

AFGANISTAN

1. Taliban suspended chess from Afghanistan, citing concerns that the game may promote gambling, forbidden in Islamic law.
2. Afghanistan A men's cricket won the emerging Asia Cup 2024 by defeating Sri Lanka A.
3. India donated 4.8 tonne vaccine to Afghanistan.

BENGLADESH

1. India imposed restrictions on the entry of Bangladesh ready-made garments and other products.
2. Indian Coast Guard released 90 Bangladeshi fishermen from sunken fishing boat "Kaushik".
3. Bangladesh to remove the words 'Secular' & 'Socialism' from its constitution.
4. In Bangladesh, February 25th is designated as National Martyred Army Day (Jatiya Shaheed Sena Dibosh).
5. Bangladesh signed the Artemis Accord with the US as 54th member.
6. Bangladesh (Muhammad Yunus) is the current chair of BIMSTEC.
7. All the members of the Bangladesh National Human rights Commission resigned.
8. Jeshoreshwari Maa Shaktipith temple– Bangladesh.
9. "Operation Devil Hunt" by Muhammad Yunus targeted loyalists of former PM Sheikh Hasina, in response to violence in Gazipur, Bangladesh.
10. Bangladesh formed the Constitution Reform Commission, led by Ali Riaz.
11. Nepal will export electricity to Bangladesh via Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur, with a metering point in Muzaffarpur. Nepal became net exporter of electricity.
12. Baisabi festival in Chittagong hills, Bangladesh.
13. Bamboo bins or Moras used for paddy storage in Bangladesh.
14. Bangladesh President appointed Muhammad Yunus as head of interim government + Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for Grameen Bank of Bangladesh. + Students demanded removal of the 30% government job quota for families of those who fought for 1971 liberation + Army Chief Wajid-Uz-Zaman took control after Sheikh Hasina resigned.
15. Rezaul Karim -- Bangladesh Chief Justice.
16. Colombo security conclave welcome to Bangladesh as 5th member at Mauritius, after India, Mauritius, Maldives and Sri Lanka.

BHUTAN

1. Bhutan launched the world's first national level cryptocurrency tourism payment system.
2. Karma Phuntso won the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2024.
3. Tshering Tobgay -- Bhutan PM.
4. First Integrated Check Post on the India-Bhutan border at Darranga, Assam.
5. Adani Power to install 5000 MW Hydropower plant in Bhutan.

MALDIVES

1. S Jaishankar inaugurated the Addu Reclamation and shore protection project in Maldives.
2. India and Maldives renewed MoU for training 1,000 civil service officers.
3. India extended a 50 million dollar interest free treasury bill (loan) to Maldives.
4. A new Damselfish species named Chromis Abadhah found in Maldives.
5. India & Maldives agreed to trade in local currency.
6. PM Modi handed over more than 700 housing units built with support of India to Maldives.
7. Maldives President Mohamed Muizu visited India-- adopted a Comprehensive Economic & Maritime Security Partnership + Raupay card launched + A new runway for Hanimaadhoo airport + Currency Swap Agreement under SAARC + Port at Thilafushi island + a new Consulate at Addu city of Maldives and Bengaluru + led 'India Out' Campaign during election. Maldives Foreign Minister, Abdulla Khaleel visited India in May 2025.

NEPAL

1. First International Pashmina festival 2025 in Kathmandu (Nepal).
2. World's largest animal sacrifice Garhimahi festival of Hindus in Nepal.
3. Free cancer treatment in Nepal for the children under the age of 14.
4. Nima Rinji Sherpa is the youngest to climb the world's 14 highest mountains, concluding at Shishapanga Summit, Nepal.
5. President Murmu conferred Honorary rank of General on Nepal army chief Ashok Raj Sigdel.
6. 3rd Conference of BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministers in Kathmandu Nepal.
7. WHO declared Dhulikhel as Nepal's first 'healthy city' and second healthiest city in Asia.
8. Nepal became the 101st country to join the International Solar Alliance as a full member. (ISA- Headquarter Gurugram; Launched in 2015 by India & France at CoP 21 Paris; Guided by 'Towards 1000' Strategy).
9. Yala glacier (Langtang Valley) of Nepal is likely to be declared dead.
10. Nepali Sherpa guide Kami Rita scaled Mount Everest for the 31st time, the most successful ascent of the world's highest mountain.
11. Tihar festival (also called Deepavali) by Hindus of Nepal.
12. Nepal will restrict Mount Everest permit to only those who have already done 7000 Metre climbs aimed at reducing deaths in the high altitude zone.
13. Nepal and France are collaborating on the HydroNepal Project, which aims to optimize Nepal's vast hydropower resources by digitizing its river basins and enhancing preparedness for hydrological risks.
14. Jazzmandu jazz festival in Kathmandu.
15. Achyut Prasad Wagle--VC of Kathmandu University, Nepal.

16. Swayambhu festival -- Kathmandu, Nep.
17. Prakash Man Singh Raut-- Chief Justice of Nepal.
18. Nepal's President Ram Chandra Paudel appointed KP Sharma Oli of CPN-UML Nepali Congress as PM + Paudel appointed Ashok Raj as Chief of Army Staff.
19. Nepal's Foreign Minister -- Arzu Rana Deuba.
20. Honey festival & Tamu Losar festival in Nepal.
21. Prachand inaugurated Arun 3 hydroelectric projects in Nepal.
22. Nepal hosted the first international Rainbow tourism conference.
23. Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi conferred the honorary rank of General of Nepal army.

PAKISTAN

1. India banned all imports and transit of goods originating in or exported from Pakistan, even through third countries.
2. Pakistan plans to declare begging as a crime after complaints from foreign countries.
3. FIFA banned Pakistan, Russia & Congo from the 2026 World Cup.
4. Operation Sindoor (May 7, 2025) as a response to Pahalgam attack (22 April, 2025) targeted 9 bases in Pak & PoK. Wing Commander Vyomika Singh and Colonel Sofiya Qureshi led the Indian government's briefing about the operation. It used Loitering Munitions: Also known as "kamikaze drones" + HAMMER Precision-Guided Bomb: The HAMMER (Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range) + SCALP Cruise Missile: SCALP stands for "Storm Shadow", a long-range, air-launched cruise missile.
5. Lahore is the most polluted city in the world. (IQAir, 2024)
6. Salima Imtiaz of Pakistan is the first woman to be included in the ICC development panel.
7. IWT-- Temporarily suspended; signed between India & Pakistan with World Bank mediation in 1960; India enjoys unrestricted uses of 3 Eastern Rivers (Satluj, Beas, Ravi) while Pakistan controls 3 Western Rivers (Indus, Chenab & Jhelum).
8. Asim Malik (ISI Chief) got additional charge of Pakistan National Security Advisor.
9. Pakistan began its two-year tenure as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on January 1, 2025.
10. A special parliamentary committee in Pakistan appointed Justice Yahya Afridi as the next Chief Justice bypassing two more senior judges. This move follows the 26th constitutional amendment, which shifted the appointment process from seniority to parliamentary selection.
11. Huge reserves of petroleum and natural gas found in the waters of Pakistan.
12. Baloch declared independence from Pakistan, urging UN to recognise 'Democratic Republic of Balochistan'.
13. Pakistani Hindu woman Kashish Chaudhari is the first female from a minority community in Balochistan to be appointed as Assistant Commissioner.

14. Pakistan alleged India of violating Article 51 of the UN charter in response to operation Sindoor. Article 51 recognises this inherent right of a country to defend itself if attacked.
15. Maryam Nawaz-- First woman CM of a province in Pakistan (Punjab Province) + Daughter of Nawaz Sharif.
16. Pakistan got its first Sikh Minister, Ramesh Singh Arora, in Punjab Province.
17. Helen Mary is the first woman Brigadier in Pakistan from a minority community.
18. Chinese President Xi Jinping and Pakistan PM Shahbaz Sharif agreed to upgradethe China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

SRI LANKA

1. Sri Lanka Presidential Election--Anura Dissanayake of National People's Power (NPP) won by defeating S Premadasa for a 6 year term. The second round of counting necessitated for the first time as no candidate secured 50% Votes in the first round of counting. He replaced Ranil Wickramasinghe.
2. Sri Lanka PM-- President Dissanayake appointed Harini Amarasuriya as 3rd women PM of Sri Lanka after S Bhandarnayake (the first female PM in the word in 1960) & C Kumaratunga. Harini graduated from Hindu College, Delhi University.
3. PM Modi visited Sri Lanka on the invitation of president Anura Kumar Dissanayake, who conferred the Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushan to PM Modi.
4. Sri Lanka Chief Justice-- Murdu Nirupa Bindushini Fernando.
5. Sri Lanka Speaker -- Jagath Wickramaratne.
6. The Lanka India Business Association (LIBA) is a newly established platform designed to strengthen economic ties between India and Sri Lanka.
7. Sri Lanka has launched the first certificate course in Hindi.
8. Angelo Mathews of Sri Lanka retired from Test Cricket.
9. India and Sri Lanka fixed the energy price for the Sampur Solar plant, Sri Lanka.
10. Saint Anthony's festival —Kutchatheevu, Sri Lanka.
11. Sri Lanka cancelled Naval exercises with Pakistan planned at Trincomalee waters, after India raised objections.
12. No country will be allowed to use Sri Lankan territory against another.
13. Sri Lanka named the cyclone "Shakti" of Bay of Bengal.
14. 24th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)Council of Ministers meeting at Sri Lanka in May 2025. Theme "Sustainable Indian Ocean for Future Generations".