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National Film Awards (71st)

- The awards were announced for films censored in 2023.
 - Jury Chairman - Ashutosh Gowariker
 - Malayalam director who is a member of the jury - Pradeep Nair
 - Best Film - 12th Fail (Director - Vidhu Vinod Chopra)
 - Best Malayalam Film - Ullozhukku (Director - Christo Tomy)
 - Best Director - Sudipto Sen (Film - The Kerala Story)
 - Best Actor - Shah Rukh Khan (Film - Jawan), Vikrant Massey (Film - 12th Fail)
 - Best Actress - Rani Mukherjee (Film - Mrs. Chatterjee vs. Norway)
 - Best Supporting Actor - Vijayaraghavan (Film - Pookkaalam), M.S. Bhaskar (Film - Parking)
 - Best Supporting Actress - Urvashi (Movie - Ullozhukku), Janki Bodiwala (Movie - Vash)
 - Best Screenplay - Sai Rajesh, Ramkumar Balakrishnan (Film - Parking)
 - Best Cinematography - Prashantanu Mohapatra (Film - The Kerala Story)
 - Best Music Director - G.V. Prakash Kumar (Film - Vaathi)
 - Best Background Music - Harshavardhan Rameshwar (Movie - Animal)
 - Best Production Designer - Mohandas (Film - 2018)
 - Best Editing - Mithun Murali (Film - Pookkaalam)
 - Best Singer (Female) - Shilpa Rao (Film - Jawan)
 - Best Singer (Male) - PVNS Rohit (Film - Baby)
 - Re-Recording (Special Jury Mention) - M.R. Rajakrishnan (Film - Animal)
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- A documentary film directed by M.K. Ramdas based on the life of Cheruvayal Raman - Nekal: Chronicle of the Paddy Man
 - The documentary film 'Nekal: Chronicle of the Paddy Man' tells the story of the life of Cheruvayal Raman, who saves 32 varieties of rice from

Wayanad for the coming generation out of more than a hundred traditional rice seeds that have disappeared.

- 'Nekal: Chronicle of the Paddy Man' is a Malayalam documentary film that received a special mention in the Non-Feature Film category at the 71st National Film Awards.

Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2025

- Actor who won the Best Actor award at the 2025 Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM 2025) Awards - Abhishek Bachchan
- Abhishek Bachchan won the Best Actor award for his performance in the film I Want To Talk.
- Actress who won the Best Actress award at the 2025 Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM 2025) Awards - Geetha Kailasam
- Geetha Kailasam won the Best Actress award for her performance in the film Angammal.
- Actress who won the Best Actress award in the Web Series category at the 2025 Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM 2025) Awards- Nimisha Sajayan
- Nimisha Sajayan won the Best Actress award for her performance in Dabba Cartel.

Cincinnati Open 2025

- Men's Singles Champion - Carlos Alcaraz
 - Spain's Carlos Alcaraz won the title because Italy's Jannik Sinner retired in the first set of the final.
- Women's Singles Champion - Iga Swiatek

→ Poland's Iga Swiatek won the title by defeating Italy's Jasmine Paolini in the final.

Obituary - Prof. M.K. Sanu

- Writer, literary critic and teacher who passed away in August 2025 - Prof. M.K. Sanu
 - Born on October 27, 1928 in Thumpoly, Alappuzha district, to M.C. Kesavan and K.P. Bhavani.
 - His first book, 'Anchu Sastra Nayakyanmar', was published in 1958.
 - In 1986, he was appointed as the President of the Purogamana Sahithya Sankham
 - In 1987, Sanu contested Assembly elections from the Ernakulam constituency as a Left-backed Independent candidate and won.
 - Autobiography: Karmagati
 - 1985: Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for Critical-Scholarly Literature (Book - Avadharanam)
 - 1992: Vayalar Award (Book-Changampuzha Krishna Pillai: Nakshatrangalude Snehabhajanam)
 - 2002: Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for Comprehensive Contribution
 - 2010: Kerala State Children's Literature Institute Award
 - 2011: Padmaprabha Literary Award
 - 2011: Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award (Book-Basheer: Ekanthavithiyile Avadhoothan)
 - 2013: Ezhuthachan Award

Major Works:

- Prabhathadarsanam
- Sahodaran K Ayyappan
- Malayala Sahitya Nayakanmar - Kumaranasan

- Ashanthiyil ninn Shanthiyileykk- Aashan Padanathin oru Mukhavura
- Mruthyunjayam Kavyajeevitham
- Changampuzha Krishna Pillai: Nakshatrangalude Snehabhajanam (Biography)
- Yukthivadi M.C. Joseph (Biography)
- Basheer: Ekantha Veedhiyile Avadhoothan (Biography)
- Asthamikatha Velicham (Biography of Albert Schweitzer)
- Urangatha Maneeshi (Biography of P.K. Balakrishnan)
- Kumaranasante Nalini - Vishudhanuragathil Theliyunna Divyadeepthi
- Mohanlal - Abhinayakalayile Ithihasam
- Narayana Guruswami
- Ayyappapanikkarum Ayyappapanikkarum

World

- The countries that signed a peace treaty in August 2025 after decades of conflict - **Armenia and Azerbaijan**
 - The two countries signed the peace agreement at the White House under the mediation of Trump.
- Asia's longest freight train - **Rudrastra**
 - Rudrastra is a freight train with a total length of 4.5 km and comprising 345 wagons.
 - Indian Railways successfully conducted the trial run of Rudrastra in August 2025.
- Country declared free from African Trypanosomiasis (HAT) by the World Health Organization (WHO) in August 2025 - **Kenya**
 - Kenya is the tenth country to be free from trypanosomiasis.

- African Trypanosomiasis is a disease caused by the blood parasite *Trypanosoma brucei*.
 - It is transmitted to humans by tsetse flies that have acquired the parasites from infected humans or animals.
 - Trypanosomiasis is also known as sleeping sickness.
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- The first person in history to represent Palestine in the Miss Universe pageant - **Nadeen Ayoub**
 - Nadeen Ayoub will represent Palestine in the Miss Universe pageant to be held in Thailand in 2025.
 - The country where the Shinmoedake volcano erupted in August 2025 is located - **Japan**
 - The submersible vehicle, part of India's deep ocean mission that sent 'aquanauts' to a depth of 5 km in the North Atlantic Ocean for the first time in history, in collaboration with France - **Nautilus**
 - The country where the Church of Our Lady of Arabia, which was elevated to the status of a minor basilica, is located - **Kuwait**
 - Our Lady of Arabia is the first church in the Gulf to receive the status of a Minor Basilica.
 - Former Sri Lankan President who was arrested in August 2025 on charges of on charges misusing state funds while in office - **Ranil Wickremesinghe**
 - Ranil Wickremesinghe is the first former president to be arrested in Sri Lanka.

→ Wickremesinghe has been accused of using public funds to travel to England to attend a convocation ceremony for his wife in September 2023.

- The word, which is included in the Cambridge Dictionary and made famous by the YouTube series Skibidi Toilet - **Skibidi**
- Indian Navy ship which visited Italy in August 2025 as part of strengthening India-Italy naval cooperation - **INS Tamal**
- Country that has announced to waive of book tax due to reading crisis - **Denmark**
- Country declared free from rubella by World Health Organization (WHO) in August 2025 - **Nepal**
 - Rubella, also known as German measles or three-day measles, is a contagious viral disease.

India

- Indian dancer sets world record by performing Bharatanatyam continuously for 170 hours - **Remona Evette Pereira**
- The military unit to be formed by merging various units of the Army - **Rudra Brigade**

→ Rudra Brigades are all-arms formations that combine various tactical units of the Indian Army (infantry, artillery, armored corps, engineers, signals, etc.).

- Newly formed Light Commando Battalion for border operations - **Bhairav**
- Place where India's first off-grid 5 MW green hydrogen pilot plant is commissioned - **Kutch, Gujarat**
- Place where India's first indigenously built 1 MW green hydrogen plant is commissioned - **Kandla Port, Gujarat**
- State where India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Anganwadi was launched - **Maharashtra**
 - India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Anganwadi was inaugurated by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Nagpur district.
- The state that hosted the Indian Army's high-tech exercise 'Drone Prahar' - **Arunachal Pradesh**
- The state that has decided to observe August 07, the birth anniversary of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, the architect of India's Green Revolution, as Sustainable Agriculture Day - **Maharashtra**

- The state that will launch India's first FIFA Talent Academy for girls - **Telangana**
 - The All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Telangana government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in August 2025 to launch India's first FIFA Talent Academy for girls at the Gachibowli Stadium Complex.
- Philippines President who visited India in August 2025 - Ferdinand Romualdez **Marcos Jr**
- Purple rice variety developed by Assam Agricultural University (AAU) - **Labanya**
- Minister who holds the record for being the longest-serving Home Minister of India - **Amit Shah**
 - Amit Shah achieved this feat after completing 2,258 days as the Union Home Minister.
 - Amit Shah surpassed the record of L.K. Advani.
- An operation launched by Border Security Force (BSF) at the country's borders as part of strengthening security measures ahead of Independence Day - **Operation Alert**
- Place where the first manufacturing plant of Vietnamese electric vehicle manufacturer Vinfast in India has been established - **Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu**
- Village in Jammu and Kashmir hit by flash floods in August 2025 - **Chasoti**

- Bengaluru Namma Metro Yellow Line is inaugurated in August 2025 by - **Narendra Modi (Indian Prime Minister)**
- India's first assembly building to run entirely on solar energy - **Delhi Assembly**
- Prime Minister who gave the longest Independence Day speech in the history of India - **Narendra Modi**
 - Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech, which lasted 103 minutes, holds the record.
- The name given by the organizers for Lionel Messi's visit to India, which will last from December 12 to 15, 2025 - **Goat Tour of India**
- India's first port to install Anti-Drone Surveillance and Neutralization System - **Kandla Port, Gujarat**
 - Kandla is an important port in the Kutch district of Gujarat, located close to the international border with Pakistan.
- Minister who has introduced the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025 in the Lok Sabha on 20 August 2025 - **Amit Shah (Union Home Minister)**
 - The Bill provides for the removal of the Prime Minister, a Chief Minister of a State or any other Minister in the Central or State Government, if he is arrested and detained for serious criminal offences.
- The state that launched the 'Baaj Akh' anti-drone system to prevent cross-border drug smuggling - **Punjab**

- Chinese Foreign Minister who arrived in India for a three-day visit in August 2025
- Wang Yi
- Rally which was held by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in August 2025, alleging fraud in the elections - Voter Adhikar Yatra
- Inspection conducted by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in various cities of the country in August 2025 as part of preventing the smuggling of narcotics - Operation WeedOut

Kerala

- The first state to implement 'Faceless Adjudication' in the indirect tax system - Kerala
 - The Faceless Adjudication system, which came into effect on August 1, enables tax assessment through a digital platform and e-communication, without the adjudicating authority and the taxpayer meeting face to face.
- The inspections conducted by Vigilance to detect corruption in sub-registrar offices - Operation Secure Land
- The mascot for the 71st Nehru Trophy Boat Race - A drongo (Kakkathampuratti) rowing a canoe
- Place where Kerala's first plant to generate electricity from sanitary napkins has been established - Varkala

- The Varkala Municipal Corporation plant has been set up with the technical approval of the State Pollution Control Board to scientifically dispose of household biomedical sanitary waste such as diapers, sanitary pads, non-reusable cloths and hair.
- Corporation which has implemented the first green budget in the state - **Thiruvananthapuram**
 - The green budget presented by the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation focuses on solving climate change and related issues.
- Kerala Farmers Day - **Chingam 1**
 - Chingam 1, the first day of Malayalam Calender, is celebrated as Farmer's Day in Kerala.
- India's first Miscellaneous Non-Banking Financial Company to cross Rs. 1 lakh crore in annual business - **KSFE**
 - KSFE is a multipurpose non-banking financial company owned by the Government of Kerala.
- Official mascot of Kerala Fiber Optic Network (K-Phone) - **Fibo (Tiger)**
- The first government school in the state to have an AI-Robotics lab - **Purathur GUPS, Malappuram**
- The AI-powered virtual receptionist in the office of Industries Minister P. Rajeev - **Kelli**
 - Kelli was developed by the Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (Keltron).

- India's first fully digitally literate state - **Kerala**
 - This historic achievement was officially announced by Chief Minister Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan at a public meeting held at the Central Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram in August 2025.
 - This achievement was achieved through the 'Digi-Kerala' project implemented by the Local Self-Government Department (LSGD).
 - The state-wide 'Digi-Kerala' project was inspired by the model of the 'Digi Pullampara' project successfully implemented in Pullampara Grama Panchayat in Thiruvananthapuram.
- First woman driver in the state fire service - **B. Jyothi**
- The first village panchayat in the country to use 'Internet of Things' (IoT) technology for data collection in various service sectors - **Kattakada Panchayat**
- The first farm in Kerala to be awarded the country's carbon-balanced farming farm status - **Okkal State Seed Farm, Ernakulam**
- The longest bridge over a river in Kerala - Kumbichal Kadavu Bridge, **Thiruvananthapuram**
 - The bridge is built at a length of 253.4 meters.

Sports

- Indian female cricketer who announced her retirement from international cricket in July 2025 - **Veda Krishnamurthy**

- Title winner of 2025 Copa America Women's Championship - **Brazil**
 - Brazil won the title by defeating Colombia in the final.
 - This is the 9th Copa America Women's Championship title for the Brazilian women's team.
 - Venue of the 2025 Copa America Women's Championship - Quito, Ecuador
 - Ecuador is the host of the 10th edition of the Copa America Women's Championship.
- Winner of first edition of Chess ESports World Cup in 2025 - **Magnus Carlsen**
 - Magnus Carlsen defeated Alireza Firouzja to win the title.
 - Indian chess player who finished fourth - Arjun Erigaisi
- Malayali athlete who won the first place in the men's triple jump at the 2025 Qosanov Memorial Athletics Meet held in Almaty, Kazakhstan - **Abdullah Abubakar**
- Title winner of 2025 Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix - **Lando Norris**
- Indian athlete who won the gold medal in women's javelin throw at the Wieslaw Maniak Memorial Meet held in Poland - **Annu Rani**
- Title winner of World Championship of Legends Cricket 2025 - **South Africa Champions**
 - South Africa Champions defeated Pakistan Champions to win the World Championship of Legends Cricket 2025.

- The second edition of the World Championship of Legends Cricket.
- World Championship of Legends Cricket 2024 title winners - India Champions

- Indian surfer who won bronze in open men's category at 2025 ASF Asian Surfing Championships - **Ramesh Budihal**
 - Ramesh Budihal is the first Indian surfer to qualify for the open men's final at the Asian Surfing Championships.
 - This is India's first individual medal at the Continental Championships.

- Venue of ASF Asian Surfing Championships 2025 - **Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu**
 - This is the first time India is hosting the ASF Asian Surfing Championships.

- Indian archer who won bronze in men's compound archery at the 2025 World Games in Chengdu, China - **Rishabh Yadav**
 - Rishabh Yadav also became India's first individual medalist in the history of the World Games.

- Indian cricketer selected as ICC Men's Player of the Month for July 2025 - **Shubman Gill**

- England cricketer selected as ICC Women's Player of the Month for July 2025 - **Sophia Dunkley**

- Winners of 15th Junior National Women's Hockey Championship - **Jharkhand**
→ Jharkhand won the title by defeating Haryana in the final.
- 89th Grand Master of India - **S. Rohit Krishna**
- Venue of the first Khelo India Water Sports Festival - **Jammu and Kashmir**
→ The first Khelo India Water Sports Festival is being organized at Dal Lake in Srinagar.
→ The Khelo India Water Sports Festival will feature five sports: kayaking, canoeing, rowing, water skiing, shikara race, and dragon boat.
- The mascot of the first Khelo India Water Sports Festival - **The Himalayan Kingfisher**
- Indian player who became the runner-up at the 2025 NSW Squash Bega Open - **Anahat Singh**
- Indian badminton player who won the women's singles title at the Saipan International 2025 held in the Northern Mariana Islands - **Tanya Hemant**
- The Official Mascot of the 2025 Men's Asia Cup Hockey Championship - **Chand (Tiger)**
- Venue of the 2025 Men's Asia Cup Hockey Championship - **Bihar, India**
→ 12th edition of the Men's Asia Cup Hockey Championship.

- Football club which has named world's most valuable football club by Brand Finance Report 2025 - **Real Madrid**
- Recipient of Men's Player of the Year in English Football by Professional Footballers' Association in 2025 - **Mohamed Salah**
 - Mohamed Salah also became the first player to win the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Player of the Year award three times.
- Recipient of Women's Player of the Year in English Football by Professional Footballers' Association in 2025 - **Mariona Caldentey**

Literature

- Author of the book 'Mulberry Ennodu Ninte Zorbaye Kurichu Parayu' - **Benyamin**
- The author of the novel 'Ghosts of Hiroshima', which tells the story of the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima - **Charles Pellegrino**
- Recipient of the 18th Malayattoor Award instituted by the Malayattoor Trust - **E. Santosh Kumar**
 - The award was given to E. Santosh Kumar for his novel 'Thapomayiyude Achan'.
 - The Malayattoor Prize for Young Writers was awarded to Salin Mankuzhy's novel 'Aanandaleela'.
 - The 17th Malayattoor Award instituted by the Malayattoor Trust was awarded to Sarah Joseph (Book – Esther)

- Winner of the Ullala Babu Memorial Award at the 7th Kerala Children's Literature Awards of the Kerala Bala Sahitya Academy - **Alankode Leelakrishnan**
→ The award is for his work 'Poovum Kaayum'.

Other Awards

- Winner of the first M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace - **Ademola A. Adenle**
→ Nigerian scientist Ademola A. Adenle has won the award for his contributions to global food security, sustainable agriculture and peace.
→ The award is jointly presented by the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS).
- Theyyam artist who has been awarded the 2025 P.K.Kalan Award by the Department of Culture for his comprehensive contribution to folk art - **Athiyadam Kunjirama Peruvannan**
→ The award was instituted in memory of P.K.Kalan, the chairman of the Kerala Folklore Academy and a Gaddhika artist.
- Self-Help Group (SHG) in India that has received the 2025 UNDP 'Equator Initiative Award' - **Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group**
→ The Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group from Tirtha village in Dharwad district of Karnataka won the award.
→ UNDP assessed that The group has successfully implemented eco-friendly farming practices on rain-fed land, managed community seed banks, ensured food and nutrition security, and established a millet-based value chain that includes cultivation, processing, and marketing.

→ The 'Equator Initiative Award' is also known as the Nobel Prize for biodiversity conservation.

- Dancer who won the first award of the Natyaveda Centre for Performing Arts, Thiruvananthapuram - **Padma Subramanyam**
- Winner of the Miss Universe India 2025 held in Jaipur - **Manika Vishwakarma**

Science and Technology

- An Earth observation satellite jointly developed by the space research agencies of India and the United States, was successfully launched in July 2025 - **NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar)**,
 - The satellite was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
 - The launch was made using India's GSLV-F16 rocket.
 - The main mission of Nisar is to closely monitor even the smallest changes in the Earth's surface and transmit information. This information will help scientists detect signs that precede natural disasters such as landslides, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. This will enable them to give disaster warnings and prepare for them.
 - This is the first satellite launch jointly conducted by ISRO and NASA.
- US company that has received a license to launch satellite internet services in India - **Starlink**

- Starlink Services is a subsidiary of Elon Musk-owned American aerospace company SpaceX.
- Starlink aims to provide high-speed, low-latency broadband internet access worldwide using a network of low Earth orbit (LEO) satellites.
- The innovative system launched by Indian Railways to detect and prevent rail accidents on the Delhi-Mumbai route from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh to Kota in Rajasthan - **Kavach 4.0**
- The first 'Animal Stem Cell Biobank' of India, a state-of-the-art facility for storing and preserving high-quality stem cells from various animal species- **National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad**
 - The National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) is a premier institute under the Biotechnology Research Innovation Council (BRIC) of the Department of Biotechnology.
- India's Survey Vessel Large (SVL) which has visited Singapore on the occasion of Singapore's National Day in 2025 - **INS Sandhayak**
 - INS Sandhayak is India's first Survey Vessel Large (SVL) class ship, equipped with advanced hydrographic systems.
- Name of the satellite being built by students of Thycaud Model High School, Thiruvananthapuram to study the increasing level of light on Earth and its impact on the vision and habitat of living organisms - **Model Luminosat**
- The mission that Russia plans to launch to Venus before 2036 to collect comprehensive scientific data on Venus's atmosphere, surface and climate systems - **Venera-D**

- The analogue station which has been launched in Ladakh by Bengaluru-based space technology company Protoplanet and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in preparation for human space missions to the Moon and Mars - **HOPE**
 - Himalayan Outpost for Planetary Exploration (HOPE)
 - HOPE is an analogue site that closely simulates the geological and environmental conditions found on the Moon and Mars.
 - It is being developed with the aim of conducting crucial research for future interplanetary missions.
- The nuclear-capable intermediate-range ballistic missile which India successfully test-fired at the Chandipur Integrated Test Range in Odisha in August 2025 - **Agni-5**
 - Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Agni-5 is a nuclear-capable ballistic missile with a range of over 5,000 km.
 - The missile is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead weighing up to 1.5 tonnes.
- India's first AI-based Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) combat drone - **Kaala Bhairav**
 - The drone was developed by the Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace (FWDA) in Bengaluru.
- NASA's space telescope that discovered Uranus' 29th satellite, S/2025 U1 - **James Webb**

India - Schemes

- State that launched the Stree Shakti Yojana in August 2025 with the aim of women's empowerment, strengthening of self-help groups and economic independence - **Andhra Pradesh**
- A scheme launched by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) to provide jobs to candidates who are not recommended for appointment - **PRATIBHA Setu**
- India's 10-year plan to develop an advanced defense system to protect India's important military and civilian installations and provide a decisive response in case of an enemy threat - **Mission Sudarshan Chakra**
 - Sudarshan Chakra is a massive defense system that India plans to implement in the country by 2035.
 - India's new defense system is named after the Sudarshana Chakra, a weapon used by Lord Krishna.
- The scheme launched by the central government to create 3.5 crore jobs - **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY)**
 - The scheme was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech in 2025.
 - The scheme, which came into effect from August 15, is designed to encourage first-time job seekers and private sector employers.
 - Under this initiative, anyone who gets a job in the private sector for the first time will get Rs 15,000 directly from the government, and employers

hiring additional employees will get up to Rs 3,000 per month for each new employee.

- The state that has launched the 'Shramshree' scheme, which provides Rs 5,000 per month to returning workers for a year or until they get a job - **West Bengal**
 - Objectives of Shramshree Scheme West Bengal
 1. To provide rehabilitation to all the Migrant Workers who returned from other states.
 2. To provide financial assistance of Rs. 5,000 per month to all the Returned workers.
 3. To provide education to the children of the workers.
 4. To provide skill development to all the Migrant Workers.
 5. To provide job opportunities in Bengal State.

Kerala - Schemes

- A government-implemented project to identify and protect children from violence and abuse at home and in the community - **Suraksha Mitram**
- The project launched by Kudumbashree to revive and promote the diverse indigenous tribal arts in all districts - **Janagalsa Project**
 - The project aims to provide a better livelihood to the indigenous people by transforming traditional art forms of the local area into an entrepreneurial model.
 - 'Janagalsa' means celebration of the people.
- The project of Kannapuram Panchayat in Kerala for cancer control, which gained global attention after being published in the World Health Organization's South East Asia Journal - **Cancer-Free Village**

- The project, which has been going on for 9 years, by collecting data from all families and involving everyone in disease screening camps, is described in the WHO's South East Asia Journal as the 'Kannapuram Model'.
- The project was started in Kannapuram in collaboration with the Malabar Cancer Center in 2016.

Cinema

- The first woman to be elected as the president of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA) - **Shweta Menon**
- Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for the outstanding contribution to the documentary field as part of the 17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK) organized by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy - **Rakesh Sharma**
- The movie which holds the record for highest-grossing sports film - **F1: The Movie**
 - This film, starring Brad Pitt in the lead role, is directed by Joseph Kosinski and tells the story of Formula One racing.

Appointments

- Film director who was appointed as the new chairman of State Film Development Corporation (KSFDC) - **K. Madhu**

- First woman appointed as Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF) - **Sonali Mishra**
- Newly appointed Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Naval Command - **Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan**
- Newly appointed Vice Chief of the Navy Staff in August 2025 - **Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan**
- Newly appointed head coach of Indian national football team - **Khalid Jamil**
 - The national football team got a full-time Indian coach after 20 years. The last person to hold this position was Sukhwinder Singh in 2005
- Newly appointed director of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in August 2025 - **Dr. A. Rajarajan**
- Newly appointed Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota in August 2025 - **E.S. Padmakumar**
- Newly appointed Vice Chief of Army Staff in August 2025 - **Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Singh**

- Person who has been appointed as the new Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) - **Sanjay Singhal**
- Malayali appointed as the Southern Command Chief of the Indian Army - **Lieutenant General V. Srihari**
- Malayali appointed as Controller Personal Services (CPS) in the Indian Navy - **Vice Admiral C.R. Praveen Nair**
- Actress who is appointed as the brand ambassador of Odisha's handlooms in August 2025 - **Madhuri Dixit**
- Bollywood actor Who is appointed as new brand ambassador of online food delivery platform Zomato in August 2025 - **Shah Rukh Khan**
- Person who is appointed as the brand ambassador for Australia's tourism campaign in India - **Sarah Tendulkar**
- An Indian who has been appointed as one of the nine Mental Health Ambassadors of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in August 2025 - **Abhinav Bindra**
 - Abhinav Bindra, India's first Olympic gold medallist and a renowned shooter, was selected as an ambassador as part of the International Olympic Committee's mental health promotion programmes.
- Person who is re-elected as the President of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) for the third consecutive term - **Ajay Singh**

- Newly appointed Governor of Nagaland in August 2025 - **Ajay Kumar Bhalla**
 - The President has appointed Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla to discharge the functions of Nagaland Governor in addition to his own duties.

Obituaries

- Eminent economist, writer and thinker who passed away in July 2025 - **Meghnath Desai**
 - Desai taught economics at the London School of Economics (LSE) from 1965 to 2003 and later became Emeritus Professor of Economics at that institution.
 - He joined the Labour Party in 1971 and was created a UK peer in June 1991 and elevated to the House of Lords as Lord Desai of St Clement Danes.
 - In 1992, he founded the Centre for the Study of Global Governance at the LSE. He was the Director and Founding Fellow of the LSE's Development Studies Institute.
 - In 2008, the country honored him with the Padma Bhushan.
- A famous mimicry artist and film actor who passed away in August 2025 - **Kalabhavan Navas**
 - Kalabhavan Navas is the son of famous Malayalam actor Aboobacker.
 - He made his film debut in 1995 with the film Chaitanyam.
 - He has acted in many films like Junior Mandrake, Amma Ammayiyamma, Meenakshi Kalyanam, Mattupetti Machan, Chandamama, My Dear Karadi, One Man Show, Vettam, Chattambinad, Cobra, ABCD, Mylanchi Monchulla Veedu, Mera Naam Shaji.

- Former Chief Minister of Jharkhand, who passed away in August 2025 - **Shibu Soren**
 - A member of the Lok Sabha eight times, Shibu Soren has served as the Union Minister for Coal and the Chief Minister of Jharkhand three times each.
 - Born on January 1, 1944, into a Santhal tribal family, Shibu Soren founded the Santhal Navayukta Sangh in 1962 at the age of 18.
 - In 1972, he formed a new party called the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, demanding a separate state from Bihar.
 - His son, Hemant Soren, is currently the Chief Minister of Jharkhand.
- Actor and son of Prem Nazir, who passed away in August 2025 - **Shanavas**
 - He has acted in 96 films in Malayalam and Tamil languages.
 - His first film was 'Premageethangal' directed by Balachandra Menon.
- Nagaland Governor who passed away in August 2025 - **La Ganesan**
- Former Australian cricketer who passed away in August 2025 - **Bob Simpson**
 - Bob Simpson was a famous cricketer who was the former captain and coach of the Australian cricket team.
 - He played 62 Test matches for the Australian national team between 1957 and 1978, scoring 4869 runs at an average of 46.81.
 - He was the coach of the Australian cricket team from 1986 to 1996.

Military Exercises

- India-Sri Lanka Naval Exercise which was held in Sri Lanka in August 2025 - **SLINEX-25**
 - Sri Lanka hosted the 12th edition of SLINEX-25.
- Indian Naval Ships which participated in the India-Sri Lanka Naval Exercise SLINEX-25 held in Sri Lanka in August 2025 - **INS Rana, INS Jyoti**

Venues

- Venue of AI Impact Summit 2026 - **New Delhi, India**
- Venue of Commonwealth Youth Games 2027 - **Malta**
 - Malta is hosting the 8th edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games.
- The venue for the first edition of the BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival - **New Delhi**
- Venue of Kerala Film Policy Conclave 2025 - **Thiruvananthapuram**

- Venue of the first-ever World Athletics Bronze Level Continental Tour event in India - **Bhubaneswar**
- Venue of the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries - **Awaza, Turkmenistan**
 - 2025 Theme - “Driving progress through partnerships”
- Venue for the Putin-Trump summit in August 2025 to end the Ukraine-Russia war - **Alaska**
- Venue for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit 2025 - **Tianjin, China**

Important Days

- Hiroshima Day - **August 06**
 - The United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, at 8:15 a.m. on August 6, 1945, during World War II.
 - The bomb was dropped by a B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay of the United States Air Force piloted by Colonel Paul Tibbets.
- National Handloom Day - **August 07**
 - This day is observed as National Handloom Day to commemorate the start of the Swadeshi movement in Kolkata on August 7, 1905.
 - The first National Handloom Day was observed on August 7, 2015.
- Quit India Day - **August 09**
 - Quit India Day is celebrated in India on August 09 to commemorate the launching of Quit India Movement on August 9, 1942

- Nagasaki Day - **August 09**
 - On August 9, 1945, the United States dropped the second atomic bomb, 'Fat Man', on Nagasaki, Japan. This day is celebrated as Nagasaki Day to commemorate this.
- Independence Day of Pakistan - **August 14**
- Indian Independence Day – **August 15**
 - The country is celebrating its 79th Independence Day in 2025.
 - Independence Day is celebrated in India every year on 15th August to commemorate India's independence from British rule and India becoming an independent country in 1947.
- Sadbhavana Diwas (Harmony Day) - **August 20**
 - Sadbhavana Diwas (Harmony Day) is observed on the birthday of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
 - Rajiv Gandhi was born on August 20, 1944, the eldest son of Feroze Gandhi and Indira Gandhi.
- National Space Day - **August 23**
 - 2025 Theme - 'Aryabhatta to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities'
 - On August 23, 2023, India's Chandrayaan-3 mission successfully completed the soft landing of Vikram Lander on the lunar surface. August 23 is celebrated as National Space Day to commemorate this.
 - India's first National Space Day was celebrated on August 23, 2024.

- Jeevakarunya dinam - **August 25**
 - The birthday of Chattampi Swamikal is celebrated as Jeevakarunya dinam.
 - Chattampi Swamikal was born on August 25, 1853, in a Nair family called 'Ullurkode Veedu' in Kannammoola, Thiruvananthapuram.
- Ayyankali Jayanti - **August 28**
 - Mahatma Ayyankali was born on August 28, 1863, in Venganur, Thiruvananthapuram.
- National Sports Day - **August 29**
 - India celebrates August 29 as National Sports Day, the birthday of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.

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