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Oscars 2025

- The 97th Oscar Awards.
- The awards ceremony was held at the Dolby Theatre at Ovation Hollywood in Los Angeles.
- Best Picture - Anora (Director - Sean Baker)
- Best Animated Feature Film - Flow
- Best International Feature Film - I'm Still Here (Brazil, Director - Walter Salles)
- Best Director - Sean Baker (Film - Anora)
- Best Actor - Adrien Brody (Film - The Brutalist)
- Best Actress - Mikey Madison (Film - Anora)
- Best Supporting Actor - Kieran Culkin (Film - A Real Pain)
- Best Supporting Actress - Zoe Saldana (Film - Emilia Perez)
- Best Live Action Short Film - I Am Not a Robot
- Indian Short Film competed in the Best Live Action Short Film category - Anuja (Director - Adam J. Grave)
- 'Anora' won awards for best film, direction, actress, original screenplay and editing.

59th Jnanpith Award

- Hindi writer who won the 59th Jnanpith Award - Vinod Kumar Shukla
 - Vinod Kumar Shukla is a native of Chhattisgarh.
 - Vinod Kumar Shukla is the first writer from Chhattisgarh to receive the Jnanpith.
 - His first collection of poetry was 'Lagbhag Jai Hind', published in 1971.
 - He received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1999 for his novel Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rehati Hai.

- He received the Vyas Samman in 2013.
- In 2023, PEN America honored him with the Nabokov Award for International Literary Excellence. Vinod Kumar Shukla is the first Asian writer to receive this honor.
- The award consists of Rs 11 lakh and a bronze statue of Goddess Saraswati.
- The winners of the 2023 (58th) Jnanpith Award are - Gulzar, Swami Rambhadracharya

ICC Champions Trophy 2025

- Title winners - India
- India won the title by defeating New Zealand in the final.
- The country that hosted the 2025 Champions Trophy tournament - Pakistan
- The country that hosted India's matches - Dubai, UAE
- The player of the final match - Rohit Sharma
- The player of the tournament - Rachin Ravindra (New Zealand)
- The captain of the Indian team - Rohit Sharma

2024-25 Ranji Trophy Cricket

- Title winners of 2024-25 Ranji Trophy Cricket - Vidarbha
 - In the Kerala-Vidarbha final match, which ended in a draw, Vidarbha won the title after taking a first innings lead.
 - This is Vidarbha's third Ranji title.
 - This is the first time in history that Kerala has reached the final of the Ranji Trophy cricket.
 - Player of the Match - Danish Malewar

- Player of the Series - Harsh Dubey
- Kerala team captain - Sachin Baby
- Vidarbha team captain - Akshay Wadkar

International Masters League 2025

- Venue - India
- The first edition of the International Masters League was held in 2025.
- 6 teams participated in the league: India Masters, West Indies Masters, Australia Masters, England Masters, South Africa Masters, and Sri Lanka Masters.
- Title winners - India Masters
 - India won the title by defeating West Indies Masters in the final.
- Player of the Final - Ambati Rayudu
- Captain of India Masters - Sachin Tendulkar
- Captain of West Indies Masters - Brian Lara

Women's Premier League 2025

- Third Edition
- Title winners - Mumbai Indians
- Mumbai Indians won the title by defeating Delhi Capitals in the final.
- This is Mumbai's second Women's Premier League title. Mumbai Indians also won the first edition in 2023.
- Player of the Final - Harmanpreet Kaur (Mumbai Indians)
- Player of the Tournament - Nat Sciver-Brunt (Mumbai Indians)
- Captain of Mumbai Indians - Harmanpreet Kaur
- Captain of Delhi Capitals - Meg Lanning
- Malayali player of Mumbai Indians - Sajana Sajeevan
- Malayali player of Delhi Capitals - Minnu Mani

Youth Icon Awards 2024-25

Recipients of the 2024-25 Youth Icon Awards presented by the Kerala State Youth Commission

- The awards are given for individuals who have made diverse and exemplary contributions in the fields of art, culture, sports, literature, agriculture/animal welfare, business entrepreneurship and media.
- Arts and Culture - Nikhila Vimal (Actress)
- Sports - Sajana Sajeevan (All-rounder in the Indian women's cricket team)
 - Sajana Sajeevan was a member of the Indian team for the 2024 ICC Women's T20 World Cup.
- Literature - Vinil Paul
- Agriculture - Srividya
- Industry/Entrepreneurship - Devan Chandrasekharan
 - Devan Chandrasekharan is the founder and MD of Fuselage Innovations Pvt. Ltd, which is notable for manufacturing drones to support the agricultural sector by using modern science and technology.
 - Devan Chandrasekharan was included in the Forbes India list of the best entrepreneurs under 30.
- Media - R. Roshipal (Reporter TV Principal Correspondent)

Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship 2025

- Sixth Edition
- Title Winners - India
 - India won the title by defeating Iran in the final

- This is the third consecutive time that India has won the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship.
- India has won the title five times in total.
- Venue of the 2025 Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship - Iran

IQ Air World Air Quality Report 2024

- The report was prepared by the Swiss company IQ Air.
- India's position in the ranking of countries with the worst air quality in the world - 5
 - 1st place - Chad
 - 2nd place - Bangladesh
 - 3rd place - Pakistan
 - 4th place - Democratic Republic of Congo
- The first place in the ranking of countries with the cleanest air quality - Bahamas
 - 2nd place - Bermuda
 - 3rd place - French Polynesia
- The most polluted city in the world - Byrnihat (India)
 - Byrnihat is a small industrial town on the Meghalaya-Assam border.
 - 2nd place - Delhi (India)
 - 3rd place - Karaganda (Kazakhstan)
- The most polluted capital city in the world - Delhi (India)

World

- According to the 2024 Corruption Perception Index (CPI) report published by Transparency International, the least corrupt country - Denmark

→ India's position in the list - 96

- President who signed an executive order to make English the official language of the United States - Donald Trump
- The cyclone that caused devastation in Australia in March 2025 - Alfred
- The new name of the Commonwealth Games Federation - Commonwealth Sport
- The person who participated as the chief guest in the 2025 National Day Parade of Mauritius - Narendra Modi (Indian Prime Minister)
 - Mauritius gained independence from the United Kingdom on 12 March 1968.
 - 12 March is celebrated as Mauritius' National Day.
- Indian military wing which participated in the 2025 Mauritius National Day Parade - Indian Navy
- Research institute that converted light into a supersolid- National Institute of Optics, Italy
 - Superfluids are quantum materials that exhibit the properties of liquids along with the properties of solids. They have the structure of solids but have the properties of superfluids.

- US President Donald Trump's owned social media - Truth Social
→ Recently, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi started an account on Truth Social.
- The world's first daily newspaper published entirely using Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology - Il Foglio (Italian newspaper)
- Country where the Levotoby Laki-Laki volcano that erupted in March 2025 is located - Indonesia

India

- Airport that won the 'Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar (Golden Trophy)' at the National Safety Council of India (NSCI) Safety Awards 2024 - Mopa Airport, Goa (Manohar International Airport)
- Country which became the second country to introduce digital pilot licenses - India
- Tribal group in Assam who is celebrating traditional Ali Ai Ligang festival - Mising tribe
→ Ali Ai Ligang is a traditional festival marking the beginning of agriculture.
- Country which elected as Vice President of International Organization for Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA) - India

- IALA was established in 1957 as a non-governmental organization (NGO).
 - On August 22, 2024, IALA became an intergovernmental organization (IGO).
 - IALA is an organization that sets global standards for safe and efficient maritime navigation.
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- The Central Public Sector Undertakings that received Navratna status in March 2025 - Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC)
 - With this, there are a total of 26 Navratna companies in the country.
 - Navratna companies are Central Public Sector Undertakings with financial autonomy.
 - Navratna status is given to companies that demonstrate excellent financial performance.
 - IRCTC was established in 1999. IRCTC handles ticketing, catering and tourism services of Indian Railways.
 - IRFC, established in 1986, is a fund-raising body for infrastructure development and modernization projects of Indian Railways.
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- A new species of cricket frog recently discovered in the Mahabaleshwar region of the Western Ghats - *Minervarya Ghatiborealis*
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- Airport Which has India's largest Greenfield Domestic Cargo Terminal (DCT) established - Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
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- The country that took over the chairmanship of the Bay of Bengal Intergovernmental Organization (BBIO) at the 13th Governing Council meeting in Male, Maldives in February 2025 - India

- First state in India that has introduced gratuity payments to ASHA workers - Andhra Pradesh
- Company in the country which was the first to announce menstrual leave for women in the manufacturing sector - L&T Company (Larsen & Toubro Company)
- The state that launched 'Project Hifazat' to strengthen the safety of women and children - Punjab
- India's first vertical lift railway sea bridge - Pamban
 - Pamban is a railway sea bridge connecting Pamban Island in Ramanathapuram district and the pilgrimage center of Rameswaram.
- India's 58th tiger reserve - Madhav Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh)
 - With this, the total number of tiger reserves in Madhya Pradesh has reached 9.
- Union Minister who has presented the budget in the Lok Sabha for the year 2025-26, for Manipur which is under President's Rule - Nirmala Sitharaman (Union Finance Minister)
- Country which has the third largest metro network in the world after China and the US - India
- The national park in Chhattisgarh which was included in the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in March 2025 - Kanger Valley National Park

- Person who has inaugurated the Centenary Memorial Museum, which came into existence as part of the centenary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Sree Narayana Gurudev in Sivagiri - Tushar Gandhi (Gandhiji's grandson)
 - The Vanajakshi Mandir, which was the venue for the historic meeting of Sree Narayana Guru and Mahatma Gandhi on March 12, 1925, was turned into a Centenary Memorial Museum.
- The state that has removed the Indian rupee symbol from the state budget logo - Tamil Nadu.
 - The symbol based on the Tamil script has been added in place of the Indian rupee symbol.
- 6 sites from India which were inscribed on the UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage Sites in March 2025 - Kanger Valley National Park (Chhattisgarh), Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs (Telangana), Chausath Yogini Temples, Bundela Palace-Forts (Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh), Gupta Temples of North India, and Ashokan Edict Sites along the Mauryan Routes
- The state that passed the bill in March 2025 to increase reservation for backward classes by 42% in education, employment and elections to local self-government bodies - Telangana
- The first state in the country to broadcast legislative proceedings in sign language - Punjab
- Gujarat's first model eco-village - Dhaj

- The name given to India's operation to provide aid to Myanmar, which was hit by an earthquake on March 28, 2025 - Operation Brahma

Kerala

- State that launched a direct selling monitoring mechanism to make the direct selling sector transparent and consumer-friendly - Kerala
- First ISO Certified Taluk Office of Kerala - Eranad Taluk Office (Malappuram)
 - The office received the quality certification of the International Organization for Standardization for providing the best service to the public in a timely manner.
- The Security Operation Center (SOC) started by the Kerala Police to provide cyber security to the computers and other related equipment of the Kerala Police was inaugurated by - Pinarayi Vijayan (Kerala Chief Minister)
 - The project was implemented with the help of the Center for Development of Telematics (CDOT) under the supervision of the Central Government.
- The District which has the first 'We Park' built as part of the Tourism Department's project to convert the underpasses of unused overpasses in the state into people-friendly public spaces - Kollam

- The exhibition and marketing fair organized by the Information and Public Relations Department at the Kollam Ashram Maidan on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the formation of Kollam district - Kollam @ 75
 - Kollam district was formed on July 1, 1949.
- Kerala Public Service Commission Museum inaugurated at PSC headquarters by - Pinarayi Vijayan (Kerala Chief Minister)
- The winners of the 37th All India Postal Cultural Meet held at the Nalanda Auditorium in Kozhikode - Kerala
 - Karnataka secured second place and Odisha secured third place.
- A new species of algae which was recently discovered in Rose Hill in Kollam district - *Sheathia rosemalayensis*
 - The plant belonging to the genus *Sheathia*, a red algae found only in freshwater ecosystems, has been discovered.
- A new variety of paddy plants developed by the Alappuzha Moncompu Paddy Research Center - *Punya, Aadya*
- The second airport in Kerala which is included in the DigiYatra project - Thiruvananthapuram International Airport
 - The Kochi airport is the first airport in Kerala to be included in the DigiYatra project.

- The DigiYatra project aims to streamline airport processes using facial recognition technology for a seamless, paperless and contactless travel experience.
- A state-level campaign organized by the Higher Education Department under the National Service Scheme with the combined cooperation of the police, excise, educational institutions, clubs, voluntary groups, parents, teachers, students, etc. with the aim of making Kerala alcohol-free - Life is Beautiful
- The first state to set up a Elderly Commission to ensure the protection and welfare of the elderly - Kerala
 - The Elderly Commission will function under the Department of Social Justice.
 - The Commission will be constituted with quasi-judicial powers.
 - The Commission will consist of a Chairperson and not more than four members appointed by the Government through a notification. All members appointed to the Commission, including the Chairperson, will be elderly. One of them will belong to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes and the other will be a woman.
 - The Elderly Commission will function with its headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram.
 - The primary objective of the Commission is to ensure the welfare, protection and rehabilitation of the elderly (above 60 years of age) in all spheres of life and to utilize their productivity, original and innovative ideas and other creative skills for socio-economic development.
- Operation launched by the Excise Department to combat drug trafficking in Kerala - Operation Clean Slate

- City where the first book vending machine in the state was installed -
Thiruvananthapuram
→ Bookmark installed the book vending machine with the cooperation of
Kerala Bank.
- Kerala's first green railway station - Kannapuram, Kannur

Sports

- Australian player who announced his retirement from international one-day cricket matches in March 2025 - Steve Smith
- Indian who has won open section title at 2025 World Junior Chess Championship in Petrovac, Montenegro - Pranav Venkatesh
→ Viswanathan Anand (1987), P Harikrishna (2004) and Abhijeet Gupta (2008) are the previous Indians who have won the open section title of the World Junior Chess Championship.
- Indian cricketer who has been shortlisted for Laureus World Sports Awards - Rishabh Pant
→ Rishabh Pant has been nominated for the Comeback of the Year award.
→ 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.
- Indian who won the Prague Masters Chess Tournament in 2025 - Arvind Chidambaram

- The Union Sports Ministry recently lifted the ban on which national sports federation - National Wrestling Federation
 - The Union Sports Ministry suspended the National Wrestling Federation in December 2023, citing irregularities in the management of the organization.
- Hockey India Balbir Singh Senior Player of the Year Award 2024
 - Winner in Men's category - Harmanpreet Singh
 - Winner in Women's category - Savita Punia
- Title winner of 2025 Formula One Australian Grand Prix - Lando Norris
- The mascot of Khelo India Para Games 2025 - Ujjwala, a sparrow
 - Venue of Khelo India Para Games 2025 - New Delhi
- Indian wrestler who won gold in women's 62 kg category at 2025 Asian Wrestling Championships - Manisha Bhanwala
- Venue of 2025 Asian Wrestling Championships - Amman, Jordan
- Venue of 2025 Junior Men's Hockey World Cup organized by the International Hockey Federation - India
 - The 14th edition of the Junior Men's Hockey World Cup.

- The 2025 FIH Junior Men's Hockey World Cup will be held in Chennai and Madurai.
- This will be the third FIH Junior Men's World Cup to be held in India.

- Athlete who has set a new national record in the men's 100-meter race - Gurindervir Singh
 - The record performance was at the Indian Grand Prix Athletics held at the SAI Centre, Bengaluru.
 - Gurindervir, who finished in 10.20 seconds, broke the record (10.23 seconds) held by Manikanta Hoblidhar in October 2023.

- Indian player who retired from international table tennis competitions in March 2025 - Achanta Sharath Kamal
 - He represented India in 5 Olympics.
 - He won 13 medals, including 7 gold, at the Commonwealth Games.
 - He has also won two bronze medals at the Asian Games.
 - He won the Arjuna Award in 2004.
 - He was honored with the Padma Shri award in 2019.
 - He received the Khel Ratna Award, the country's highest sporting honour, in 2022.

Literature

- Recipient of 2025 Kadammanitta Ramakrishnan award given by Kadammanitta Ramakrishnan Foundation- Dr. M. Leelavathi
 - 2024 Kadammanitta Ramakrishnan Award winner - Rafeeq Ahmed

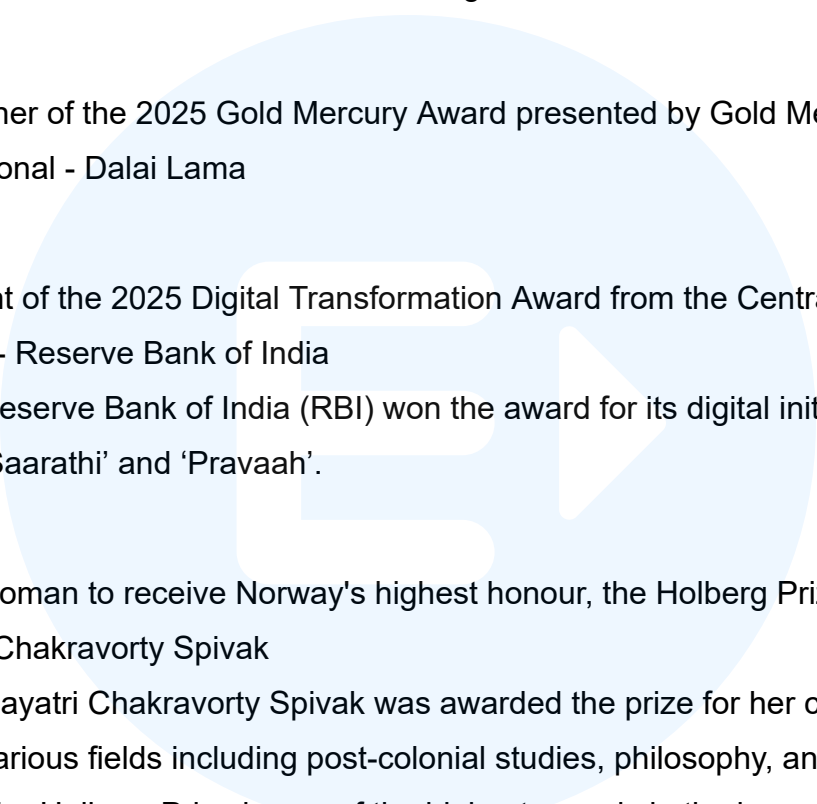
- Author of the story collection 'Edasserikaru' - K. P. Ramanunni

- Autobiography of India's Nobel Peace Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi - Diyasalai
- The writer who has been awarded the Kendra Sahitya Akademi award for the best Malayalam translation in 2024 - K.V. Kumaran
 - The award is for the Malayalam translation of Kannada writer S. L. Bhairappa's novel Yanam.
- A novel based on the life and vision of poet Vallathol - Nirnimeshamai Nilkka
 - The novel is written by Dr. Anil Vallathol, a member of the Vallathol family and former Vice Chancellor of Malayalam University.
- The writer who translated Goa Governor P.S. Sreedharan Pillai's English poetry collection 'O Mizoram' into Konkani - R. S. Bhaskar
 - 'Hey Mizoram' is the name of the book in Konkani.
- The winner of the 2025 Thakazhi Literary Award, instituted by the Thakazhi Memorial Committee under the Department of Culture - K. P. Sudheera.
 - The award is given to individuals who have made valuable contributions to the Malayalam language and literature.
 - The winner of the 2024 Thakazhi Literary Award is M. K. Sanu Master.
- Writer who won the Ashita Memorial Committee's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2025 - M. Mukundan
- Author of the book 'Leo: The Untold Story of Chennai Super Kings' - P. S. Raman

- Book released to celebrate 50 years of India's Hockey World Cup victory in 1975
- March of Glory
→ The authors of the book are hockey historian K. Arumugam and journalist Errol D'Cruz.

Other Awards

- Tata Group Chairman who was conferred with UK Honorary Knighthood 'The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire' in 2025 for services to India-UK trade relations - N. Chandrasekaran
- A renowned African journalist who has been awarded the 'Media Person of the Year' award for 2025 by 'Media', the mouthpiece of the Kerala Media Academy - Mariam Ouedraogo
 - Mariam was honoured with the award for her reports published internationally against those who commit sexual violence against women and children.
 - Nataliya Gumenyuk of Ukraine and Elizabeth Puranam, an anchor of Al Jazeera channel, received special mentions.
 - The International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin following Nataliya's report that Russian troops were abducting children from Ukraine during the Ukraine-Russia war.
 - Elizabeth is a journalist who has covered developments in Palestine, Syria and Central Asia the most. Elizabeth is a native of New Zealand.
- Indian Prime Minister who has awarded Mauritius' highest honour 'The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean' - Narendra Modi

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- Modi is the first Indian to be awarded Mauritius' 'The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean'.
 - An Indian woman who has won the 2025 Ramsar Wetland Wise Use Award for her outstanding work in wetland conservation - Jayashree Venkatesan
 - Jayashree Venkatesan is the first Indian woman to win the Ramsar Award.
 - The Ramsar Awards are given to honour individuals and organisations dedicated to the sustainable management of wetlands.
 - The winner of the 2025 Gold Mercury Award presented by Gold Mercury International - Dalai Lama
 - Recipient of the 2025 Digital Transformation Award from the Central Banking of London - Reserve Bank of India
 - Reserve Bank of India (RBI) won the award for its digital initiatives – 'Saarathi' and 'Pravaah'.
 - Indian woman to receive Norway's highest honour, the Holberg Prize, in 2025 - Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
 - Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak was awarded the prize for her contributions in various fields including post-colonial studies, philosophy, and translation.
 - The Holberg Prize is one of the highest awards in the humanities and social sciences.
 - Indian film actor honored with Lifetime Achievement Award in the UK Parliament in 2025 - Chiranjeevi
 - Chiranjeevi was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in public service by the UK-based organization Bridge India.

Science And Technology

- First quantum computing chip of Amazon - Ocelot
- The second private spacecraft that has successfully landed on the moon - Blue Ghost Mission 1
 - The American private company Firefly Aerospace successfully landed a spacecraft on the moon.
 - Blue Ghost Mission 1 became the second private lander to land safely on the Moon and the first private lander to have a complete successful landing.
 - Intuitive Machines became the first private company to land a lander on the moon in February 2024. The lander was named Odysseus.
 - The mission is part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) program, which sends private landers to the moon on a contract basis.
 - The spacecraft was launched on January 15 from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida using SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket.
 - It successfully landed on the moon on March 2, 2025.
- The country that successfully launched the communication satellite Chinasat-10R - China
- India's new indigenously developed missile - Gandiva
 - The Gandiva missile was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
 - Gandiva is the successor to the previously developed Astra MK1 and Astra MK-2 missiles.

→ The new missile is named after Gandiva, the bow of Arjuna, a character in the Mahabharata.

- A plant recently discovered by researchers in Idukki, named after Professor Madhav Gadgil -Ixora gadgiliana
- Small satellite which was part of the PSLV mission that launched the Spadex satellites that completed 1000 orbits - POEM 4 (PSLV Orbital Experiment Module)
 - The fourth stage of the PSLV rocket, which would have become space debris after launch and later burned up and fell into the sea, was used as a satellite for short-term experiments.
- New AI model launched by Chinese startup Monica - Manus
- The US military's classified mini space shuttle which has returned to Earth after a 434-day space mission - X-37B
 - It was launched from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in December 2023.
- A lunar lander launched by the private company Intuitive Machines to explore the south pole of the moon with NASA's experimental instruments, ended its operation in March 2025 - Athena
 - The mission was abandoned after the soft landing failed and the spacecraft was damaged.
 - Athena was launched in February 2025 from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida using SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket. Intuitive Machines' Athena lander was sent to the moon as part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Service.

- Athena is the second lunar exploration spacecraft from the American private company Intuitive Machines. Odysseus was the first lunar probe. The mission was abandoned after Odysseus' soft landing failed.
- Telecommunication companies which have signed an agreement with SpaceX to provide high-speed internet Starlink services within India - Airtel, Jio
 - Starlink is a project launched by SpaceX to provide broadband internet directly through satellites around the world.
- The SpaceX spacecraft which has brought NASA astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore back to Earth from the International Space Station - Dragon Freedom spacecraft
 - The Dragon spacecraft made a safe splash-land in the Gulf of America.
 - NASA astronauts Nick Hague, Sunita Williams, Butch Wilmore, and Roscosmos astronaut Alexander Gorbunov were on board.
 - Sunita and Butch Wilmore went to the International Space Station in June 2024 as part of the first test of Boeing's Starliner spacecraft with a human. Although the goal was to return within a week, Sunita and Butch Wilmore remained on the International Space Station due to a technical problem with the Starliner. Sunita and Butch Wilmore had to remain on the International Space Station for about 9 months.
- Company which introduced the Artificial Intelligence (AI) model called Gemma 3 - Google
- The 32-bit microprocessors jointly developed by ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre and Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL), Chandigarh for space missions - Vikram 3201 & Kalpana 3201

- Vikram 3201 is India's first fully indigenously manufactured 32-bit microprocessor.
- Vikram 3201 is a modified version of the 16-bit Vikram 1601, which has been operating on launch vehicles since 2009.
- AI-based digital initiative designed to enable real-time translation, transcription and data access of parliamentary documents in multiple Indian languages - Sansad Bhashini
 - A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) to develop Sansad AI solution.
- India's first private payload hosting satellite which was successfully launched in March 2025 - Nila
 - 'Nila' was developed by Hex20, a small satellite manufacturing company based in Technopark.
 - 'Nila' was launched via Berlin-based satellite deployer company Exolaunch aboard SpaceX Transporter-13.
 - Nila was tasked with carrying Hex20 indigenously developed subsystems and a payload for in-orbit demonstration from German aerospace company Dcubed.

India - Schemes

- Place where the 'Mahila Samridhi Yojana' welfare scheme aimed at providing financial assistance of Rs 2,500 per month to economically backward women was launched - Delhi

Keralam - Schemes

- A project launched by the Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission to increase the participation of female students in the Knowledge based Job sector, prepare them for employment, and provide them with new world work experience - emPOWER
 - Students of women's colleges in the state are made a part of this project.
 - The objectives of the EmPOWER project are to prepare the students mentally for career advancement, enable them to face crises in the job sector with confidence, and conduct training that provides work experience.
- A project launched by the State Agriculture Department to support startups in the agricultural sector - K-AgTech Launchpad
 - K-AgTech Launchpad is a project launched at the Kerala Agricultural University with the objective of providing incubation support, guidelines for bringing startups in the agricultural sector from concept to market, and providing basic facilities.
 - This project is being implemented jointly by Kerala Agricultural University, NABARD and Western Sydney University.

Appointments

- First woman who has been appointed president of Vatican City State - Sister Raffaella Petrini
- Newly appointed Chairperson of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) -Tuhin Kanta Pandey

- Tuhin Kanta Pandey is the 11th Chairperson of SEBI.
- Tuhin Kanta Pandey's appointment succeeds Madhabi Puri Buch, who completed her term as the first woman Chairperson of SEBI on February 28, 2025.

- New President of Uruguay - Yamandu Orsi
- A Malayalee scientist who was elected as a member of the US National Academy of Engineering - Dr. S. Somnath (Former ISRO Chairman)
- Film actress who has been appointed as Federal Bank's brand ambassador - Vidya Balan
- Newly appointed executive director of RBI - Dr. Ajit Ratnakar Joshi
- Newly appointed India's first woman law secretary - Anju Rathi Rana
- The first woman pilot to be permanently assigned to the Jaguar Squadron of the Indian Air Force - Tanushka Singh
- Newly appointed Scientific Secretary and Director of the Directorate of Technology Development and Innovation at ISRO - M. Ganesh Pillai

- Newly appointed Director General of Doordarshan - K. Satish Namboothiripad
- Newly appointed Prime Minister of Canada in March 2025 - Mark Carney
 - Carney is the 24th Prime Minister of Canada.
 - Mark Carney succeeds Justin Trudeau as the Prime Minister of Canada.
- The new president of Greece - Constantine Tassoulas
- The Indian-origin ministers of Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney's cabinet - Kamal Khera, Anita Anand
 - Kamal Khera is the Minister of Health.
 - Anita Anand is the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry.
- Newly appointed chairman of Tata Communications - N. Ganapathy Subramaniam
- First woman to become President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) - Kirsty Coventry
 - Kirsty Coventry is the youngest person and the first African to become President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- The first woman president of the African country of Namibia - Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah

- Film actor who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the Sarpa app developed by Forest Department to safely transport snakes entering populated areas to the forest - Tovino Thomas
- Former ISRO chairman who has been appointed as the advisor on space technology to the government of Andhra Pradesh - Dr. S. Somnath
 - Dr. Somnath will guide the state government in utilizing space technology for governance, research and industrial applications.
- Newly appointed Kerala Upa Lokayuktas in March 2025 - Justice V. Shircy, Justice Ashok Menon
 - Kerala Lokayukta - Justice N. Anilkumar

Obituaries

- A renowned Carnatic musician and former Asthana Vidwan of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) who passed away in March 2025 - Garimella Balakrishna Prasad
 - He received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in the year 2020 for his contributions to Carnatic music.
- Former Supreme Court judge who passed away in March 2025 - Veeraswami Ramaswami
 - Veeraswami Ramaswami was the first Supreme Court judge to face impeachment proceedings by the Indian Parliament.

- He faced impeachment proceedings in 1993 on charges of misappropriation of funds while he was the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court in 1987.
- Former Indian cricketer who passed away in March 2025 - Syed Abid Ali
 - Born in Hyderabad, he was a medium-pace bowler and lower-order batter.
 - He played 29 Tests and 5 ODIs for India between 1967-75.
- Famous Odia poet who passed away in March 2025 - Ramakanta Rath
 - He has received many awards including Padma Vibhushan, Saraswati Samman, Bishuva Samman, and Sarala Award.
 - Ramakanta Rath is the former president of the Kendra Sahitya Akademi.
 - Ramakant's famous works include Sriradha, Kathe Dinara, Sandigdha Mrigaya, Saptama Ritu, Sachitra Andhara, and Shreshtha Kavitha.
- Famous Malayalam lyricist who passed away in March 2025 - Mankombu Gopalakrishnan
 - He composed more than seven hundred songs in more than 200 Malayalam films.
 - Laksharchana Kandukudam, Ilammanjin kulirumayi, Ividamaneeswara Sannidhanam, Kalidasanante kavya bhavanaye, Gangayil Theerthamadiya Krishnashila, Palaruvi Naduvil, Oru Punnaram etc. are some of his famous songs.
- Famous American boxer who passed away in March 2025 - George Foreman
 - He was famous as 'Big George' in the boxing ring.
 - George Foreman was a former world heavyweight boxing champion and Olympic gold medalist.
 - Foreman is famous for his fierce boxing match with Muhammad Ali in Congo in 1974. This match is known as the 'Rumble in the Jungle'.

Ranking

- India's position as per World Happiness Report 2025 - 118
 - First rank - Finland
 - Second rank - Denmark
 - Third rank - Iceland
 - Last ranked country - Afghanistan (Rank - 147)
 - India's rank as per World Happiness Report 2024 - 126

Venues

- Venue of the 2025 World Para Athletics Grand Prix - New Delhi, India
- Venue of the 2025 Khelo India Para Games - New Delhi
- Host country of 2025 FIFA Club World Cup - USA
- Venue of the 4th 'Varnapakittu' Transgender Art Festival organized by the Department of Social Justice to promote the creative talents of transgender individuals and increase their visibility and acceptance in the general public - Thiruvananthapuram

- Venue of 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games - Turin, Italy
- Venue of the 30th UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) - Belem, Brazil
- Venue of the Global Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Summit 2025 organized by the Department of Electricity - Kochi, Ernakulam
 - The global summit is being jointly organized by the Department of Electricity, the Agency for New and Renewable Energy Research and Technology (ANERT) and Elets Techno Media.

Military Exercises

- Joint India-Kyrgyzstan military exercise - Khanjar
 - Venue of the 12th edition of Khanjar - Kyrgyzstan
- India-Bangladesh joint naval exercise - Bongosagar 2025
 - Indian Navy ship participating in Bongosagar 2025 - INS Ranvir
- India-France Joint Naval Exercise - Varuna
 - The 23rd edition of the India-France Joint Naval Exercise Varuna was held in 2025.

Important Days

- World Wildlife Day - March 03
 - 2025 Theme - 'Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet.'

- Jan Aushadhi Diwas - March 07
 - Jan Aushadhi is a scheme launched under the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) to provide quality and affordable medicines to all.
 - March 7 is celebrated every year as 'Jan Aushadhi Diwas' to create awareness about the scheme and promote the use of generic medicines.
- International Women's Day - March 8
 - 2025 Theme - 'For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment.'
 - International Women's Day celebrates the achievements of women and promotes women's rights.
 - Officially recognized by the United Nations in 1977, International Women's Day first emerged from the work of labor movements across North America and Europe in the early 20th century.
- 2025 World Kidney day - March 13
 - Every year, World Kidney Day is observed on the second Thursday of the month of March.
- World Consumer Rights Day - March 15
 - 2025 Theme - 'A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles.'
 - On March 15, 1962, the US President John F. Kennedy addressed the US Congress on consumer rights. Kennedy was the first leader to address this issue. The day he delivered this speech later became Consumer Rights Day.

- National Vaccination Day - March 16
 - Polio vaccination began in India on March 16, 1995. Later, the day was observed as National Vaccination Day every year to raise awareness about the importance of vaccination.
- World Forest Day - March 21
 - 2025 Theme - "Forests and Food".
 - In 2012, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 21 as the International Day of Forests to celebrate the importance of all types of forests and raise awareness.
- World Water Day - March 22
 - 2025 Theme - 'Glacier Preservation'.
 - The aim of World Water Day is to make the world understand the need to conserve and use every drop of water.
 - The proposal for World Water Day was first raised in 1992 at the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio, Brazil. Following this, the U.N. General Assembly decided to observe this day as World Water Day from March 22, 1993.
- World Meteorological Day - March 23
 - 2025 Theme - 'Closing the Early Warning Gap Together.'
 - The world celebrates World Meteorological Day on March 23, in honor of the founding of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1950.
- World Tuberculosis Day - March 24
 - 2025 Theme- "Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver"

- The cause of tuberculosis was discovered by Robert Koch on March 24, 1882. The World Health Organization observes March 24 as World Tuberculosis Day every year to raise public awareness of the horrors and socio-economic consequences of tuberculosis and to end the epidemic of tuberculosis.
- International Zero Waste Day - March 30
 - 2025 Theme - Towards zero waste in fashion and textiles
 - On December 14, 2022, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution to observe March 30 of every year as Zero Waste International Day.
 - The day aims to raise awareness about waste reduction and promote zero waste initiatives to achieve sustainable development.



Thank you

