

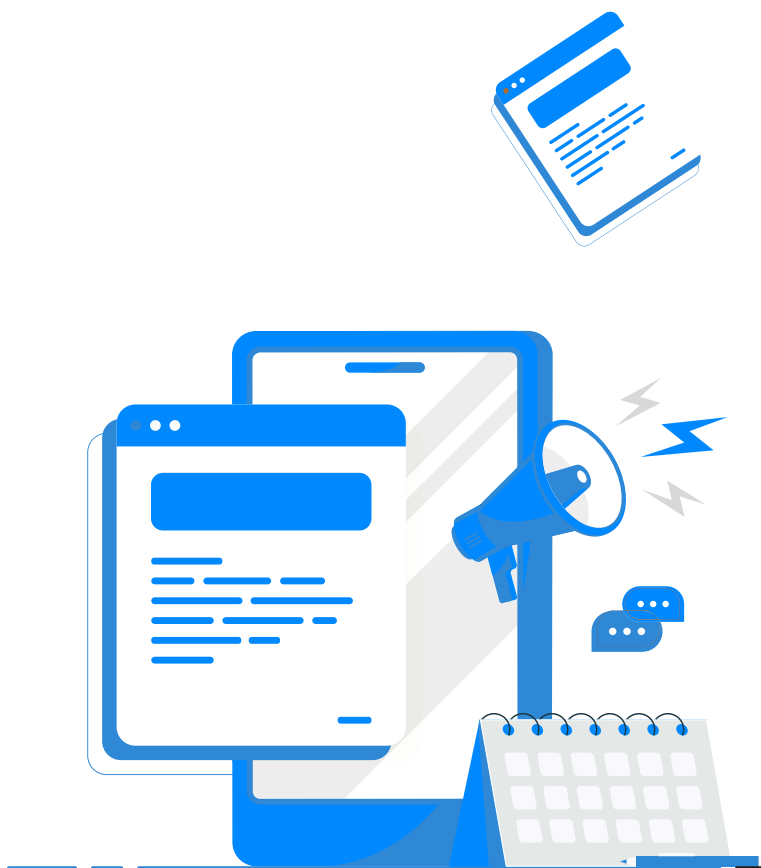


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Padma Awards 2025

- 7 people have been awarded the Padma Vibhushan.
- 19 people have been awarded the Padma Bhushan.
- 113 people have been awarded the Padma Shri.

Padma Vibhushan winners

- M.T. Vasudevan Nair (Literature, Posthumous award)
- Sharada Sinha (Folk singer, Posthumous award)
- Osamu Suzuki (Former Chairman of Suzuki Motors Corporation of Japan, Posthumous award)
- Duvvur Nageshwar Reddy (Medicine)
- Justice (Retd.) Jagdish Singh Khehar (Lawyer)
- Kumudini Rajnikanth Lakhia (Kathak dancer)
- Lakshminarayana Subramaniam (Violinist)

Padma Vibhushan winners

Keralites

- P.R. Sreejesh (Former Indian hockey player)
- Dr. Jose Chacko Periappuram (Cardiac surgeon)

Other Persons to remember

- S. Ajith Kumar (Tamil film actor)
- Shobhana (film actress)
- Nandamuri Balakrishna (Telugu film actor)
- Pankaj Udas (singer, posthumously honoured)
- Manohar Joshi (former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, posthumously honoured)
- Sushil Kumar Modi (former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, posthumously honoured)

Padma Shri winners

Keralites

- I.M. Vijayan (former Indian footballer)
- K. Omanakutty (musician)

Other Persons to remember

- Libia Lobo Sardesai (freedom fighter)
- R. Ashwin (cricketer)
- Arijit Singh (singer)
- Harvinder Singh (para-athlete)
- Velu Aasaan (instrumentalist)
- Begam Batool (folk singer)

Vyas Samman Award 2024

- 2024 Vyas Samman Award Winner - Suryabala (Uttar Pradesh)
 - 34th Vyas Samman
 - The award was given to Suryabala's novel 'Kaun Des Ko Vasi : Venu Ki Diary'.
 - 2023 Vyas Samman Award Winner - Pushpa Bharati (Work - Yaadein, Yaadein!...Aur Yaadein)

Golden Globe Awards 2025

- 82nd Golden Globe Awards
- Best Picture (Drama) - The Brutalist (Director - Brady Corbet)
- Best Picture (Musical or Comedy) - Emilia Perez (Director - Jacques Audiard)

- Best Foreign Language Film - Emilia Perez (Director - Jacques Audiard)
 - Indian Film which was nominated in the Best Foreign Language Film category - All We Imagine As Light (Director - Payal Kapadia)
- Best Animated Film - Flow (Director - Gints Zilbalodis)
- Best Director - Brady Corbet (Film - Brutalist)
- Best Actor (Drama) - Adrien Brody (Film - Brutalist)
- Best Actress (Drama) - Fernanda Torres (I'm Still Here)
- Best Actor (Musical or Comedy) - Sebastian Stan (A Different Man)
- Best Actress (Musical or Comedy) - Demi Moore (The Substance)
- Best Supporting Actor - Kieran Culkin (A Real Pain)
- Best Supporting Actress - Zoe Saldana (Emilia Perez)

Kho-Kho World Cup 2025

- The first edition of the Kho-Kho World Cup was held in 2025.
- Venue - New Delhi, India
- Official Mascot - Tejas & Tara
- Title winner of Men's Kho-Kho World Cup 2025 - India
 - India won the men's team title by defeating Nepal in the final.
 - Captain of Indian men's team - Pratik Waikar
 - Malayali player who was a member of the Indian men's team for the first Kho-Kho Men's World Cup - B. Nikhil

- Title winners of Women's Kho-Kho World Cup 2025 - India
 - India won the women's team title by defeating Nepal in the final.
 - Captain of Indian Women's Team - Priyanka Ingle
- State Sponsoring Indian Kho-Kho Team - Odisha

Australian Open 2025

- Men's Singles Champion - Jannik Sinner (Italy)
 - Jannik Sinner won the men's singles title by defeating Alexander Zverev of Germany in the final.
 - Jannik Sinner won the men's singles title for the second time in a row at the Australian Open.
- Women's Singles Champion - Madison Keys (USA)
 - Madison Keys won the women's singles title by defeating Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in the final.
 - This is Madison Keys' first Grand Slam title.

ICC Awards 2024

- Men's Cricketer of the Year 2024 (Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy) - Jasprit Bumrah (India)
- Women's Cricketer of the Year 2024 (Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy) - Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)
- Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2024 - Azmatullah Omarzai (Afghanistan)
- Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2024 - Smriti Mandhana (India)

- Men's Test Cricketer of the Year 2024- Jasprit Bumrah (India)
- Men's T20 Cricketer of the Year 2024 - Arshdeep Singh (India)
- Women's T20 Cricketer of the Year 2024- Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)
- Emerging Men's Cricketer of the Year 2024 - Kamindu Mendis (Sri Lanka)
- Emerging Women's Cricketer of the year 2024 - Annerie Dercksen (South Africa)
- Best Umpire of the year 2024 - Richard Illingworth (England)

National Sports Awards 2024

- Four sportspersons have been awarded the Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna.
- 32 sportspersons have been awarded the Arjuna Award.

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award Winners

- D Gukesh (Chess)
- Manu Bhaker (Shooting)
- Harmanpreet Singh (Hockey)
- Praveen Kumar (High Jump - Para-Athlete)

Arjuna Award Winners (People to Remember)

- Sajan Prakash (Malayali Swimmer)
- Salima Tete (Hockey)
- Swapnil Suresh Kusale (Shooting)
- Sarabjot Singh (Shooting)

- Jyoti Yarraji (Athletics)
- Annu Rani (Athletics)
- Abhay Singh (Squash)
- Aman (Wrestling)

Arjuna Award Winner (Lifetime Category)

- Sucha Singh (Athletics)
- Murlikant Rajaram Petkar (Para-Swimming)

Dronacharya Award Winners

- Subhash Rana (Para-Shooting)
- Deepali Deshpande (Shooting)
- Sandeep Sangwan (Hockey)

Dronacharya Award Winners (Lifetime Category)

- S Muralidharan (Malayali Badminton Coach)
- Armando Agnelo Colaco (Football)

15th J.C. Daniel Foundation

Film Awards

- Best Film - 2018 (Director - Jude Antony Joseph)
- Best Director - Akhil Sathyan (Film - Pachuvum Athbutha Vilakkum)
- Best Actor - Tovino Thomas (Film - 2018)
- Best Actress - Anjana Prakash (Film - Pachuvum Athbutha Vilakkum)

63rd Kerala School Art Festival

- District champions in the 63rd Kerala School Art Festival - Thrissur
 - Thrissur won the gold cup with 1008 points. Thrissur has achieved this feat for the first time since 1999.
 - Palakkad came second with 1007 points. Kannur (1003) is third.
 - Thiruvananthapuram hosted the 63rd State School Art Festival

P. Jayachandran

- Famous Malayalam playback singer who passed away in January 2025 - P. Jayachandran
 - He entered the film playback singing field in 1965 by singing the song 'Mullappoo Maalayumayi' in the movie Kunjali Marakkar.
 - He became famous with the song 'Manjalayil Mungithorthi' in the movie Kalithozhan in 1966.
 - He sang more than 16,000 songs in Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Hindi languages.
 - He was known as 'Bhaavagayakan'.
 - He won the National Award for Best Singer in 1986 for the song 'Sivashankara Sarva Saranyavibho' from the film Sree Narayana Guru.
 - He won the Kerala State Award for Best Singer in 1972, 1978, 2000, 2004, and 2015.
 - He received the J.C. Daniel Award in 2020.
 - He has won the Tamil Nadu State Film Award and the Kalaimamani Award from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

World

- UN International Year of Cooperatives - 2025
 - Theme : Cooperatives build a better world.
- Country collaborating with Pakistan in the construction of a nuclear power plant being built in Chashma, Pakistan-occupied Punjab - China
- Country that introduced the prototype of the world's fastest bullet train CR450 - China
- Country that recently reported the presence of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) - China
 - Human metapneumovirus is a virus that usually causes symptoms similar to the common cold. The main symptoms are cough or shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat.
- Canadian Prime Minister who announced his resignation in January 2025 - Justin Trudeau
- The country officially joined the BRICS in January 2025 - Indonesia
- Country that announced \$25 million reward for information leading to arrest of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro - USA
 - The main accusations leveled by the United States against Maduro are that he is increasing cocaine trafficking to the United States, destroying the health of the country's citizens, and using drugs as a weapon to destroy the United States.

- Former Prime Minister of Pakistan who has sentenced to 14 years in prison in the Al Qadir Trust corruption case - **Imran Khan**
- Indian-origin man who files nomination for Canadian Prime minister election - **Chandra Arya**
- Airport in Pakistan which is built as part of the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative - **Gwadar International Airport**
 - Gwadar International Airport is the largest airport in Pakistan in terms of area.
 - Gwadar International Airport was built with Chinese assistance.
- The country that developed Electrokinetic Mining (EKM) for environmentally friendly mining of rare earth elements - **China**
- Country which has completely banned the import of plastic waste from January 2025 - **Thailand**
- New name given by the US President Donald Trump administration to the Gulf of Mexico - **The Gulf of America**
- New name given by the US President Donald Trump administration to Mount Denali, the highest mountain in North America - **Mount McKinley**
- Country that withdrew from the World Health Organization (WHO) in January 2025 - **United States**
 - US President who signed the order to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO) - Donald Trump

India

- Place where India's first glass bridge across the sea comes into operation - **Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu**
 - The glass bridge connects the 133-foot-tall Thiruvalluvar statue and Vivekananda Rock memorial.
 - The glass bridge was built as part of the silver jubilee celebrations of the installation of the Thiruvalluvar statue.
- India's first zero waste airport - **Devi Ahilyabai Holkar International Airport, Indore**
 - This achievement was achieved with the establishment of a material recovery facility.
 - A material recovery facility is a system for segregating and recycling waste from airports and aircraft.
- The organization which had developed Needle-free shock syringes for painless injections - **IT Bombay**
- The 34th district of Gujarat - **Vav-Tharad**
- First airline in India to provide free WiFi on domestic flights - **Air India**
- State which celebrate Chandubi Festival - **Assam**
- US National Security Advisor who has visited India in January 2025 - **Jake Sullivan**
- Virus reported in India in January 2025 - **Human metapneumovirus (HMPV)**
 - Human metapneumovirus is a virus that usually causes symptoms similar to the common cold. The main symptoms are cough or shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat.

- First airport in India to receive Accreditation Level 5, the highest honor awarded by Airports Council International (ACI) - **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai**
- Tribal community in Andaman and Nicobar Islands included in voters' list for the first time - **Jarawa Tribe**
- The state that celebrates the Flamingo Festival - **Andhra Pradesh**
- FM radio channel Which has been launched by Prasar Bharati to disseminate information about the Mahakumbh Mela to the people - **Kumbhvani**
- Tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in January 2025 - **Sonamarg Tunnel**
 - The tunnel connecting Sona Marg and Gagangir is 6.5 km long.
- Department which completed 150 years on January 15, 2025 - **Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)**
 - Meteorological Department, the oldest scientific department of the country, started its operations on 15th January 1875 with its headquarters in Kolkata.
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative coin on the 150th foundation day of IMD.
- The headquarters of the National Turmeric Board, which came into existence in January 2025 - **Nizamabad, Telangana**
 - The National Turmeric Board chairman - Palle Gangadhar Reddy
 - The board was formed to promote turmeric cultivation and value-added products.

- A system launched by the central government to help organizations store their government documents - **Entity Locker**
- The place where the first astronomical observatory in Eastern India was established - **Purulia, West Bengal**
 - The observatory will be named after Satyendra Nath Bose.
 - The 6th astronomical observatory in India has been set up in West Bengal.
 - The other centers are in Ladakh, Nainital (Uttarakhand), Mount Abu (Rajasthan), Girwali (Maharashtra) and Kavalur (Tamil Nadu)
- Person who was the Chief Guest at the 2025 Republic Day celebrations - **Prabowo Subianto (Indonesian President)**
- Foreign forces which has participated in the 2025 Republic Day parade - **Indonesian Army**
- State which reported its first death due to Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), a disease that affects the nerves, in January 2025 - **Maharashtra**
- The first state in independent India to implement a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) - **Uttarakhand**
- First Indian cities which has included in the global list of recognized wetland cities under the Ramsar Convention - **Indore and Udaipur**

Keralam

- Venue of 63rd Kerala School Kalolsavam - **Thiruvananthapuram**
- Indigenous art forms included as competitions in the 63rd Kerala School Kalolsavam - **Irula Nritham, Malapulayattom, Paliya Nritham, Mangalam Kali, Paniya Nritham**
 - This is the first time in the history of Kalolsavam that indigenous art forms - Irula Nritham, Malapulayattom, Paliya Nritham, Mangalam Kali, Paniya Nritham are being included as competitions.
- Double Decker Bus launched by KSRTC in Munnar, a tourist destination in Idukki district - **Royal View Double Decker Bus**
- Beaches in Kerala which received the Blue Flag certification, an international honor given for eco-friendly sustainable development models, in January 2025 - **Kozhikode Kappad Beach and Kannur Azhikode Chal Beach**
- The place where the highest temperature (37.4 degrees Celsius) was recorded in the country in December 2024 - **Kannur Airport**
- The MLA from Nilambur who resigned in January 2025 - **P. V. Anwar**
- The police station which has been awarded the Chief Minister's Award for the best police station in the state for the year 2023 - **Thalassery Police Station, Kannur**
 - Second Place - Mattancherry Police Station
 - Third Place - Punnapra Police Station, Palakkad Town North Police Station

- Place where the country's first plastic waste treatment plant, which is completely run by the government sector, has come into operation - **Kunnamthanam, Pathanamthitta**
 - The integrated plastic waste treatment plant, started by the Pathanamthitta District Panchayat and the Clean Kerala Company under the Local Government Department, has started its operations in Kunnamthanam.
- Comprehensive warning system which is launched by the State Disaster Management Authority to warn about natural disasters in Kerala - **KaWaCHaM**
 - KaWaCHaM' stands for Kerala Warnings Crisis and Hazards Management System (KaWaCHaM).
 - KaWaCHaM is a warning system prepared by the State Disaster Management Authority with the financial assistance of the National Disaster Management Authority and the World Bank.
 - This is a system that delivers extreme disaster warnings from the Central Meteorological Department, Geological Survey of India, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services and Central Water Commission to all parts of the state. Extreme disaster warnings can be delivered to the public as messages as soon as they are received from the central nodal departments.
- The second forensic science lab in Kerala which has received ISO accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) - **Kannur Regional Forensic Science Lab**

- The Forensic Science Lab at the Thiruvananthapuram Police Headquarters is the first forensic science lab in Kerala to receive ISO accreditation.
- The constituency where the village court was established recently - **Vamanapuram (Thiruvananthapuram)**
 - The village court was implemented as part of the dispute-free constituency village project.
 - The District Legal Services Authority is implementing this project completely in the Vamanapuram constituency and block with the aim of making the Vamanapuram constituency a dispute-free constituency.

Sports

- Title winners of 78th Santosh Trophy Football Championship - **West Bengal**
 - Bengal won the title by defeating Kerala in the final.
 - This is Bengal's 33rd Santosh Trophy title.
 - Venue of 78th Santosh Trophy Football Championship - Hyderabad, Telangana
- Gold medal winner in men's 10m air rifle event at 67th National Shooting Championship in Bhopal - **Shahu Tushar Mane**
- Indian player who became the youngest player to score 150 runs in List A cricket - **Ayush Mhatre**
 - Mhatre broke the previous record set by Indian batsman Yashasvi Jaiswal.

- **FIDE World Blitz Chess Championship 2024**

- Gold medal winners in Open Blitz category - **Magnus Carlsen and Ian Nepomniachtchi**

- Gold medal winner in Women's Blitz category - **Ju Wenjun**

- Bronze medal winner in Women's Blitz category - **R. Vaishali**

- Cricketer who holds the world record for most List A runs without being dismissed - **Karun Nair**

- Karun Nair set a new world record in the Vijay Hazare Trophy by scoring the most List A runs consecutively without being dismissed, with a total of 530 runs across five unbeaten matches.

- Indian cricket player who retained top position in ICC Test rankings for bowlers with the highest rating points - **Jasprit Bumrah**

- Bumrah is at the top of the ICC Test bowlers' list with 907 rating points.

- Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2024-25 Test Cricket Series Winners - **Australia**

- The Border-Gavaskar Trophy is an India-Australia Test cricket series named after former Indian cricketer Sunil Gavaskar and former Australian cricketer Allan Border.

- 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 in 2025.

- This year, 19 people were awarded the Medal of Freedom for their contributions to the arts and politics.

- Indian squash player who won the Under-17 girls' singles title at the 2025 British Junior Open held in Birmingham, England - **Anahat Singh**
- Title winners of 2024 French Champions Trophy football - **PSG**
- State Which has announced a three-year sponsorship deal for the Indian National Kho-Kho team - **Odisha**
- Official mascot First Kho-Kho World Cup - **Tejas & Tara**
- Venue of First Kho-Kho World Cup - **New Delhi, India**
- Youngest Malayali Chess player to reach the WCM (Woman Candidate Master) status - **Divi Bijesh**
- The player who has named as Javelin Thrower of the Year 2024 by Track and Field News Magazine of USA - **Neeraj Chopra**
- Malayali player who included in Indian team for first Kho-Kho Men's World Cup - **B. Nikhil**
- Title winner of the National Senior Volleyball Men's championship 2025 - **Kerala**
 - Kerala became the champions by defeating Services in the final.
- The player who became the oldest tennis player to win an ATP Tour singles title - **Gael Monfils**
 - France's Gael Monfils set a record by winning the ASB Classic in Auckland. He was 38 years and four months old when he became champion.
 - Monfils surpassed the record held by Switzerland's Roger Federer.
- Indian pacer who has been named ICC's Men's Player of the Month for December 2024 - **Jasprit Bumrah**

- Cricketer who has been named ICC's Women's Player of the Month for December 2024 - **Annabel Sutherland (Australia)**
- The player who holds the record for most Grand Slam matches played - **Novak Djokovic (Serbia)**
 - Novak Djokovic has surpassed the record of Swiss player Roger Federer.
- High Court that has given orders for including Kalaripayattu as a competition event in the 2025 National Games - **Delhi High Court**
 - Venue of the 38th National Games - Uttarakhand
- Indian player who holds the record for fastest century in women's ODI cricket - **Smriti Mandhana**
 - Mandhana completed her century in 70 balls in ODI cricket against Ireland.
 - Smriti Mandhana surpassed the record held by Harmanpreet Kaur.
- Malayali player who got selected to the Indian team for the U-19 Women's World Cup 2025 - **V.J. Joshita**
 - Venue of the U-19 Women's World Cup 2025 - Malaysia
- **India Open 2025**
 - Men's Singles Champion- Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
 - Women's Singles Champion- An Se-young (South Korea)
 - Title winners of 2024–25 Vijay Hazare Trophy Cricket Championship - **Karnataka**
 - Karnataka won the title by defeating Vidarbha in the final.
 - Player of the Tournament - Karun Nair
 - 2023–24 Vijay Hazare Trophy Cricket Champions - Haryana

- Winners of the 2025 Champions Trophy Cricket for the Physically Disabled - **India**
 - India won the title by defeating England in the final.
 - The venue for the 2025 Cricket Champions Trophy for the physically challenged is Colombo, Sri Lanka
- First Indian bowler who has taken a hat-trick in the Women's Under-19 T20 World Cup - **Vaishnavi Sharma**
 - Vaishnavi Sharma took a hat-trick in the match against Malaysia.
 - Venue of the 2025 Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup - Malaysia
- First Women's Hockey India League title winners - **Odisha Warriors**
 - Odisha Warriors won the title by defeating JSW Soorma Hockey Club in the final.
- Indian player who won the title at the 9th Johor International Open Chess Tournament held in Johor, Malaysia - **Iniyan Panneerselvam**
- The first player to score a century in the history of the U-19 Women's T20 World Cup - **Gongadi Trisha**
 - Indian player Trisha scored a century in 53 balls in the match against Scotland.

Literature

- The winner of the 17th Basheer Award of the Vaikom Muhammed Basheer Memorial Trust in Thalayolaparamba - **P.N. Gopikrishnan**

- The award is for his collection 'Kavitha Mamsa bhojiyanu'.
- The 16th Basheer Award winner - E. Santhosh Kumar (Book - Naarakangalude Upama)
- The author of the book Democrisis - **Joseph M. Puthussery** (former member of Kerala Legislative Assembly)
- The author of the poetry collection 'Manoratham' - **Kalamandalam Gopi**
- Winner of the 2024 Odakkuzhal Award presented by the Guruvayoorappan Trust - **K. Aravindakshan**
 - The award is for his novel 'Gopa'.
 - Winner of the 2023 Odakkuzhal Award - P.N. Gopikrishnan (Book -Kavitha Mamsabhojiyanu)
- Author of the book 'The New Icon: Savarkar and the Facts' - **Arun Shourie**
- Author of the book 'Oru Paramarahasyathinte Ormaykku' (Collection of Stories) - **Sarah Joseph**
- Author of the book 'Karuvannoor' (collection of stories) - **T. Padmanabhan**
- Autobiography of Pope Francis - **Hope**
 - This is the first time that a pope has published his autobiography while in office.
- Recipient of the third Federal Bank Literary Award - **E. Santosh Kumar**
 - The award was won by E. Santosh Kumar for his novel 'Thapomayiyude Achan'.

Other Awards

- Film lyricist who won the Harivarasanam Award given by the state government in 2025 - **Kaithapram Damodaran Namboothiri**
 - Tamil playback singer who won the Harivarasanam Award in 2024 - P.K. Veeramani Dasan
- Kathakali musician who was awarded the 'Vazhenkada Kunjunair Samsthuti Samman' award by the Vazhenkada Kunjunair Memorial Trust - **Madambi Subramanian Namboothiri**
- Trinidad and Tobago President who received Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2025 - **Christine Carla Kangaloo**
 - Kangaloo was honored for his public service.
 - President Draupadi Murmu presented the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman to 25 individuals and two organizations, including Kollam native Ramakrishnan Sivaswamy Iyer, a businessman in the UAE.
 - The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman awards are the highest honours given to overseas Indians.
- Malayali who has won the Commandment Card Award given by the Indian Army for bravery and distinguished service - **Lieutenant Colonel P. Sumesh Kumar**
 - Sumesh Kumar was honored for leading the excellent operations carried out by the Indian Army in the riot-hit areas of Manipur.
- Malayali skydiver who was awarded the 2023 Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award - **Jithin Vijayan**
 - The 'Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award' is the highest national award given to those who achieve extraordinary achievements in adventure sports performed on land, sea or in the air.

Science and Technology

- The organization which has developed Injectable hydrogel for cancer treatment - **IIT Guwahati & Bose Institute Kolkata**
- The space organization which successfully operated a space robotic arm in space in January 2025 - **ISRO**
 - ISRO successfully conducted the Relocatable Robotic Manipulator-Technology Demonstrator (RRM-TD) experiment.
 - This robotic arm was developed at ISRO's Inertial Systems Unit (IISU) in Thiruvananthapuram.
 - The robotic arm was developed to be used when India builds its own space station in the future.
- India's National Space Research Organisation which has sprouted cowpea seeds in space in January 2025 - **ISRO**
 - Eight cowpea seeds, carried as part of the POEM-4 (PSLV Orbital Experiment Module) mission launched by PSLV-C60 rocket in January 2025, sprouted in zero gravity space within four days.
 - The seeds were germinated using the Compact Research Module for Orbital Plant Studies or CROPS, one of the 24 experimental instruments on the 'POEM-4' mission.
 - Developed by the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram, CROPS is a system for studying seed germination and plant survival in microgravity.
 - The CROPS project is envisioned to develop agricultural methods in interplanetary environments.

- Indigenously designed and built Fast Patrol Vessels delivered to the Indian Coast Guard by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) in January 2025 - **Amulya and Akshay**
- Portal designed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to streamline procedures for law enforcement agencies in India to seek international assistance through Interpol in criminal matters - **Bharatpol**
- Software which has been released by cybersecurity company McAfee to detect deepfake videos and audios using artificial intelligence - **Deepfake Detector**
- Revamped portal launched by the Central Government for e-auction of all properties put up for auction by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) - **BAANKNET**
- Vehicle Which has been introduced by NASA as the successor to the Ingenuity helicopter for the extensive exploration of Mars - **Mars Chopper**
 - Ingenuity is a NASA helicopter that operated on Mars from 2021 to 2024 as part of the Mars 2020 mission.
- The anti-tank guided missile which was successfully tested by India in January 2025 - **Nag Mark 2**
 - The test was conducted at the Pokhran Firing Range.
- Blue Origin's reusable heavy-lift launch vehicle successfully tested in January 2025 - **New Glenn**
 - The test launch took place from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.
 - The 98-meter-tall New Glenn rocket can carry 45 metric tons of payload into low-Earth orbit.

- The rocket was named New Glenn in honor of John Glenn, NASA's first astronaut to orbit the Earth.
- The company Blue Origin is owned by Jeff Bezos.
- The warships which were commissioned by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai in January 2025 - **INS Nilgiri, INS Surat, and INS Vaghsheer**
- The ship that was built and delivered to the Indian Navy by L&T Shipbuilding Limited in January 2025 - **Utkarsh**
- The space research organization that led India's first SpaDeX (Space Docking Experiment) mission - **ISRO**
 - SpaDeX is a highly complex docking experiment mission that combines two artificial satellites in space.
 - The SDX-01-Chaser and SDX-02-Target satellites of the SpaDeX mission were combined in space.
 - ISRO launched two SpaDeX satellites on PSLV-C60 launch vehicle from Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota on December 30, 2024.
 - India is the fourth country to have its own docking technology. The other countries are the United States, Russia, and China.
 - Docking technology is essential for ISRO to build the Indian Space Station. In the future, the modules of the Indian Space Station should be launched in various phases and assembled in space through docking.
- Space Research Organisation which has successfully tested the restart capability of the Vikas Liquid Engine that powers the liquid stage in launch vehicles - **ISRO**

- The test was conducted at the Engine Test Facility at the ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri.
- Satellite launched by Pakistan in January 2025 - **PRSC-EO1**
 - The launch was made using a Long March-2D carrier rocket from China's Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center.
- A micro-missile system which was successfully tested by India recently, designed to counter enemy drones - **Bhargavastra**
 - This micro-missile system was developed by Economic Explosives Limited.
- A Bengaluru-based start-up company that successfully launched three high-resolution hyperspectral satellites with the help of SpaceX - **Pixxel**
- The pulse diagnostic ayurvedic medical device which was indigenously developed by India - **Nadi Tarangini**
- Navigation satellite which has successfully launched by ISRO in January 2025 - **NVS-02**
 - NVS-02 is ISRO's 100th launch.
 - Launch vehicle - GSLV F15
 - NVS-02 was launched from the second launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

India - Schemes

- A scheme launched by the central government with the aim of providing students, researchers and institutions across the country with seamless access to a wide range of digital knowledge resources, including research papers, journals and academic content - **One Nation, One Subscription**

Keralam - Schemes

- Project of the Kozhikode Corporation aimed at eradicating extreme poverty and to make the city elderly- and differently-abled friendly while ensuring total cleanliness - **Samanvaya**

Cinema

- The documentary directed by Malayali Venu Nair, which won the Best Documentary Award at the Swedish Academy of Motion Picture Awards - **Sanctuaries of the Spirit: The Sacred Groves of Kerala**
- Malayalam film which has been selected in the initial round for the 2025 Oscars for Best Picture - **Aadujeevitham (The Goat Life)**
 - Aadujeevitham directed by - Blessy
 - Aadujeevitham is a film based on Benjamin's novel Aadujeevitham.
 - Actor who played the central character Najeeb in the film - Prithviraj Sukumaran

Appointments

- Newly elected President of Moldova - **Maia Sandu**
- Person who is reappointed as Rajya Sabha Secretary General - **Pramod Chandra Modi**
- Newly appointed Director General of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) - **Faiz Ahmed Kidwai**

- Newly Appointed ISRO Chairman and Space Department Secretary in January 2025 - **V. Narayanan**
- Newly Appointed President of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) in January 2025 - **Bahadur Singh Sagoo**
- Newly elected president of Lebanon in January 2025 - **Joseph Aoun**
- Newly appointed Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) - **Anju Bobby George**
 - Anju will lead a 9-member Commission that includes former Malayali athlete MD Valsamma and Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra.
- Newly Appointed Revenue Secretary in the Ministry of Finance in January 2025 - **Tuhin Kanta Pandey**
- Newly elected President of Venezuela in January 2025 - **Nicolas Maduro**
- The Malayali who is appointed as the Inspector General of the National Tiger Conservation Authority in the Union Ministry of Forests and Environment - **Sanjayan Kumar**
- Newly appointed BCCI Secretary in January 2025 - **Devajit Saikia**
- Newly elected President of Croatia in January 2025 - **Zoran Milanovic**
- Newly elected Prime Minister of Lebanon in January 2025 - **Nawaf Salam**
 - Nawaf Salam is the current president of the Hague-based International Court of Justice.
- Newly appointed BCCI Ombudsman in January 2025 - **Justice Arun Mishra**

- Newly appointed Governor of Mizoram in January 2025 - **Vijay Kumar Singh**
 - General Vijay Kumar Singh is a former Union Minister and Army Chief.
- Newly appointed Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in January 2025 - **Gyanendra Pratap Singh**
- Person who has took office as the 47th President of the United States in January 2025 - **Donald Trump**
 - Trump is the second person to become president twice, not consecutively. The previous record was held by Grover Cleveland.
 - Trump was first elected president in 2016.
 - Trump also holds the record for being the oldest president to take office.
- Newly appointed Secretary of State of the United States - **Marco Rubio**
- Newly Appointed United States Secretary of Defense - **Pete Hegseth**
- Newly Appointed India's Ambassador to Israel in January 2025 - **Jitendra Pal Singh**

Obituaries

- Eminent botanist who passed away in January 2025 - **Dr. K.S. Manilal**
 - Dr. K.S. Manilal is a botanist who translated the ancient book Hortus Malabaricus on the plant wealth of Kerala into English and Malayalam.

- He has been awarded the highest civilian award of the Netherlands Government, the Officer of the Order of Orange - NASO Award, the E.K. Janaki Ammal National Award of the Ministry of Forests and Environment for his contribution to plant taxonomy, the Y.D. Tyagi Gold Medal of the Indian Association of Angiosperm Taxonomy, and the Visvambhar Puri Medal of the Indian Botanical Society.
- In recognition of his contributions to the field of science, he was honored with the Padma Shri award by the nation in 2020.
- 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.
- Famous Malayali cartoonist who passed away in January 2025 - **George Kumbanad (M.V. George)**
 - George Kumbanad is the cartoonist who created the famous cartoon character Uppayi Mapla.
- A prominent Supreme Court lawyer and former Additional Solicitor General who passed away in January 2025 - **M. Chandrasekharan**

- Famous Malayalam film director who passed away in January 2025 - **Shafi**
 - Real name - Rasheed M.H.
 - His first film as a director was 'One Man Show'.
 - The main films he directed were Kalyanaraman, Mayavi, Thommanum Makkalum, Pulival Kalyanam, Marykundoru Kunjadu, Chocolate, Make-up Man, Chattambinadu, Two Countries etc.
 - His last film as a director was Anandam Paramanandam, released in 2022.
 - He is the brother of director and actor Rafi.

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

Venues

- Host country of 27th Arabian Gulf Cup Football Championship - **Saudi Arabia**
- Venue of the 2025 Women's Kabaddi World Cup - **Bihar**

- Venue of 2025 Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Convention - **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**
 - Theme of 2025 Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Convention - Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat
- Venue of the 3rd International Book Festival (KLIBF) organized by the Kerala Legislative Assembly - **Legislature Complex, Thiruvananthapuram**
- 74th National Basketball Championship Venue - **Bhavnagar, Gujarat**
- The venue for the Army parade as part of Army Day 2025 - **Pune, Maharashtra**
 - This is the third time that the Army Day parade is being held outside Delhi.
 - National Army Day - January 15
- Venue of the second Under-19 Women's Twenty20 World Cup - **Malaysia**
- Venue of National Saras Mela 2025 organized by Kudumbashree - **Chengannur, Alappuzha**
- Venue of World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting 2025 - **Davos, Switzerland**
- Venue of Khelo India Winter Games 2025 - **Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh**

Military Exercise

- The venue for the 18th edition of the India-Nepal joint military exercise Surya Kiran - **Lumbini, Nepal**

Important Days

- Global Family Day - **January 1**
 - **Objective:** To make the world a better place for all, by promoting and unifying the message of peace by considering and promoting the idea that the earth is a global family.
- Mannam Jayanti - **January 2**
 - Mannam Jayanti is observed to mark the birth anniversary of Shri. Mannath Padmanabhan, the founder of the Nair Service Society (NSS).
 - Mannath Padmanabhan was born on January 2, 1878, in a village called Perunna in Changanassery.
- World Braille Day - **January 4**
 - Braille Day is observed to mark the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, who invented the Braille script or Braille system, a writing system that enabled blind people to read and write.
 - Braille was born on January 4, 1809, in a small town near Paris, France.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas - **January 9**
 - This day is observed as Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas to commemorate the return of Mahatma Gandhi to India from South Africa on January 9, 1915.
- World Hindi Day - **January 10**
 - January 10 is observed as World Hindi Day to commemorate the first World Hindi Conference held on January 10, 1975.

- National Youth Day - **January 12**
 - The birthday of Swami Vivekananda is celebrated as National Youth Day in India.
 - Narendranath Dutta, also known as Swami Vivekananda, was born on January 12, 1863, in Shimla, a town north of Kolkata, to Vishwanath Dutta and Bhuvaneshwari.
- National Army Day - **January 15**
 - January 15 is observed as Army Day to commemorate General K M Cariappa's takeover as the first Commander-in-Chief of Independent India in 1949.
- National Startup Day - **January 16**
- Desh Prem Diwas - **January 23**
 - The country celebrates the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as Desh Prem Diwas.
 - Subhas Chandra Bose was born on January 23, 1897 in Cuttack.
- National Girl Child Day - **January 24**
 - Girl Child Day has been observed since 2008.
 - The day aims to address the challenges faced by girls and create awareness about their rights, education and health.
- National Voters' Day - **January 25**
 - 2025 theme - 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote For sure'
 - The National Voters' Day (NVD) is celebrated on January 25 every year to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India (ECI) in 1950.

- Republic Day - **January 26**
 - Every Republic Day is a reminder of the country's emergence as a sovereign nation.
 - India became a republic on January 26, 1950.
- National Newspaper Day - **January 29**
 - This day is observed as Indian Newspaper Day to commemorate the publication of James Augustus Hickey's Bengal Gazette on January 29, 1780.
- Martyrs' Day - **January 30**
 - Martyrs' Day is observed to mark the death anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.
 - On January 30, 1948, Mahatma Gandhi was shot dead by a fanatic named Nathuram Godse while attending a prayer meeting at Birla Mandir in Delhi.

Thank you!

