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#### WIMBLEDON 2025

- Men's Singles Winner Jannik Sinner
  - → Italy's Jannik Sinner won the title by defeating Spain's Carlos Alcaraz in the final.
  - → Jannik Sinner is the first Italian to win Wimbledon.
- Women's Singles Winner Iga Swiatek
  - → Poland's Iga Swiatek won the title by defeating America's Amanda Anisimova in the final.

#### FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025

- The 21st edition of the FIFA Club World Cup
- Title winner Chelsea
  - → Chelsea won the title by defeating PSG in the final.
- 2025 FIFA Club World Cup venue United States

#### FIDE WOMEN'S CHESS WORLD CUP 2025

- Indian woman who has won the 2025 FIDE Women's Chess World Cup Divya
   Deshmukh
  - → Divya is the first Indian woman to win the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup.
  - → Divya, a native of Nagpur, won the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup by defeating fellow Indian Koneru Humpy in a tiebreaker.

- → With this win, Divya Deshmukh also became a Grand Master. Divya is the fourth Indian woman to win the Grand Master title.
- → Indian women who have reached the final of FIDE Women's Chess World Cup 2025 Divya Deshmukh, Koneru Humpy
- → Divya Deshmukh is the first Indian woman to reach the final of the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup.
- → Koneru Humpy is the first Indian woman to reach the semi-finals of the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup.

#### **NEW YORK INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS 2025**

- 25th New York Indian Film Festival
- Best Director Rima Das (Film : Village Rockstars 2)
- Best Film Angammal (Director : Vipin Radhakrishnan)
- Best Actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui (Film : I Am Not an Actor)
- Best Actress Sharmila Tagore (Film : The Ancient)

#### V.S. ACHUTHANANDAN

- Senior Communist leader and former Chief Minister of Kerala who passed away on July 21, 2025 - V.S. Achuthanandan
  - → V.S. Achuthanandan was born on 20 October 1923 to Shankaran and Akkamma at Velikakathu House in Punnapra, Ambalapuzha taluk, Alappuzha district.
  - → He was active in progressive movements and trade union activities and became a member of the Communist Party in 1940.
  - → Participated in the Punnapra Vayalar revolt in 1946.
  - → V.S. Achuthanandan was one of the seven leaders from Kerala who formed the CPM by walking out of the 1964 National Council meeting that led to the split of the Communist Party.

- → He was the Leader of the Opposition in the Kerala Legislative Assemblies 1992-1996, 2001-2006 and 2011-2016.
- → V.S. was the Chief Minister of Kerala from 2006 to 2011. V.S.

  Achuthanandan is the oldest person to have served as the Chief Minister of Kerala.
- → He served as the Chairman of the Administrative Reforms Commission from 2016-2020.
- → Biography 'Samaram Thanne Jeevitham'
- → Works Idapedalukalkk avasanamilla, Samarathinu idavelakalilla, Kerala Vikasana Sankalppangal, Irakal Vettayadappedumbol, Ayyankali muthal Paschimaghattam vare, Paristhithiyum Vikasanavum, Janapaksham

## **WORLD**

- The name of the anti-government rally in Hungary in support of LGBTQ+ rights -Budapest Pride March
  - → The Budapest Pride March, which was attended by over 2 lakh people, was held against the restrictive policies of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban.
- The first country in the Amazon region to be declared malaria-free by the World Health Organization (WHO) - suriname
- Country which has banned smoking in public places from July 1, 2025 France
- Youngest climber to scale Europe's highest peak, Mount Elbrus Teghbir Singh
  - → Teghbir Singh from Punjab, India, scaled Europe's highest peak, Mount Elbrus, at the age of 6 years, 9 months and 4 days.

- → At 18,510 feet (5,642 meters), Mount Elbrus is the highest peak in Europe, located in Russia.
- First country to officially recognize the Taliban government in Afghanistan -Russia
- Country which passed the 'One Big Beautiful Bill' United States
  - → The One Big Beautiful Bill was introduced by President Donald Trump with the aim of imposing new taxes and cutting spending.
  - → The 'One Big Beautiful Bill' became law when President Donald Trump signed the bill on July 4, 2025.
- Name of the new political party announced by Leading industrialist Elon Musk in America in July 2025 - America Party
- Thailand Prime Minister who was suspended in July 2025 Paetongtarn Shinawatra
  - → Thailand Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra was suspended from his post by the Constitutional Court following the leak of his phone conversation with former Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen.
- The information technology company that closed its operations in Pakistan in July 2025 after 25 years of operation - Microsoft
- Suriname's first female president Jennifer Simons

- City in Argentina which honored Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the
   'Key to the City' award in July 2025 Buenos Aires
- American states that experienced floods in July 2025 Texas
- Countries joining the New Development Bank in July 2025 Colombia,
   Uzbekistan
- The place where first overseas office of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL),
   one of India's largest steel producers, has been set up in the Middle East Dubai
  - → SAIL opened its office in Dubai with the aim of accelerating steel exports to Middle East countries, developing new commercial partnerships, and expanding SAIL products in the international market.
- Chatbot which was banned by a Turkish court in July 2025 Grok
  - → A Turkish court has blocked access to Grok, accusing it of insulting President Tayyip Erdogan.
  - → Grok is an artificial intelligence chatbot developed by xAI, a company founded by Elon Musk.
- World's first listed company to achieve \$4 trillion market cap Nvidia
- Bank which has been named the world's best consumer bank for 2025 by Global Finance Magazine - State Bank of India (SBI)

- Organization which was declared a terrorist organization by the United States in July 2025 - The Resistance Front
  - → The Resistance Front (TRF) is a terrorist group believed to be an offshoot of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), which was formed shortly after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.
  - → In January 2023, the Indian government declared this organization as a terrorist organization under the UAPA Act.
- The country that withdrew from UNESCO in July 2025 America
- According to Numbeo's 2025 Mid-Year Safety Index, the safest country in the world - UAE
- The place in Sri Lanka where a replica of the Ashoka Pillar was recently installed as part of cultural diplomacy and to recognize the contributions of Emperor Ashoka to Buddhism - Waskaduwa
  - → The replica of the Ashoka Pillar is installed at the Sri Subhuthi Viharaya in Waskaduwa.
- The epicenter of the earthquake that caused a tsunami on the Russian,
   Japanese and American coasts in July 2025 Russia
  - → An earthquake measuring 8.8 on the Richter scale occurred in the Kamchatka of Russia.
- World's smallest snake that was thought to be completely extinct and was rediscovered in the forests of Barbados - Barbados Thread Snake

#### **INDIA**

- The expressway on which India's first wildlife corridor has come into existence Delhi-Mumbai Expressway
  - → The corridor passes through the buffer zone of the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan.
- The headquarters of the National Turmeric Board in Nizamabad (Telangana) was inaugurated by - Amit Shah (Union Home Minister)
  - → The board was formed to promote turmeric cultivation and value-added products.
- The country which refused to sign the joint declaration at the 2025 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting in Qingdao, China -India
  - → India refused to sign the SCO joint declaration because the Pahalgam terror attack was omitted from the draft statement.
- The festival organized by the Tourism Department in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore to promote astro tourism and science-based tourism, in Leh in 2025 - Ladakh Astro Tourism Festival
- Indian-origin astronaut who will travel to the International Space Station in June
   2026 Anil Menon
  - → NASA scientist Anil will launch to the International Space Station in June 2026 aboard Russia's Soyuz MS-29 spacecraft.
  - → The launch will take place from Baikonur, Kazakhstan.

- → The astronauts accompanying him are Russia's Pyotr Dubrov and Anna Kikina.
- The state where the Sigachi Pharma company, which recently experienced a major explosion, is located - Telangana
- First city in India to launch Digital House Address Project Indore, Madhya Pradesh
  - → The project is to install special digital plates with QR codes outside every house in the city.
- Indian Prime Minister who received Ghana's national award 'The Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana' in July 2025 - Narendra Modi
- Institution which has developed Paper-based sensor system to help detect liver cancer - Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
  - → Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a unique luminescent probe that uses terbium, a rare earth metal, to sense the presence of an enzyme called β-glucuronidase, which can potentially aid in the detection of liver cancer.
- Indian Prime Minister who received Trinidad and Tobago's highest civilian honor,
   the 'Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago' in July 2025 Narendra Modi
  - → Trinidad and Tobago's President Christine Kangalo presented Narendra Modi with Trinidad and Tobago's highest civilian award.
  - → Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the first foreign leader to receive this honor.

- State that launched 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Garibi Mukt Gaon Yojana' to eradicate poverty in rural areas - Rajasthan
- Fast patrol vessel recently inducted into the Indian Coast Guard Adamya
  - → 'Adamya' is the first of eight fast patrol vessels being built by Goa Shipyard Limited.
- First woman to be trained as a fighter pilot in the Navy Sub Lieutenant Aastha Poonia
- India's first cooperative university Tribhuvan Sahkari University
- Operation which was launched by the Narcotics Control Bureau to curb global drug trafficking and shut down illegal drug distribution networks - Operation Med Max
- The 9th busiest airport in the world, according to the 2024 annual report published by Airports Council International (ACI) - Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
  - → The list of the world's busiest international airports is topped by Atlanta Airport in the United States.
  - → Dubai International Airport and Fort Worth Airport in the United States are in second and third place on the list.
- First state in India to start ration distribution using Aadhaar-based face authentication - Himachal Pradesh

- New name of National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development
   (NIPCCD) Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development
  - → This change is in recognition of Savitribai's contributions to women's empowerment and social justice.
  - → The headquarters of the Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development is in New Delhi.
- Security operation which was launched by the Indian Army to ensure the safe and smooth conduct of the Amarnath Yatra - Operation Shiva 2025
- Indian Stock Exchange to celebrate 150th anniversary of its establishment in 2025 - Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
  - → The Bombay Stock Exchange is an Indian stock exchange based in Mumbai.
  - → Founded in 1875, the Bombay Stock Exchange is the oldest stock exchange in Asia.
- The state where India's first water technology park, 'Aqua Tech Park', came into being - Assam
  - → The Aqua Tech Park was launched by the Fisheries Department under the leadership of the Government of Assam.
  - → The purpose of the Aqua Tech Park is to disseminate modern fish farming technologies, provide training and research facilities for fish entrepreneurs, farmers, students and scientists, and promote efficient use of water bodies.
- The first Indian to be a member of the International Astronomical Union's (IAU)
   Meteor Science Leadership Committee Aswin Sekhar

- → In 2023, recognising his seminal contributions to the field of meteors, the IAU had named a minor planet (asteroid) in Aswin's name ((33928) Aswinsekhar).
- The second longest cable-stayed bridge in India Sigandur Bridge
  - → The Sigandur Bridge is 2.25 km long and is built across the Sharavati river in Shivamogga district of Karnataka.
  - → The Sigandur Bridge connects Kalasavalli and Ambaragodlu in Sagar taluk of Shivamogga.
- The state which has launched an innovative system called 'Smart Mosquito Surveillance System (SMoSS)' to control mosquito infestation with the help of artificial intelligence (AI) - Andhra Pradesh
  - → The government launched this project to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases like dengue and malaria.
  - → This smart system uses Al drones and sensors to monitor mosquitoes and help the state take quick action in disease-affected areas.
- The person who resigned from the post of Vice President of India due to health reasons in July 2025 - Jagdeep Dhankhar
  - → Jagdeep Dhankhar took office as the 14th Vice President in 2022.
  - → Jagdeep Dhankhar is the third Vice President in the history of India to resign before the end of his term. The previous Vice Presidents to resign were V.V. Giri and R. Venkitaraman.
- The state that launched India's first 'Mining Tourism' project Jharkhand
  - → The state government signed a five-year MoU with Central Coalfields
    Limited (CCL) to develop and promote mining tourism.
  - → The initiative aims to showcase Jharkhand's rich mineral heritage while boosting tourism and local employment.

- The park which is going to be established by the Rajasthan Assembly to honour the soldiers who lost their lives in the Kargil War - Shaurya Vatika
  - → The garden is being established within the assembly premises.
- The state where India's first hornbill conservation center is coming into existence
  - Tamil Nadu
    - → The Tamil Nadu government has approved the establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Hornbill Conservation at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) in Coimbatore.
    - → The purpose of the Hornbill Conservation Center is to protect the hornbill habitat and maintain biodiversity.
- Place where India's first hydrogen-powered train coach successfully tested -Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai
- The district in Bihar where the Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum and Memorial
   Stupa came into existence Vaishali
  - → The 'Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum and Memorial Stupa', spread over 72 acres of land and built at a cost of over Rs 550 crore, was inaugurated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.
  - → The stupa is made entirely of stone without using cement, brick or concrete.

#### **KERALAM**

• The state's first fully-fledged street- lit panchayat - Paralam Grama Panchayat

- College which decided to include Mammootty's biography in its textbook -Maharaja's College
  - → Mammootty's biography is included in the major elective course 'History of Malayalam Cinema' for second-year history students.
- British fighter jet featured in a recent Kerala Tourism advertisement F-35B
  - → F-35B is a British fighter jet that made an emergency landing at the Thiruvananthapuram airport following a technical fault.
- The campaign run by Khadi Board from August 1 to September 4 with the aim of achieving a turnover of Rs 100 crore through the sale of various products - I Also Want Khadi
- The tourist place in Palakkad district which has decided to upgrade its status to a 'Green Destination' by making it a completely plastic-free zone - Nelliyampathy
  - → As part of this, a strict ban on single-use plastic products will be imposed in Nelliyampathy from October 2.
- District in Kerala which has won the 2025 Excellence Award given by the Kerala
   Fisheries Department for outstanding achievements in fish farming Kasaragod
- Person who nominated to Rajya Sabha by the President of India from Kerala in July 2025 - C. Sadanandan Master
  - → Apart from C. Sadanandan, advocate Ujjwal Nikam, former Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, and historian and teacher Meenakshi Jain were also nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the President in July 2025.

- First state in India to prepare special textbook for hearing impaired students -Keralam
- National park in Kerala which has been named the best national park in India based on the Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) conducted by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for the period of 2020-2025 - Eravikulam National Park
  - → Eravikulam National Park secured first place with a score of 92.97 percent based on inspections and assessments conducted by an expert committee in various stages across the country's 438 protected forest areas.
- The inspection conducted by Vigilance across Motor Vehicle Department offices in the state in July 2025 - Operation Clean Wheels

#### **SPORTS**

- Indian player who won the 2025 US Open badminton men's singles title Ayush Shetty
  - → Ayush won the title by defeating Canada's Brian Yang in the final.
- Official mascot of the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships Viraaj
  - → Venue of the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships New Delhi
  - → Bollywood actress selected as brand ambassador Kangana Ranaut

- Title winner of 2025 Under-21 Euro Cup England
  - → England won the title by defeating Germany in the final.
- Indian player who achieved the record for the highest individual score by an Indian captain in Test cricket - Shubman Gill
  - → Shubman Gill achieved this record by scoring 269 in Test cricket against England.
  - → Gill surpassed Virat Kohli's record of 254 runs as captain against South Africa.
- The Indian athlete who won first place in the first edition of the Neeraj Chopra
   Classic Javelin Throw held in 2025 Neeraj Chopra
  - → Kenya's Julius Yego got the second position and Sri Lanka's Rumesh Pathirange got the third position.
  - → Venue of the first edition of the Neeraj Chopra Classic Javelin Throw organized by the World Athletics Federation Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Indian player who became the highest run-scorer in a Test match for India -Shubman Gill
  - → Shubman Gill achieved this feat by scoring 430 runs in both innings in the Test match against England at Edgbaston.
  - → Shubman Gill surpassed Sunil Gavaskar's record of 344 runs against the West Indies in Port of Spain in 1971.
  - → Gill also holds the record for the second-highest score in a Test match.

    Graham Gooch, who scored 456 runs in two innings against India in 1990, tops the list.
- Indian player won the U-19 girls' title at the 2025 Asian Junior Squash
   Championship held in Gimcheon, South Korea Anahat Singh

- → Anahat Singh won the title by defeating Hong Kong China's Cheung Tsz in the final.
- Indian player who won the U-17 boys' title at the 2025 Asian Junior Squash
   Championship held in Gimcheon, South Korea -Aryavir Devan
  - → Aryavir Devan won the title by defeating Malaysia's Nikhileshwar Mohanasundaram in the final.
- Indian player who holds the record for the fastest century in an Under-19 ODI -Vaibhav Suryavanshi
  - → Vaibhav Suryavanshi scored a century in 52 balls in an ODI match against England.
- The hospital where Kerala's first skin bank was established Thiruvananthapuram Govt. Medical College
  - → A skin bank is a place where skin collected from donors is stored for the purpose of replacing burned parts of the body.
- The country that secured third place in the medal tally at the 2025 World Police and Fire Games held in the United States - India
  - → Team India won a total of 588 medals, including 280 gold medals.
  - → USA took first place in the medal table.
  - → Brazil finished second in the medal table.
- Title winner of 2025 Formula One British Grand Prix Lando Norris
- Second male player to complete 100 wins at Wimbledon Novak Djokovic

- → Roger Federer is the first male player to complete 100 wins at Wimbledon.
- Athlete who holds the national record in 100 meters race in July 2025 Animesh Kujur
  - → Animesh set a new record by finishing in 10.18 seconds at the World Athletics Continental Tour held in Greece.
- 2025 Champakulam Moolam Boat Race Winners Cheruthana Chundan
  - → Cheruthana Puthan Chundan of Pallathuruthy Boat Club (NCBC Boat Club) won the Rajapramukhan Trophy.
  - → This award is given in memory of the Travancore Dynasty.
  - → Champakulam Chundan finished second and Ayaparambu Valiya Divanji Chundan finished third.
- The Malayali athlete who won the bronze medal in the women's long jump at the
   World Athletics Continental Tour held in Italy in July 2025 Ancy Sojan
- First Indian to reach semi-finals in Freestyle Grand Slam Chess Tour Arjun
   Erigaisi
- Football team Which has been crowned the 2024-25 I-League champions after the Court of Arbitration for Sport overturned the All India Football Federation's appeal committee's verdict declaring Churchill Brothers as the I-League champions - Inter Kashi
- West Indies all-rounder who announced his retirement from international cricket in July 2025 - Andre Russell

•	Official lucky symbols of the Kerala Cricket League 2025 - Bat-wielding elephant,
	a Malabar giant hornbill, and the Chakyar

- Malayali athlete who won gold medal in long jump at athletic meet held in Maia,
   Portugal M. Sreeshankar
- First Indian woman to reach semi-finals of FIDE Women's Chess World Cup -Koneru Hampy
  - → Koneru Humpy achieved this feat at the 2025 FIDE Women's Chess World Cup.
- Indian women's team goalkeeper who retired from international football in July 2025 - Aditi Chauhan
  - → Aditi made his professional football debut with the Indian Under-19 team in 2008 and was a part of the national team for 17 years.
  - → Played 57 matches for India.
  - → Aditi Chauhan is the first Indian woman to play club football in Europe, representing the English team West Ham United.
- Country which will host the 2025 FIDE Chess World Cup India
- First Indian woman to reach the final of the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup -Divya Deshmukh

- → Divya Deshmukh achieved this feat at the 2025 FIDE Women's Chess World Cup.
- Young Welsh player who has defeated India's Pankaj Advani to win the 2025
   IBSF World 6-Red Snooker Championship Riley Powell
- Indian women who reached the final of the 2025 FIDE Women's Chess World
   Cup Divya Deshmukh, Koneru Humpy
  - → Divya Deshmukh is the first Indian woman to reach the final of the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup.
  - → Koneru Humpy is the first Indian woman to reach the semifinals of the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup.
- Indian athlete who has won a silver medal in the women's 3000m steeplechase at the 2025 World University Athletics Meet in Germany - Ankita Dhyani
- Indian player who won the bronze medal in the women's singles at the 2025
   World Junior Squash Championship held in Cairo, Egypt Anahat Singh
- The first batsman to score four centuries in his debut Test series as captain -Shubhman Gill
- Title winner of 2025 Formula One Belgian Grand Prix Oscar Piastri

#### **LITERATURE**

- Author of the book 'Adiyantharavastha: Iruttinte Nilavilikal' P. S. Sreedharan Pillai
- Winner of the 21st Keshavdev Literary Award presented by the P.Keshavdev
   Memorial Trust Shashi Tharoor
  - → Shashi Tharoor was awarded the award based on his books 'Why I am Hindu' and 'The Battle of Belonging'.
  - → Dr. Banshi Sabu wins P. Keshavdev Diabscreen Kerala Award for Health sector.
  - → Adoor Gopala Krishnan wins P. Keshavdev Trust's 20th P. Keshavdev Literary Award.
- Marathi writer and critic who is the recipient of the 2025 Chintha Raveendran Award - Sarankumar Limbale
- Author of the book 'Enlightened Leadership' Tshering Tobgay (Prime Minister of Bhutan)
- Winner of the 2024 Kalinga Ratna Award presented by the Sarala Sahitya Sansad - Dharmendra Pradhan (Union Education Minister)

- → The award is given in memory of Sarala Dasa, a 15th century Odia poet and scholar who wrote the Mahabharata, Vilanka Ramayana and Chandi Purana.
- Indian writer who won the PEN Translates Award in 2025 Geetanjali Shree
  - → The award is for Geetanjali Shree's book 'Once Elephants Lived Here'.
  - → The book was translated from Hindi into English by Daisy Rockwell.
  - → The award is given by English PEN, a London-based human rights and literary organization.
- Indian-origin Kiran Desai's novel which has been shortlisted for 2025 Booker
   Prize The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny
  - → Kiran won the Booker Prize in 2006 for her novel 'The Inheritance of Laws'.

#### **OTHER AWARDS**

- First Indian film actress to be honored with a 'Star on Hollywood Walk of Fame'
   by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Deepika Padukone
- Indian Prime Minister to receive Namibia's highest civilian honour, 'Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis', in July 2025 - Narendra Modi
- First Indian woman hockey player to win Poligras Magic Skill Award Deepika Sehrawat

- → Indian women's hockey forward Deepika has been awarded the Poligras Magic Skill Award for 2024-25 for her goal against the Netherlands in the Hockey Pro League.
- First Indian female mentalist to win the 'Best Magic Creator' award at the World Magic Championship, known as the Oscars for magicians - Suhani Shah
- Minister who has been awarded the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2025, presented by the Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust in memory of freedom fighter Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak - Nitin Gadkari (Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways)
  - → Sudha murty has been awarded the 2024 Lokmanya Tilak National Award.

# **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- The world's first all-electric aircraft which successfully fly with passengers Alia CX300
  - → The maiden flight was from East Hampton, US to John F. Kennedy Airport.

    There were four passengers on board.
  - → The aircraft is manufactured by Beta Technologies.
- Name of the new warship of Navy commissioned in July 2025 INS Tamal
  - → INS Tamal was built at the Yantar Shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia.
  - → This is the eighth ship of the Talwar class.

- The new application launched by Indian Railways to provide all the services of Indian Railways on a single platform - Rail One
  - → In addition to ticket booking, PNR, platform tickets and train tracking, the new Rail One app will provide all travel services such as coach location, passenger feedback and food.
- The second ship in the Project 17A series INS Udayagiri
  - → The ship was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai.
  - → The ship, Udayagiri, is named after the mountain ranges in Andhra Pradesh.
  - → INS Nilgiri is the first ship in the Project 17A series.
- The fourth ship in the Project 15B series INS Surat
  - → The ship was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai.
  - → The ship is named after the commercial capital of Gujarat.
- The web-based platform launched by Central government that can provide flood warnings two days in advance - C-Flood
  - → C-Flood is a Unified Inundation Forecasting System collaboratively developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune and Central Water Commission (CWC), Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Artificial Intelligence System which is developed to detect and take action on littering in the Thiruvananthapuram Smart City areas - Shuchithwa eye

- → Shuchithwa eye was jointly developed by LBS Engineering College,
  Kasaragod and LBS Women's College, Poojappura under the LBS Centre
  for Science and Technology.
- India's first indigenously built diving support vessel capable of deep sea diving and rescue operations - INS NISTAR
  - → The vessel was built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam.
- The country that launched the geostationary satellite 'Dror 1' in July 2025 Israel
  - → The launch took place on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral.
- The second and final indigenous pollution control vessel built by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) - Samudra Prachet
  - → Samudra Pratap is the first indigenous pollution control vessel built by Goa Shipyard for the Indian Coast Guard.
- NASA's mission to study the Earth's magnetic shield TRACERS
  - → TRACERS (Tandem Reconnection and Cusp Electrodynamics Reconnaissance Satellites)
  - → The mission was successfully launched on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex 4 East at Vandenberg Space Force Station in California in July 2025.
- Fighter aircraft which is to be retired from the Indian Air Force in 2025 MiG-21
  - → First inducted in 1963, the MiG-21 is India's first supersonic jet.

The country that launched the telecommunications and research satellite Nahid-2
 Iran

#### **KERALAM-SCHEMES**

- Kerala Forest Department's scheme to encourage tree planting on private land Tree banking
  - → The goal is to reduce carbon emissions and promote environmental sustainability by encouraging the planting of trees on private lands.
- Kerala's project, which ranked first among 11 items under the State Collaborative Initiative implemented by the Department of Administrative Reforms of the Central Government - Digital Revenue Card Project
  - → The Digital Revenue Card is a system to collect various services related to the Revenue Department on one platform and make them conveniently available to the public.
  - → The digital revenue card, which includes a chip, QR code and a unique number, similar to an ATM card, will provide personal information and land-related information.

# **APPOINTMENTS**

 Officer who was reappointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) - Ravi Agarwal

- Newly Appointed Kerala Police Chief in July 2025 Ravada A. Chandrasekhar
- Newly appointed Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in July
   2025 Kesavan Ramachandran
- Indian who is appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of the International Cricket Council (ICC) - Sanjog Gupta
- Newly appointed Executive Director of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in July 2025 - Sunil Jayawant Kadam
- Malayali who is appointed as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration (AOA) at Air Headquarters in July 2025 - Air Marshal S. Sivakumar
- Person who is re-elected as the President of Kho Kho Federation of India -Sudhanshu Mittal
- Indian woman which has been elected as the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador, a leadership position on the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network (CYPAN) - Sukanya Sonowal
  - → She will serve as the lead for Communications and Public Relations for the period 2025–2027.
  - → The Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network (CYPAN) is a youth-led initiative active in 56 Commonwealth countries.

- Indian-origin who appointed as Apple's new Chief Operating Officer Sabih Khan
- Newly appointed Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Life Insurance
   Corporation of India in July 2025 R. Doraiswamy
- Newly Appointed Governor of Goa in July 2025 Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju
- Newly Appointed Governor of Haryana in July 2025 Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh
- Newly Appointed Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh in July 2025 Kavinder Gupta
- Newly Appointed Chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority in July 2025 - Nitin Gupta
- Newly Appointed Director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under NITI Aayog in July 2025 - Deepak Bagla
- Former Finance Secretary who has appointed as the Chairman of the Insurance
   Regulatory and Development Authority of India in July 2025 Ajay Seth
- Malayali appointed as the first woman Chief Executive Officer and Managing
   Director of Hindustan Unilever Priya Nair
- The first woman Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU Prof. Uma Kanjilal

- Newly appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Sansad TV in July 2025 Utpal Kumar Singh
  - → Sansad TV is an Indian government television channel that broadcasts the proceedings of both houses of the Indian Parliament and other public affairs programmes.
  - → Sansad TV was formed in March 2021 by merging Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV.

#### **OBITUARIES**

- Portuguese footballer who died in a car accident in July 2025 Diogo Jota
- Famous South Indian actress who passed away in July 2025 B. Saroja Devi
  - → Saroja Devi made her acting debut in the film Mahakavi Kalidasa.
  - → She has acted in over 200 films in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Hindi.
  - → Saroja Devi was known as 'Abhinaya Saraswathi' in Kannada and 'Kannadathu Painkili' in Tamil.
  - → She received the Kalaimamani, a lifetime achievement award from the Government of Tamil Nadu, in 2010.
  - → The country honored Saroja Devi with the Padma Shri in 1969 and the Padma Bhushan in 1992.
- Famous Telugu film actor who passed away in July 2025 Kota Srinivasa Rao
  - → His first film was Pranam Khareedu in 1978.
  - → Apart from Telugu, Srinivasa Rao also acted in Tamil, Hindi, Kannada and Malayalam films.

- → The Malayalam film in which he acted was 'The Train', directed by Jayaraj and released in 2011.
- → Kota Srinivasa Rao, who was also a politician, was an MLA from Vijayawada East constituency in Andhra Pradesh from 1999 to 2004.
- → In 2015, the country honored him with the Padma Shri.
- Famous WWE wrestler who passed away in July 2025 Hulk Hogan
  - → His real name was Terry Gene Bollea.
- The famous British jazz singer who died in July 2025 Dame Cleo Laine
  - → In 1986, she won a Grammy for Best Female Jazz Vocal Performance for her album Cleo at Carnegie: The Tenth Anniversary Concert (1985).
  - → Autobiographies Cleo, You Can Sing If You Want To

#### MILITARY EXERCISE

- Australia's largest military exercise in which India participated for the first time -Talisman Sabre
- Venue of the 14th edition of Exercise Bold Kurukshetra, a joint military exercise between India and Singapore - Jodhpur, Rajasthan

#### **RANKING**

- According to the Gini Index published by the World Bank in 2025, rank of India in the list of most equal countries globally in terms of income - 4
  - → First rank Slovakia
  - → Second rank Slovenia
  - → Third rank Belarus
  - → The Gini Index measures the extent to which the distribution of income or consumption among individuals or households within an economy deviates from a perfectly equal distribution. In simpler terms, it provides a clear picture of how evenly income is distributed within a country.
  - → India's score according to the index is 25.5.

#### **VENUES**

- Venue of the first Khelo India Water Sports Festival Srinagar
  - → The competitions as part of the Khelo India Water Sports Festival are being held at Dal Lake in Srinagar.
  - → The three-day Khelo India Water Sports Festival includes five sports: kayaking, canoeing, rowing, water skiing, shikara race, and dragon boat.
- Venue of Malabar River Festival, the 11th International White Water Kayaking
   Competition organized by the Kerala Tourism Department Kozhikode
  - → Under the auspices of the Kerala Tourism Department, the Malabar River Festival was organized by the Adventure Tourism Promotion Society,

- District Tourism Promotion Council, and three-tier panchayats with the technical assistance of the Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Association.
- → The competition was held in Iruvazhinjipuzha and Chalipuzha.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

- American Independence Day July 04
  - → American Independence Day is the anniversary of the United States' independence from British rule. The day is celebrated to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.
- World Population Day July 11
  - → On July 11, 1987, the world population reached 5 billion. As part of this, under the leadership of the United Nations, it has been decided to observe July 11 as World Population Day every year with the aim of making the general public aware of the problems caused by population growth.
- Malala Day July 12
  - → Malala Day is celebrated on the birthday of Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who spoke out for women's education and rights around the world.
- Nelson Mandela Day July 18
  - → Mandela Day is celebrated in honour of Nelson Mandela on July 18, Mandela's birthday.

- → Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918 in Mvezo, a village on the banks of the Mbashe River in South Africa.
- International Chess Day July 20
  - → International Chess Day is celebrated every year on July 20, the day the International Chess Federation (FIDE) was founded in 1924.
- Kargil Vijay Diwas July 26
  - → Kargil Vijay Diwas is a day to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the 1999 Kargil war in Jammu and Kashmir.
- World Hepatitis Day July 28
  - → 2025 Theme Hepatitis: Let's Break It Down
  - → The date of 28 July was chosen because it is the birthday of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered hepatitis B virus (HBV) and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus.
- International Tiger Day July 29
  - → This day is observed to protect and expand the habitat of tigers.
  - → International Tiger Day was established at the St. Petersburg Summit held in Russia in 2010.

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