

▶ **Former Union Minister who passed away in December 2025**

Shivraj Patil

- He was the Union Home Minister in the UPA government from 2004 to 2008. In 2008, he resigned as Union Home Minister, taking moral responsibility for the security lapses that occurred after the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai.
- He was the Speaker of the Lok Sabha from 1991 to 1996.

▶ **Famous Hollywood actor who received an honorary Oscar at the 2025 Governors' Awards**

Tom Cruise

- The award is in recognition of his lifetime achievements in cinema.

▶ **Recipient of 2025 Margi Sati Smriti Award**

Chitra Visveswaran (Bharatanatyam artist)

- Recipient of 2024 Margi Sati Smriti Award - Kalamandalam Gopi (Kathakali Maestro)

▶ **AI-based weather forecasting model developed by Google**

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▶ **India's position in the 2025 Asia Power Index released by the Lowy Institute in Australia**

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- First place - US
- Second place - China
- The Asia Power Index, released annually by the Lowy Institute, is an analytical system for assessing the global power of countries in the Asia-Pacific.



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Kalamandalam Gopi