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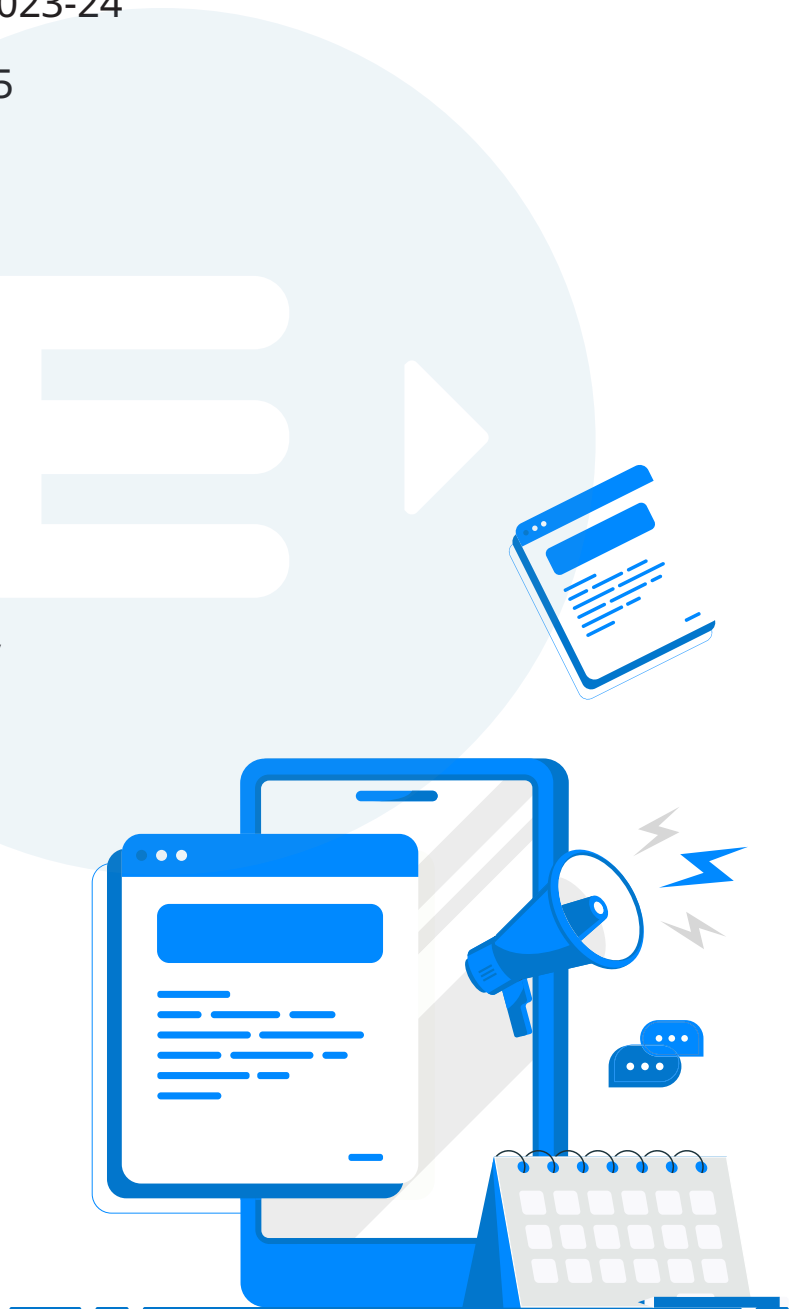
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Grammy Awards 2025

- 67th Grammy Awards
- Album of the Year - Cowboy Carter (Beyonce)
 - Beyonce is the first black person to win the award for Best Album.
- Record of the Year - Not Like Us (Kendrick Lamar)
- Song of the Year - Not Like Us (Kendrick Lamar)
- Best New Artist - Chappell Roan
- Indian American singer who has won the award in the Best New Age, Ambient/Chant Album category - Chandrika Tandon
 - The award was for the album Triveni.
 - Chandrika won the award along with Wouter Kellerman and Eru Matsumoto.

U-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025

- Second edition of the U-19 Women's T20 World Cup
- Venue - Malaysia
- Title Winners - India
- India won the title by defeating South Africa in the final.
- Captain of the U-19 Indian Women's T20 team - Niki Prasad
- Player of the Final - Gongadi Trisha (India)
- Player of the Tournament - Gongadi Trisha (India)

- India secured their second successive ICC Under-19 Women's World Cup title with this win. India also won the first U-19 T20 World Cup title in 2023.
 - Malayali cricketer in the Indian team - V.J. Joshitha
 - First player to score a century in the history of the U-19 Women's T20 World Cup - Gongadi Trisha
- Indian cricketer Trisha scored a century in 53 balls against Scotland.

BCCI Naman Awards 2025

- Colonel CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award - Sachin Tendulkar
- Former Indian spin bowler who has been honoured with the BCCI special award for exemplary international career - R. Ashwin
- Polly Umrigar Award for Best International Cricketer (Men) - Jasprit Bumrah
- Best International Cricketer Award (Women) - Smriti Mandhana
- Best International Debut (Women) - Asha Shobhana
- Best International Debut (Men) - Sarfaraz Khan
- Best Performance in BCCI Domestic Tournaments - Mumbai

BBC Indian Sportswoman Awards 2024

- BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year - Manu Bhaker (shooter)
- BBC Para-Sportswoman of the Year - Avani Lekhra (para-shooter)
- BBC Emerging Player of the Year - Sheetal Devi (para-archer)
- BBC Lifetime Achievement Award - Mithali Raj (cricketer)

Swaraj Trophy Awards 2023-24

District Panchayat

- 1st Place - Kollam District Panchayat
- 2nd Place - Thiruvananthapuram District Panchayat

Block Panchayat - State Level

- 1st Place - Perumpadappu Block Panchayat (Malappuram)
- 2nd Place - Kodakara Block Panchayat (Thrissur)
- 3rd Place - Neeleswaram Block Panchayat (Kasaragod)

Grama Panchayat - State Level

- 1st Place - Veliyanloor Grama Panchayat (Kottayam)
- 2nd Place - Uzhamalakkal Grama Panchayat (Thiruvananthapuram)
- 3rd Place - Mattathur Grama Panchayat (Thrissur)

Municipality - State Level

- 1st Place - Guruvayur Municipality (Thrissur)
- 2nd Place - Wadakkanchery Municipality (Thrissur)
- Third Place - Anthoor Municipality (Kannur)

Municipal Corporation

- First Place - Thiruvananthapuram Corporation

Jnanappana Award 2025

- Literary critic who has been awarded the 2025 Jnanappana Award by Guruvayur Devaswom - Prof. K.P. Sankaran
 - 2024 Jnanappana Award winner - Radhakrishnan Kakkassery
 - 2023 Jnanappana Award winner - V. Madhusoodanan Nair

World

- Serbian Prime Minister who resigned in 2025 following anti-corruption protests - **Milos Vucevic**
- Country that introduced the artificial intelligence (AI) model DeepSeek - **China**
 - DeepSeek is an AI-based chatbot like ChatGPT.
 - The startup DeepSeek was founded by Liang Wenfeng in December 2023.
- Country which has officially certified malaria-free by the World Health Organization in January 2025 - **Georgia**

- First African country which was declared free from onchocerciasis, also known as river blindness - **Niger**
- The country that introduced the ballistic missile 'Etimad' in February 2025 - **Iran**
- US President who has signed executive order to withdraw US from UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in 2025 - **Donald Trump**
- Country where Mount Taranaki (Taranaki Maunga), which has been granted personality status, is located - **New Zealand**
 - Mount Taranaki will now also have all the legal rights available to a person.
- An international agency which comes into force, in the model of the United Nations for the conservation of the world's endangered wildlife - **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)**
 - The agency, which will be established under the leadership of India, is headquartered in Delhi.
 - The wildlife species covered are tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar and puma.
 - The Secretary General of IBCA is S.P. Yadav, former Member Secretary of the National Tiger Conservation Authority and a retired IFS officer.
- Country that installed a statue of Tamil poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar in February 2025 as part of the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations with India - **Philippines**
- The country that created the world's first kangaroo embryos through IVF - **Australia**

- Country that recently signed a MoU with India to strengthen cooperation in lithium exploration and mining - **Argentina**
- The country that declared a 'food security emergency' in February 2025 to control the price of rice - **Philippines**
- Country that has decided to celebrate 2025 as the Year of Community - **UAE**
- The country that developed the RS-24 Yars, an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of carrying nuclear warheads - **Russia**

India

- First state in India to launch mobile forensic van to detect crimes, collect evidence and help in crime detection - **Maharashtra**
- The Union Finance Minister who has presented the Union Budget for the year 2025-26 in the Lok Sabha in February 2025 - **Nirmala Sitharaman**
 - Nirmala Sitharaman is the first Finance Minister to present eight consecutive budgets under the same Prime Minister.
- The state that launched the 'Mana Mitra' WhatsApp chatbot for public services - **Andhra Pradesh**
- The state which has launched the Smile app, to improve education system and school management in government schools - **Nagaland**
- The state where the Makhana Board, announced in the Union Budget to promote the production, processing and marketing of Makhana, will be established - **Bihar**

→ Makhana is the seed of a lotus cultivated in Bihar, Nepal and China.

→ Makhana is known as the protein of vegetarians.

- The first biodiversity heritage site of Gujarat - **Inland mangrove forests of Guneri village (Kutch district)**
- The new name given for Fort William, the eastern headquarters of the Army - **Vijaydurg**
- Chief Minister of Manipur who resigned in February 2025 - **Biren Singh**
- Indian mountaineer who recently scaled Africa's highest peak, Kilimanjaro - **Nisha Yadav**
- The Finance Minister who has introduced the new Income Tax Bill, which aims to comprehensively reform the Income Tax Act of 1961, in Parliament in February 2025 - **Nirmala Sitharaman (Finance Minister)**
 - The new law is aimed to be implemented from April 1, 2026.
- Indian state where President's Rule was imposed in February 2025 - **Manipur**
 - President's Rule was imposed in Manipur after Chief Minister Biren Singh resigned when the opposition was about to move a no-confidence motion in the House in the wake of the Manipur riots.
- Country that developed the world's largest 10-ton propellant mixer for solid rocket motors - **India**
 - The mixer was designed by ISRO's Satish Dhawan Space Centre in collaboration with the Central Institute of Manufacturing Technology, Bengaluru.

- Person who has inaugurated National Tribal Festival 'Aadi Mahotsav' in New Delhi - **Draupadi Murmu (President of India)**
 - Aadi Mahotsav is an annual initiative of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation Limited (TRIFED), under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
 - Aadi Mahotsav is organized to showcase the culture and contributions of the tribal communities of the country at the national level and to ensure their welfare.
- Place where Open-air art wall museum launched on the occasion of 150th anniversary of India Meteorological Department (IMD) - **New Delhi**
- The place where India's largest single location integrated facility solar plant has come into existence - **Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu**
- Place where Google's newest office in India 'Ananta' has started its operation - **Bengaluru**
- The state in which a new district called Meluri came into existence - **Nagaland**
 - Meluri is the seventeenth district of Nagaland.
- The state where the Nagoba Jatara festival, the second largest tribal festival in India, is happening - **Telangana**
 - The Nagoba Jatara is a tribal festival held in Keslapur village in Adilabad district of Telangana.
 - It is celebrated by the Mesaram people of the Gond tribe.
- Place where the sixth regional office of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has established - **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**

- The other regional offices of IWAI are located at Guwahati (Assam), Patna (Bihar), Kochi (Kerala), Bhubaneswar (Odisha) and Kolkata (West Bengal).
- Indian biologist and wildlife conservationist who was named in the list of Times Magazine's Women of the Year 2025
 - **Poornima Devi Barman**
 - Times Magazine honored 13 women who have been working tirelessly for the growth and future of the world through their extraordinary work.
 - Poornima Devi Barman, a native of Assam, is the only Indian woman on the list.
 - Wildlife biologist Poornima Devi Barman is a person who has worked tirelessly for the protection of the Greater Adjutant Stork, which was on the IUCN's list of endangered species.
 - Poornima Devi Barman is also the founder of the conservation organization 'Hargila Army' to protect bird nests and raise awareness about the importance of birds.
- India's first vertical bi-facial solar plant was established in
 - **Okhla Vihar Metro Station, Delhi**
 - Bi-facial panels are designed to capture sunlight from both sides.
- The theme of the 2025 Financial Literacy Week celebrated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) between February 24 and February 28 to create awareness among the people about banking services
 - **Financial Literacy - Women Empowerment**

- The state where India's first biopolymer plant will come into operation - **Uttar Pradesh**
- Landing Ship Tank handed over to Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) by Indian Navy to be converted into an underwater museum - **INS Guldar**

Keralam

- Museum under the Forest Research Centre which has declared as a green tourism centre - **Nilambur Teak Museum**
 - Place where the first battery energy storage system (BES) to be installed in Kerala to avoid night-time power crisis - **Mylatti (Kasargod)**
 - The cancer prevention campaign launched by State Health department with the aim of ensuring cancer prevention in the state and making the services of advanced treatment systems available to the people - '**Arogyam Anandam - Akattam arbudham**'
 - Medical college which has selected as the best blood bank in the state by the National Health Ministry - **Thrissur Government Medical College**
 - State finance minister who presented Kerala State Budget for the year 2025-26 in the Legislative Assembly in February 2025 - **K.N. Balagopal**
 - State which has been ranked second in the list of India's Most Welcoming Regions in the 13th Annual Traveler Review Awards 2025 by digital travel platform Booking.com - **Kerala**
- Mararikulam, Thekkady and Alappuzha from Kerala have been named in the 'Most Welcoming Cities' category.

- The international organization providing technical assistance for the Tribal Health Action Plan being developed at the state level - **World Health Organization**
 - The state health department has decided to prepare a Tribal Health Action Plan to strengthen health activities in the tribal area.
- The state that first set up a scuba diving team led by women to participate in rescue operations in water bodies - **Kerala**
 - The first batch of women's scuba diving team 'Gannets' has been deployed under the Fort Kochi Water Safety Unit under the Fire Department Completed training at the expert training center.
- Malayali startup that has made it to the top 100 of Forbes magazine's Promising Startups list - **Aakri**
 - The Aakri app connects residences, businesses, and educational institutions with authorized waste disposal organizations.
 - The app was launched in 2019 by C. Chandrasekharan.
- The first panchayat in the state to start free bus travel on KSRTC for women and children - **Triprangode Panchayat (Malappuram)**
- The first hybrid integrated caravan park in the state has come into existence - **Malampuzha, Palakkad**

Sports

- Cricketer who scored the second-fastest century for India in T20 Internationals - **Abhishek Sharma**

- Abhishek Sharma scored a century in 37 balls against England.
- Rohit Sharma, who scored a century in 35 balls, is the fastest Indian to score a T20 century.
- Malayali cricketer Sanju Samson, who scored a century in 40 balls, is in third place.
- Indian player who won the 2025 Tata Steel Masters Chess title - **R. Praggnanandhaa**
- The former world number one and two-time Grand Slam winner of Romania who announced her retirement from professional tennis in February 2025 - **Simona Halep**
- Indian player who has scored highest individual score for India in T20 Internationals - **Abhishek Sharma**
 - Abhishek Sharma scored 135 runs in the match against England.
- State that won gold in football at the 2025 National Games - **Kerala**
 - Kerala won gold by defeating Uttarakhand in the final.
 - Venue of the 38th National Games - Uttarakhand
- State that won the gold medal in women's water polo at the 2025 National Games - **Kerala**
 - Kerala won the gold medal by defeating Maharashtra in the final.
- Player who became the second oldest player to make an ODI debut for India - **Varun Chakraborty**

- Varun Chakraborty, 33, is the oldest player to make an ODI debut for India after Farooq Engineer, who made his debut for India at the age of 36 in 1974.
- Title winner of 2025 National Snooker Championship
- Pankaj Advani
- First female cricketer to be banned under the ICC's Anti-Corruption Code - Shoheli Akhtar
 - Bangladesh women's cricketer Shoheli Akhtar was banned for five years from cricket after being found guilty of match-fixing during the 2023 Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa.
- Top position in the medal list of the 38th National Games
- Services
 - Second place - Maharashtra
 - Third place - Haryana
 - Kerala's position in the medal list - 14
 - Venue of the 38th National Games - Uttarakhand
- Venue of the National Games 2027 - Meghalaya
 - 39th edition of the National Games.
- Italian tennis player who was banned for three months in February 2025 after failing a doping test - Jannik Sinner
- First Malayali cricketer to score a century in a Ranji Trophy semi-final for Kerala - Mohammed Azharuddeen
 - Mohammad Azharuddin scored a century in the semi-final match against Gujarat.

- Indian pair who won the 2025 Pune ATP Challenger 100 Doubles title - **Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, Vijay Sundar Prashanth**
- State which has emerged as the overall champion in the medal list of the 23rd National Paralympic Athletics Championship - **Haryana**
 - Second place - Tamil Nadu
 - Third place - Uttar Pradesh
 - Venue of the 23rd National Para Athletics Championship was - Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- The captain of the Kerala cricket team that reached the Ranji Trophy cricket final for the first time in history - **Sachin Baby**
 - Kerala entered the final by defeating Gujarat in the 2024-25 Ranji Trophy cricket semi-final.
- Indian cricketer who has become the third cricketer in the world to complete 14000 runs in One Day International cricket - **Virat Kohli**
 - Sachin Tendulkar and former Sri Lankan captain Kumar Sangakkara are the previous players to achieve this feat.
 - Kohli also became the fastest player to complete 14000 runs in ODIs.
- Men's singles title winner at the Maha Open 2025 tennis tournament held in Pune - **Dalibor Svrčina**
- Teams that reached the final of the 2024-25 Ranji Trophy cricket - **Kerala, Vidarbha**
 - This is the first time in history that Kerala has reached the final of the Ranji Trophy cricket.

- Indian who holds the Asian record in the 5000 meters short track race - Gulveer Singh
 - Gulveer Singh set the Asian record by completing the race in 12:59.77 at the 2025 Boston University Terrier DMR Challenge.
- Indian Player who holds the record for the most catches other than a wicketkeeper in ODIs - Virat Kohli
 - Kohli surpassed Mohammad Azharuddin's record of 156 catches.

Literature

- Memoir of Former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern - **A Different Kind of Power**
- Winner of the Book of the Year award at the 2025 Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters - **Sandhya Mary**
 - Sandhya Mary won the award for her book 'Maria Just Maria'.
- Winner of the 39th Muloor Award - **Shaji Nayarambalam**
 - The award is for Shaji Nayarambalam's poetry collection Gurudeva Geetha.
- Author of the poetry collection 'Puthanattam' - **Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose (Governor of Bengal)**
- Author of the poetry collection 'Njattuvela' - **Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose (Governor of Bengal)**

- New English novel of Novelist P. Zacharia - **True Story of a Writer, a Philosopher and a Shape-shifter**
- Kannada writer Banu Mushtaq's collection of short stories shortlisted for the 2025 International Booker Prize
- **Heart Lamp**

Other Awards

- Former ISRO chairman who has won the Kerala Sasthapuraskaram for 2023 - **S. Somanath**
- Renowned Kathak artist who was awarded the Nishagandhi Award of the State Tourism Department in 2025 for his comprehensive contribution to the field of dance - **Pandit Rajendra Gangani**

State Revenue Awards 2025

- Best Collectorate - Thrissur
- Best Collector - N.S.K. Umesh (Ernakulam)
- Best Sub-Collector - K. Meera (Fort Kochi)

Science And Technology

- Indian Navy ship which has successfully completed hydrographic survey in Mauritius - **INS Sarvekshak**
- Indian who has selected as mission pilot of Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station - **Shubhanshu Shukla**

- Air Force Group Commander Shubhanshu Shukla is the commander of ISRO's Gaganyaan mission.
- Axiom-4 is a joint mission between NASA, ISRO and private company Axiom Space.
- NASA's Peggy Wittson is the commander. The others are Tibor Kapu (Hungary) and Sławosz Uznanski-Wisniewski (Poland).
- NASA scientist and Indian-origin woman holds the record for the longest spacewalk by a woman - **Sunita Williams**
- The ship of the Indian Navy's all-women expedition team, that has crossed Point Nemo - **INS Tarini**
 - Point Nemo is the furthest point from the Pacific Ocean.
 - Point Nemo is known as the most remote place in the world and the graveyard of spacecraft.
 - INSV Tarini is the ship of the Indian Navy's all-women expedition team that set out to circumnavigate the globe. The expedition is part of the Navika Sagar Parikrama II project aimed at women empowerment.
 - The expedition began from Goa on October 2, 2024.
 - The passengers on the ship are Lieutenant Commander Rupa and Lieutenant Commander Dilna, who is a Malayali.
- The country that successfully launched the navigation satellite Michibiki 6 on an H3 rocket in February 2025 - **Japan**
- The country which has recently successfully completed an experiment in space to produce oxygen and rocket fuel through artificial light synthesis - **China**

- India's first flying taxi prototype - **Shunya**
 - The prototype was unveiled by aerospace startup Sarla Aviation.
 - Shunya is designed to accommodate six passengers and carry a maximum payload of 680 kg.
- Mobile app which has been introduced by the Health Department to book OP tickets online in government hospitals as part of e-health, which effectively provides health services to the public - **MeHealth**
- Vaccine developed in India to prevent lumpy skin disease, a serious disease affecting cattle - **Biolumpi Vaxin**
 - The vaccine was developed by Biovet (Bengaluru), a Bharat Biotech Group company.
- The multi-barrel rocket launcher which is going to buy from India by France - **Pinaka**
 - Pinaka is indigenously developed by India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- The startup company which has built country's first 3D printed villa in Pune - **Tvasta**
- The world's longest subsea cable project which is announced by Meta to provide better connectivity to places like the US, India, Brazil, and South Africa - **Project Waterworth**
 - The 50,000 km long subsea cable will connect five continents.
- India's fourth-generation submarine, which successfully completed wet testing in February 2025 - **Matsya 6000**

→ Matsya 6000 is an Indian crude deep-submergence vehicle under the Deep Sea Mission, intended for exploration of rare earth minerals in the deep sea.

- A mobile app launched by the Cooperative Department to sell agricultural products produced by cooperative banks and institutions under a unified brand - **Angadi**
- The latest chatbot introduced by Elon Musk-owned artificial intelligence company xAI - **Grok 3**
- A digital platform launched by SEBI to help investors track and recover dormant or unclaimed mutual fund folios - **MITRA (Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant)**
- A new app launched by the Railways to provide all services related to Indian Railways to passengers in one place - **SwaRail**
 - The app was developed by the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS).
- The world's first quantum chip powered by a Topological Core architecture, introduced by Microsoft which aims to revolutionize quantum computing - **Majorana 1**
 - Unlike traditional quantum chips that rely on electron-based qubits, Majorana 1 is built using a completely new type of material and particle, the Majorana particle.
- Drone developed by Kottayam IIT's Drone X Lab to deter elephants from entering human settlements from forest fringes - **Astra V-1**
- The social media platform which has introduced teen accounts in India for teenagers - **Instagram**
 - Instagram teen accounts are designed to protect teenagers by limiting unwanted contacts and content.

India - Schemes

- The project which was implemented by the central government to reduce the risk of floods caused by the formation of glaciers in the four states of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttarakhand - **National Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) Risk Mitigation Project (NGRMP)**
- A scheme launched by the West Bengal government to develop riverine areas and create livelihood opportunities by connecting rivers and wetlands - **Nodi Bandhan**
- A scheme announced in the Union Budget for the financial year 2025-26 to help and increase the productivity of about 1.7 crore farmers from 100 less productive districts of the country - **Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana**
 - Key objectives of the scheme
 1. Improve agricultural production
 2. Diversification of crops
 3. Improve storage facilities
 4. Improve irrigation facilities
 5. Improve credit facilities
 6. Support not only traditional farmers, but also rural women, young farmers and landless families
- A project launched by the state government to collect land data in urban areas - **NAKSHA (National Geospatial Knowledge Based Land Survey of Urban Habitat)**

- Place where 'Tree Aadhaar' scheme, to protect Chinar trees is launched - **Jammu and Kashmir**

Keralam - Schemes

- A project launched by Kudumbashree to improve the English language proficiency of local children - **Communicore**
- A project which is launched by the Agriculture Department across the state with the aim of strengthening the primary agricultural sector and achieving agricultural self-sufficiency through the promotion of the secondary agricultural sector, ensuring an increase in the income of farmers and ensuring safe food - **Krishi Samriddhi Scheme**
- As part of mitigating human-wildlife conflict, the project launched by Kerala Forest Department to ensure food and water for wild animals in the forest during the summer to prevent wild animals from entering human settlements - **Mission Food, Fodder and Water (Mission FFW)**
- Kudumbashree project to promote entrepreneurship among the Scheduled Tribes and provide innovative employment opportunities - **Kudumbashree Tribal Enterprise and Innovation Centre (KTIC)**
- The project launched by the state Drugs Control Department to scientifically collect and dispose of expired and unused medicines - **nPROUD (New Program for Removal of Unused Drugs)**
 - This is the first time in the country that such a project is being designed and implemented at the government level.

Appointments

- A Malayali scientist who has been appointed as the director of ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) in Valiamala - **M. Mohan**
- Newly appointed chairman of the Thunchan Memorial Trust - **Vaishakhan**
 - His real name is M.K. Gopinathan Nair, known by the pen name Vaishakhan.
 - Vaishakhan was appointed to the post following the demise of MT Vasudevan Nair, the chairman of the Thunchan Memorial Trust.
- Newly appointed interim president of Syria in 2025 - **Ahmed al-Sharaa**
- The conservator of Wayanad's heritage organic rice seeds, who was appointed as an honorary professor of Kerala Agricultural University in 2025 - **Cheruvayal Raman**
 - The appointment is for one year as a professor of practice.
- Newly elected Prime Minister of Ireland - **Michael Martin**
- Former Malayali athlete who was elected to the Sports Expert Advisory Committee formed by the Union Sports Ministry - **Shiny Wilson**
- Newly appointed US Director of National Intelligence in February 2025 - **Tulsi Gabbard**
- Newly appointed Chief Election Commissioner of India - **Gyanesh Kumar**

- Gyanesh Kumar is the first Chief Election Commissioner to be appointed under the new rules for the appointment of members of the Election Commission (EC).
- New Chief Minister of Delhi - **Rekha Gupta**
 - Rekha Gupta is the fourth woman to become the Chief Minister of Delhi. Sushma Swaraj, Sheila Dikshit and Atishi were the predecessors of Rekha.
- New Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi - **Parvesh Verma**
- Former Reserve Bank Governor who has been appointed as the second principal secretary to the Prime Minister - **Shaktikanta Das**
 - Shaktikanta Das has been appointed as the second principal secretary in addition to the current principal secretary P.K. Mishra.
- Person of Indian-origin who was appointed as director of US security agency Federal Bureau of Investigation - **Kash Patel**
 - Kash Patel is the first Indian-origin person to attain this position.
- Woman leader who has elected as Leader of Opposition in Delhi Legislative Assembly - **Atishi Marlena**
 - Atishi Marlena is the first woman Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Legislative Assembly.

Obituaries

- Former Chief Election Commissioner who passed away in February 2025 - **Navin Chawla**

- Navin Chawla served as Election Commissioner from 2005 to 2009 and as Chief Election Commissioner from April 2009 to July 2010.
- A freedom fighter and first president of Namibia who passed away in February 2025 - **Sam Nujoma**
 - Sam Nujoma became president for the first time in 1990. He remained in office till 2005.
- Environmentalist known as the 'Green Man of Kerala' who passed away in February 2025 - **Kallur Balan**
- A prominent Malayali scientist and teacher in the field of medical biochemistry, who passed away in February 2025 - **Dr. Madhava Bhattathiri**
 - Dr. Madhava Bhattathiri was a member of the five-member jury that decided the winner of the 1985 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.
 - He has worked for the World Health Organization and the United Nations.
- Halakki folk singer who passed away in February 2025 - **Sukri Bomma Gowda**
 - A native of Karnataka
 - The country honored her with the Padma Shri in 2017.
 - She has also won the state awards 'Janapada Shri' in 1999 and 'Nadoja' in 2006.
- Famous Malayali painter who passed away in February 2025 - **Mopasang Valath**
 - His famous works include the Navarasa series featuring Padma Shri Kalamandalam Gopi, which is now kept inside the Cochin International Airport.

- A senior space scientist of India and the project director of Apple, the first satellite developed indigenously in India, who passed away in February 2025 - **R. M. Vasagam**
 - Native of Tamil Nadu
 - He was honoured by the country with the Padma Shri in 1982. He was the youngest ISRO scientist to receive the Padma Shri award.
- The famous dancer known as the father of Odissi dance, who passed away in February 2025 - **Mayadhar Raut**
 - Native of Odisha
 - He has received many honors including the Orissa Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1977), Sangeetha Nataka Akademi Award (1985), and the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award (2003).
 - The country honored him with the Padma Shri in 2010.
- Odia film actor who passed away in February 2025 - **Uttam Mohanty**

Ranking

- The country that has secured the first position in the Henley Passport Index 2025 - **Singapore**
 - Rank 2 - Japan
 - Countries that ranked third - Finland, France, Germany, Italy, South Korea, Spain
 - India's rank - 85
 - India's rank according to the Henley Passport Index 2024 - 80

- Rank of India in the Corruption Perceptions Index 2024 prepared by Berlin-based Transparency International - **96**
 - Denmark has topped the list of least corrupt countries.
 - Second place - Finland
 - Third place - Singapore
- Kerala's Rank in the Panchayat Devolution Index published in February 2025 by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj to assess the excellence of local body decentralization efforts - **2**
 - Karnataka secured the first rank and Tamil Nadu the third rank.

Venues

- Venue of World Audio-Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 - **New Delhi**
- State that hosted the first International Olympic Research Conference - **Gujarat**
- Venue of ICC Champions Trophy 2025 - **Pakistan**
- Venue of the 9th Asian Winter Games (AWG) - **Harbin, China**
- The venue of the second edition of the International Energy Festival of Kerala (IEFK 2025), organized by the Energy Management Centre under the Department of Energy as part of promoting sustainable energy activities and ensuring commitment to the concept of a carbon-free Kerala - **Thiruvananthapuram**
 - The theme of the second edition is 'Carbon Free Kerala'.

→ The main objective of IEFK is to ensure energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions and global cooperation in energy conservation activities.

- Venue of 37th Kerala Science Congress organized by Kerala Science, Technology and Environment Council - **Thrissur**

→ Theme - Technological Transformation for a Green Future

- Venue of Aero India 2025, Asia's largest air show
- **Yelahanka Air Force Station (Bengaluru)**
- Venue of the 4th South Asian Senior Athletics Championships
- **Ranchi, Jharkhand**
- Venue of the 2025 BRICS Summit - **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**
→ 17th edition of the BRICS Summit.
- Venue of 23rd National Para Athletics Championship - **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**
- The venue for the National Women Journalists Conclave organized by the Information Public Relations Department in collaboration with the Kerala Journalists Union with the participation of leading women journalists of the country - **Thiruvananthapuram**
→ This is the first time in the country that the National Women Journalists Conclave is being organized by the Information Public Relations Department at the government level.
- Venue of the 2025 Artificial Intelligence Action Summit - **France**
- Venue of Invest Kerala Global Summit 2025 - **Kochi, Ernakulam**

- The summit, led by the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) and organized in collaboration with the Department of Industries and Commerce, is organized with the aim of making Kerala a hub of innovation and investment at the global level.
- Place where the first edition of the School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL) Conclave was held - **Delhi**
- Venue of the 8th edition of the Indian Ocean Conference - **Muscat, Oman**
 - Theme - Voyages to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership
- Venue of the 2025 International Spices Conference organized by the All India Spices Exporters Forum (AISEF) - **Bengaluru, Karnataka**
 - Theme - Building Trust Beyond Borders
- The venue for the 15th International theatre festival of Kerala (ITFOK) organized by the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi - **Thrissur**
- Venue of Prakriti 2025, an international conference on carbon markets - **New Delhi**
 - The conference was organized by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the patronage of the Ministry of Power and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- Venue of the 72nd Miss World pageant - **Telangana, India**
 - The 71st Miss World pageant was also held in India.

Military Exercise

- India-Maldives joint military exercise - **Ekuverin**
 - Venue of the 13th edition of the Ekuverin joint military exercise - Maldives
 - The word 'Ekuverin' in Dhivehi means 'friends'.
- Venue of the third edition of the joint military exercise Cyclone between India and Egypt - **Bikaner, Rajasthan**
- India Japan Joint Military Exercise - **Dharma Guardian**
 - The venue for the sixth edition of the India Japan Joint Military Exercise Dharma Guardian - Japan

Important Days

- World Wetlands Day - **February 02**
 - 2025 Theme : Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future
 - On February 2, 1971, the World Wetlands Convention was signed in the city of Ramsar on the Caspian Sea coast of Iran. February 2 is observed as Wetlands Day globally to commemorate this day and to create awareness among the people about the need to protect wetlands.
- World Cancer Day - **February 04**
 - 2025 Theme - United by Unique
 - February 4 is observed as World Cancer Day to raise awareness about cancer and promote its prevention.

- International Day of Women and Girls in Science - February 11
 - World Radio Day - February 13
 - February 13 is observed as World Radio Day to commemorate the launch of radio broadcasting by the United Nations on February 13, 1946.
- National Women's Day - February 13
 - India celebrates Women's Day on February 13, the birthday of Sarojini Naidu, known as 'The Nightingale of India'.
- World Day of Social Justice - February 20
 - World Day of Social Justice is observed every year on February 20 to make people aware of the principles of social justice.
- International Mother Language Day - February 21
 - 2025 Theme - "Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day."
 - February 21 is celebrated as International Mother Language Day all over the world with the aim of creating awareness among people about the preservation of language diversity and the culture associated with language.
 - The year 2025 marks the 25th anniversary of International Mother Language Day.
- National Science Day - February 28
 - 2025 Theme - 'Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat'
 - National Science Day is celebrated in India every year on February 28 to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by Indian physicist Sir C.V. Raman on February 28, 1928.

Thank You!

