

CURRENT AFFAIRS

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2025

- ▶ **Venue of 2025 Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Convention**
Bhubaneswar, Odisha
 - Theme of 2025 Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Convention -
Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat

- ▶ **Canadian Prime Minister who announced his resignation in January 2025**
Justin Trudeau

- ▶ **A senior scientist and one of the main architects of India's nuclear program who passed away in January 2025**
Dr. Rajagopala Chidambaram
 - He played a crucial role in India's first nuclear test in 1974 and the Pokhran-II tests in 1998.
 - He has also held many positions, including Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and Secretary to the Government.
 - He has been honored by the country with honors including the Padma Shri in 1975 and the Padma Vibhushan in 1999.

- ▶ **Argentine footballer who has awarded the USA's highest civilian honour, the Presidential Medal of Freedom**
Lionel Messi
 - Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, businessman George Soros, actor Denzel Washington, and basketball player Magic Johnson were also awarded the prize.
 - This year, 19 people were awarded the Medal of Freedom for their contributions to the arts and politics.

- ▶ **Venue of the 3rd International Book Festival (KLIBF) organized by the Kerala Legislative Assembly**
Legislature Complex, Thiruvananthapuram



Justin Trudeau



Dr. Rajagopala Chidambaram



Lionel Messi

