

▶ Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

January 9

- This day is observed as Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to commemorate the return of Mahatma Gandhi to India from South Africa on January 9, 1915.

▶ The prominent environmental scientist who chaired the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel and passed away in January 2026

Madhav Gadgil

- Born in 1942 in Pune, Maharashtra.
- Madhav Gadgil was the chairman of the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel appointed by the Central Government to study the environment of the Western Ghats. The team, known as the Gadgil Committee, submitted its report in 2011.
- Received the 'Champions of the Earth' award, the highest honor given by the United Nations (UN) for environmental work in 2024. The award was for the work done to protect the Western Ghats.
- The country honored him with the Padma Shri (1981) and Padma Bhushan (2006).
- Autobiography - Pashchimaghattam Oru Pranayakatha

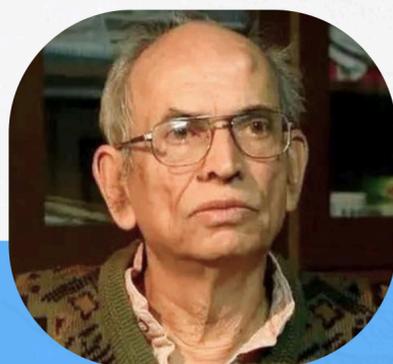
▶ Title winners of 2025–26 Ashes cricket series

Australia

- The Ashes is a Test series between Australia and England.

▶ The first country to produce bio-bitumen on a commercial basis

India



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