farmers to the country's economy, food security, and rural development. The day marks the **birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh**, India's fifth Prime Minister, who is remembered for his strong advocacy of farmers' rights and pro-rural policies.

The observance highlights farmers as the backbone of the nation and reflects on Charan Singh's legacy, including his opposition to exploitative land policies and efforts toward equitable land reforms, better agricultural pricing, and improved rural credit systems.



[National Mathematics Day 2025: Celebrating the Legacy of Srinivasa Ramanujan](#)

22/12/2025

National Mathematics Day is observed every year on **22 December** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Srinivasa Ramanujan**, one of India's greatest and most influential mathematicians. The day highlights the **importance of mathematics** in scientific advancement, innovation, and everyday life.

The observance was **instituted by the Government of India in December 2011**, officially designating **22 December as National Mathematics Day** in recognition of Ramanujan's extraordinary contributions to number theory, mathematical analysis, and infinite series. To further promote mathematical learning and research, **2012 was celebrated nationwide as the National Mathematics Year**.



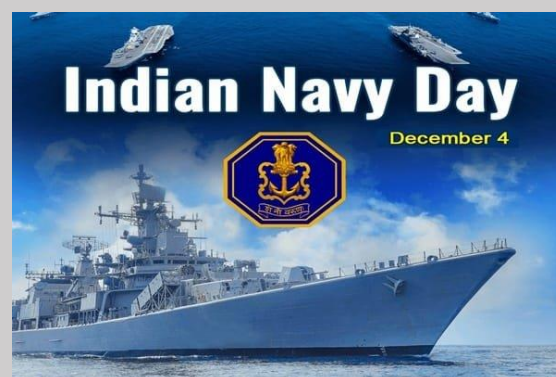
Vijay Diwas : India's Historic Victory in the 1971 War

16/12/2025

Vijay Diwas is observed every year on **16 December** to mark India's historic victory in the **1971 Indo-Pak war**, which led to the **liberation of Bangladesh**. The war began on **3 December 1971** and lasted only **13 days**, making it one of the shortest and most decisive wars in history.

The conflict arose from a severe humanitarian crisis in **East Pakistan**, where atrocities forced millions of refugees to flee into India. Responding to this crisis, India intervened. On **16 December 1971**, Pakistan's Eastern Command, led by **General A.A.K. Niazi**, surrendered unconditionally along with **93,000 troops** to the **Indian Armed Forces and the Mukti Bahini**—one of the largest military surrenders since World War II.

The victory resulted in the **creation of Bangladesh** and significantly altered South Asian geopolitics. Vijay Diwas symbolizes **India's military strength, strategic leadership, and humanitarian commitment**.



India Celebrates Navy Day 2025 with Grand Operational Demonstration in Kerala

04/12/2025

Navy Day 2025 was celebrated on **4 December**, honouring the role, achievements, and maritime strength of the **Indian Navy**.

The date commemorates the success of **Operation Trident (1971)**, when the Indian Navy sank four Pakistani vessels, including **PNS Khaibar**.

In 2025, the celebrations included a grand **Operational Demonstration** at **Shangumugham Beach, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)**, showcasing frontline warships, coordinated manoeuvres, and advanced naval capabilities. The event highlighted India's vision of the **MAHASAGAR initiative** and the Navy's role as the **Preferred Security Partner in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**.



[World AIDS Day Observed on December 1 to Raise HIV/AIDS Awareness](#)

01/12/2025

World AIDS Day is observed annually on **December 1** to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, remember those who have died, and support people living with HIV. Established in **1988** by the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the **United Nations**, it is the **first global health awareness day**.

The theme for **2025** is “**Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response**,” focusing on strengthening healthcare systems, ensuring funding, addressing inequalities, and supporting community-led initiatives to end AIDS by **2030**.

While scientific progress—such as antiretroviral therapy (ART), preventive tools like **PrEP**, and ongoing research toward a functional cure—offers hope, challenges like stigma, discrimination, and reduced funding continue to hinder progress worldwide.

In India, one of the largest HIV programs globally, awareness campaigns, improved ART access, and increased conversations around prevention methods are helping tackle both urban and rural challenges.

World AIDS Day serves as a reminder to promote education, testing, treatment access, and dignity for affected individuals—reinforcing

global commitment toward ending AIDS as a public health threat.

POLITY



[Winter Session of Parliament 2025 Concludes with Passage of Landmark Bills](#)

20/12/2025

Both Houses of Parliament were **adjourned sine die on 19 December 2025**, marking the conclusion of the **19-day Winter Session**, which began on **1 December 2025**.

In his valedictory address, **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla** said the Lower House held **15 sittings** and recorded **111% productivity**, thanking members for their cooperation. **Rajya Sabha Chairman C.P.**

Radhakrishnan noted that the Upper House functioned for about **92 hours** with **121% productivity**, highlighting high-quality debates on issues of democratic and historical importance. Special discussions were held on the **150th anniversary of the national song Vande Mataram** and **electoral reforms**, with wide participation by members.

Key legislations passed included the **Viksit Bharat–G RAM G Bill 2025**, the **SHANTI Bill**, and major insurance and health-related bills. The session

also witnessed the **first-ever dedicated discussion on electoral reforms** in Parliament.



[SHANTI Bill 2025: Major Reform in India's Civil Nuclear Energy Sector](#) 19/12/2025

The **Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India Bill, 2025 (SHANTI Bill)** represents a **major reform in India's civil nuclear sector**, positioning nuclear power as a key component of the country's **clean energy transition**. Passed by **both Houses of Parliament in December 2025**, the bill replaces outdated laws such as the **Atomic Energy Act, 1962** and the **Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010**.

Despite India's nuclear power capacity **doubling since 2014**, it still forms a small share of the overall energy mix. The SHANTI Bill aims to scale up nuclear energy to meet **climate commitments** and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

A landmark feature of the bill is the **opening of the nuclear sector to private participation**, allowing private companies and joint ventures to construct, own, operate, and decommission nuclear power plants. It grants **statutory authority to the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)** to strengthen safety oversight and licensing.

The bill also **consolidates safety, liability, and compensation provisions** into a single legal framework, reforms liability rules to attract investment while ensuring public safety, and encourages **research and innovation** by easing licensing for certain R&D activities.



[Winter Session of Parliament Begins on December 1, 2025](#) 01/12/2025

The Winter Session of the Indian Parliament began on **1 December 2025**, with **15 sittings scheduled over 19 days**. A total of **13 bills** are expected to be taken up, including the **National Highways (Amendment) Bill, Atomic Energy Bill, Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill**, and the **Higher Education Commission of India Bill, 2025**.

In the **Lok Sabha**, Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** will introduce the **Central Excise (Amendment) Bill** and the **Health Security and National Security Cess Bill, 2025**. The session will also include **discussion and voting on the first batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2025–26**.

NATIONAL



[DRDO Successfully Tests Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket with 120 km Range](#)

30/12/2025

The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully carried out the **maiden flight test** of the **Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket** at the **Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur**, on **29 December 2025**. The rocket was tested to its **maximum range of 120 km**, performing all planned in-flight manoeuvres and striking the target with **high accuracy**.

The rocket system was **designed by the Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE)** in collaboration with the **High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL)**, and supported by the **Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL)** and the **Research Centre Imarat (RCI)**. It was launched from an **in-service Pinaka launcher**, demonstrating its **versatility and compatibility** to fire different range variants from the same platform.

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** congratulated DRDO on the successful test, calling it a **major technological boost for the Armed**

Forces and a **potential game-changer** in India's defence capabilities.



[President Droupadi Murmu Undertakes Submarine Sortie on INS Vaghsheer](#)

29/12/2025

On **28 December 2025**, President **Droupadi Murmu**, the **Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces**, undertook a rare **dived operational sortie** onboard **INS Vaghsheer**, an **indigenous Kalvari-class submarine**, on the **Western Seaboard**. She embarked the submarine from **Karwar Naval Harbour, Karnataka**, accompanied by **Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi**, and spent over **two hours at sea** interacting with the crew and observing live operational demonstrations.

President Murmu became only the **second President of India** to undertake a submarine sortie, after **Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**. Describing the experience as **special and memorable**, she praised the **successful firings, demanding operations**, and the crew's **exceptional preparedness and dedication**, reflecting the submarine's motto "**Veerta Varchasva Vijaya.**"

She expressed confidence that the **Indian Navy's submarine arm** is **fully combat-ready** to meet any threat. The sortie follows her

earlier **operational engagement with the Navy in November 2024** aboard **INS Vikrant**, highlighting her continued engagement with the Armed Forces.



[Agniveers Get 50% Quota in BSF Constable Recruitment](#)

22/12/2025

The **Union Home Ministry** has increased the quota for **ex-Agniveers** in **constable recruitment** of the **Border Security Force (BSF)** from **10% to 50%**, according to a gazette notification dated 21 December 2025.

The notification provides **age-limit relaxation** for ex-Agniveers:

Up to 5 years for the **first batch of ex-Agniveers**

Up to 3 years for subsequent batches

Additionally, **ex-Agniveers will be exempted from the Physical Standard Test (PST) and Physical Efficiency Test (PET)**, easing their recruitment process.

These changes have been made by amending the **Border Security Force, General Duty Cadre (Non-Gazetted) Recruitment Rules, 2015**. As per the revised rules, **50% of vacancies** in every recruitment year will be reserved for ex-Agniveers, **10% for ex-servicemen**, and **up to 3% for Combatised Constable (Tradesmen)** through absorption of annual vacancies.

The move aims to provide **greater employment opportunities to Agnipath scheme recruits** and strengthen manpower in the BSF.



[Indian Army Completes Induction of AH-64E Apache Attack Helicopters](#)

18/12/2025

The Indian Army received the **final batch of three AH-64E Apache attack helicopters** from Boeing on **December 16-17, 2025**, completing its contracted fleet of **six helicopters**. The deal, signed with the United States in **February 2020** for about **\$600 million**, marks a major milestone for the **Army Aviation Corps**.

The helicopters arrived at **Hindon Air Force Station, Ghaziabad**, and will be inducted into the **451 Army Aviation Squadron at Jodhpur, Rajasthan**, after assembly and technical checks. This is the **first time the Indian Army has its own Apache fleet** (the IAF already operates Apaches).

The AH-64E Apache is equipped with **advanced sensors, night-fighting capability, Hellfire missiles, rockets, and a 30mm chain gun**, making it ideal for **precision strikes, reconnaissance, desert warfare, and border operations**. The induction significantly enhances India's **strike capability and combat readiness**, especially along the western frontiers.

and reflects the **strengthening India-US defence partnership**.



Harimau Shakti 2025: India-Malaysia Joint Military Exercise

15/12/2025

Harimau Shakti 2025 is the **5th India-Malaysia joint military exercise**, held from **5-18 December 2025** at **Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan**. It involved the **Dogra Regiment (India)** and the **25th Battalion, Royal Malaysian Army**.

The exercise focused on **counter-insurgency, counter-terrorism, and UN peacekeeping operations**, aiming to enhance **interoperability, operational readiness, and bilateral defence cooperation** between the two countries.

Census of India 2027
Cabinet approves scheme of Conduct of Census of India 2027 at a cost of **Rs.11,718.24 crore**.

- The Census of India would be conducted in **two phases**:
 - **Houselisting and Housing Census** - April to September, 2026
 - **Population Enumeration (PE)** - February 2027*
- It will also capture **Caste data electronically in second phase**, i.e. Population Enumeration (PE)

*For the UT of Ladakh and snow bound non-synchronous areas of UT of Jammu & Kashmir and states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, PE shall be conducted in September, 2026.

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Govt Approves ₹11,718 Crore Budget for India's First Digital Census 2027

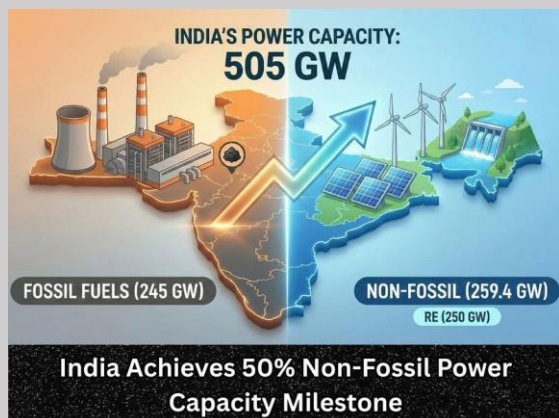
13/12/2025

On **12 December 2025**, the **Union Cabinet** approved a budget of **₹11,718 crore** for conducting **Census 2027**.

Census 2027 will be conducted in **two phases**—**Phase I (Houselisting and Housing Census)** and **Phase II (Population Enumeration)**. It will be **India's 16th Census overall** and the **8th Census since Independence**. India's Census is regarded as the **largest administrative and statistical exercise in the world**.

A major highlight is that **Caste Enumeration will be included** in Census 2027. It will also be **India's first-ever digital Census**, with data collection carried out through **mobile applications available on both Android and iOS platforms**.

Around **30 lakh field functionaries** will be deployed for the exercise. Census 2027 will **cover the entire population of the country**, involving **door-to-door visits** to every household using separate questionnaires for housing and population data.



[India Achieves 50% Non-Fossil Power Capacity Target Five Years Ahead of 2030 Deadline](#)

09/12/2025

India has achieved a major clean energy milestone by installing **50% of its total power capacity from non-fossil fuel sources**, reaching its **Panchamrit target five years ahead of the 2030 deadline**. As per data tabled in the **Lok Sabha on 8 December 2025**, India's total installed power capacity stood at **485 GW as of 30 June 2025**, out of which **243 GW** came from non-fossil sources. The Standing Committee on Energy praised the **MNRE, Ministry of Power, and stakeholders** for this progress.

India has already installed **116 GW of solar capacity** and aims to reach **292 GW by 2030** as part of its larger **500 GW non-fossil power target**. To achieve this, around **176 GW of new solar capacity** must be added in the next five years. Currently, **128 GW is under implementation**, while **62 GW is in the tendering stage**.

However, the Committee highlighted key challenges such as **land acquisition delays, grid connectivity issues, inadequate energy storage, and the need to strengthen domestic manufacturing**. Land requirements are particularly critical, as **4–7 acres are**

needed per MW of solar power, and India may need **1.4–2 million hectares of land** for long-term solar expansion. This could lead to conflicts with **agriculture and ecologically sensitive areas**. The Committee urged strict adherence to the planned energy transition roadmap to sustain progress.



[Armed Forces Flag Day Observed on December 7 to Honour India's Defence Personnel](#)

08/12/2025

Armed Forces Flag Day is observed annually on **December 7** in India to honour the **sacrifice, courage, and service of the Army, Navy, and Air Force**. Established in **1949**, the day was instituted to create awareness and raise funds for the **welfare of ex-servicemen, war widows, and their dependents** through the **Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF)**.

On this day, citizens contribute voluntarily and receive small flags or stickers as a symbol of solidarity with the armed forces. The observance reflects **national gratitude, unity, and responsibility** toward those who protect the nation.



[India–Malaysia Begin 5th Edition of 'Harimau Shakti' Joint Military Exercise in Rajasthan](#)

06/12/2025

India and Malaysia commenced the **fifth edition of the joint military exercise 'Harimau Shakti'** on **5 December 2025** at the **Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan**, which will continue till **18 December**. The exercise focuses on enhancing **interoperability in sub-conventional operations under the UN Chapter VII mandate**.

The Indian Army is represented mainly by the **Dogra Regiment**, while Malaysia is represented by the **25th Battalion of the Royal Malaysian Army**. Training includes **counter-terrorism operations**, cordon-and-search drills, search-and-destroy missions, **heliborne operations**, martial arts, combat reflex shooting, and yoga. Both sides will also rehearse **helipad security and casualty evacuation in hostile environments**. The exercise aims to improve joint operational readiness, reduce risks, and **strengthen defence cooperation and bilateral ties** between India and Malaysia.

NEW COMPLEX HOUSING PM'S OFFICE RENAMED AS 'SEVA TEERTH'

NDTV



[PMO Renamed and Shifted to New 'Sewa Tirth' Complex Under Central Vista Project](#)

03/12/2025

India's **Prime Minister's Office (PMO)** is being relocated from the historic **South Block** to a newly built complex named **Sewa Tirth**, marking a symbolic shift in governance from **"power" (satta)** to **"service" (seva)**.

The move is part of the **Central Vista Redevelopment Project**.

New Sewa Tirth Complex

The new Executive Enclave will have three main blocks:

Sewa Tirth-1: Prime Minister's Office

Sewa Tirth-2: Cabinet Secretariat

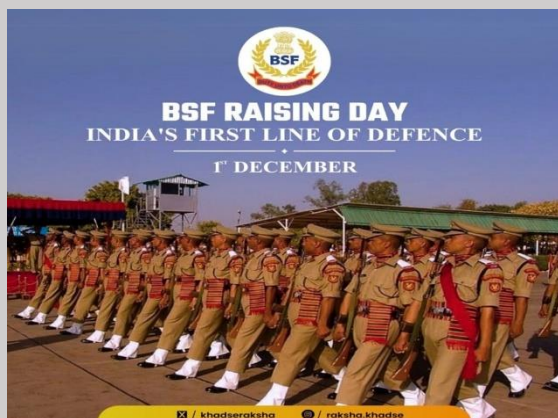
Sewa Tirth-3: Office of the National Security Advisor (NSA)

Located near **Vayu Bhawan**, the complex features modern infrastructure, advanced security systems, and sustainable design.

Meaning & Symbolism

"Sewa Tirth" means a *pilgrimage of service*, emphasizing duty, humility, and citizen-centric governance.

Reflects a broader government effort to rename institutions—e.g., **Raj Bhavan** → **Lok Bhavan**, **Raj Niwas** → **Lok Niwas**.



[Border Security Force \(BSF\) 61st Raising Day \(1 December 2025\)](#)
02/12/2025

The Border Security Force (BSF) celebrated its 61st Raising Day on 1 December 2025, marking six decades since its formation in 1965 after the Indo-Pak war. Over the years, BSF has grown into the **world's largest border-guarding force**, responsible for securing India's borders with **Pakistan and Bangladesh**, and supporting security along the Myanmar frontier and coastal areas.

BSF plays a crucial role in preventing infiltration, smuggling, and cross-border crimes, along with participating in counter-insurgency operations in Jammu & Kashmir and the Northeast. The force is also known for its contributions in humanitarian relief, disaster management, and UN peacekeeping missions.

SPORTS



[Vaibhav Suryavanshi Awarded Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2025](#)
27/12/2025

On 26 December 2025, President Droupadi Murmu conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar on 14-year-old cricket sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi for his exceptional achievements in domestic and U-19 cricket. The ceremony recognised outstanding children across fields such as **sports, bravery, social service, environment, art & culture, and science & technology.**

Vaibhav has quickly risen as one of India's most exciting young talents, breaking multiple records. He became the **youngest centurion in List A cricket**, smashing **190 off 84 balls** in the Vijay Hazare Trophy and surpassing **AB de Villiers' record for fastest 150**. He also became the **youngest batter to score a century in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy**, and holds the **highest U-19 Asia Cup score by an Indian (171)**.

Internationally, he scored a century against Australia U-19 and hit **144 off 42 balls** for India A in the Rising Stars Asia Cup, with a 32-ball hundred making him the **youngest male cricketer to score a century at senior representative level**.

In the IPL, he debuted for Rajasthan Royals at **14 years and 23 days**, becoming the youngest player in tournament history. Nine days later, he became the **youngest IPL centurion**, scoring a stunning **35-ball hundred**, the fastest by an Indian in IPL history.

Vaibhav's achievements have earned him national recognition, marking him as one of India's brightest future prospects in cricket.



[Hardik Singh Nominated for Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna; National Sports Awards 2025](#)

25/12/2025

Two-time Olympic medallist and Indian men's hockey team vice-captain Hardik Singh has been nominated for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna, India's highest sporting honour. The nominations for the National Sports Awards 2025 were finalised on 24 December 2025 by a selection panel comprising IOA vice-president Gagan Narang, former hockey player MM Somaya, and former badminton player Aparna Popat.

Hardik Singh was an integral member of the Indian team that won the **bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics** and followed it up with another **Olympic medal at Paris 2024**, making him a two-time Olympic medallist.

The panel also recommended 24 athletes for the Arjuna Award,

including yogasana athlete Aarti Pal. Other notable nominees include rifle shooter Mehuli Ghosh, gymnast Pranati Nayak, and the women's badminton pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand. The awards are conferred annually by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and presented by the President of India.



[India Announces Squad for ICC T20 World Cup 2026](#)

22/12/2025

The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has announced a **15-member Indian squad** for the upcoming **ICC T20 World Cup**, scheduled to be held from **7 February to 8 March 2026**.

Suryakumar Yadav has been named **captain** of the Indian team. **Shubman Gill** has been removed from the vice-captaincy and dropped from the squad due to **fitness and form concerns**. **Axar Patel** returns as **vice-captain**, strengthening the leadership group.

The squad sees the return of **Ishan Kishan** as a second wicketkeeper-batter. **Sanju Samson** and **Abhishek Sharma** are set to open the innings, while **Rinku Singh** makes a comeback, adding depth to the middle order alongside **Tilak Varma**, **Hardik Pandya**,

Shivam Dube, Washington Sundar, and **Axar Patel.**

In bowling, **Jasprit Bumrah** will lead the pace attack, supported by **Arshdeep Singh** and **Harshit Rana**. The spin department features **Kuldeep Yadav** and **Varun Chakravarthy**.



[India Wins Maiden Squash World Cup 2025 – Creates Sporting History](#)
16/12/2025

India created history by winning its **maiden Squash World Cup title** in **December 2025**, defeating **top-seeded Hong Kong 3–0** in the final held at **Chennai**. With this victory, India became the **first Asian nation** to lift the prestigious **mixed-team Squash World Cup trophy**.

The final, played on **14 December 2025** at the Express Avenue Mall, saw a dominant all-round performance by the Indian team. **Joshna Chinappa's experience, Abhay Singh's composure, Anahat Singh's fearless play, and Velavan Senthilkumar's consistency** were key to India's unbeaten run in the tournament. Entering as the **second seed**, India did not drop a single tie throughout the competition, upgrading its **bronze medal from 2023** to gold.

The victory is a major milestone for Indian sports and significantly boosts the country's profile in squash ahead

of the sport's **Olympic debut at the Los Angeles 2028 Games**.



[Lionel Messi's GOAT India Tour 2025: A Historic Moment for Indian Football](#)
15/12/2025

Lionel Messi's **"GOAT India Tour 2025"** was a landmark event for Indian football, held from **13 to 15 December 2025** across **Kolkata, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and New Delhi**. The three-day visit generated massive fan enthusiasm and placed India firmly on the global football map. Messi was accompanied by fellow football stars **Luis Suárez** and **Rodrigo De Paul**, adding to the excitement and international attention.

The tour began in **Kolkata**, widely regarded as India's football capital, where thousands of fans gathered to welcome Messi, reflecting the city's deep football culture. In **Hyderabad**, the focus shifted to **grassroots football**, with fan interactions and youth-oriented activities highlighting the sport's growing popularity among young Indians. **Mumbai** witnessed one of the most memorable moments of the tour when Messi met **Sachin Tendulkar** and exchanged jerseys with **Sunil Chhetri**, symbolizing unity between cricket and football—India's two major sporting passions. The overwhelming crowd response in

Mumbai underlined Messi's unmatched global appeal.

The tour concluded in **New Delhi**, where Messi met **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, giving the visit a strong diplomatic and cultural dimension. Overall, the GOAT India Tour 2025 was more than a fan event; it promoted football, inspired young athletes, strengthened cultural exchange, and showcased India as an emerging hub for global sports engagement.



[Germany Wins 2025 FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup; India Secures Bronze](#)

11/12/2025

Germany won the **FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup 2025** in Chennai on **10 December 2025**, defeating Spain **3-2 in a shoot-out** after a 1-1 draw in regulation time, securing their **eighth title**. Justus Warweg scored for Germany, while Nicolas Mustaros equalised for Spain before the match went to penalties.

India claimed their **first-ever bronze medal** in the Junior World Cup with a brilliant **4-2 comeback win** against Argentina, scoring four goals in eleven minutes through Ankit Pal, Manmeet Singh, Shardanand Tiwari, and Anmol Ekka.

GROUP A MEXICO SOUTH AFRICA KOREA REPUBLIC FIFA WINNER PLAY-OFF D	GROUP B CANADA FIFA WINNER PLAY-OFF A QATAR SWITZERLAND	GROUP C BRAZIL MOROCCO HAITI SCOTLAND	GROUP D USA PARAGUAY AUSTRALIA FIFA WINNER PLAY-OFF C
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[FIFA World Cup 2026: First-Ever Tri-Nation Tournament with 48 Teams](#)

08/12/2025

The **FIFA World Cup 2026** will be the **largest edition in history**, jointly hosted by the **USA, Canada, and Mexico** from **June 11 to July 19, 2026** across **16 cities**. For the first time, the tournament will feature an **expanded 48-team format**, divided into **12 groups of four teams**, with **32 teams advancing** to the knockout stage.

The **opening match** will be played at **Estadio Azteca, Mexico City**, while the **final** is scheduled at **MetLife Stadium, New York/New Jersey**. **Argentina**, the 2022 champions, will defend their title. The tournament marks the **first tri-nation hosting**, making it the most **inclusive and geographically diverse World Cup** ever.



[Arjun Erigaisi Wins Jerusalem Masters 2025 Title](#)

05/12/2025

Indian Grandmaster **Arjun Erigaisi** won the **Jerusalem Masters 2025 chess title** on **3 December 2025** after defeating former World Champion **Viswanathan Anand** in an all-Indian final. The championship was decided through a **blitz tie-break**, following drawn rapid games.

En route to the title, Arjun defeated Russian Grandmaster **Peter Svidler** in the semifinals, while Anand advanced to the final after beating reigning World Blitz Champion **Ian Nepomniachtchi**.



[Armand Duplantis and Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone Named World Athletes of the Year 2025](#)

02/12/2025

Sweden's pole vault champion **Armand Duplantis** and American sprinter **Sydney McLaughlin-**

Levrone were honored as the **World Athletes of the Year 2025**.

Armand Duplantis

Broke the **men's pole vault world record four times** in 2025.

Remained **undefeated in all 16 competitions**, winning both indoor and outdoor world titles.

Became the **first male pole vaulter in modern athletics to go unbeaten in one event for two consecutive years**.

Also awarded **Men's Field Athlete of the Year**.

Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone

Won the **women's 400m title in Tokyo** with a record time of **47.78 seconds**, breaking a **42-year-old world record**.

Became the **first athlete ever to win world titles in both the 400m flat and 400m hurdles**.

Also named the **Women's Track Athlete of the Year**.

Other honours included:

Out-of-stadium athletes of the year:

María Pérez (Spain) – Racewalking

Sebastian Sawe (Kenya) – Long-distance running

Men's Track Athlete of the Year: *Emmanuel Wanyonyi (Kenya)*

Women's Field Athlete of the Year: *Nicola Olyslagers (Australia)*

Rising Stars 2025:

Edmund Serem (Kenya)

Zhang Jiale (China)

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



[ISRO Successfully Launches AST SpaceMobile BlueBird Block-2 Satellite Using LVM3](#)

24/12/2025

India successfully carried out another significant space mission as ISRO, through its commercial arm NewSpace India Limited, **launched the United States' AST SpaceMobile BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite on 24 December 2025 at 8:55 AM** from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

The satellite was placed into Low Earth Orbit by ISRO's heavy-lift launch vehicle **LVM3**, marking its **sixth operational flight** and reinforcing ISRO's reliable launch capabilities. The mission was particularly notable as **BlueBird Block-2 is the largest commercial communication satellite deployed in Low Earth Orbit** and also the **heaviest payload launched by LVM3 from Indian soil**.

Owned by **AST SpaceMobile (USA)**, BlueBird Block-2 is part of a global LEO constellation designed to enable **direct-to-mobile connectivity**, supporting 4G and 5G calls, messaging, video, and data services worldwide.



[DRDO Successfully Conducts High-Speed Rocket-Sledge Test of Fighter Escape System](#)

04/12/2025

The **DRDO** successfully conducted a **high-speed rocket-sledge test** of a fighter aircraft escape system on **2 December 2025**, marking a major milestone in India's indigenous defence capability.

The test, conducted at the **Rail Track Rocket Sledge (RTRS) facility** of the **Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL), Chandigarh**, involved collaboration with **ADA, HAL**, and was witnessed by officials from the **Indian Air Force** and the **Institute of Aerospace Medicine**.

The dynamic test used a **dual-sledge system** to propel the **LCA aircraft forebody** at controlled high velocity, simulating real ejection conditions. An **instrumented Anthropomorphic Test Dummy** was used to measure loads and accelerations experienced by pilots during ejection.

Raksha Mantri **Rajnath Singh** congratulated all agencies, calling it a significant step toward self-reliance in defence technology.



[DoT Issues New SIM-Binding Rules to Prevent Misuse of Messaging Apps](#)
02/12/2025

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has issued new security guidelines for major app-based communication platforms such as **WhatsApp, Telegram, Snapchat, Signal, ShareChat, Josh, Arattai, and JioChat.**

These directions aim to stop the misuse of telecom identifiers and strengthen security in India's digital communication ecosystem.

Under the new rules:

Apps must remain **continuously linked to the active SIM card** in the user's device.

► This will prevent users from operating these apps after the SIM is removed, deactivated, or used abroad.

Web versions of these services must **automatically log out periodically**, requiring **QR code verification** for re-login.

Platforms using **Indian mobile numbers for user identification** must comply with the rules within **90 days** and submit a compliance report within **120 days**.

The Ministry stated that these measures are necessary to prevent cybercrimes such as **anonymous scams, digital arrest frauds, and fake government calls**, which are often conducted from overseas using Indian numbers.

With cyber-fraud losses exceeding **₹22,800 crore last year**, the government said these mandatory SIM-binding rules will ensure traceability, enhance security, and protect public trust under the **Telecom Cyber Security Rules**.

ENVIRONMENT



[Arjun Erigaisi & Koneru Humpy Win Bronze at 2025 FIDE World Rapid Chess Championships](#)
30/12/2025

At the 2025 **FIDE World Rapid & Women's World Rapid Chess Championships** held in **Doha, Qatar**, on **28 December 2025**, India secured two bronze medals. **Arjun Erigaisi** won bronze in the men's section, finishing third with **9.5 points**, while **Koneru Humpy** secured bronze in the women's section, adding to her previous rapid chess gold titles from **2019 and 2024**.

Magnus Carlsen won the men's title with **10.5 points**, claiming his **sixth World Rapid Chess Championship**, and **Alexandra Goryachkina** won the women's title.



[India Launches First Wildlife-Safe Highway on NH-45](#)

18/12/2025

India launched its first wildlife-safe highway on **National Highway-45 (Bhopal–Jabalpur stretch)** in **Madhya Pradesh** in December 2025, marking a major step toward eco-sensitive infrastructure development. The highway passes through the **Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve** and near the **Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary**, making wildlife protection a critical concern. A **2 km ghat section** of the 11.9 km stretch has been specially redesigned to reduce animal–vehicle collisions.

Key safety features include **5 mm thick thermoplastic red road markings** that visually and physically slow vehicles, **25 animal underpasses** supported by fencing to guide wildlife toward safe crossings, and **speed detection and monitoring systems** to enforce limits. The project balances road expansion with conservation needs through an eco-friendly design.

The initiative gained urgency after recent wildlife fatalities on highways, including a cheetah cub death near Kuno National Park. By adopting global best practices, this project sets a **first-of-its-kind model in India** for highways passing through forest corridors.

Overall, the NH-45 wildlife-safe highway demonstrates how **infrastructure growth and biodiversity conservation can coexist**, offering a scalable model for future projects across India.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES



Ministry of Rural Development
Government of India

Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) :VB – G RAM G (विकसित भारत – जी राम जी) Bill, 2025

[VB-G RAM G Bill 2025: New Law to Replace MGNREGA](#)

17/12/2025

The **Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill, 2025 (VB-G RAM G Bill)** was introduced in the **Lok Sabha on 16 December 2025**. It proposes to **replace the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)**, marking the biggest reform in India's rural employment framework in over two decades.

About MGNREGA

MGNREGA, enacted in **2005**, guarantees **100 days of wage employment** per year to rural households. It has been one of India's largest social security schemes, providing livelihood support, reducing rural distress, and creating basic rural assets.

What the New Bill Proposes

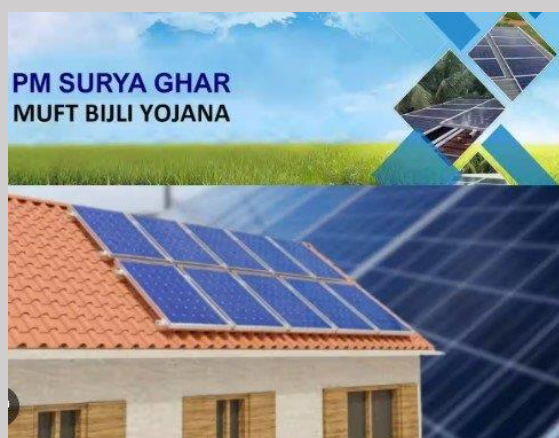
Guaranteed Employment: Increases assured work from **100 days (MGNREGA)** to **125 days** annually.

Infrastructure Focus: Shifts from temporary works to **durable rural infrastructure** like roads and irrigation.

Digital & Transparent System: Real-time wage payments, digital tracking, and stricter audits.

Skill Development: Training for rural workers to meet modern economic needs.

Funding Change: Revises the **Centre-State funding ratio**, raising concerns among states.



[India Installs 7075.78 MW Rooftop Solar Under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana; Gujarat Leads the Nation](#)
10/12/2025

India has successfully installed 7,075.78 MW of rooftop solar capacity under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, covering nearly 24 lakh households across the country as of December 2025.

Overview of the Scheme

PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY): A demand-driven program launched to promote residential rooftop solar installations.

Target: One crore households by FY 2026–27.

Financial Outlay: ₹75,021 crore allocated for implementation.

Eligibility: All residential consumers with grid-connected electricity connections can apply via the National Portal.

Current Achievements

Installed Capacity: 7,075.78 MW rooftop solar in the residential sector.

Households Covered: 23.96 lakh households, which is about **23.96% of the target**.

Top Performing States:

Gujarat: 1,828 MW

Maharashtra: 1,322 MW

Uttar Pradesh: 1,024 MW

Together, these three states account for **nearly 60% of total capacity**.

Benefits to Citizens

Free Electricity: Households can generate up to **300 units per month free of cost**, reducing dependence on grid supply.

Savings: Lower electricity bills and long-term financial relief.

Sustainability: Promotes clean energy adoption, reducing carbon footprint.

Community

Empowerment: Encourages decentralized energy production and local participation.

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[President Droupadi Murmu Confers Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025](#)
24/12/2025

President Droupadi Murmu conferred the **Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025** on **23 December 2025** at **Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi**, recognising exceptional contributions in the fields of **science, technology, and innovation**. The awards, in their **second edition**, are India's highest scientific honour and were presented under four categories: **Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shree, Vigyan Yuva–Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, and Vigyan Team**.

The **Vigyan Ratna Award** was conferred posthumously on **Padma Vibhushan Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar** for his pioneering work in astrophysics and cosmology, including the development of the **Hoyle–Narlikar theory**. The **Vigyan Shree Award** was presented to eight distinguished scientists, while **fourteen young researchers** received the **Vigyan Yuva–Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award**. The **Vigyan Team Award** was conferred on the **CSIR**

Aroma Mission, recognising its impactful science-led innovation.



[PM Narendra Modi Conferred Order of Oman \(First Class\)](#)
19/12/2025

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** was conferred the **Order of Oman (First Class)** on **18 December 2025** by **Sultan Haitham bin Tarik** in recognition of his leadership and efforts to strengthen **India–Oman relations**.

The conferment coincided with the **70th anniversary of diplomatic relations** between India and Oman and took place during PM Modi's official visit to **Muscat**, highlighting the depth of their strategic partnership.

Instituted in **1970** by the late **Sultan Qaboos bin Said**, the **Order of Oman** is one of the Sultanate's highest civilian honours, awarded to select global leaders for outstanding contributions to public life and bilateral relations.



[PM Narendra Modi Conferred Ethiopia's Highest Civilian Award](#)
17/12/2025

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** was conferred **Ethiopia's highest civilian award, The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia** during his visit to **Addis Ababa in December 2025**. He became the **first global Head of State or Government** to receive this prestigious honour, marking a historic moment in **India–Ethiopia relations**.

The award was bestowed by Ethiopian Prime Minister **Abiy Ahmed Ali** at a special ceremony, recognising PM Modi's **visionary leadership** and his role in strengthening Ethiopia's global partnerships, particularly with India. It reflects Ethiopia's appreciation of India's growing influence in Africa and its long-standing cooperation with the country.



[Supriya Sahu Wins UNEP Champions of the Earth 2025 Award](#)
12/12/2025

Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment,

Climate Change and Forests, **Tamil Nadu**, has been awarded the **UNEP Champions of the Earth 2025** in the **Inspiration and Action** category. This is the **United Nations' highest environmental honour**.

Why She Received the Award

Recognised for **sustainable cooling initiatives, ecosystem restoration, and climate resilience** projects in Tamil Nadu.

Demonstrated how **integrated governance** and **nature-based solutions** can protect vulnerable communities.

Promoted climate action that created around **2.5 million green jobs**.

Strengthened campaigns against **single-use plastics** and improved **wildlife conservation** efforts.

Advocated a model combining **low-tech + high-tech solutions** to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Global Stage

Award announced during the **UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)** held in **Nairobi**.

Highlights Tamil Nadu as a **global leader** in climate mitigation, adaptation, and heat-resilience planning.

APPOINTMENTS

Latest appointments in India and the world for competitive exams. Updated list of new CEOs, Governors, Chiefs, Directors, and key officials. Perfect for SSC, UPSC, Banking exams.



[Raj Kumar Goyal Appointed as Chief Information Commissioner of India](#)

16/12/2025

Raj Kumar Goyal, a retired **1990-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre**, was sworn in as **India's new Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)** on **15 December 2025** at **Rashtrapati Bhavan**. The oath of office and secrecy was administered by **President Droupadi Murmu** in the presence of senior dignitaries.

Before his appointment, Goyal served as **Secretary, Department of Justice** under the Ministry of Law and Justice and earlier as **Secretary (Border Management)** in the Ministry of Home Affairs. With over **three decades of experience** in public administration, he brings extensive expertise in governance, justice, and internal security.

His name was recommended by a **high-level selection committee** chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, with **Home Minister Amit Shah** and **Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi** as members.

Goyal's appointment is significant as it restores the **Central Information Commission to full operational strength after nine years**. His leadership is expected to strengthen the implementation of the **Right to Information Act, 2005**, enhancing transparency and accountability in Indian governance.



[India Assumes Chairship of International IDEA for the First Time](#)

03/12/2025

India has been invited **for the first time** to chair the **International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)**. On **3 December 2025**, Chief Election Commissioner **Gyanesh Kumar** formally assumed the Chairship in **Stockholm, Sweden**.

CEC Gyanesh Kumar noted that India's reputation for conducting **free, fair, and transparent elections** is globally recognised, making this a proud moment for citizens and election officials.

About International IDEA:

Founded in **1995**.

An **inter-governmental organisation** with **37 member countries**.

United States and Japan are Observer nations.

Holds **UN General Assembly observer status** since **2003**.

India is a **founding member** and has been actively involved in governance, electoral research, training, and capacity-building initiatives.



MISCELLANEOUS



[IGNCA Launches Book “Bharat: That Is India – Reclaiming Our Real Identity” in New Delhi](#)

08/12/2025

On **7 December 2025**, the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)** launched the book **“Bharat: That Is India – Reclaiming Our Real Identity”** authored by **Abhijeet Joag** in **New Delhi**. The event was attended by eminent personalities including **Bihar Governor Arif Mohammad Khan** and **IGNCA Trust President Ram Bahadur Rai**.

The programme witnessed active participation from **scholars, students, and cultural enthusiasts**, reflecting strong interest in India's history and cultural identity.

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MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQS (1 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025)

Q. Who won the men's title at the 2025 FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship?

- a) Arjun Erigaisi
- b) Hans Moke Niemann
- c) Magnus Carlsen
- d) Vladislav Artemiev

Answer: c) Magnus Carlsen

At the 2025 **FIDE World Rapid & Women's World Rapid Chess Championships** held in **Doha, Qatar**, on **28 December 2025**, India secured two bronze medals. **Arjun Erigaisi** won bronze in the men's section, finishing third with **9.5 points**, while **Koneru Humpy** secured bronze in the women's section. **Magnus Carlsen** won the men's title with **10.5 points**, claiming his **sixth World Rapid Chess Championship**.

Q. What is the name of the Long Range Guided Rocket tested by DRDO at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur in December 2025?

- a) Agni-Prime
- b) Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket
- c) Pralay Missile
- d) BrahMos-II

Answer: b) Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket

The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully carried out the **maiden flight test** of the **Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket** at the **Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur**, on **29 December 2025**. The rocket was tested to its **maximum range of 120 km**.

Q. President Droupadi Murmu undertook a historic submarine sortie in December 2025 onboard which submarine?

- A. INS Arihant
- B. INS Kalvari
- C. INS Vaghsheer
- D. INS Chakra

Correct Answer: C. INS Vaghsheer

On **28 December 2025**, **President Droupadi Murmu**, the **Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces**, undertook a rare **dived operational sortie** onboard **INS Vaghsheer**, an **indigenous Kalvari-class submarine**.

Q. Which country became the first in the world to officially recognise Somaliland as an independent state in December 2025?

- A. Egypt
- B. United States
- C. Israel
- D. United Kingdom

Answer: C. Israel

On 26 December 2025, Israel formally recognised Somaliland, a breakaway region that declared independence from Somalia in 1991.

Q. Who received the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar on 26 December 2025 for achievements in cricket?

- A. Shubman Gill
- B. Sarfaraz Khan
- C. Vaibhav Suryavanshi
- D. Yashasvi Jaiswal

Answer: C. Vaibhav Suryavanshi

On 26 December 2025, President Droupadi Murmu conferred the *Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar* on 14-year-old cricket sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi for his exceptional achievements in domestic and U-19 cricket.

Q. Veer Baal Diwas, observed every year on 26 December, commemorates the martyrdom of which Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji?

- A. Ajit Singh & Jujhar Singh
- B. Ajit Singh & Zorawar Singh
- C. Zorawar Singh & Fateh Singh
- D. Jujhar Singh & Fateh Singh

Answer: C. Zorawar Singh & Fateh Singh

Veer Baal Diwas is observed every year on **26 December** to honour the martyrdom of **Guru Gobind Singh Ji's younger sons, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji (9 yrs) and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji (7 yrs)**

Q. Good Governance Day is observed annually on 25 December to mark the birth anniversary of which former Prime Minister of India?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (b) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- (c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- (d) Morarji Desai

Answer: (c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Good Governance Day is observed every year on **25 December** to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.

Q. Who has been nominated for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 2025?

- (a) Gagan Narang
- (b) Hardik Singh
- (c) MM Somaya
- (d) Treasa Jolly

Answer: (b) Hardik Singh

Two-time Olympic medallist and Indian men's hockey team vice-captain Hardik Singh has been nominated for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna, India's highest sporting honour.

Q. The United States' AST SpaceMobile BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite was launched in December 2025 through which commercial arm of ISRO?

- A. Antrix Corporation
- B. NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)

- C. Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center
- D. Bharat Electronics Limited

Correct Answer: B. NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)

India successfully carried out another significant space mission as ISRO, through its commercial arm NewSpace India Limited, **launched the United States' AST SpaceMobile BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite on 24 December 2025.**

Q. National Farmers Day (Kisan Diwas) is celebrated every year on which date in India?

- A. 26 January
- B. 15 August
- C. 23 December
- D. 2 October

Answer: C. 23 December

National Farmers Day, also known as Kisan Diwas, is observed annually on **23 December** in India to marks the **birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh**, India's fifth Prime Minister.

Q. Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar is the highest recognition in India for contributions in which fields?

- A. Literature and arts
- B. Sports and culture
- C. Science, technology and innovation
- D. Public administration

Answer: C. Science, technology and innovation

President Droupadi Murmu conferred the **Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025** on **23 December 2025** at **Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi**, recognising exceptional contributions in the fields of **science, technology, and innovation.**

Q. Who has been appointed captain of India's squad for the ICC T20 World Cup 2026?

- A. Hardik Pandya
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Suryakumar Yadav
- D. Jasprit Bumrah

Answer: C. Suryakumar Yadav

The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has announced a **15-member Indian squad** for the upcoming **ICC T20 World Cup**, scheduled to be held from **7 February to 8 March 2026.**

Q. National Mathematics Day is observed on 22 December to commemorate the birth anniversary of which mathematician?

- A. Aryabhata
- B. Bhaskara I
- C. **Srinivasa Ramanujan**
- D. C.V. Raman

Answer: C. Srinivasa Ramanujan

National Mathematics Day is observed every year on **22 December** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Srinivasa Ramanujan**, one of India's greatest and most influential mathematicians.

Q. The ex-Agniveer quota in Border Security Force (BSF) constable recruitment was increased by the Ministry of Home Affairs in December 2025 from 10% to:

- A. 25%
- B. 40%
- C. **50%**
- D. 60%

Answer: C. 50%

The **Union Home Ministry** has increased the quota for **ex-Agniveers** in **constable recruitment** of the **Border Security Force (BSF)** from **10% to 50%**, according to a gazette notification dated 21 December 2025.

Q. A special discussion during the Winter Session of Parliament 2025 marked the 150th anniversary of which song?

- A. Jana Gana Mana
- B. Sare Jahan Se Achha
- C. **Vande Mataram**
- D. Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon

Answer: C. Vande Mataram

Winter Session of Parliament 2025 Concludes on 19 December 2025 with Passage of Landmark Bills. Special discussions were held on the **150th anniversary of the national song *Vande Mataram***.

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the Order of Oman (First Class) by which leader in December 2025?

- A. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
- B. Sultan Qaboos bin Said
- C. **Sultan Haitham bin Tarik**
- D. King Salman bin Abdulaziz

Correct Answer: C. Sultan Haitham bin Tarik

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** was conferred the **Order of Oman (First Class)** on **18 December 2025** by **Sultan Haitham bin Tarik** in recognition of his leadership and efforts to strengthen **India-Oman relations**.

Q. Which digital platform was launched by PM Narendra Modi during the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine (2025)?

- A. Ayushman Bharat Portal
- B. eSanjeevani
- C. **My Ayush Integrated Services Portal (MAISP)**
- D. National Digital Health Mission

Answer: C. My Ayush Integrated Services Portal (MAISP)

The **Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine** was held in **New Delhi** from **17 to 19 December 2025**, co-hosted by the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and **India's Ministry of Ayush**.

Q. The SHANTI Bill, passed by Parliament in December 2025, is related to reforms in which sector?

- A. Coal energy
- B. Renewable energy
- C. Oil and gas
- D. Nuclear energy

Answer: D. Nuclear energy

The Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India Bill, 2025 (SHANTI Bill) represents a major reform in India's civil nuclear sector.

Q. The specially designed wildlife-safe stretch of NH-45, launched in December 2025, passes through which Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Kanha Tiger Reserve
- B. Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- C. Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve
- D. Pench Tiger Reserve

Ans: C. Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve

India launched its first wildlife-safe highway on National Highway-45 (Bhopal–Jabalpur stretch) in Madhya Pradesh in December 2025. The highway passes through the Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve and near the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary.

Q. Which of the following attack helicopters has been inducted into the Indian Army's 451 Army Aviation Squadron, completing its fleet in December 2025?

- A. Mi-35 Hind
- B. LCH Prachand
- C. AH-1Z Viper
- D. AH-64E Apache

Answer: D. AH-64E Apache

The Indian Army received the final batch of three AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from Boeing on December 16–17, 2025, completing its contracted fleet of six helicopters.

Q. Which is the highest civilian award of Ethiopia conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in December 2025?

- A. Order of Solomon
- B. Star of Ethiopia
- C. The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia
- D. Lion of Addis Ababa

Answer: C. The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred Ethiopia's highest civilian award, *The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia* during his visit to Addis Ababa in December 2025.

Q. Which Indian film has been shortlisted for the 98th Academy Awards in the Best International Feature Film category?

- A. Laapataa Ladies
- B. The Lunchbox

- C. Homebound
- D. Court

Answer: C. Homebound

The Indian film *Homebound*, directed by Neeraj Ghaywan, has been shortlisted for the 98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026) in the Best International Feature Film category.

Q. The Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill, 2025 (VB-G RAM G Bill) seeks to replace which scheme?

- A. PM Garib Kalyan Yojana
- B. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
- C. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)
- D. PM Awas Yojana

Answer: C. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

The Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill, 2025 (VB-G RAM G Bill) was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 16 December 2025. It proposes to replace the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

Q. Vijay Diwas (16 December) commemorates India's victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak war, which led to the creation of which country?

- A. Nepal
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Myanmar

Correct Answer: C. Bangladesh

Vijay Diwas is observed every year on 16 December to mark India's historic victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak war, which led to the liberation of Bangladesh.

Q. India won its maiden Squash World Cup title in December 2025 after defeating which team 3–0 in the final?

- A. England
- B. Egypt
- C. Australia
- D. Hong Kong

Correct Answer: D. Hong Kong

India created history by winning its maiden Squash World Cup title in December 2025, defeating top-seeded Hong Kong 3–0 in the final held at Chennai.

Q. Who was appointed as India's new Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) on 15 December 2025?

- A. Jitendra Singh
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Raj Kumar Goyal
- D. C.P. Radhakrishnan

Correct Answer: C. Raj Kumar Goyal

Raj Kumar Goyal, a retired 1990-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, was sworn in as India's new Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) on 15 December 2025 at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Q: Harimau Shakti 2025, a joint military exercise between India and Malaysia, was conducted at which location in India?

- A. Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- B. Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- C. Babina Field Firing Range, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Deolali Training Area, Maharashtra

Correct Answer: B. Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan

Harimau Shakti 2025 is the 5th India–Malaysia joint military exercise, held from 5–18 December 2025 at Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan.

Q : Lionel Messi's "GOAT India Tour 2025" in December 2025 was conducted across which of the following cities?

- A. Chennai, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi
- B. Kolkata, Hyderabad, Mumbai, New Delhi
- C. Kolkata, Pune, Ahmedabad, Delhi
- D. Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai, Jaipur

Correct Answer: B. Kolkata, Hyderabad, Mumbai, New Delhi

Lionel Messi's "GOAT India Tour 2025" was a landmark event for Indian football, held from 13 to 15 December 2025 across Kolkata, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and New Delhi.

Q: The CoalSETU policy approved by Govt in December 2025 aims to:

- A) Fix coal prices for regulated sectors
- B) Provide free coal to power plants
- C) Ensure seamless, efficient and transparent auction of coal linkages
- D) Ban export of coal from India

Correct Answer: C) Ensure seamless, efficient and transparent auction of coal linkages

On 12 December 2025, the Government of India approved the **CoalSETU policy** to ensure seamless, efficient, and transparent utilisation of coal resources.

Q : What is a key feature that makes Census 2027 unique compared to previous Censuses in India?

- A) It will cover only urban population
- B) It will be the first Census conducted after Independence
- C) It will be India's first fully digital Census using mobile applications
- D) It will be conducted in a single phase

Correct Answer: C) It will be India's first fully digital Census using mobile applications

Caste Enumeration will be included in Census 2027. It will also be **India's first-ever digital Census**, with data collection carried out through **mobile applications available on both Android and iOS platforms**.

Q. What was the primary focus of the phone conversation between PM Narendra Modi and U.S. President Donald Trump on 11 December 2025?

- A. Finalising a defence pact
- B. Strengthening bilateral trade and strategic cooperation
- C. Launching a joint space mission
- D. Discussing UN Security Council reforms

Answer: B. Strengthening bilateral trade and strategic cooperation

Q. Supriya Sahu received the UNEP Champions of the Earth 2025 award for which major contribution?

- A. Developing India's first carbon trading market
- B. Advancing sustainable cooling, ecosystem restoration, and climate resilience initiatives in Tamil Nadu
- C. Leading India's national climate finance programme
- D. Launching a global biodiversity monitoring network

Answer: B. Advancing sustainable cooling, ecosystem restoration, and climate resilience initiatives in Tamil Nadu

Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests, **Tamil Nadu**, has been awarded the **UNEP Champions of the Earth 2025** in the **Inspiration and Action** category.

Q. Which Indian festival was inscribed on UNESCO's List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity during the 20th UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee session held at the Red Fort, New Delhi in December 2025?

- A. Holi
- B. Garba
- C. Deepavali (Diwali)
- D. Durga Puja

Answer: C. Deepavali (Diwali)

Q. Which team won the 2025 FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup held in Chennai in December 2025?

- A. Spain
- B. Germany
- C. India
- D. Argentina

Answer: B. Germany

Germany won the **FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup 2025** in Chennai on **10 December 2025**, defeating Spain **3–2 in a shoot-out**. India claimed their **first-ever bronze medal** in the Junior World Cup with a brilliant **4–2 comeback win** against Argentina.

Q. Who appointed Andrej Babiš as the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic on 9 December 2025?

- A. Miloš Zeman
- B. Petr Pavel

- C. Viktor Orbán
- D. Charles Michel

Answer: B. Petr Pavel

Andrej Babiš was officially appointed Prime Minister of the Czech Republic on **9 December 2025** by President **Petr Pavel**, marking his return after his earlier tenure from 2017–2021. Leader of the **ANO party**, Babiš formed a coalition with eurosceptic groups after winning the October 2025 elections.

Q. Which state ranks first in rooftop solar installation under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana as of December 2025?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Gujarat
- D. Karnataka

Answer: C

India has successfully installed 7,075.78 MW of rooftop solar capacity under the *PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana*, covering nearly 24 lakh households across the country as of December 2025. **Gujarat: 1,828 MW, Maharashtra: 1,322 MW, Uttar Pradesh: 1,024 MW**

Q. In December 2025, India achieved which Panchamrit clean energy milestone ahead of the 2030 target?

- A. 40% power capacity from non-fossil sources
- B. 45% power capacity from renewable sources
- C. 50% power capacity from non-fossil sources
- D. 60% power capacity from renewable sources

Answer: C. 50% power capacity from non-fossil sources

India has achieved a major clean energy milestone by installing **50% of its total power capacity from non-fossil fuel sources**, reaching its **Panchamrit target five years ahead of the 2030 deadline**.

Q. According to MNRE data (June 2025), what were India's total installed power capacity and non-fossil capacity respectively?

- A. 450 GW and 210 GW
- B. 485 GW and 243 GW
- C. 500 GW and 260 GW
- D. 470 GW and 235 GW

Answer: B. 485 GW and 243 GW

India's total installed power capacity stood at **485 GW as of 30 June 2025**, out of which **243 GW** came from non-fossil sources.

Q. Which Indian festival has been nominated by India for inscription on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List during the 20th session held in December 2025 in Delhi?

- A. Holi
- B. Onam
- C. Diwali
- D. Durga Puja

Answer: C. Diwali

India hosted the **20th session of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage** at the **Red Fort, New Delhi, from 8 to 13 December 2025.**

Q. Armed Forces Flag Day is observed every year in India on which date?

- A. December 4
- B. December 5
- C. December 7
- D. December 10

Answer: C. December 7

Armed Forces Flag Day is observed annually on **December 7** in India to honour the sacrifice, courage, and service of the **Army, Navy, and Air Force**. Established in **1949**.

Q. Which countries will jointly host the FIFA World Cup 2026?

- A. USA, Mexico, Brazil
- B. Canada, Brazil, Argentina
- C. USA, Canada, and Mexico
- D. USA, UK, and France

Answer: C. USA, Canada, and Mexico

The **FIFA World Cup 2026** will be the **largest edition in history**, jointly hosted by the **USA, Canada, and Mexico** from **June 11 to July 19, 2026** across **16 cities**.

Q. How many teams will participate in the FIFA World Cup 2026?

- A. 32
- B. 36
- C. 40
- D. 48

Answer: D. 48

In **FIFA World Cup 2026**, for the first time, the tournament will feature an **expanded 48-team format**, divided into **12 groups of four** teams, with **32 teams advancing** to the knockout stage.

Q: The book "Bharat: That Is India – Reclaiming Our Real Identity", launched by IGNCA on 7 December 2025, is authored by:

- A. Ram Bahadur Rai
- B. Arif Mohammad Khan
- C. Abhijeet Joag
- D. Adi Shankaracharya

Answer: C. Abhijeet Joag

On **7 December 2025**, the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)** launched the book **"Bharat: That Is India – Reclaiming Our Real Identity"** authored by **Abhijeet Joag** in **New Delhi**.

Q. Following the recent 25 basis point reduction in December 2025, what is the new policy repo rate announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) 6.00%
- B) 5.50%
- C) 5.25%
- D) 5.00%

Ans: C) 5.25%

The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee unanimously cut the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25% in its December 2025 meeting.

Q. Which bilateral trade target was set between India and Russia during the 23rd Annual Summit in 2025?

- A. \$50 billion by 2028
- B. \$75 billion by 2030
- C. \$100 billion by 2030
- D. \$120 billion by 2035

Answer: C. \$100 billion by 2030

Russian President Vladimir Putin concluded his two-day visit to India on **5 December 2025**, reaffirming the enduring, India–Russia “Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership.”

Q. 5th Edition of ‘Harimau Shakti’ Joint Military Exercise was conducted in December 2025 in Rajasthan between which two countries?

- A. India and Indonesia
- B. India and Thailand
- C. India and Malaysia
- D. India and Vietnam

Answer: C. India and Malaysia

India and Malaysia commenced the **fifth edition of the joint military exercise ‘Harimau Shakti’** on **5 December 2025** at the **Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan**, which will continue till **18 December**.

Q. Why is Putin’s 2025 visit to India considered strategically significant?

- A) It is his first visit after becoming President
- B) It marks the end of India-US relations
- C) It is his first visit to India since the Russia-Ukraine war began
- D) It was only for cultural cooperation

Correct Answer: C) It is his first visit to India since the Russia-Ukraine war began

Q. Who won the Jerusalem Masters 2025 chess title?

- A) Viswanathan Anand
- B) Ian Nepomniachtchi
- C) Peter Svidler
- D) Arjun Erigaisi

Correct Answer: D) Arjun Erigaisi

Indian Grandmaster **Arjun Erigaisi** won the **Jerusalem Masters 2025** chess title on **3 December 2025** after defeating former World Champion **Viswanathan Anand**.

Q. Navy Day on 4 December commemorates which historic naval operation?

- A) Operation Vijay
- B) Operation Trident
- C) Operation Sankalp
- D) Operation Meghdoot

Correct Answer: B) Operation Trident

Navy Day celebrated every year on **4 December**, to commemorates the success of **Operation Trident (1971)**, when the Indian Navy sank four Pakistani vessels, including **PNS Khaibar**.

Q. Which defence achievement did DRDO accomplish on 2 December 2025, making India one of the few nations with in-house advanced escape-system testing capability?

- A) Successful static ejection seat test
- B) First test of a new fighter jet engine
- C) High-speed rocket-sledge dynamic test of a fighter aircraft escape system
- D) Deployment of a new anti-missile shield

Correct Answer: C) High-speed rocket-sledge dynamic test of a fighter aircraft escape system

Q. Where was the fourth edition of Kashi–Tamil Sangamam inaugurated on 2 December 2025?

- A) Chennai
- B) Madurai
- C) Varanasi
- D) Coimbatore

Correct Answer: C) Varanasi

Q. Who assumed the Chairship of International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) on behalf of India in December 2025?

- A) Rajiv Kumar
- B) Sunil Arora
- C) Gyanesh Kumar
- D) Ashok Lavasa

Correct Answer: C) Gyanesh Kumar

India has been invited **for the first time** to chair the **International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)**. On **3 December 2025**, Chief Election Commissioner **Gyanesh Kumar** formally assumed the Chairship in **Stockholm, Sweden**.

Extra Facts about **International IDEA**:

An **inter-governmental organisation** with **37 member countries**.

India is a **founding member** and has been actively involved in governance, electoral research, training, and capacity-building initiatives.

Q. What is the new name given to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)?

- A) Lok Sewa Bhawan
- B) Sewa Dham
- C) Sewa Tirth
- D) Pradhan Mantri Enclave

Correct Answer: C) Sewa Tirth

India's **Prime Minister's Office (PMO)** was relocated from the historic **South Block** to a newly built complex named **Sewa Tirth** in December 2025.

Extra Facts:

The PMO was first established in **South Block, New Delhi, in 1947**, after Independence. On **2 December 2025**, the new PMO complex under the **Central Vista Redevelopment Project** was officially named **Seva Teerth**.

Q. When did the Border Security Force (BSF) celebrate its 61st Raising Day?

- A) 30 November 2025
- B) 1 December 2025
- C) 2 December 2025
- D) 5 December 2025

Answer: B) 1 December 2025

Explanation: BSF was established in 1965 and marked its 61st Raising Day on 1 December 2025.

Q. Border Security Force (BSF) primarily guards India's borders with which two countries?

- A) China and Nepal
- B) Myanmar and Bhutan
- C) Pakistan and Bangladesh
- D) Sri Lanka and Afghanistan

Answer: C) Pakistan and Bangladesh

Explanation: BSF is India's primary border-guarding force responsible for securing the Pakistan and Bangladesh borders.

Extra Facts:

Formed on **1 December 1965** after the Indo-Pak war.

It is the world's largest border-guarding force.

Q. Who was named the men's World Athlete of the Year 2025?

- A) Emmanuel Wanyonyi
- B) Armand Duplantis
- C) Sebastian Sawe
- D) Zhang Jiale

Correct Answer: B) Armand Duplantis

Sweden's pole vault champion **Armand Duplantis** honored as the **World Athletes of the Year 2025**.

Extra facts about Armand Duplantis

Broke the **men's pole vault world record** four times in 2025.

Remained **undefeated in all 16 competitions**, winning both indoor and outdoor world titles.

Became the **first male pole vaulter in modern athletics to go unbeaten in one event for two consecutive years**.

Q. Under the new DoT cyber-security rules for app-based communication services, what must messaging apps remain continuously linked to in order to prevent misuse?

- A) The user's email address
- B) A device fingerprint or hardware ID
- C) The active SIM card installed in the user's device
- D) A cloud-based authentication system

Correct Answer: C) The active SIM card installed in the user's device

Q. The 26th Hornbill Festival of Nagaland was celebrated at which venue in December 2025?

- A) Dimapur Stadium
- B) Kohima War Memorial
- C) Naga Heritage Village, Kisama
- D) Chumoukedima Cultural Ground

Answer: C) Naga Heritage Village, Kisama

Q. World AIDS Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) 15 October
- B) 1 December
- C) 5 June
- D) 10 January

Answer: B) 1 December

Q. When is the Winter Session of the Indian Parliament scheduled in 2025?

- November 15–30
- December 1–19
- December 10–25
- December 5–20

Answer: B) December 1–19

WHO IS WHO GK:**Constitutional Head**

Post	Name
President	Smt. Droupadi Murmu (15th)
Vice President	CP Radhakrishnan
Prime Minister	Shri Narendra Modi (15th)

Judicial Head

Post	Name
Chief Justice, Supreme Court	Justice Suryakant
Attorney General of India	R. Vankataramani (16th)
Solicitor General of India	Tushar Mehta
Chairperson, National Green Tribunal	Justice Prakash Shrivastava

Parliamentary Head

Post	Name
Speaker, Rajya Sabha	CP Radhakrishnan (Vice President of India)
Deputy Speaker, Rajya Sabha	Harivansh Narayan Singh
Secretary General, Rajya Sabha	Pramod Chandra Mody
Leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha	Mallikarjun Kharge
Leader of ruling party, Rajya Sabha	J.P Nadda
Speaker, Lok Sabha (18th)	Om Birla (18th)
Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha	Rahul Gandhi
Secretary General, Lok Sabha	Utpal Kumar Singh

Information Commission

Post	Name
Chief Information Commissioner	Raj Kumar Goyal

Election Commission

Post	Name
Chief Election Commissioner	Gyanesh Kumar (26th)
Election Commissioners	Vivek Joshi, Sukhbir Sandhu

Comptroller and Auditor General

Post	Name
Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)	K. Sanjay Murthy
Comptroller General of Accounts (CGA)	Ms TCA Kalyani

Armed Forces Head

Post	Name
Supreme Commander of Indian Armed Forces	President Smt. Droupadi Murmu
Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)	Lt. General Anil Chauhan (2nd)
Chief of Air Staff	Amar Preet Singh (28th)
Chief of Naval Staff	Dinesh Kumar Tripathi (26th)
Chief of Army Staff	Upendra Dwivedi (30th)
DG, Military Operations (DGMO)	Rajiv Ghai

Secretaries and Advisors

Post	Name
Cabinet Secretary	T.V Somnathan
Adviser, Prime Minister	Traun Kapoor, Amit Khare
Principal Secretary, Prime Minister	Pramod Kumar Mishra, Shaktikanta Das

Defence Finance Secretary	Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh
Foreign Secretary	Vikram Misri (35th)
Home Secretary	Govind Mohan
Finance Secretary	Ajay Seth
Defence Secretary	Rajesh Kumar Singh
Revenue Secretary	Shri Arvind Shrivastava
National Security Adviser (NSA)	Ajit Doval
Chief Economic Advisor	Anantha Nageswaram
Principal Scientific Adviser	Ajay Kumar Sood

Intelligence and Investigation Organizations Head

Post	Name
Central Vigilance Commissioner, CVC	Praveen Kumar Srivastava
Director, CBI	Praveen Sood
Chief Information Commissioner	Hiralal Samaria
Head, Intelligence Bureau (IB)	Tapan Kumar Deka
Head, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)	Parag Jain
DG, National Investigation Agency (NIA)	Sadanand Date
Director, Enforcement Directorate (ED)	Rahul Navin
DG, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)	Anurag Garg

Paramilitary Forces Head

Post	Name
DG, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)	Shir Sanjay Sngal, IPS
DG, Border Security Force (BSF)	Daljit Singh Chaudhary
DG, CRPF	Shri G P Singh
DG, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)	Praveer Ranjan
DG, National Security Guard (NSG)	B. Srinivasan
Director, Special Protection Group (SPG)	Alok Sharma

Additional Director General, ITBP	Praveen Kumar
DG, National Cadet Corps (NCC)	Lt Gen Virendra Vats
Director General, Indian Coast Guard (ICG)	S. Paramesh
DG, National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF)	Piyush Anand
DG, Assam Rifles	Vikas Lakhera
DG, Railway Protection Force (RPF)	Ms. Sonali Mishra

Chairman and Secretary of Commissions

Post	Name
Chairman, NITI Ayog	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Deputy Chairman, NITI Ayog	Suman Kumar Bery
CEO, NITI Ayog	B. V. R. Subrahmanyam
Chairperson, UPSC	Ajay Kumar
Chairman, 22nd Law Commission	Rituraj Awasthi
Chairperson, National Commission for women	Vijaya Rahatkar
Chairman, National Backward Classes Commission	Hansraj Gangaram Ahir
Chairman, Staff Selection Commission	S. Gopalakrishnan
Chairman, 7th Pay Commission	Ashok Kumar Mathur
Chairperson, Lokpal	Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar
Chairman, 16th Finance Commission	Arvind Panagariya
Chairman, Competition Commission of India	Ravneet Kaur
Chairman, National Commission for ST	Antar Singh Arya
Chairman, National Commission for SC	Kishor Makwana
Chairman, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)	V. Ramasubramanian (9th)
Chairman, National Commission for Minorities	Iqbal Singh Lalpura

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Post	Name
Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board	Satish Kumar
Chairman, SEBI	Tuhin Kanata Pandey
CEO, Central Board of Films Certification	Shri Rajendra Singh

Chairman, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security	Rajesh Nirwan
Chairman, CBDT	Ravi Agarwal
Chairman, Central Board of Indirect taxes and Customs (CBIC)	Vivek Chaturvedi
Chairman, National Dairy Development Board	Meenesh Shah
DG, Border Roads Organisation	Raghu Srinivasan
Chairman, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board	Anil Kumar Jain
Chairman, TRAI	Anil Kumar Lahoti
CEO, UIDAI	Bhuvnesh Kumar
Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India	MK Narayan
Chairman, Public Accounts Committee	K.C. Venugopal
Chairman, Estimates Committee	Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal
Chairman, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)	Santosh Kumar Yadav

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Vice Chancellor, BHU	Prof. Ajit Kumar Chaturvedi
Chancellor, Nalanda University	Arvind Pangariya
Chancellor, Gatishakti University	Ashwini Vaishnav
Director, NCERT	Dinesh Prasad Saklani
Chairman, CBSE	Rahul Singh
President, Sahitya Akademi	Madhav Kaushik
President, Sangeet Natak Akademi	Dr. Sandhya Purecha
President, Lalit Kala Akademi	Prof. V. Nagdas

Head of Scientific Research Organizations

Post	Name
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Chairman, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)	Dinesh Kumar Shukla
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Chairman, Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO)	Samir V. Kamat
Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research	Nallathamby Kalasielvi
Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Center	Shri Rajarajan A

Head of the Sports Organizations

Post	Name
Chairman, ICC	Jay Shah (India)
President, Olympic Council of Asia (IOC)	Kirsty Coventry – Zimbabwe
President, International Athletic Federation	Sebastian Coe (UK)
President, Indian Weightlifting Federation	Sahdev Yadav
President, International Hockey Federation (FIH)	Mohammad Tayyab Ikram
President, FIFA	Gianni Infantino (Italy-Switzerland)
President, International Boxing Association Athletes Committee	Lovlina Borgohain
President, BCCI	Mithun Manhas
Test Captain, Board of Control for Cricket in India	Shubman Gill
Head Coach, Indian Cricket Men Team	Gautam Gambhir
Director General, Sports Authority of India	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
President, Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)	Sanjay Singh
Chief, All India Football Confederation (AIFF)	Kalyan Chaubey
President, Hockey India	Dilip Tirkey
President, Indian Olympic Association (IOA)	PT Usha

Officials of Banks

Post	Name
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Deputy Governor, RBI	Poonam Gupta, Swaminathan Janakiraman, T Rabi Shankar, M. Rajeshwar Rao
State Bank of India (Chairman)	Challa Srinivasulu Setty
Punjab National Bank	Ashok Chandra
ICICI Bank	Sandeep Bakshi
HDFC Bank (CEO)	Shashidhar Jagdishia

Head of International Organizations

Secretary-General, United Nations	Antonio Guterres (Portugal)
14th President, World Bank (IBRD)	Ajay Banga
Director General, UNESCO	Audre Azoulay (France)

World's leading companies (CEOs)

Post	Name
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Apple	Tim Cook
Microsoft (CEO)	Satya Nadella
Tata Sons/Trust CEO	Natarajan Chandrasekaran/Siddharth Sharma
TCS	K. Kritivasan
Infosys	Salil Parekh
Open AI CEO	Sam Altman
SpaceX	Elon Musk
YouTube CEO	Neil Mohan
Instagram CEO	Kevin Systrom
Facebook CEO	Mark Zuckerberg
Twitter	Linda Yaccarino
Flipkart	Kalyan Krishnamurthy