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Vizhinjam International Port

- Vizhinjam International Port is a port built on the Arabian Sea at Vizhinjam, a part of the city of Thiruvananthapuram, the capital of Kerala. The port is designed primarily for transshipment and gateway container businesses.
- Inauguration - Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India)
- Date of inauguration - May 02, 2025
- Construction - Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited
- The total cost of the project is ₹8,867 crores. Of this, 61.5 percent is borne by the Government of Kerala, 9.6 percent by the Centre and 28.9 percent by Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited.
- Location Code - IN TRV 01
 - The location code IN TRV 01 is given by adding the abbreviation of India and Thiruvananthapuram district.
- The first mothership to arrive at Vizhinjam International Port - San Fernando
 - The mothership 'San Fernando' is owned by the world's second largest shipping company, MES.

Special features

- The first deep-sea transshipment port in India. A transshipment port is a port with terminals where cargo containers are transferred from one ship to another.
- The first semi-automated container port in the country.
- The deepest transshipment port in the country.
- Such ports are also known as motherports as they can accommodate motherships. Motherships are large ships that can carry 20,000 to 25,000 containers.
- The largest public-private partnership (PPP) project in Kerala.

- The main advantage of Vizhinjam is that due to its geographical location, there is less sand accumulation on the bottom, so the depth of the port can always be maintained at 20 meters without dredging. Such ports are rare.
- The Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) using radar and sensors, developed by IIT Madras and Maritime Technology Private Limited, accurately controls the movement of ships.

International Booker Prize 2025

- Indian woman to win the 2025 International Booker Prize - Banu Mushtaq
 - The award is for Kannada writer Banu Mushtaq's collection of short stories 'Heart Lamp'.
 - Heart Lamp is the first short story collection to receive this honor.
 - The collection of short stories was translated into English by journalist Deepa Bhasthi.
 - Banu Mushtaq is the second Indian woman to win the International Booker Prize. The 2022 International Booker Prize was won by Hindi writer Geetanjali Shree for 'Tomb of Sand'.
 - Author who won the 2024 International Booker Prize - Jenny Erpenbeck (Novel - Kairos)

Padmaprabha Literary Award 2025

- The winner of the 2025 Padmaprabha Literary Award instituted by the Padmaprabha Memorial Trust - Alankode Leelakrishnan
 - This literary award was instituted by his son M.P. Veerendrakumar in memory of Padmaprabha Goudar, who is known as the architect of modern Wayanad.

- Poet and lyricist who received the Padma Prabha Literary Award in 2024 - Rafeeq Ahmed

ONV Literary Award

- Recipient of ONV Literary Award instituted by ONV Cultural Academy for 2025 - N. Prabha Varma
 - The award is for his overall contribution to the world of literature.
 - 2024 ONV Literary Award Winner - Pratibha Ray
 - 2023 ONV Literary Award Winner - C. Radhakrishnan

O.V. Vijayan Memorial Literary Awards 2024

- The awards are given by the Thasrak O.V. Vijayan Memorial Committee, which operates under the Department of Culture, Government of Kerala.
- Winner of the Story Award - Santosh Echikkanam
 - Collection of Stories - Kavana
- Winner of the Novel Award - E. Santosh Kumar
 - Novel - Njanabharam
- Winner of the Youth Story Award - Shafi Poovathinkal
 - Story - Rakheebinum atheethinumidayile nonakal

Padmarajan Literary Awards 2025

- The writer who won the award for the best novel of the year 2024 - S. Harish
 - Novel - Pattunoolppuzhu
- The writer who won the award for best story of the year 2024 - P.S. Rafeeq

- Story - Idamalayile Yakoob
- Best Director and Screenwriter of the year 2024 - Fazil Mohammed
 - Film - Feminichi Fathima
- The writer who won the Air India Express Tales of India Award for the year 2024 - Aishwarya Kamala
 - Novel - Virus

Laureus World Sports Awards 2025

- 26th Laureus Sports Awards
- Sportsman of the Year - Armand Duplantis (Pole Vault–Sweden)
- Sportswoman of the Year - Simone Biles (Gymnastics–USA)
 - Biles won the Laureus Award for the best female athlete for the fourth time.
- Team of the Year - Real Madrid Football Club
- Breakthrough of the Year - Lamine Yamal (Football–Spain)
- Comeback of the Year - Rebeca Andrade (Gymnastics–Brazil)
 - Indian cricketer shortlisted for the Comeback of the Year award - Rishabh Pant
 - Rishabh Pant is only the second cricketer after Sachin Tendulkar to be nominated for the Laureus Award, which is given to the world's best players.
- Sportsperson of the Year with Disability - Jiang Yuyan (Swimming-China)
- Action Sportsperson of the Year - Tom Pidcock (Cycling-Britain)
- Sporting Icon Award - Rafael Nadal (Tennis-Spain)
- Sports for Good Award - Kick4Life (Africa)
- Lifetime Achievement Award - Kelly Slater (Surfing-USA)

All India Football Federation (AIFF) Awards 2024-25

- Men's Player of the Year - Subhasish Bose
- Women's Player of the Year - Soumya Guguloth
- Best Men's Goalkeeper - Vishal Kaith
- Best Women's Goalkeeper - Elangbam Panthoi Chanu
- Men's Coach of the Year - Khalid Jamil
- Women's Coach of the Year - Sujata Kar

Madrid Open 2025

- Men's Singles Title Winner - Casper Ruud
 - Norway's Casper Ruud won the title by defeating UK's Jack Draper in the final.
 - Kasper Ruud is the first Norwegian to win a Masters 1000 title.
- Women's Singles Title Winner - Aryna Sabalenka
 - Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka won the title by defeating Americas' Coco Gauff in the final.

Italian Open 2025

- Men's Singles Winner - Carlos Alcaraz
 - Spain's Carlos Alcaraz won the title by defeating Italy's Jannik Sinner in the final.
- Women's Singles Winner - Jasmine Paolini
 - Italy's Jasmine Paolini won the title by defeating US tennis player Coco Gauff in the final.

World

- The world's largest electric ship - Hull 096
 - The ship was built by Tasmania-based boat builder Incat.
 - The ship was built for South American ferry operator Bukbas. It will operate between Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, and Uruguay.
- Maldives President who has set a record by holding a press conference for 15 hours - Mohamed Muizzu
 - Muizzu broke the record of the 14-hour press conference held by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in October 2019
- The new head of the global Catholic Church - Robert Francis Prevost
 - The 267th Pope of the Catholic Church
 - The official name adopted is 'Pope Leo XIV'.
 - Robert Francis Prevost is the first American Pope.
 - The new Pope was elected after the death of Pope Francis, the 266th Pope, in April 2025.
- Country where the infamous Alcatraz prison is located - United States
 - US President Donald Trump recently ordered the reopening of Alcatraz prison, which has been closed for 60 years.
 - The infamous prison is located on a California island near San Francisco.
 - The prison was closed in 1963.
- Country that announced its withdrawal from UNESCO in 2025 - Nicaragua

- Nicaragua announced its withdrawal from UNESCO in protest against UNESCO awarding the 2025 Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize to the Nicaraguan newspaper 'La Prensa'.
- Province of Pakistan that declared itself an independent nation in May 2025 - Balochistan
 - Balochistan is the largest province in the southwest of Pakistan.
 - The province was declared independent by the Balochistan Liberation Army, which is leading the liberation struggle.
- Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's party which is banned by the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus - Awami League
 - The activities of the Awami League party were banned in May 2025 under the Anti-Terrorism Act.
 - The Awami League was an organization formed in 1949 to achieve self-government for the people of East Pakistan. The Awami League also led the 1971 liberation war.
- Place where the first overseas campus of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) is going to establish - Dubai
- The country developing the missile defense system 'Golden Dome' to counter a wide range of air threats, including missiles launched from space - United States
 - Golden Dome is a missile defense project with space-based sensors and interceptors.
 - The Golden Dome missile defense system is designed to neutralize hypersonic, ballistic, cruise missiles, and drones from anywhere in the world, including space, and to create a multilayered shield.

- Country that gained sovereignty over the Chagos Islands in the Indian Ocean - Mauritius
 - The Chagos Islands, which were the last British colony in Africa, are a group of about sixty islands in the Indian Ocean.
 - Mauritius was granted sovereignty over the Chagos Islands after a long dispute that reached the International Court of Justice.
 - According to the agreement, sovereignty over the Chagos Islands will be vested in Mauritius. Meanwhile, Britain will retain ownership of Diego Garcia, the largest island in the archipelago, on a 99-year lease. Britain has leased the island to the United States since 1966. Diego Garcia is currently a US military base.

- According to data published by Ethnologue in 2025, the most spoken language in the world - English
 - Second place - Mandarin Chinese
 - Third place - Hindi

- Famous photographer who was removed from the credit of the photo 'Napalm Girl' - Nick Ut
 - 'Napalm Girl' is a film about a girl who runs naked, screaming, and terrified after being bombed during the Vietnam War.
 - The photo, 'Napalm Girl', was taken by Nick Ut, a photographer for the US news agency AP, and won the World Press Photo of the Year in 1973.
 - The World Press Photo organization removed Nick Ut from the photo's credit following an investigation into the controversy surrounding the fact that the photo was not taken by him.

- Country which has officially joined the BRICS New Development Bank in May 2025 - Algeria

- The BRICS Development Bank, or New Development Bank (NDB) is a bank established in 2015 by Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa to provide financial assistance for the development activities of the BRICS countries.
- The headquarters of the BRICS Bank is in Shanghai, China.

India

- India's largest cruise terminal - Mumbai International Cruise Terminal (MICT)
- A service launched by the Department of Posts to send educational materials like textbooks at a low cost - Gyan Post
- The first state in India to launch a real-time forest alert system based on artificial intelligence - Madhya Pradesh
- Angolan President who arrived in India on an official visit in May 2025 - Joao Manuel Goncalves Lorenzo
- The name given to the joint attack by the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack - Operation Sindoor

- The river in Telangana in which the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) is located where the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) has recently found damage - Godavari
 - The Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) is a multipurpose irrigation project on the Godavari river at Kaleswaram in Bhupalpally, Telangana.
 - It is designed to provide water for irrigation and drinking purposes to about 45 lakh acres in various districts of Telangana, besides Hyderabad and Secunderabad.
- The state which has decided to provide a one percent fee discount on the purchase of houses and properties in the name of women - Tamil Nadu
- State where BrahMos missile manufacturing unit is established in May 2025 - Uttar Pradesh
- State which celebrated its golden jubilee of formation in May 2025 - Sikkim
 - Sikkim State was formed on - 16 May, 1975
- Jharkhand's first village which has completely relocated from the core area of Palamu Tiger Reserve - Jaigir
- Anti-terror operation carried out by the Indian Army in Shopian, Jammu and Kashmir in May 2025 - Operation Keller
- The new name of the Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), which works under the Union Ministry of Sports - Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)
 - The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan started its activities in 1972.

- The main objective was to ensure the participation of youth in nation building.
- According to the first employment survey conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), monthly unemployment rate of India in April 2025 - 5.1%
 - The unemployment rate for men is 5.2%, while the unemployment rate for women is 5%.
 - The rural unemployment rate for all persons of all ages is 4.5% and the urban unemployment rate is 6.5%.
- Indian Coast Guard's mission to protect Olive Ridley sea turtles - Operation Olivia
- State that launched India's first Vistadome Jungle Safari train to promote eco-tourism - Uttar Pradesh
- India's first fully literate state - Mizoram
 - Mizoram achieved this feat through the activities of the Ullas-Nav Bharat Literacy project, which is being implemented from 2022-2027.
 - ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society)
- According to the latest data released by Global Forest Watch (GFW) in May 2025, primary forest that India lost in 2024 - 18,200 hectares
 - It was 17,700 hectares in 2023.

- The state which has launched the 'Rahaveer' scheme, which will reward Rs 25,000 to those who help people injured in road accidents by taking them to a hospital or primary health centre - Madhya Pradesh
- The nationwide campaign launched by the Union Environment Ministry to end plastic pollution - One Nation, One Mission, End Plastic Pollution
- First visually impaired Indian woman to climb Mount Everest - Chhonzin Angmo
- The campaign launched by the National Commission for Women to inform and introduce women to digital literacy and provide training to protect themselves from cyber threats - Yashoda AI
- State where Shirui Lily Festival is held - Manipur
 - The Shirui Lily Festival is a cultural festival of Manipur organized every year by the Manipur Tourism Department.
 - The Shirui Lily is the state flower of Manipur.

Keralam

- The global digital platform launched by Kerala to ensure the well-being of the expatriate Malayali community - Loka Keralam Online
 - Loka Keralam Online is a comprehensive system that helps expatriates to exchange ideas, seek job opportunities and facilitate cultural exchange.

→ The digital platform Loka Keralam Online was formed based on the suggestions received from the Loka Kerala Sabha.

- Kerala city which is included in the World Health Organization's network of age-friendly cities - Kozhikode
- The district in Kerala that reported Nipah Virus outbreak in May 2025 - Malappuram
- Kerala museum that has been included in the list of Global Network of Water Museums under the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme of UNESCO - CWRDM Water Heritage Museum, Kozhikode
 - The aim of this global network is to strengthen the cultural and heritage significance of water and its connection with people.
- The first state in the country to achieve complete digital literacy - Kerala
 - Kerala achieved this feat through the Digi Kerala project launched by the state government in 2022.
 - The people aged 14 to 65 were considered to calculate digital literacy.
- Place where the first transgender crisis intervention center in the state has come up to solve various crises faced by the transgender community - Kakkanad, Ernakulam
 - The main objective of this center, which was started under the Department of Social Justice, is to guide the transgender community in the right direction by providing safe housing, necessary medical care and counseling services to transgender individuals who are facing difficulties.

- District where Kerala's second Drone Center of Excellence training center has been established - Thiruvananthapuram
 - ASAP Kerala, under the Department of Higher Education, and the Center for Aerospace Research-Drone Center of Excellence of Tamil Nadu Anna University, jointly launched the Drone Center of Excellence training center at the Rajadhani Institute of Engineering and Technology, Nagarur.
 - The first drone training center started by ASAP in the state is in Kasaragod.

- The first state in India to make robotics education compulsory - Kerala
 - It will come into effect from the new academic year starting June 2025. It is included in the curriculum for class 10 students.
 - The project is being implemented by the Thiruvananthapuram-based technology agency Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE). It is the technical arm of the Department of Public Education, Government of Kerala.

- A system launched by KSRTC with the aim of quickly fixing Bus breakdowns and ensuring uninterrupted travel for passengers - Rapid Repair Team (RRT)

- The panchayat in Kerala that introduced the country's first green boat ambulance with a dispensary - Kadamakudy panchayat

- First Malayali woman to climb Mount Everest - Safrina Latheef

- Liberian ship capsizes near Kochi coast in May 2025 - MSC ELSA 3

- The cargo ship was on its way from Vizhinjam to Kochi when it capsized in the Arabian Sea, 38 nautical miles off the coast of Kochi.
- Ships on rescue mission - INS Sujata, ICGS Arnvesh, ICGS Saksham
- Kudumbashree State Arts Festival which aims to provide a platform for women to express their artistic talents - Arangu
- The first state in the country to include robotics technology in the school curriculum - Kerala
 - The education department has included circuit construction, use of sensors and actuators, and control of electronic devices through computer programming in the 10th standard Information and Communications Technology (ICT) textbook.
- Kerala Assembly constituency where by-elections will be held in June 2025 - Nilambur

Sports

- Title winner of 2025 Kalinga Super Cup Football - Goa FC
 - FC Goa won the Super Cup by defeating Jamshedpur FC 3-0 in the final.
 - This is FC Goa's second Super Cup title.
- A drug-free campaign launched by the state sports department - Kick Drugs Say Yes to Sports

- Indian cricketer who announced his retirement from international Test Cricket in May 2025 - Rohit Sharma
 - Rohit Sharma has scored 4301 runs in 67 Tests, with 12 centuries and 18 half-centuries.
 - 212 is the highest score in international Test cricket.
 - Rohit Sharma was the captain of the Indian Test team.

- Title winner of 2025 Formula One Miami Grand Prix - Oscar Piastri

- The country hosting the 2025 SAFF Under-19 Football Championship - India
 - The 7th edition of the SAFF Under-19 Football Championship.

- 2025 Sudirman Cup Winners - China
 - 2025 Sudirman Cup Badminton Tournament Venue - Xiamen, China

- Indian cricketer who has chosen as the leading men's cricketer of 2024 by Wisden Cricket Magazine - Jasprit Bumrah

- Indian cricketer who has been chosen as the leading women's cricketer of 2024 by Wisden Cricket Magazine - Smriti Mandhana

- Indian cricketer who has announced his retirement from international Test cricket in May 2025 - Virat Kohli
 - Kohli has scored a total of 9230 runs in 123 Test matches for India, including 7 double centuries, 30 centuries and 31 half-centuries.

- Virat Kohli is the Indian player who has scored the most double centuries in Tests.
- Kohli, who was the captain of the Indian Test team from 2014 to 2022, led the country in 68 matches. He won 40 of them. Kohli is the captain who has led India to the most Test victories.
- Overall champions of the Khelo India Youth Games - Maharashtra
 - Maharashtra won 158 medals, including 58 gold, 47 silver and 57 bronze.
 - Haryana secured the second position and Rajasthan the third position.
 - Venue of 2025 Khelo India Youth Games - Bihar
 - Mascot of 2025 Khelo India Youth Games - Gajasimha
- Indian athlete who won second place in the javelin throw at the 2025 Doha Diamond League - Neeraj Chopra (90.23 m)
 - German athlete Julian Webber (91.06 m) won first place and Granada's Anderson Peterson won third place (85.64 m).
- Athlete who became the third Asian and first Indian athlete to cross 90 m in the javelin throw - Neeraj Chopra
 - He achieved the feat by throwing a distance of 90.23 m at the Doha Diamond League.
 - Pakistan's Olympic medallist Arshad Nadeem (92.97 m) and Chinese Taipei's Chao-tsun Cheng (91.36 m) are the first two Asians to achieve this feat.
- The Indian cricketer who has held the top spot for the longest time in the ICC All Rounders Test Rankings - Ravindra Jadeja

- Title winner of 2025 Italian Cup - Bologna FC
 - Bologna FC won the title by defeating AC Milan in the final.

- The javelin thrower who was awarded the honorary lieutenant colonel rank in the Territorial Army in 2025 - Neeraj Chopra
 - Neeraj was awarded the honorary lieutenant colonel rank in the Territorial Army in recognition of his contributions to the country in the field of sports.
 - Neeraj, who won the 2023 World Championships, has won gold at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and silver at the 2024 Paris Olympics.
 - Neeraj Chopra is also the first Indian athlete to win medals in track and field events at the Olympics.

- India's 86th Chess Grandmaster - Srihari LR (Tamil Nadu)

- Malayali chess player who secured second place in the men's category at the 2025 Asian Open Chess Championship held in Al Ain (UAE) - Nihal Sarin
 - First place won by - Bardiya Dhaneshvar (Iran)
 - Malayali chess player S.L. Narayanan secured seventh place.
 - Nihal and Narayanan qualified for the Chess World Cup.

- Title winner in the women's category at the 2025 Asian Open Chess Championship held in Al Ain (UAE) - Song Yuxin (China)

- Title winner of 2025 SAFF Under-19 Football Championship - India
 - India won the title by defeating Bangladesh 4-3 in a penalty shootout in the final.

- The host country of the 2025 SAFF Under-19 Football Championship - India
- The 7th edition of the SAFF Under-19 Football Championship.
- According to the list released by leading business magazine Forbes 2025, the highest-paid athlete - Cristiano Ronaldo
 - Cristiano Ronaldo is a Portuguese football player.
 - American basketball player Stephen Curry is second on the list.
 - British boxer Tyson Fury is third.
 - Argentine football player Lionel Messi is fifth.
- The Indian player who won the 2025 Superbet Chess Classic Romania title - R. Praggnanandhaa
- The Indian athlete who finished second in the men's javelin throw at the 2025 Janusz Kusocinski Athletics Meet - Neeraj Chopra
 - Germany's Julian Weber took first place and Granada's Anderson Peterson took third place.
- 2025 Europa League Football Title Winners - Tottenham
 - Tottenham won the title by defeating Manchester United in the final.
- West Indies batsman who has equalled South Africa's AB de Villiers' record for fastest ODI half-century - Matthew Forde
 - He brought up his half-century off just 16 balls equaling AB de Villiers' record for the fastest half-century in ODI cricket.

- Cricketers who received honorary life membership of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in May 2025 - Moeen Ali (former England cricketer), Meg Lanning (former Australian cricketer)
- UEFA Europa Conference League 2025 Champions - Chelsea
→ Chelsea won the title by defeating Real Betis in the final.

Literature

- Author of the book 'Turkey Pradakshinam' - Paul Zacharia
- Author of the book 'Theft' - Abdulrazak Gurnah
- Author of the book Mysooru Mallige - Paul Zacharia
- Author of the book 'Our Living Constitution' - Shashi Tharoor
- The winner of the Vaishnavam Literary Award instituted by the Vaishnavam Trust in memory of poet Vishnunarayanan Namboothiri in 2025 - Sreekumaran Thampi

- The winner of the fourth literary award given by the Malayattoor Foundation in memory of Malayattoor Ramakrishnan - Ambikasuthan Mangad
 - The award is for his novel 'Allohalan'.
 - The winner of the third Malayattoor Literary Award - M.V. Janardhanan

- The winner of the 2025 Ashan Yuva Kavi Award - P.S. Unnikrishnan
 - The award is for his poetry collection 'Mathiyakunneyilla'

- Autobiography of Haryana Governor Shri Bandaru Dattatreya - Janata Ki Kahani Meri Atmakatha

- Writer who was awarded the Madhavikutty Award for 2025 by the Punnayurkulam Sahitya Samithi - Subhash Chandran
 - The award is for his comprehensive contribution to the field of Malayalam literature.

- Recipient of the first-ever Herman Gundert Prize of the Herman Gundert Education Foundation - Vallikkavu Mohandas

- Author of the book 'Tapaswini Amma: Abalakalkk sharanamayi jeevicha amma' - M.K. Sanu
 - Tapaswini Amma is a social activist who has worked with Sahodaran Ayyappan, Pandit Karuppan and Vagbhatananda.
 - Tapaswini Amma founded 'Abalasadan' in 1921 for destitute women, which later became the famous institution known as SNV Sadanam.

- Recipient of fourth Madambu Kunjikuttan Memorial Award instituted by Tapasya Kalasahitya Vedi - Asha Menon

Other Awards

- The national award instituted by Mathrubhumi in memory of M.P. Veerendrakumar, a political leader, writer and former Chairman and Managing Director of Mathrubhumi - M.P. Veerendrakumar Memorial National Thought Leadership Award
 - The award is given to individuals who have made commendable contributions in the fields of environment, philosophy, literature, politics and social and human rights work.
- Recipient of the first M.P. Veerendrakumar Memorial National Thought Leadership Award, instituted in memory of M.P. Veerendrakumar, a politician, writer, and chairman and managing director of 'Mathrubhumi' - Panduranga Hegde
 - The award is in recognition of Hegde's life-long work for the protection of nature and the environment.
 - Panduranga Hegde is the founder of the Appico movement. Inspired by Sundarlal Bahuguna and his Chipko movement, Panduranga Hegde formed the Appico movement.
 - The M.P. Veerendrakumar Memorial National Thought Leadership Award is given to individuals who have made commendable contributions in the fields of environment, philosophy, literature, politics, social and human rights work.

- The newspaper that received the 2025 UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize - La Prensa (Nicaraguan newspaper)
- Former US Vice President who is recipient of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award - Mike Pence
- Former Minister who was awarded the Dr. Sukumar Azhikode - Tattvamasi Award in 2025 - G. Sudhakaran

Science And Technology

- The institution which has signed MoU with ISRO to develop equipment required for health screening and treatment of astronauts - Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology
- The Satellite Internet Project of Amazon - Kuiper
 - The first 27 of the internet satellites that Amazon plans to launch as part of the Kuiper Project were launched in April 2025 from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida aboard Boeing's Atlas V rocket.
- The long-range glide bomb indigenously developed by India - Gaurav
 - The Gaurav bomb was developed by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO).
- The Microsoft video calling app that stopped operating in 2025 - Skype

- Lunar navigation system developed by Spanish company GMV to guide rovers and astronauts on the lunar surface - LUPIN
 - The project is part of the European Space Agency's space program.
 - LUPIN will help rovers and astronauts accurately determine their position on the Moon in real time.
- New bacteria discovered by researchers at the University of Kerala - *Exiguobacterium abrahamii*
 - This name is given in honor of Prof. A. Abraham, the first head of the Department of Botany at the university.
- The Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based anchor introduced by the Assam Government to disseminate important information from the Cabinet meeting - Ankita
- The oral cholera vaccine developed by Bharat Biotech International Limited, which has completed its third phase of clinical trials - Hillchol
- The institution which has developed an advanced semiconductor-based biosensor device that can identify breast cancer cells without the need for complex or expensive laboratory procedures - National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela
- The space agency which has declared 2025 as the 'Gaganyaan Year' - ISRO
- Recently reported COVID variants in India - N.B.1.8.1, L.F. 7

- A new rice variant which have developed from rice varieties from the Philippines by Researchers for farmers in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Odisha - Malaviya Manila Sinchit Dhan-1 (MMSD)
 - The drought-resistant and high-yielding MMSD variety was developed through a collaboration between Banaras Hindu University and the International Rice Research University, Manila.
- The seventh-generation Tensor Processing Unit (TPU) which has newly launched by Google designed to speed up the performance of AI applications - Ironwood
- A new species of cave-dwelling fish that is discovered by Researchers in Meghalaya in May 2025 - Schistura densiclava
- Company which has launched AURORA, an AI model for predicting weather conditions - Microsoft

India - Schemes

- The flagship agricultural scheme which was introduced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Union Budget 2025-26 - Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PMDKY)
 - The initiative was launched following the success of the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) launched in 2018.
 - The scheme focuses on 100 districts based on agricultural Standards.

- The selection of districts for PMDKY is based on three parameters
 1. Low productivity
 2. Moderate crop intensity
 3. Below average credit metrics
- Key objectives
 1. Increase agricultural productivity
 2. Adopt crop diversification and sustainable farming practices
 3. Increase post-harvest storage at the panchayat and block levels
 4. Improve irrigation facilities
 5. Facilitate availability of long-term and short-term credit

Keralam - Schemes

- A scheme launched by Kerala government to ensure education for the children of migrant workers - Jyothi
- A project against drug abuse devised by Kollam City Police in collaboration with various departments - Muktyodayam
- A scheme launched by the Legal Services Authority to provide speedy resolution to civil disputes and non-serious criminal disputes to the public - Samayam
 - The Samayam scheme is designed to resolve cases that the police cannot handle and which are likely to become criminal cases in the future, under the leadership of specially trained lawyers and counsellors.
 - This is the first time in the country that such a system has been introduced to expedite legal proceedings.

- The scheme implemented by the Department of Social Justice to provide job training and skill development for the holistic development of the intellectually challenged - Prachodanam

Cinema

- Indian short film selected for La Cinef competition category at Cannes Film Festival 2025 - A Doll Made Up of Clay
 - The short film was made by students of the Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute (SRFTI) in Kolkata.
- Indian female director who selected as one of the jury members of Cannes Film Festival 2025 - Payal Kapadia
 - Payal Kapadia is the director of the Indian film 'All We Imagine as Light', which won the Grand Prix at Cannes Film Festival 2024.
 - French actress Juliette Binoche is the chairman of the jury.

Appointments

- Newly elected Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago - Kamla Persad-Bissessar
- Newly appointed chairman of the National Security Advisory Council - Alok Joshi

- Newly appointed Chief Forest Officer of the state - Rajesh Ravindran
- Malayali who has been appointed as the Director of Research and Development at Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a central public sector undertaking in the defense sector - R. Harikumar
- First woman Deputy Solicitor General of the Kerala High Court - Adv. O.M. Shalina
- Newly elected Chairman of US Joint Chiefs of Staff - Dan Caine
- New Chancellor of Germany - Friedrich Merz
- Newly appointed Vigilance Director of Kerala - Manoj Abraham
- Newly appointed Fire Force Chief of Kerala - Yogesh Gupta
- Newly appointed Crime Branch ADGP of Kerala - Mahipal Yadav
- Newly appointed Prime Minister of Yemen- Salem Saleh Bin Braik

- Salim Saleh Bin Braik, Finance Minister, was appointed as the Prime Minister following the resignation of Prime Minister Ahmed Awad Bin Mubarak due to problems including the inability to reorganize the cabinet.
- Person who is appointed as the 52nd Chief Justice of India - B. R. Gavai
 - Full name - Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai
 - B. R. Gavai is the son of former Kerala Governor R. S. Gavai.
 - B. R. Gavai's appointment follows the retirement of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna.
 - Second person from the Scheduled Caste to become Chief Justice of India after Justice K.G. Balakrishnan.
 - First person from the Buddhist community to become Chief Justice of India.
- Indian-origin person who is appointed as Canada's new foreign minister - Anita Anand
- Indian-origin person who is appointed as Canada's new international trade minister - Maninder Sidhu
- Newly appointed UPSC Chairman - Dr. Ajay Kumar
- Newly appointed Prime Minister of Singapore - Lawrence Wong
- Newly appointed Private Secretary to the Chief Minister- A. Pradeep Kumar

- Newly appointed South Asian representative to the 2025 UN Climate Change Conference (COP-30) to be held in Brazil - Arunabha Ghosh
- Romania's newly elected president - Nicusor Dan
- Indian sportsperson selected as Audi India Ambassador - Neeraj Chopra

Obituaries

- A Malayali shooting coach who passed away in April 2025 - Prof. Sunny Thomas
 - Served as the coach of the Indian team from 1993 to 2012.
 - He was the coach of Abhinav Bindra, who won India's first individual medal in shooting at the 2008 Olympics.
 - He received the Dronacharya Award in 2001.
- Famous literary activist who passed away in May 2025 - K.V. Rabiya
 - Autobiography - Swapnangalkku Chirakukalundu
 - Received the 'Vanitharatnam' award from the state government in 2014.
 - In 2022, the country honored her with the Padma Shri. The country's honor was given for her work in the field of literacy.
- Congress leader, former Union Minister and former Chairperson of the National Commission for Women who passed away in May 2025 - Girija Vyas

Ranking

- Rank of India according to the World Press Freedom Index 2025 published by Reporters Without Borders - 151
 - Rank 1 - Norway
 - Rank 2 - Estonia
 - Rank 3 - Netherlands
 - Rank of India according to the World Press Freedom Index 2024 - 159
- India's rank in the Human Development Index according to the United Nations Development Programme's Human Development Report 2025 - 130
 - First rank - Iceland
 - Second rank - Norway
 - Third rank - Switzerland
 - India's rank in the Human Development Index according to the United Nations Development Programme's Human Development Report 2024 - 134
- According to a report published by Henley and Partners in May 2025, the richest city in India - Mumbai
 - According to the report, Mumbai is ranked 27th globally.
 - New York is the richest city globally.
 - The report was published by London-based Henley & Partners in association with New World Wealth, a financial data collection firm.

Venues

- Host country of the 2026 Asian Games - Japan
 - 20th edition of the Asian Games.
- Venue of the 6th International Women's Film Festival organized by Chalachitra Academy - Kottarakkara, Kollam

Important Days

- International Labour Day - May 1
 - May Day or Workers' Day is celebrated as the day of workers all over the world.
 - International Labour Day is celebrated with the aim of respecting the hard work of the working class, working for their welfare and progress, and working for their rights.
- World Press Freedom Day - May 3
 - In 1993, the United Nations General Assembly declared May 3 as World Press Freedom Day.
 - Such a day is observed to pay tribute to journalists who have been killed and who are serving jail time while engaging in the adventurous endeavor to inform the people of daily news.
 - UNESCO's Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize is also awarded on this day to honor all individuals and institutions that have worked for the survival of press freedom.

- World Red Cross Day - May 8
 - 2025 Theme - Keeping Humanity Alive
 - World Red Cross Day is also known as Red Crescent Day.
 - May 8th is the birthday of Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross. Henry Dunant was born on May 8, 1828 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- National Technology Day - May 11
 - This day is observed as National Technology Day to commemorate India's successful nuclear tests conducted in Pokhran, Rajasthan on May 11, 1998.
- World Mother's Day - May 11, 2025
 - Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May.
- World Telecommunication Day - May 17
 - World Telecommunication Day has been celebrated annually on 17 May since 1969, marking the founding of ITU and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865.
- National Anti-Terrorism Day - May 21
 - National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed to commemorate the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in Sriperumbudur in 1991.
 - The purpose of this day is to spread the message of peace, humanity, unity and harmony among the people and to make them aware of the anti-social activities of terrorism.

- International Day for Biological Diversity - May 22

- World Football Day - May 25

- Commonwealth Day - May 24
 - Each year on 24th May, Commonwealth Day is commemorated. Commonwealth Day is observed on the birthday of Queen Victoria of England, who was born on 24th May, 1819, and is observed by all countries which were once a colony of the British Empire.
 - Commonwealth Day is observed on various dates all across the globe. On the 2nd Monday of March, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada commemorate the day. On the other hand, on 24th May, India, alongside countries such as Belize, commemorates Commonwealth Day.

- World No Tobacco Day - May 31
 - 2025 Theme - Unmasking the Appeal: Exposing Industry Tactics on Tobacco and Nicotine Products.

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