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Important Personalities

- Which country was recently re-elected to the ICAO Governing Council? **South Africa**
- Who has been elected as the new President of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS)? **Vivek Gupta.**
- Which media group is Vivek Gupta associated with? **Dainik Jagran Group.**
- Who has been appointed as Chhattisgarh's 13th Chief Secretary? **Vikas Sheel.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of ASCI? **Sudhanshu Vats, Managing Director of Pidilite Industries.**
- Who is the new director of the Botanical Survey of India? **Dr. Kanad Das**
- Who has been elected as the 37th President of the BCCI in 2025? **Mithun Manhas**
- Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Union Bank of India? **Asheesh Pandey.**
- For how many years has Asheesh Pandey been appointed MD & CEO of Union Bank of India? **Three years.**
- Who will take charge as MD & CEO of Central Bank of India after M. V. Rao's retirement? **Kalyan Kumar.**

01 OCTOBER



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE OLDER PERSONS

Importance
To acknowledge and appreciate contributions made by older people in society.

Motto
To raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly, such as senescence and elder abuse.

Note
It is also a day to appreciate the contributions that older people make to society. It is similar to National Grandparents Day in US and Canada.

2025 Theme

Older Persons Driving Local and Global Action: Our Aspirations, Our Well-Being, Our Rights

INCEPTION: 14 DECEMBER 1990 | 1ST OBSERVED: 1991 | EDITION: 35th

- Who is the new Vice-Chairman of ASCI? **S. Subramanyeswar**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Piramal Finance? **Anand Piramal.**
- Who did Anand Piramal succeed as Chairman of Piramal Finance? **Ajay Piramal, his father.**
- Who has been appointed Managing Director and CEO of the merged Piramal Finance? **Jairam Sridharan.**
- Who is the Non-Executive Chairman of Union Bank of India? **Srinivasan Varadarajan.**
- Who is the Non-Executive Chairman of Central Bank of India? **Tapan Ray.**
- Who was Vijay Kumar Malhotra? **A veteran BJP leader and five-time Member of Parliament.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Jharkhand? **Avinash Kumar, a 1993-batch IAS officer.**
- Whom did Avinash Kumar succeed as Chief Secretary of Jharkhand? **He succeeded Alka Tiwari.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of CISF? **Praveer Ranjan**
- Who will take charge as the new Director General of ITBP? **Praveen Kumar**
- Who has been appointed as South Korea's first female ambassador to the U.S.? **Former Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha**
- Who retained the chairmanship of the Lok Sabha External Affairs Committee? **Shashi Tharoor**
- Who has been appointed Chairperson of the Select Committee on the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2025? **Tejasvi Surya**
- Who has recently assumed charge as Commerce Secretary of India? **Rajesh Agrawal**
- Who is set to become Japan's first female prime minister? **Sanae Takaichi.**
- Who has been appointed as the first woman Archbishop of Canterbury? **Sarah Mullally**
- Who is Sébastien Lecornu and when did he become Prime Minister? **Sébastien Lecornu, a close ally of President Emmanuel Macron, was appointed as France's Prime Minister less than a month ago.**



- Who has been nominated as UNESCO's next Director-General? **Khaled el-Enany**
- Who recently took charge as RBI Deputy Governor for a three-year term? **Shirish Chandra Murmu.**
- Whom did Shirish Chandra Murmu succeed as RBI Deputy Governor? **M. Rajeshwar Rao.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director of RBI? **Sanjay Kumar Hansda.**
- Who has been reappointed as the Prime Minister of France? **Sébastien Lecornu**
- Who reappointed Sébastien Lecornu as Prime Minister? **French President Emmanuel Macron**
- Who has been appointed India's first-ever Mental Health Ambassador? **Deepika Padukone.**
- Who has been appointed as Interim CEO of Castrol India? **Saugata Basuray.**
- Who has been appointed as Executive Director of RBI overseeing the Consumer Education and Protection Department? **Sonali Sen Gupta.**
- Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Hyundai Motor India? **Tarun Garg.**
- Who is the President of the India–Panama Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group? **Jorge Bloise.**
- Who is the President of Panama's Commission for External Relations? **Walkiria Chandler.**
- Who has been sworn in as the 4th Chief Minister of Madhesh Province in Nepal? **Jitendra Prasad Sonal**
- Who became Japan's first female Prime Minister in 2025? **Sanae Takaichi**
- Who won the 2025 presidential election in Bolivia? **Rodrigo Paz**
- Who is the CEO of LTIMindtree overseeing ongoing strategic initiatives? **Venu Lambu.**
- Why did Sebastien Lecornu resign? **He resigned just hours after announcing his cabinet due to widespread criticism over the new ministerial lineup and growing political pressure.**
- Who has been elected as the IUCN Regional Council Member for West and South Asia for the 2026–2029 term? **Roshani Adhikari Pathak**
- Which country has been elected as Co-Chair of the UN-GGIM Asia-Pacific Committee for the 2025–2028 term? **India**
- Who has been appointed as the next Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? **Shirish Chandra Murmu**
- G.G. Parikh, who recently passed away at the age of 100, was associated with which ideology? **Socialism**
- Padma Vibhushan vocalist Pandit Chhannulal Mishra, who recently passed away, was associated with which field? **Classical Music**
- Veteran actress and dancer Sandhya Shantaram recently passed away. She was associated with which legendary filmmaker? **V. Shantaram**
- Renowned Kannada actor and theatre personality Raju Talikoti, who passed away recently, was known for which popular play? **Kaliyugada Kuduka**
- Who was the veteran Goa politician and former Chief Minister who passed away in 2025? **Ravi Naik.**
- Who was the former Kenyan Prime Minister who passed away in Kerala in October 2025? **Raila Odinga**
- Veteran actor Govardhan Asrani, who recently passed away at the age of 84, was best known for which iconic film role? **The jailer in Sholay (1975).**
- Who was the Queen Mother of Thailand who passed away at the age of 93 in 2025? **Queen Sirikit**
- Which prestigious civilian award was conferred on the architect of Indian advertising 'Piyush Pandey' in 2016, who recently passed away? **Padma Shri**
- Who was T. J. S. George? **T. J. S. George was a veteran journalist, columnist, and founding editor of Asiaweek. He was widely known for his fearless commentary and sharp intellect.**
- Rameshwar Dudi, a leader from Rajasthan and former Leader of the Opposition in the state assembly, belongs to which party? **Congress**
- Who was the Chairman Emeritus of TTK Prestige and a key figure in transforming India's kitchenware industry? **T T Jagannathan**
- Which company did T T Jagannathan lead to national prominence? **TTK Prestige**
- Why did Sébastien Lecornu resign earlier? **He resigned due to internal disagreements within his newly formed Cabinet.**
- Which company's Managing Director Kedar Lele has resigned? **Castrol India Limited.**
- Which iconic role made Pankaj Dheer a household name? **Karna in B.R. Chopra's Mahabharat (1988).**
- What was Pankaj Dheer's debut film? **Sookha (1983).**
- What production company did Pankaj Dheer co-found? **Visage Studioz in 2006.**
- Who is resigning from LTIMindtree as Whole-Time Director and President? **Nachiket Deshpande.**



National & International News

- Why did the Ministry of Home Affairs revoke SECMOL's FCRA licence? **Due to discrepancies in financial accounts, including a fund from Sweden deemed against national interest.**
- Which authority has launched a dedicated licensing window for Ayurveda Aahara products? **FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)**
- Recently, which two wetlands from Bihar were added as Ramsar Sites? **Gokul Jalashay & Udaipur Jheel**
- The Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve, recently added to UNESCO's WNB, is located in: **Himachal Pradesh**
- The MY Bharat platform is an initiative of which government department? **Department of Youth Affairs (DoYA)**
- Why did people protest in Ladakh? **People demanded the restoration of Ladakh's statehood, better political representation, more jobs, development, and had concerns about border security near China.**
- What is the full form of PM-SETU? **Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs**
- Which state has become the first in India to abolish its Madrasa Board? **Uttarakhand**
- Tamil Nadu's second mahout village was inaugurated at which location? **Kozhikamuthi tribal settlement, Anamalai Tiger Reserve**
- Which programme was launched by PM Modi to enhance industry-aligned skill development in Maharashtra? **Short-Term Employability Program (STEP)**
- Which railway station is set to become India's first fully plastic-recyclable station? **Guwahati Railway Station**
- What major change has the Karnataka Cabinet made to the Anna Bhagya scheme? **Replaced 5 kg of rice per person with an "Indira Kit" tailored to family size.**
- What policy did the Karnataka Cabinet approve for working women? **One menstrual leave per month.**
- What is the main objective of the Jan Vishwas Ordinance 2025? **To decriminalise minor offences by replacing criminal penalties with civil ones.**
- What changes does the Shops & Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Ordinance introduce?

Increases daily working hours from nine to ten and allows women to work night shifts.

- What is the purpose of the Factories (Amendment) Ordinance 2025? **To facilitate easier compliance with labour laws and allow women to work night shifts in all factories.**

- Which initiative was launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in 2025 to benchmark logistics excellence and promote green logistics in India? **LEAPS 2025 (Logistics Excellence, Advancement, and Performance Shield)**

**01
OCTOBER**

**INTERNATIONAL
COFFEE
DAY**



Importance

To recognize the efforts of millions of farmers whose livelihood depends on this aromatic crop.

Motto

To promote fair trade coffee and to raise awareness for the plight of the coffee growers.

Note

As per the international reports, Coffee is the second most traded commodity in the world after oil.

Organisation Involved
International Coffee Organisation (ICO).

Origin

An Ethiopian goat herder Kaldi first discovered the Coffee beans in the world.

INCEPTION: 2015 | 1ST OBSERVED: 2015 | EDITION: 11th

- Which ministry has established Centres of Excellence for heritage and classical languages under PMJKV? **Ministry of Minority Affairs**
- What is the full form of VOPPA Order, 2025? **The Vegetable Oil Products, Production and Availability (Regulation) Order, 2025.**
- What is the name of India's first glass suspension bridge being built in Rishikesh? **Bajrang Setu**



- Name the India's First Cooperative Cab Service Launched by the Government of India? **Bharat Taxi**
- What is the main goal of the India-EU Ideathon? **To find innovative ways to reduce and manage marine plastic pollution.**
- What did President Trump announce about Bagram Air Base? **He said the U.S. is seeking to regain control of Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.**
- Which party does Sanae Takaichi lead? **The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).**
- Which country is María Corina Machado from? **Venezuela.**
- What organization did Machado found to promote democratic development? **Súmate.**
- Where is Project DYNAMO based? **In the United States.**
- Which four nations signed the "Trump Declaration for Enduring Peace and Prosperity" to end the Gaza War? **The United States, Egypt, Qatar, and Türkiye.**
- Which country became the first in the world to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of Hepatitis B, HIV, and Syphilis? **Maldives**
- Which global agencies are supporting India's new circular economy project on e-waste? **Global Environment Facility (GEF) and UNDP**
- India has been elected to which UN body for the 2026-28 term? **United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).**
- Which anniversary of India-Mongolia diplomatic relations was marked by commemorative stamps? **70th anniversary (1955-2025).**
- Where did the 3rd India-Central Asia NSA meeting take place? **In Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.**
- Where was the India-Brazil defence meeting held? **In New Delhi, India.**
- From which year will the European Union ban all Russian energy imports? **January 2028**
- The EU's energy ban applies to which two main types of Russian energy exports? **Pipeline oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG)**
- Which political party ruled Bolivia for nearly two decades before 2025? **The Movement for Socialism (MAS) party.**

01
OCTOBER



WORLD VEGETARIAN DAY

Importance

To highlight the advantages of being vegetarian and to show the meatless life can also be a very delicious life.

Motto

To promote the joy, compassion and life-enhancing possibilities of vegetarianism.

Note

World Vegetarian Day initiates the month of October as Vegetarian Awareness Month, which ends with November 1, World Vegan Day.

Fact

The country with the largest vegetarian population is India. About two-thirds of the world's vegetarians currently reside in India and the country accounts for more vegetarians than any other country in the world.

INCEPTION: 1977 (North American Vegetarian Society), 1978 (Endorsed by International Vegetarian Union)

- Why did the US government shut down on 1 October 2025? **Because Republicans and Democrats could not agree on a federal spending bill to fund government operations into October and beyond.**
- What global conference will Brazil host in November 2025? **COP-30, the UN Climate Change Conference.**
- In which country did Union Minister Piyush Goyal recently launch India's UPI system to boost digital and financial cooperation? **Qatar**
- Which country recently launched its first-ever National Child Safeguarding Policy to strengthen child protection across all sectors? **Fiji.**

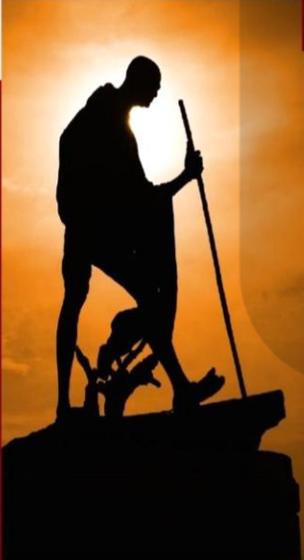


Important Projects & Schemes

- What is the initial financial support provided under the Bihar's Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana? **₹10,000**
- What is the purpose of the Bihar's Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana? **To help one woman per family start income-generating work such as agriculture, handicrafts, weaving, or animal husbandry.**
- What is the outlay of the PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana? **₹24,000 crore.**
- What is the main aim of the PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana? **To boost productivity, promote crop diversification, and encourage sustainable agriculture.**
- What is the outlay for the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses? **₹11,000 crore.**
- What is the total financial outlay of the two new agriculture schemes launched by PM Modi — PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana and Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses? **₹35,440 crore.**
- What is the name of the new EPFO scheme launched to reduce litigation? **Vishwas Scheme**
- What is the name of the UIDAI initiative launched to foster innovation and collaboration in India's digital identity ecosystem? **SITAA (Scheme for Innovation and Technology Association with Aadhaar)**

02 OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE



Importance
To mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.

INCEPTION
On 15 June 2007, UNGA adopted a resolution to declare 2 October will be celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence.

Great Britain released a stamp honouring him after 21 years of his death 48 roads outside India that are named after Mahatma Gandhi.

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
(2 Oct 1869 - 30 Jan 1948)

Only Indian who distinguished with the "Time Person of the Year" title in 1930 Gandhi never won a Nobel Peace Prize, despite being nominated five times. Mahatma Gandhi was responsible for the Civil Rights movement in 12 countries.

1ST OBSERVED: 2008 EDITION: 19th

04 OCTOBER

WORLD ANIMAL WELFARE DAY



Importance
This day was started in 1931 to highlight the plight of endangered species. This day is chosen to mark the feast day of St Francis of Assisi.

Motto
To raise the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe.

Note
Day was moved to 4 October for the first time in 1929.

Note

In 2003, the first World Animal Day website was launched by the Naturewatch Foundation which is UK-based animal welfare charity.

INCEPTION: 24 MARCH 1925 | 1ST OBSERVED: 1931 | EDITION: 94th



Banking & Economy

- Which authority imposed penalties on cooperative banks? **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**
- What was the penalty for Gayatri Co-operative Urban Bank, Jagtial? **₹10 lakh for selling insurance products without proper disclosure.**
- What was the penalty for Guntur District Co-operative Central Bank? **₹50,000 for not uploading KYC details to the Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR) on time.**
- Why was Tamil Nadu Circle Postal Co-operative Bank fined ₹50,000? **For offering deposit interest rates beyond RBI-approved limits.**
- What is the current repo rate as per RBI's latest policy? **The repo rate remains unchanged at 5.5% with a neutral policy stance.**
- Which new UPI feature allows payments from joint accounts requiring multiple approvals? **UPI Multi-Signatory**
- Which two biometric methods are supported for on-device UPI authentication? **Fingerprint and face unlock**
- Which app is used for Aadhaar-based face authentication in UPI PIN setup? **UIDAI's FaceRD App**

**05
OCTOBER**



**WORLD
TEACHER'S
DAY**

Importance
To commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.

Motto
To raise awareness about the role of teachers' in playing quality education at all levels and to improve the situations of teachers' in the world.

For
Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers.

By
Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum (UAE).

2025 Theme
Valuing teacher voices: Towards a new social contract for education.

ORGANISATION INVOLVED
UNICEF, ILO and Education International
UNESCO-Hamdan Prize.

INCEPTION/OBSERVED: 1994 | EDITION: 32nd | INSTITUTED: 2008
PRIZE MONEY: US \$300,000 | FREQUENCY: Every two years

- How much monetary penalty has been imposed on Indian Overseas Bank by RBI recently? **₹31.80 lakh.**
- What was the reason for the penalty imposed on IOB? **Non-compliance with RBI's Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines.**
- What is India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 according to ADB and CRISIL? **6.5% for FY26.**
- As per the World Bank's latest South Asia Development Update, what is India's revised GDP growth forecast for FY26? **6.5%.**
- According to the IMF, what is the projected global economic growth rate for 2025? **3%.**
- Which institution recently launched a retail sandbox for its Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**
- Which international organization did Hansda serve at before returning to RBI? **International Monetary Fund (IMF).**
- Who has launched the sportswear brand TEN x YOU? **Sachin Tendulkar**
- Who are the co-founders of TEN x YOU? **Sachin Tendulkar, Karthik Gurumurthy, and Karan Arora.**
- Which bank launched India's first commerce identity QR, 'My Business QR', for small businesses at the Global Fintech Fest 2025? **HDFC Bank.**
- What is the name of the RBI's new market infrastructure designed to tokenize financial assets using wholesale CBDC? **Unified Markets Interface (UMI)**
- How much is Google investing in India for its AI hub? **\$15 billion**
- How much has India planned to invest in its hydroelectric transmission plan from the Brahmaputra basin? **₹6.4 trillion (\$77 billion)**
- What is India's revised GDP growth forecast for 2025-26 according to the IMF? **6.6%.**
- Which ministry signed a ₹659.47 crore contract for Night Sight devices? **The Ministry of Defence (MoD).**
- What is the total value of the Night Sight procurement deal? **₹659.47 crore.**



- Which company recently announced a \$15 billion AI data center investment in India? **Google.**
- Which Indian organization signed an MoU with Australia's DAFF on food safety? – **FSSAI**
- Which IIT signed an MoU with IAF for indigenous technology development? – **IIT Ropar**
- Which technology areas are covered under the Türkiye–U.S. nuclear MoU? **Large-scale nuclear power plants and small modular reactors (SMRs)**
- Saudi Arabia and Pakistan recently signed a pact formalising the principle that aggression against one is considered aggression against both. What is this agreement called? **Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement**
- India recently signed an MoU with which country to establish its first cross-border railway links? **Bhutan**
- Which two organizations have joined hands to develop eco-friendly parcel packaging solutions in India? **India Post and Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP)**
- Which department signed a MoU with Thermo Fisher Scientific to boost biotech innovation in India? **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**
- What was the main objective of Vikram Misri's visit to Bhutan? **To strengthen the special and multifaceted bilateral partnership between India and Bhutan.**
- Which organization signed an MoU with IIT Naya Raipur to advance next-generation telecom technologies? **Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC)**
- Which institute has recently signed an MoA with the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation for digital monitoring of rural water and sanitation? **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N)**
- Which three organizations recently signed an MoU to strengthen railway disaster response with a focus on Golden-Hour rescue? **Railway Protection Force (RPF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), and Indian Railway Institute of Disaster Management (IRIDM)**
- What is the target year set by India and Qatar to double their bilateral trade? **2030**
- Which state signed an MoU with IISc to produce green hydrogen from paddy straw? **Punjab**
- Which two institutions recently signed an MoU to enhance cooperation in research and training on drug crimes and cyber-enabled narcotics control?

- **Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU).**
- Which company will Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) acquire to boost its Salesforce capabilities? **US-based ListEngage**
- Which body has been assigned the responsibility to implement the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA)? **Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO).**
- Which major tech companies has former UK PM Rishi Sunak joined as an adviser? **Microsoft and Anthropic**

08 OCTOBER

INDIAN AIR FORCE –DAY–

Importance
To mark the foundation of the Indian Air Force on 8 October 1932

Motto
Touching the Sky with Glory.

In 2010, the Air Force Network (AFNET), a robust digital information grid that enabled quick and meticulous threat responses, was launched.



Facts
IAF ranks as the fourth-best airforce in the world. The President of India is the Commander-in-Chief of IAF. HAL (formed in 1948) is currently the largest defense firm in public sector.

INCEPTION: 1932
EDITION: 93rd

- Which Indian company signed an MoU with NEURA Robotics to develop humanoids? **Sona Comstar.**
- Which Indian company has partnered with Project DYNAMO for AI-based disaster response? **Brightcom Group.**
- What is the main goal of the Brightcom–Project DYNAMO partnership? **To use AI for faster and more efficient disaster preparedness, evacuation, and crisis management.**
- Which country is included in the U.S. AMRAAM missile deal? **Pakistan.**



- Which country has India signed the ₹4,136 crore missile deal with? **United Kingdom.**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to ensure biodiversity-friendly renewable energy transition? **The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).**
- Which Indian company is partnering with Google for the AI hub? **Adani Group**
- How many MoUs were signed between India and Mongolia during the 2025 visit? **Ten (10).**
- Which two institutions signed an MoU to revive the Rangmandal Repertory? **National School of Drama (NSD) and Bharat Bhawan, Bhopal.**
- Which two entities signed an MoU to enhance student learning and employability? **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV).**
- Which telecom company has partnered with IBM for cloud services in India? **Bharti Airtel.**
- Which institute has signed an MoU with the Indian Navy to enhance the Quality of Life onboard naval ships through design interventions? **IIT Delhi**
- Which two countries announced a joint declaration to deepen the MERCOSUR-India Trade Agreement in October 2025? **India and Brazil**
- Which two countries signed the \$8.5 billion agreements on critical minerals and defence in 2025? **United States and Australia**
- How much is the exposure exchange agreement between ADB and the World Bank worth? **USD 3 billion**
- Which two countries recently signed an MOU to boost defense industry cooperation? **South Korea and Brazil.**
- What is the focus of the South Korea–Brazil defense MOU? **Joint R&D, defense procurement, and industrial collaboration.**

09
OCTOBER

WORLD POST DAY



Importance
To Mark the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.

Motto
To spread awareness about the postal services and their role in the everyday lives of people and businesses.

India has the largest postal network in the world with 1,54,939 post offices as on March 31, 2015. India Post ATMs have been installed in more than 500 locations across the country.

India Post

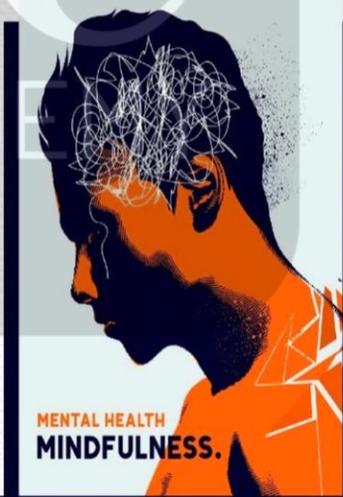
India is one of the earliest active members of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). One can buy exclusive collection of postal stamps offered by India Post on e-commerce websites like Snapdeal and Shopclues. The postal department has 38 heritage buildings having architectural value.

INCEPTION: 1969

EDITION: 56th

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OCTOBER

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



Importance

Started as an annual activity of the World Federation for Mental Health by the then Deputy Secretary General Richard Hunter in 1992.

Motto

To raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health.

MENTAL HEALTH MINDFULNESS.

It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices.

What is Mental health?

It includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being.

It affects how we think, feel, and act.

INCEPTION: 1992

EDITION: 34th



Awards & Recognitions

- Who was recently honoured with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award in 2025? **Sonu Nigam**
- Who has been awarded the Saraswati Samman 2024? **Sadhu Bhadreshdas**
- Who won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine? **Mary E. Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, and Shimon Sakaguchi.**
- Who won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics? **John Clarke, Michel H. Devoret, and John M. Martinis.**
- Who were awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the development of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs)? **Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar M. Yaghi.**
- Who won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Literature? **Hungarian author László Krasznahorkai.**
- Which organization awards the Nobel Prize in Literature? **The Swedish Academy.**
- For what reason did the Nobel Committee award Krasznahorkai the prize? **For his “compelling and visionary oeuvre.”**
- Which international organization awarded India the “Outstanding Achievement in Social Security Award 2025”? **International Social Security Association (ISSA).**
- Who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2025? **María Corina Machado.**
- Why was María Corina Machado awarded the Nobel Peace Prize? **For promoting democratic rights and striving for a peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy.**
- Which film won the Best Film award at the 70th Filmfare Awards 2025? **Laapataa Ladies.**
- Who won the Best Actress award at Filmfare Awards 2025? **Alia Bhatt (Jigra).**
- Which two actors shared the Best Actor in Leading Role (Male) award in 2025? **Abhishek Bachchan (I Want To Talk) and Kartik Aaryan (Chandu Champion).**
- Who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at Filmfare 2025? **Zeenat Aman and Shyam Benegal (Posthumously).**
- Who were awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Economics? **Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt.**
- Who won the 2025 MLS Golden Boot with 29 goals and 19 assists? **Lionel Messi**
- Who has been conferred the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army in 2025? **Neeraj Chopra.**
- Which award did Neeraj Chopra receive in 2018 for his sporting achievements? **Arjuna Award**
- Who won the 2025 British Academy Book Prize for Non-Fiction? **Sunil Amrith**
- What is the title of the book by Sunil Amrith that won the 2025 British Academy Book Prize? **The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years**
- Which Indian bank was named the ‘World’s Best Consumer Bank 2025’ by Global Finance magazine? **State Bank of India (SBI)**
- What is the name of the new India-UK joint research fellowship? **Ramanujan Research Fellowship**

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OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF THE
GIRL CHILD



Importance

On December 19, 2011, UNGA adopted a resolution to declare this day in order to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world.

Motto

To highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.

UN Women's goodwill ambassadors Danal Gurira, Nicole Kidman, Emma Watson, Anne Hathaway & Marta Vieira da Silva.

Note

The Beijing Declaration was the first to specifically call out girls' rights.

INCEPTION: 2012

EDITION: 14th



Sports

- Who won the men's 10m air pistol gold at ISSF Junior World Cup 2025? – **Jonathan Gavin Antony (India)**
- At the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 in Delhi, who won gold in the women's 50m rifle 3-positions event? **Anushka Thokur**
- Who won the Asia Cup 2025 T20I title? **India**
- By what margin did India defeat Pakistan in the Asia Cup 2025 final? **5 wickets**
- Who was named Player of the Match in the Asia Cup 2025 final? **Tilak Varma**
- Which England all-rounder recently announced his retirement from international cricket? **Chris Woakes**
- Who won the gold medal in Men's Javelin Throw F46 at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025? **Rinku Hooda**
- Who won the silver medal in men's F56 discus throw at WPAC 2025? **Yogesh Kathuniya from India.**
- How many consecutive World Championship silver medals has Kathuniya won? **Three consecutive silver medals.**

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OCTOBER



**WORLD
ARTHRITIS
DAY**

Importance

To bring awareness to the growing prevalence of arthritis, the need for additional research and advocacy, and to encourage physical activity among the millions of adults with arthritis.

Note

It was started by the Arthritis and Rheumatism International (ARI) to increase global awareness about the rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMD).

Organisation Involved
European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR).

What is Arthritis?

Arthritis literally means the swelling and tenderness of one or more joints which leads to pain and stiffness in the joints.

The most common forms of arthritis are osteoarthritis, gout, fibromyalgia, and rheumatoid arthritis.

INCEPTION: 1996

- Who received the Gamechanger of the Match award in the Asia Cup 2025 final? **Shivam Dube**
- Who was awarded the GWM Player of the Tournament in Asia Cup 2025? **Abhishek Sharma**
- Who was named Most Valuable Player of the Asia Cup 2025 tournament? **Kuldeep Yadav**
- Sergio Busquets, who recently announced his retirement, is from which country? **Spain**
- Who set a new world record in the men's 100m T44 at WPAC 2025? **Saudi sprinter Naif Almasrahi.**
- Who became the first Asian and Indian woman to win at W2RC Portugal 2025? **Aishwarya Pissay from Bengaluru.**
- Which Indian shooters won the gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event at the ISSF Junior World Cup? **Isha Anil Taksale and Himanshu**
- How many total medals has India won at the ISSF Junior World Cup so far? **India has won a total of 23 medals: 7 gold, 9 silver, and 7 bronze**
- Mirabai Chanu recently won a silver medal in the women's 48kg category at the World Weightlifting Championships 2025 held in: Førde, Norway
- Who won the 62nd National Chess Championship 2025 held in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh? **P. Iniyam**
- Who won gold in the men's 25m pistol event at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 in New Delhi? **Mukesh Nelavalli**
- Who was N.K. Bhatia? **A veteran football administrator from Delhi.**
- Which Indian shuttler won the Women's Singles title at Al Ain Masters 2025? **Shriyanshi Valishetty**
- Which Indian duo won the Men's Doubles title at Al Ain Masters 2025? **Hariharan Amsakarunan & Arjun Madathil Ramachandran**
- Who was Bernard Julien? **Bernard Julien was a former West Indies all-rounder and a member of the team that won the inaugural Cricket World Cup in 1975.**
- Who won silver in Women's 200m T12 at the 2025 Championships? **Simran Sharma**
- Who won silver in Women's 100m T35? **Preeti Pal**
- Which Indian athlete won silver in Men's Javelin Throw F41? **Navdeep Singh**



- India won how many medals in total at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025? **22**
- How many gold medals did India win at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025? **6**
- Where was the 1st Abia Para Badminton International 2025 held? **Abia, Nigeria.**
- Who won triple gold medals at the 1st Abia Para Badminton International 2025? **Pramod Bhagat (India).**
- Which country dominated the 1st Abia Para Badminton International 2025? **India.**
- Linthoi Chanambam recently won India's first-ever medal at which international event? **Judo Junior World Championships 2025**
- Who became the first Indian pacer to play 50+ matches across all formats? **Jasprit Bumrah**
- Which England footballer recently announced her retirement from international football? **Millie Bright**
- Who won a bronze medal for India at the 2025 Para Powerlifting World Championships? **Joby Mathew.**
- In which category did Joby Mathew win bronze at the 2025 Para Powerlifting World Championships? **65 kg Legend (Masters) category.**
- Which state won the 30th Senior Women's National Football Championship – Rajmata Jijabai Trophy 2025? **Manipur**
- Who won the bronze medal for India in men's trap at the ISSF World Championship Shotgun 2025? **Zoravar Singh Sandhu**
- Who became the first Indian woman compound archer to win a medal at the Archery World Cup Final? **Jyothi Surekha Vennam**
- Who won the silver medal in girls' singles at the 2025 BWF World Junior Championships? **Tanvi Sharma of India.**
- In which city was the 2025 BWF World Junior Championships held? **Guwahati, Assam.**
- Who won the 2025 United States Grand Prix? **Max Verstappen**
- Which team does Max Verstappen drive for? **Red Bull Racing.**
- Who won the 2025 Japan Women's Open singles title? **Leylah Fernandez.**
- Who won the women's doubles title at the Japan Women's Open? **Taylor Townsend and Kristina Mladenovic.**
- Who became India's third-highest run scorer in ODIs in October 2025? **Rohit Sharma**

13 OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Importance

The United Nations' (UN) International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction is marked to raise the profile of disaster risk reduction.

Motto

To raise awareness of how people are taking action to reduce their risk to disasters.

Note

It was declared as a part of International Decade for Disaster Reduction, whereas it was decided to be celebrated as an annual event in 2002 and was finally, officially declared so in 2009.

Inception

On 22 December 1989, the UNGA designated the second Wednesday of October International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction.
On 21 December 2009, the UNGA decided to designate 13 October as the date to commemorate the Day and to change the name to International Day for Disaster Reduction.
On 17 January 2019, the UNGA decided to rename the International Day for Disaster Reduction as the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Life is what
happens to us
while we are
making other
plans.

— ALLEN SAUNDERS



Science & Technology

- Which ministry approved the Tejas Mk1A fighter jet deal? **The Indian Ministry of Defence.**
- How much is the HAL contract for 97 Tejas Mk1A jets worth? **₹62,370 crore.**
- Which aircraft was decommissioned by the IAF in 2025? – **MiG-21**
- What is the scheduled date for South Korea's Nuri rocket launch? **November 27, 2025.**
- From where will the Nuri rocket be launched? **Naro Space Center, southern coast of Korea.**
- What was the discovery recognized by the 2025 Physics Nobel Prize? **Macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit.**
- Which ministry launched Smart Agri Quality and Environmental Monitoring Technologies like CT-VIEU and GRAIN-EX? **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).**
- Which U.S. company manufactures the AMRAAM missile? **Raytheon.**
- What is the key capability of the AMRAAM missile? **Fire-and-forget targeting, allowing autonomous tracking after launch.**
- Which aircraft in Pakistan is compatible with the AMRAAM missile? **F-16 fighter jets.**
- Which Indian startup will launch the country's highest-resolution satellite 'Mission Drishti' in 2026? **GalaxEye Space.**
- Which city recently inaugurated India's first Semiconductor Innovation Museum? **Hyderabad, Telangana.**
- Where is Google building its largest AI hub outside the US? **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**
- Where is the dhaRti BioNest Incubation Centre located? **IIT Dharwad, Karnataka.**
- What are the main focus areas of the dhaRti BioNest Incubation Centre? **Biotechnology, deep tech, and healthcare.**
- Which satellite symbolises India-Brazil space cooperation? **Amazonia-1, launched from India.**
- What radioactive element caused contamination in Indonesia? **Cesium-137 (Cs-137).**
- What is the name of India's first indigenously developed antibiotic effective against resistant respiratory infections? **Nafithromycin**
- Which ISRO mission made the first-ever observation of the Sun's Coronal Mass Ejections affecting the Moon? **Chandrayaan-2**
- Which scientific payload onboard Chandrayaan-2 detected the effects of CMEs on the Moon? **CHACE-2 (Chandra's Atmospheric Compositional Explorer-2)**
- What is the name of South Korea's newly launched submarine? **ROKS Jang Yeong-sil (SS-087).**
- The ROKS Jang Yeong-sil belongs to which submarine program? **Changbogo-III (KSS-III) Batch-II.**
- Which asteroid has been confirmed by NASA as Earth's temporary second moon in 2025? **2025 PN7**

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OCTOBER**

**WORLD
STANDARDS
DAY**

Importance
To pay tribute to the collaborative efforts of thousands of experts worldwide who develop the voluntary technical agreements that are published as International Standards.

Motto
To raise awareness among regulators, industry and consumers as to the importance of standardization to the global economy.

Note
This day was chosen to mark the date, in 1946, when delegates from 25 countries first gathered in London and decided to create an international organization focused on facilitating standardization.

Organisation Involved
International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

2025 Theme
SHARED VISION FOR A BETTER WORLD

INCEPTION: 1946 | 1ST OBSERVED: 1970 | EDITION: 56th

- Which organisation has released the Indian Radio Software Architecture (IRSA) Standard 1.0? **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**



Miscellaneous

- What is the role of a Chief Secretary? **Top-most administrative officer of the state, principal advisor to the Chief Minister, and head of the state civil services.**
- When was Bagram Air Base abandoned by the U.S.? **During the U.S. troop withdrawal in 2021.**
- Why is Bagram strategically important in relation to China? **It is close to Chinese nuclear facilities and can monitor regional military activities.**
- Which terrorist groups did Bagram help combat historically? **ISIS-K, Al-Qaeda, and Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan.**
- What is the name of the two-sided joint Army exercise conducted at Ambala? **Exercise Vayu Samanvay**
- What is 'Drone Kavach'? **It is a military exercise by the Indian Army to strengthen readiness against drone threats.**
- Why is Arunachal Pradesh significant for the 'Drone Kavach'? **Because it is a sensitive border region requiring strong aerial and ground security.**
- What is the new name of Navi Mumbai International Airport? **Loknete D. B. Patil Navi Mumbai International Airport.**
- Exercise KONKAN-2025 is a bilateral naval exercise between India and which country? **United Kingdom**
- The 10th edition of the National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) will be conducted off the coast of: **Chennai**
- What was the theme of Wildlife Week 2025? **Human–Wildlife Coexistence**
- What is the purpose of the Indira Kit? **To provide essential food items and meet the nutritional needs of families.**
- Does the Indira Kit vary based on family size? **Yes, the contents and quantity are adjusted according to family size.**
- What foundation did Deepika Padukone establish for mental health? **The Live Love Laugh Foundation.**
- What is the name of the first-ever joint Carrier Strike Group exercise between India and the UK? **Exercise Konkan 2025.**
- Where is the 4th edition of the India-Australia joint military exercise 'AUSTRAHIND 2025' being held? **Perth, Australia.**
- For how many years will India serve in its new UNHRC term? **Three years (2026–2028).**
- How many times has India been elected to the UNHRC so far? **Seven times.**
- Which country has the strongest passport in the Henley Passport Index 2025? **Singapore.**
- How many countries can Singaporean passport holders access visa-free in 2025? **193 countries.**
- During which years did Raila Odinga serve as the Prime Minister of Kenya? **2008 to 2013**
- Which IAF aircraft participated in Indian Air Force, UK Royal Navy conduct joint exercise ? **Sukhoi-30 MKIs, Jaguars, AWACS, and AEW&C.**
- What was the title of Balasaraswathi Devi's first playback song? **"Thinne Meedha Sinnoda."**
- In which cities will Airtel and IBM establish new Multizone Regions (MZR)? **Mumbai and Chennai.**
- What is the main benefit of Multizone Regions? **They ensure data safety and uninterrupted operations across different zones.**
- What is the name of the joint military exercise between India and Australia? **AUSTRAHIND.**
- Which edition of AUSTRAHIND is currently being conducted? **The fourth edition.**
- Where is the fourth edition of AUSTRAHIND being held? **Perth, Australia.**
- LTIMindtree is a subsidiary of which major Indian company? **Larsen & Toubro.**
- What is India's current position in the latest FIFA World Rankings? **136th.**
- When was the last time India was at a similar low in FIFA rankings? **In November 2016.**
- Who are the top 5 countries in the current FIFA rankings? **Spain, Argentina, France, England, Portugal.**

Some people
want it to happen,
some wish it would
happen, others
make it happen.



Important Days of the Month

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
1 November	World Vegan Day	To commemorate the establishment of UK Vegan Society in 1944
5 November	World Tsunami Day	To mark the adoption of the Sendai Framework by UN in 2015
7 November	Infant Protection Day	To spread awareness about the safety of infants
7 November	National Cancer Awareness Day	To mark the birth anniversary of Nobel Laureat Marie Curie(In 1867)
9 November	Uttarakhand Foundation Day	To mark the establishment of Uttarakhand state in 2000.
11 November	Armistice Day (Remembrance Day)	It marks the day when World War-I ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.
12 November	World Pneumonia Day	Championing the fight to stop pneumonia
13 November	World Kindness Day	To highlight and encourage people, society, and the community to do good things and be kind to everyone.
14 November	World Diabetes Day	Diabetes and well-being.
14 November	Children's Day	To mark the birth anniversary of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru who was born on November 14, 1889.
15 November	Jharkhand Foundation Day	To mark the establishment of the State Jharkhand in 2000
19 November	International Men's Day	To raise awareness about mental health issues in men
19 November	World Toilet Day	To inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis.
20 November	Universal Children's Day	To promote awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare
21 November	World Television Day	To mark the establishment of first World Television Forum by UN in 22 November, 1996.
25 November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	To prevent and end violence against women at the global, regional and national levels
26 November	Constitution Day of India	To commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India on 26 November 1949



Let's Recap

- Which ministry has introduced a one-time switch facility from UPS to NPS? **Union Finance Ministry.**
- In which weight category did Mirabai Chanu win gold at the 2025 Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships? **Women's 48kg category.**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO & MD of IndusInd Bank in 2025? **Rajiv Anand.**
- What is Fitch's current rating for India (August 2025)? **BBB- (lowest investment grade), stable outlook.**
- INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri belong to which project? **Project 17A (Nilgiri-class stealth frigates).**
- Which Indian state will host the FIDE World Cup 2025? **Goa**
- Which Indian cricketer recently announced retirement from the IPL in 2025? **Ravichandran Ashwin**
- Which institution launched the September 2025 round of the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH)? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**
- The US has raised tariffs on Indian exports to what maximum level in 2025? **50%**
- Till which year has the Cabinet extended the PM SVANidhi scheme? **March 31, 2030**
- The Defence Ministry recently signed an MoU with which body to enhance veteran services? **Quality Council of India (QCI)**

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OCTOBER



GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

Importance
An international campaign to motivate and mobilize people around the world to improve their handwashing habits.

Motto
To make people understand the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

Note
Ignaz Semmelweis, a Hungarian doctor working in Vienna General Hospital, is known as the father of hand hygiene.

2025 Theme
Be a Handwashing Hero!

- Who was India's first Olympic gold medallist in shooting? **Abhinav Bindra (2008, Beijing Olympics).**
- Which organization has recently launched Project Aarohan? **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)**
- Which electric SUV was launched by PM Modi under Make in India in 2025? **Maruti Suzuki e Vitara**
- Which country has announced an investment of \$68 billion in India over the next 10 years? **Japan**
- Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)? **Akash Tripathi, IAS (1998 batch)**
- Who has been appointed as Supreme Court judges in August 2025? **Justice Alok Aradhe (CJ, Bombay HC) and Justice Vipul Pancholi (CJ, Patna HC).**
- Which Canadian diplomat has been appointed as the new High Commissioner to India? **Christopher Cooter**
- Who won his first-ever international gold in the Men's 25m Standard Pistol Individual event at the Asian Championship 2025? **Gurpreet Singh**
- Which company signed a 15-year LNG supply agreement with Indian Oil Corporation in 2025? **Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC)**
- Who has been appointed as Executive Director at the IMF for a three-year term in 2025? **Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel.**
- Which organization signed an MoU with Worldwide Media to host the 70th Filmfare Awards 2025? **Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Limited (TCGL)**
- Which Indian football club's U-14/15 team completed a European treble in 2025? **Minerva Academy Football Club, Mohali.**
- Who has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of J&K Bank till March 2028? **S. Krishnan**
- Which state has been ranked among the top performers in the State Energy Efficiency Index



- (SEEI) 2024 released by the Ministry of Power? **Maharashtra**
- India has become which number country in the world to have a Mondo track? **25th country**
 - Whom did India defeat in the decisive match of the 2025 SAFF U-17 Women's Championship? **Nepal**
 - What is the name of the UN peacekeeping mission in Lebanon that will be shut down? **UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)**
 - Which country carried out the airstrikes that killed the Houthi PM Ahmed al-Rahawi? **Israel.**
 - Which state government approved the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojna to provide financial aid to women for self-employment? **Bihar**
 - Which Indian NGO has won the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025, becoming the first Indian organisation to do so? **Educate Girls (Foundation to Educate Girls Globally).**
 - How many total medals did India win at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship? **99 medals (50 Gold, 26 Silver, 23 Bronze).**
 - Where was the 25th Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championship 2025 held? **Ahmedabad, Gujarat.**
 - Which company received DGCA certification for its Arjuna drone? **PRYMA Aerospace.**
 - Which country was ranked as the most peaceful in Asia in Global Peace Index (GPI) 2025? **Singapore**
 - Where was the Indian Army's Exercise Yudh Kaushal 3.0 conducted? **Kameng region, Eastern Himalayas.**
 - Which organizations developed the Vikram microprocessor? **ISRO's Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL), Chandigarh, and Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).**
 - Where is the 21st edition of Exercise Yudh Abhyas being held? **Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA.**
 - Which is the world's largest multinational naval exercise in which both India and the U.S. participate? **RIMPAC.**
 - Who is the only Australian bowler ahead of Starc in T20I wicket tally? **Adam Zampa**
 - Where was the Dutch Grand Prix 2025 held? **Zandvoort, Netherlands**
 - The Panchsheel Agreement between India and China was first signed in which year? **1954**
 - How many principles are there in the Panchsheel Agreement? **Five Principles**
 - The Bronco Test has been introduced as an alternative to which earlier fitness test? **The Yo-Yo Test.**
 - How long is the Bronco Test run (total distance)? **2 km (2000 metres).**
 - T.C.A. Kalyani played a key role in implementing which Direct Benefit Transfer scheme? **Fertilizer subsidy for farmers.**
 - Who approved the elevation of Chief Justices Alok Aradhe and Vipul Manubhai Pancholi to the Supreme Court? **The Government of India.**
 - When did the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 come into force? **September 1, 2025**
 - What is the penalty for unauthorized entry into restricted areas under the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025? **Up to 5 years imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹5 lakh**

15 OCTOBER



WORLD STUDENTS DAY

Importance

To mark the birth anniversary of A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Motto

To raise their voice with regards to education and student allied issues.

Notable works

Wings of Fire, India 2020, Ignited Minds, Indomitable Spirit, Transcendence: My Spiritual Experiences with Pramukh Swamiji.

Note

Known as the Missile Man of India for his work on the development of ballistic missile and launch vehicle technology.

Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam

(15 Oct 1931 - 27 Jul 2015)

11th President of India (2002 to 2007)

Major Awards: Padma Bhushan(1981), Padma Vibhushan(1990), Bharat Ratna(1997), Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration(1997), Veer Savarkar Award(1998), SASTRA Ramanujan Prize(2000), Von Braun Award(2013)

INCEPTION: 2010

EDITION: 16th

- Who was recently dismissed as CEO of Nestlé due to violation of the company's code of conduct? **Laurent Fréixe**
- Which authority launched the BHARATI initiative to boost agri-food exports? **APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority).**
- The Kapas Kisan App is designed to support farmers under which scheme? **Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme.**



- Which bank signed an MoU with Indian Railways for enhanced insurance benefits? **State Bank of India (SBI).**
- Who won the Fujairah Global Superstars Chess Tournament 2025? **Pranav Venkatesh (India).**
- Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the UAE? **Dr. Deepak Mittal**
- How many MoUs were signed during Semicon India 2025? **12 MoUs.**
- What is the name of the joint military exercise between India and Thailand held in September 2025? **MAITREE-XIV**
- What new name was given to the United States Department of Defense by President Donald Trump? **Department of War**
- Who has been reappointed as the Chairman of Yes Bank? **R Gandhi.**
- Who has been appointed as the new UK Foreign Minister? **Yvette Cooper.**
- Which country has supported India's plan to join patrols in the Malacca Strait? **Singapore.**
- Ashish Warang, who recently passed away, is associated with which industry? **Film**
- Which film directed by Anupama Roy won the Best Director award at the Venice Film Festival? **Songs of Forgotten Trees.**
- Which country won the Men's Asia Cup Hockey Championship 2024? **India.**
- Who resigned as the Prime Minister of Japan in 2025? **Shigeru Ishiba.**
- Who became the oldest person to climb Mount Fuji in 2025? **Kokichi Akuzawa.**
- What is the new name of OYO's parent company Oravel Stays? **Prism.**
- Under which Article of the Constitution was the GST Council constituted? **Article 279A.**
- GST on life and health insurance policies has been reduced to? **Exempted (NIL rate).**
- The Union Cabinet approved a _____ scheme for extracting critical minerals from? **Recycling of battery waste and e-waste. ₹1,500 crore**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO of FSSAI in 2025? **Shri Rajit Punhani, IAS (1991 batch, Bihar cadre).**
- Maharashtra increased private sector daily working hours from 9 to _____. 10 hours.
- Who received the inaugural Bhogeswar Baruah National Sports Award (Best Sportsman, National Level)? **Manu Bhaker (Shooter)**
- Which institute topped the Overall category in NIRF 2025? **IIT Madras**
- Which city ranked as the safest for women in the NARI Report 2025? **Kohima, Nagaland (Safety Index: 82.9%).**
- Which Mizoram city ranked 4th in the NARI 2025 women's safety index? **Aizawl (76.4%).**
- Under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme, how many chip design projects have been sanctioned? **23 projects**
- What additional role will Amit Kshatriya serve at NASA? **He will also serve as NASA's Chief Operating Officer (COO).**

16 OCTOBER



WORLD-FOOD-DAY

Importance

FAO established this day in November 1979 which was ratified by UNGA on 5 December, 1980. Also to mark the establishment of FAO.

Motto

To spread awareness globally for those who suffer from hunger and to ensure the need for food security and nutritious diets for all.

Note

This year marks the 75th anniversary of FAO in an exceptional moment.

2025 Theme

Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future

1ST OBSERVED: 1981

- Which iconic Italian fashion designer recently passed away at the age of 91? **Giorgio Armani.**
- Who has recently assumed charge as Secretary, Ministry of Mines? **Shri Piyush Goyal.**
- Who will be honoured with the Prof. V.K. Gokak Award in 2025? **Anand V. Patil.**
- Who has been appointed as the next MD & CEO of UTI AMC? **Vetri Subramaniam (effective from February 1, 2026).**
- Which Indian veteran leg-spinner recently announced his retirement from professional cricket? **Amit Mishra**



- Who is known as the “Bard of the Brahmaputra”? **Bhupen Hazarika.**
- Which state in India does Younus Ahamed, the winner of the Camel International Award 2025, belong to? **Kerala (Palakkad).**
- Which bank signed a ₹21,000 crore MoU with the Rajasthan government? **Punjab National Bank (PNB).**
- Which French Prime Minister was ousted by the parliament in 2025? **François Bayrou.**
- Which Pakistani organization signed the MoU with US Strategic Metals? **Frontier Works Organization (FWO).**
- Which team did India defeat to win the bronze medal in the CAFA Nations Cup 2025? **Oman**
- Who won the Italian Grand Prix 2025? **Max Verstappen**
- Which ministries are associated with iDEX and EdCIL? **iDEX is under the Ministry of Defence and EdCIL is under the Ministry of Education.**
- What bill did Sri Lanka’s Supreme Court approve regarding former Presidents? **The Presidents’ Entitlements (Repeal) Bill.**
- What is the name and yard number of the 11th Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge launched in September 2025? **LSAM 25, Yard 135.**
- Who has been named TIME’s Kid of the Year 2025? **Tejasvi Manoj.**
- Which fintech company has partnered with SIDBI for Udyam Assist Platform? **PhonePe.**
- What is the purpose of the Udyam Assist Platform? **To help small and informal businesses get their Udyam Registration Certificate.**
- Which organisations signed the agreement for the commercialization of SSLV technology? **NSIL, ISRO, IN-SPACE, and HAL.**
- What is the revised economic growth forecast for India in 2025-26 as per global credit rating agency Fitch Ratings? **6.9%.**
- Who was re-elected as the President of Guyana in 2025? **Irfaan Ali.**
- Which organisation responsible for industrial area development in Rajasthan has its land management activities validated under the Rajasthan Land Revenue (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025? **RIICO (Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited).**
- Who is the Union Education Minister of India visiting the UAE to promote educational and innovation partnerships? **Dharmendra Pradhan**
- Which district in Uttarakhand is the focus of the sustainable tourism project supported by ADB? **Tehri Garhwal District.**
- Who inaugurated the Atal Tinkering Labs in CBSE schools in the UAE? **Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education.**
- What is the aim of SAJEX 2025 launched in Saudi Arabia? **To strengthen jewellery trade between India and Saudi Arabia**
- In August 2025, which international rating agency upgraded India’s sovereign credit rating from BBB– to BBB (Stable)? **S&P Global Ratings**
- Which organisation signed an MoU with the Rajasthan government for infrastructure development near Jaipur Airport? **NBCC (India) Ltd.**

17 OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL POVERTY ERADICATION DAY



Importance

To acknowledge the effort and struggle of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard, and a moment to recognize that poor people are the first ones to fight against poverty.

Motto

It promotes people's awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution worldwide, particularly in developing countries.

Hence in December, 1992, the UNGA officially declared October 17 as the date for the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

History

On 17 October 1987, more than 100,000 people gathered in Paris, France, to honor the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger. After which individuals and organizations worldwide observed October 17 as this day.

INCEPTION: 1993

EDITION: 33rd

- Where has the tallest Lord Shiva statue in North America been inaugurated? **Brampton, Ontario, Canada.**
- Which organization announced the revision in UPI P2M transaction limits? **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).**
- Which country has appointed the world’s first AI-generated minister? **Albania.**



- Who is the current Vice Chancellor of Kumaun University elected as FNA by Indian National Science Academy? **Professor Diwan S. Rawat**
- Which ministry does APEDA operate under? **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India**
- Which portal was launched by PM Modi to digitise India's manuscript heritage? **The Gyan Bharatam portal**
- Who did Justice M. Sundar succeed as Chief Justice? **Justice Kempaiah Somashekar.**
- Which country defeated India in the final of the Women's Hockey Asia Cup? **China**
- What was the name of the India–Thailand joint army exercise held in Meghalaya? **Maitree-XIV.**
- How often is Exercise Maitree conducted? **Every two years (biennial).**
- Which shipyard built INS Androth? **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.**
- Where was Exercise Dibang Shakti conducted? **In the Dibang Valley of Arunachal Pradesh.**
- Which state's Cabinet approved a Bill to revive traditional agrarian festivals? **Kerala.**
- Which state's model inspired Kerala's move to revive festivals? **Tamil Nadu (Jallikattu).**
- What is the main objective of the exercise? **Strengthen missile defense and joint response capabilities against North Korea.**
- Which previous act does the amendment expand upon? **Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA) of 1997.**
- Which ministry oversees DPIIT, which signed an MoU with CarDekho Group? **Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**
- Who won the FIDE Grand Swiss Tournament for the second consecutive time? **Vaishali Rameshbabu.**
- Which global organisation did India sign an MoU with to boost youth employment abroad? **International Labour Organisation (ILO).**
- Which country plans to take full wartime operational control from the U.S.? **South Korea.**
- South Korea will take over Opcon from the United States, In context to same what does Opcon stand for? **Wartime operational control.**
- How long is Apollo Tyres' sponsorship deal with the BCCI? **Two and a half years, ending in March 2028.**
- Which Indian batter has regained the No. 1 spot in ICC Women's ODI batting rankings? **Smriti Mandhana.**
- Who has been appointed as the new CFO of P&G Health? **Shashank Srowthy.**
- Who was conferred with the Holley Medal by ASME in 2025? **Baba Kalyani.**
- Which team won the Duleep Trophy by defeating South Zone in the final? **Central Zone.**
- In which military exercise did India participate in 2025 along with Russia and Belarus? **Zapad-2025.**
- Which ministry launched the National Geothermal Energy Policy? **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)**
- Name any two geothermal provinces identified in India. **Himalayas, Cambay Basin**

**20
OCTOBER**

**WORLD
STATISTICS
DAY**

Importance
To acknowledge the fundamental importance of sustainable national statistical capacity.

Initiated by
United Nations
Statistical Commission.

Note
This day is observed in every 5 years. India celebrates its statistics day on 29 June, the birthday of the statistician Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.

2025 Theme
Driving change with quality statistics and data for everyone

INCEPTION: 2010 **EDITION: 8th**

- Where has India's largest sports complex been inaugurated? **Naranpura, Ahmedabad**
- Who has been sworn in as the new Governor of Maharashtra? **Acharya Devvrat.**
- Which state tourism board received the Golden Banyan Award in the Best State – Heritage Tourism category? **Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB).**
- Which navy is partnering with India in Exercise Alexander? **The Hellenic (Greek) Navy.**



- Which two organisations signed an MoU to boost telecom access in remote areas? **BSNL and Department of Posts**
- Name the iconic character played by Redford in 1969, who passed away recently? **Sundance Kid**
- Which regulatory body launched the SWAGAT-FI framework to ease foreign investments? **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**
- Which international financial institution approved a USD 52.72 million loan for Cambodia's Grid Expansion Project? **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**
- Which Indian pharma company received USFDA approval for generic Lenalidomide capsules? **Lupin Ltd.**
- Lenalidomide is primarily used in the treatment of which type of cancer? **Multiple Myeloma**
- Who will become the new chairman of Nestlé from 1 October 2025? **Pablo Isla**
- Who became Bihar's first Woman FIDE Master (WFM) in chess? **Marium Fatima**
- How many new natural heritage sites from India were recently added to UNESCO's Tentative List? **Seven**
- Who will acquire Tidong Power Generation? **JSW Neo Energy, a subsidiary of JSW Energy.**
- Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to South Korea (September 2025)? **Gourangalal Das**
- What is the monthly financial aid provided under the Anbu Karangal scheme? **₹2,000 per child**
- What is the new statutory retirement age under Slovenia's pension reform? **67 years (by 2035)**
- Which two PSUs recently signed an MoU for exploration of critical and strategic minerals? **Oil India Limited (OIL) and Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL)**
- Assamese singer Zubeen Garg recently passed away in which country? **Singapore**
- Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy recently met which US state governor to enhance cooperation in life sciences and urban transit? **Phil Murphy, Governor of New Jersey**
- Who became the first Indian bowler to take 100 T20I wickets? **Arshdeep Singh**
- Which Indian photographer's image of a black tiger has been featured on the October 2025 cover of National Geographic? **Prasenjeet Yadav.**
- Who became India's first-ever speed skating world champion in 2025? **Anandkumar Velkumar**
- Which three organizations recently reaffirmed their support for multilateralism at the UN Headquarters in New York? **African Union (AU), European Union (EU), and United Nations (UN)**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of the Patna High Court in 2025? **Pavankumar Bhimappa Bajanthri**
- Where is India's first overseas defence manufacturing facility located in Morocco? **Casablanca's Berrechid**
- Who launched the Logistics Data Bank (LDB) 2.0 in New Delhi? **Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal**

24 OCTOBER



UNITED NATIONS DAY

Importance
To mark the establishment of United Nations which officially came into existence on 24 October 1945.

Note
The first event called "United Nations Day" was a World War II Allies' day of solidarity that was launched on June 14, 1942. It was observed throughout World War II, during 1942-1944.

Important UN Bodies
WHO, FAO, UNESCO, UNICEF, ILO, UNHCR, UNHRC.

INCEPTION: 1945 | 1ST OBSERVED: 1948 | EDITION: 78th

- Which former BCCI president stepped down due to the 70-year age cap? **Roger Binny**
- Government of India signed a \$125 million loan with which international financial institution to boost urban livability in Assam? **Asian Development Bank (ADB).**
- Who has been appointed as the new CFO of IndusInd Bank in September 2025? **Viral Damania.**
- How much financial incentive is given to Gold and Silver award-winning Gram Panchayats under NAcG 2025? **₹10 lakh (Gold), ₹5 lakh (Silver).**



Quick Bytes

- Indian Army Conducts Exercise Drone Kavach in Arunachal Pradesh
- Maharashtra Cabinet Approves Comprehensive Cancer Care Policy
- Praveer Ranjan and Praveen Kumar Take Charge of CISF and ITBP
- Balod Becomes India's First Child Marriage-Free District
- Andhra Pradesh Wins Global Tourism Award 2025
- CSIR-AMPRI designed & developed SODAR system facility inaugurated
- Mirabai Chanu Wins Silver at World Weightlifting Championships 2025
- Gandhian Socialist Dr. G G Parikh Passes Away at 100
- NASA Launches IMAP Mission to Explore Heliosphere and Space Weather
- Dr. R. Arthur James Receives Tamil Nadu Scientist Award 2022
- Pandit Chhannulal Mishra Passes Away at 89. He was a spiritual voice of the Banaras Gharana, renowned for his mastery in khayal, thumri, kajri, and bhajans.
- Grandmaster P Iniyan Wins 62nd National Chess Championship
- India Re-Elected to ICAO Council's Part II Category
- India-EFTA TEPA Enters into Force with \$100 B Investment Pledge
- ADB Cuts India's FY26 Growth Forecast to 6.5%
- Singapore Renames Site of Zubeen Garg's Passing as Zubeen Garg Island
- Exercise KONKAN-2025: Indian and Royal Navies Begin Bilateral Drills
- South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL), inaugurated its first fully women-operated Central Store Unit at the Central Workshop in Korba, Chhattisgarh.
- Indian Coast Guard Commissions Ship Akshar in Karaikal
- Veteran Actress Sandhya Shantaram, Passes Away at 94
- RBI grants SRO status to Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC)
- Poland to Join NATO Pipeline System with €4.7 Billion Investment
- Uttarakhand Becomes First State to Abolish Madrasa Board
- Iran Approves Plan to Remove Four Zeros from Rial Amid Inflation
- Actor Saiyami Kher Becomes Official Ambassador for Ironman India
- Sanju Samson Named EPL Ambassador for India
- India Receives Third Very Large Gas Carrier, Shivalik
- DRDO Unveils Indian Radio Software Architecture (IRSA) 1.0 for SDRs
- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla: Brand Ambassador of Buildathon 2025
- BS Chandrasekar, Brian Lara win Lifetime Achievement awards
- Fiji Launches First National Child Safeguarding Policy
- Punjabi Actor and Bodybuilder Varinder Singh Ghuman Passes Away at 41
- Indian Army Launches Indigenous 'SAKSHAM' Anti-Drone Grid
- Sherry Singh Wins India's First Mrs Universe Crown
- India Ranks Second Globally in THE World University Rankings 2026
- Blackstone Launches India Credit Platform, Appoints Apurva Shah as MD
- Khaled el-Enany Appointed as UNESCO's Next Director-General
- India and Australia have signed key defence agreements during Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's visit to Australia, aiming to strengthen their operational partnership across areas like defence industry, cyber defence, maritime security, and regional challenges.
- Maharashtra, Spain Sign MoU to Set Up World-Class Convention Centre
- Russia moves to withdraw from plutonium agreement with the US
- Buddha's Relics to Visit Russia's Kalmykia for First Time
- The Srikrishna Museum in Kurukshetra, dedicated to Lord Krishna and the Mahabharata, is set to get a fourth block to boost tourism and enhance visitor experience.
- Kedar Lele, Managing Director of Castrol India, has resigned to pursue other opportunities and will step down on December 31, 2025.
- Rishi Sunak Joins Microsoft and Anthropic as Adviser



- Bumrah Becomes First Indian Pacer with 50 Matches Across All Format
- Sonali Sen Gupta Appointed RBI Executive Director
- India, Australia Begin Joint Exercise AUSTRALIND 2025
- PM Modi Launches 'Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana'
- Dr. Sonali Ghosh: First Indian to Receive WCPA-Kenton Miller Award
- Masaki Kashiwara, a Japanese mathematician, was awarded the Abel Prize 2025 for his groundbreaking contributions to algebraic analysis and representation theory.
- Laapataa Ladies Dominates 70th Filmfare Awards, Wins 13 Trophies
- Patrick Herminie Defeats Wavel Ramkalawan to Win Seychelles Presidency
- India Unveils \$77 Billion Hydro Plan Amid China's Dam Push
- Maldives First to End Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV, Hep B, Syphilis
- Kaziranga Director Sonali Ghosh Wins Global Sustainability Award
- Assam CM Launches "CM Flight" for Global Careers
- GalaxEye to Launch World's First Multi-Sensor EO Satellite in 2026
- Google to Invest \$15 Billion in AI Data Centre in Andhra Pradesh
- Hindustan Shipyard Granted Mini Ratna Status
- Uttarakhand eases marriage registration rules under UCC
- India Elected Unopposed to UN Human Rights Council for Seventh Term
- Pakistan has offered the United States the opportunity to develop and operate Port Pasni as a commercial terminal, providing the US access to critical minerals.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the book titled "Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II: Shaping a Future Ready Force" by Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan in New Delhi.
- GalaxEye to Launch World's First Multi-Sensor EO Satellite in Q1 2026
- India and Mongolia Sign Ten MoUs to Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation
- US Announces \$20 Billion Aid to Stabilize Argentina
- Anant Goenka Named FICCI President-Elect for 2025-26
- Airtel Partners IBM to Boost Cloud Services in India
- Dan Katz Appointed IMF's First Deputy Managing Director
- Mahabharat's Karna, Actor Pankaj Dheer, Passes Away at 68
- Tarun Garg to Lead Hyundai India as First Indian MD & CEO
- India-South Korea Hold First Bilateral Naval Exercise IN-RoKN
- India and Indonesia Begin 5th Samudra Shakti Naval Exercise
- Abhishek, Mandhana Win ICC Player of the Month October 2025
- Akkai Padmashali appointed to Supreme Court panel on transgender right
- Second Smallest Nation, Cape Verde qualifies for FIFA World Cup
- Nirmal Minda Becomes Assocham President, Chaudhry as Sr. VP
- Adani Group to build ₹4,081 crore Sonprayag-Kedarnath ropeway
- Manipur wins '30th Senior Women's National Football Championship
- MoD Signs ₹659 Crore Deal for Advanced Night Sight for SIG716 Assault
- India, Indonesia begin naval drill: 'Samudra Shakti - 2025'
- Sundarbans aquaculture model wins FAO global recognition
- India Slips To 85th Spot On 2025 Henley Passport Index
- South Africa has been re-elected to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Governing Council, according to its Department of Transport.
- Kanad Das Appointed as Director of Botanical Survey of India
- Anand Piramal has been appointed Chairman of Piramal Finance, succeeding his father, Ajay Piramal.
- Ministry of Minority Affairs Establishes Centres of Excellence to Promote Heritage and Classical Languages under PMJVK
- Guwahati Railway Station to Become India's First 100% Plastic-Recyclable Station
- Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis announced that the Navi Mumbai International Airport will be renamed "Loknete D. B. Patil Navi Mumbai International Airport" after receiving approval from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



- HDFC Bank Launches 'My Business QR' for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
- TCS to acquire US-based ListEngage for \$72.8 million to boost Salesforce
- India has been honoured with the "Outstanding Achievement in Social Security Award 2025" by the International Social Security Association (ISSA).
- England Footballer Millie Bright Announces Retirement from International Football
- Bumrah Becomes First Indian Pacer with 50 Matches Across All Format
- Grandmaster P. Iniyam from Tamil Nadu won the 62nd National Chess Championship 2025 held in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.
- Google has announced a \$15 billion investment in India over the next five years to build its largest artificial intelligence (AI) hub in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, in partnership with the Adani Group.
- L&T, BEL Join Race to Build India's Stealth Fighter Jet
- India, Australia Sign Organic Products Mutual Recognition Arrangement
- Renowned Kannada Writer Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa Passes Away at 94
- Tirumala Gets India's First AI-Based Command Centre for Pilgrims
- UPI Launches in Qatar, Boosting Digital Payments Abroad
- Anand Piramal Named Chairman of Piramal Finance
- Sudhanshu Vats Appointed President of ASCI, Subramanyeswar Vice Chair
- India Tests Agni-Prime Missile from Rail-Based Launcher
- New Eel Species *Apterichtus kanniyakumari* Discovered off Tamil Nadu Coast
- Ravichandran Ashwin Makes History with Big Bash League Signing
- Dr. Kanad Das assumed charge as the 13th Director of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI), marking the first time a mycologist has headed the institute.
- India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in Palk Bay, Tamil Nadu, received international recognition at the World Conservation Congress 2025 in Abu Dhabi.
- Türkiye, U.S. Sign Strategic Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement
- Trump Approves Deal to Keep TikTok in the U.S. with American Ownership
- Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar Wins Krishi Media Award 2025
- India Bids Farewell to the Iconic MiG-21 Fighter Jet
- Sergio Busquets Announces Retirement After 20-Year Football Career
- India beat Bangladesh 4-1 to win 7th SAFF Under17 football title
- Mithun Manhas Elected Unopposed as 37th BCCI President
- Book Launch: MoS Dr. L Murugan Releases "Same Heart, Same World"
- India Clinches Seven Medals at Para World Archery Championships
- Bihar's Gokul Jalashaya and Udaipur Jheel Designated as Ramsar Wetland
- India Opens First Integrative Oncology Centre at AIIA Goa
- Shirish Chandra Murmu Appointed as RBI Deputy Governor
- Shailesh Chandra Appointed MD & CEO of Tata Motors
- R Venkataramani Reappointed Attorney General of India Till 2027
- DRDO Wins BusinessLine Changemaker of the Year
- Indian Cricket Team Won 9th Asia Cup title 2025
- India and Bhutan Announce Two Cross-Border Rail Projects
- Mukhi Becomes First India-Born Adult Cheetah at Kuno
- PM Modi Pens Preface for Giorgia Meloni's Autobiography
- RBI Allows Banks to Offer Working Capital Loans to Manufacturers Using Gold as Raw Material
- 1992-Batch IAS Officer Rajeev Verma to Become Delhi Chief Secretary
- Gaurav Banerjee to Lead Sony Pictures India Till 2029
- World Archery Para Championships 2025: Sheetal Devi Wins Maiden Gold
- ICC, UNICEF Launch 'Promise to Children' Campaign
- Chris Woakes Retires from International Cricket After 14-Year Career



Nobel Prize Winners 2025

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2025



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John Clarke
 Prize share: 1/3

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Michel H. Devoret
 Prize share: 1/3

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John M. Martinis
 Prize share: 1/3

To: John Clarke, Michel H. Devoret and John M. Martinis

For: The discovery of macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit

By: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Know what they have been awarded for:

This year's Nobel Prize in Physics honours John Clarke, Michel H. Devoret, and John M. Martinis for showing quantum effects in a circuit large enough to hold by hand. Using superconducting materials separated by a thin barrier (a Josephson junction), they demonstrated quantum tunnelling—where current escapes a trapped state—and quantised energy levels, meaning the system absorbed or released energy in fixed amounts. Their work proved that quantum mechanics can apply to macroscopic systems, not just tiny particles, paving the way for advanced technologies like quantum computers, cryptography, and sensors based on quantum principles.

By: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Know what they have been awarded for:

The 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry goes to Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar Yaghi for creating metal–organic frameworks (MOFs) — crystal-like structures with tiny cavities that can trap or let gases flow through. These frameworks are made of metal ions linked by organic molecules, forming porous materials that can store gases, capture carbon dioxide, purify water, or speed up chemical reactions. Robson first discovered the concept in 1989, while Kitagawa and Yaghi later made MOFs stable and flexible. Their innovations now enable the design of custom materials with major environmental and industrial applications.

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2025



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Mary E. Brunkow
 Prize share: 1/3

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Frederick J. Ramsdell
 Prize share: 1/3

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Shimon Sakaguchi
 Prize share: 1/3

To: Mary E. Brunkow, Frederick J. Ramsdell and Shimon Sakaguchi

For: their discoveries concerning peripheral immune tolerance

By: The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2025



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Susumu Kitagawa
 Prize share: 1/3

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Richard Robson
 Prize share: 1/3

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Omar M. Yaghi
 Prize share: 1/3

To: Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson and Omar M. Yaghi

For: The development of metal–organic frameworks"

Know what they have been awarded for:

The 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine honours Mary E. Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, and Shimon Sakaguchi for discovering how the immune system avoids attacking the body. Sakaguchi identified regulatory T cells in 1995, which act as “guards” to prevent autoimmune reactions. Later, Brunkow and Ramsdell found that mutations in the Foxp3 gene cause severe autoimmune diseases, and Sakaguchi linked this gene to regulatory T cells. Their discoveries explained how the immune system maintains balance, founding the field of peripheral immune tolerance and opening new paths for treating autoimmune diseases, cancer, and improving organ transplants.

The Nobel Prize in Literature 2025



To: László Krasznahorkai
 For: his compelling and visionary oeuvre that, in the midst of apocalyptic terror, reaffirms the power of art
 By: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Know what they have been awarded for:

Hungarian author László Krasznahorkai, born in 1954, is known for his dense, apocalyptic novels exploring chaos, faith, and human folly. His breakthrough *Sátántangó* (1985) and later works like *The Melancholy of Resistance*, *War & War*, and *Baron Wenckheim's Homecoming* depict decaying societies and moral collapse through long, winding prose. His recent *Herscht 07769* (2021) examines violence and beauty in modern Germany. Influenced by Kafka and Dostoyevsky, he also draws on Eastern philosophy in *Seiobo There Below* (2008) and *A Mountain to the North...* (2003), meditating on art, beauty, and creation. Krasznahorkai's works blend absurdism, spirituality, and visionary intensity.

The Nobel Peace Prize 2025



To: Maria Corina Machado
 For: her tireless work promoting democratic rights for the people of Venezuela and for her struggle to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy
 By: The Norwegian Nobel Committee

Know what they have been awarded for:

The 2025 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to Maria Corina Machado for her courageous fight for democracy and human rights in Venezuela. As leader of the country's democracy movement, she has united a once-divided opposition and promoted peaceful, fair elections despite severe repression. Her decades-long work, from founding *Súmate* to leading the 2024 opposition campaign, reflects her belief in "ballots over bullets." Living under threats and in hiding, she continues to inspire millions. Machado's peaceful struggle for democratic transition embodies the spirit of freedom, courage, and hope that the Nobel Peace Prize seeks to honour.

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2025



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 Joel Mokyr Prize share: 1/2
 Ill. Niklas Elmehed © Nobel Prize Outreach
 Philippe Aghion Prize share: 1/4
 Ill. Niklas Elmehed © Nobel Prize Outreach
 Peter Howitt Prize share: 1/4

To: Joel Mokyr
 For: having identified the prerequisites for sustained growth through technological progress
 To: Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt
 For: the theory of sustained growth through creative destruction.
 By: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Know what they have been awarded for:

The 2025 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded to Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt for explaining how innovation drives long-term economic growth. Mokyr showed that sustained progress requires scientific understanding and societies open to new ideas, unlike past eras of stagnation. Aghion and Howitt developed the concept of "creative destruction," where new technologies replace old ones, boosting progress but also disrupting industries. Their work highlights how managing these conflicts constructively is essential to prevent innovation from being blocked. Together, they showed that continuous innovation is vital to maintain growth and prevent economic stagnation.

Infographics

The World's Most Competitive Tax Systems

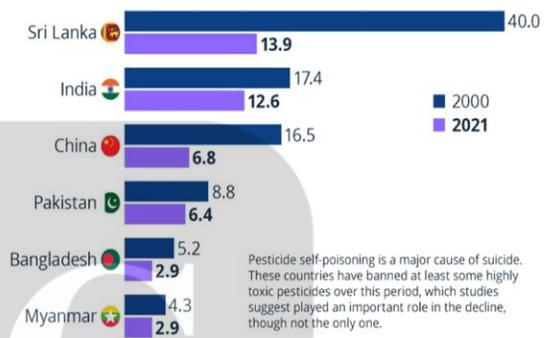
Index of international tax competitiveness in 2025
(100 = most competitive)



Takes into account corporate, individual, consumption, property & cross-border taxes in 38 studied countries
Source: Tax Foundation

Suicide Rates Drop Amid Pesticide Bans

Estimated age-standardized suicide rate per 100,000 people in selected countries, by year

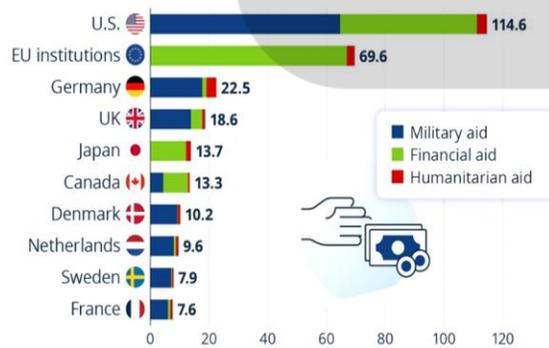


Pesticide self-poisoning is a major cause of suicide. These countries have banned at least some highly toxic pesticides over this period, which studies suggest played an important role in the decline, though not the only one.

Source: WHO

U.S. Has Given Ukraine the Most Aid to Date

Government aid to Ukraine from Jan. 24, 2022 to Aug. 31, 2025, by country (in billion euros)



Source: IFW Kiel, Ukraine Support Tracker

Hong Kong and Japan Produce the Most E-Waste per Capita

Per capita e-waste generated in a selection of Asian countries and territories in 2022 (in kg)



Source: Global E-Waste Monitor 2024



The World's Busiest Airports

Airports with the highest total passenger traffic in 2024*



* Passengers enplaned and deplaned, passengers in transit counted once
Source: Airports Council International

H-1B Visas Are the Main Pathway for Indian Tech Talent

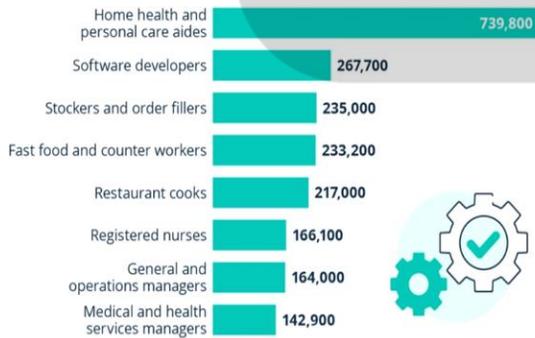
Origin countries of H-1B visa recipients in FY 2024*



* The H-1B is a non-immigrant, i.e. temporary visa that allows U.S. companies to employ foreign workers in high-skilled specialty occupations.
Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Wanted: The Most In-Demand Jobs of the Next Decade

Occupations with the largest projected increase in employment in the U.S. between 2024 and 2034



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Services No Longer Required: Which Jobs Are Most at Risk?

Occupations with the largest projected decline in employment in the U.S. between 2024 and 2034

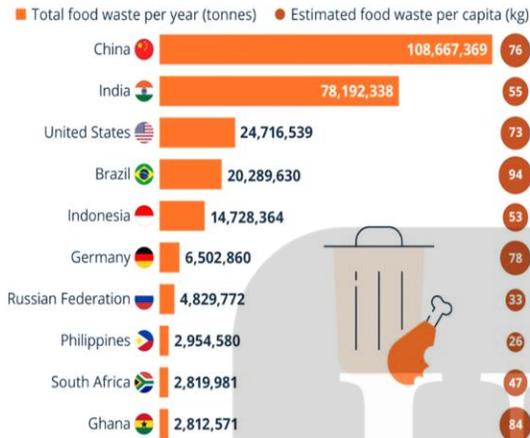


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The Enormous Scale of Global Food Waste

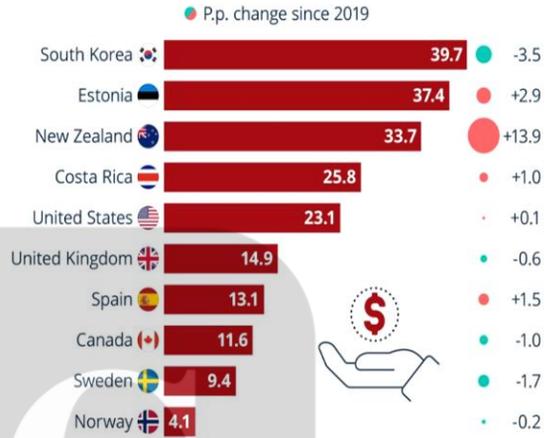
Total annual household food waste produced in selected countries*



* UNEP estimates with high or medium confidence
Source: UNEP Food Waste Index Report 2024

Where Is Pensioner Poverty the Most Prevalent?

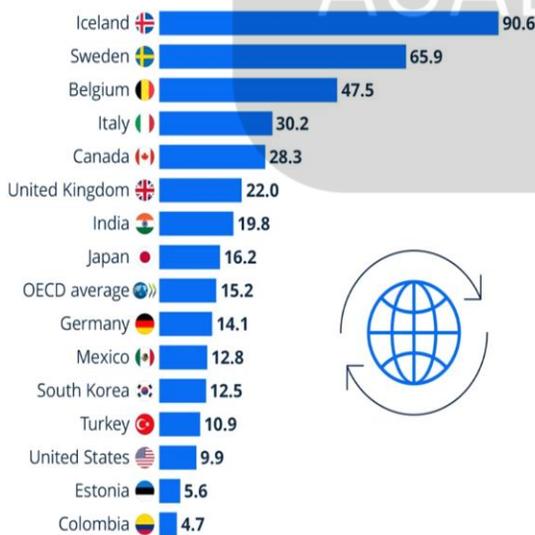
Share of people 66 and older living in relative income poverty in selected countries in 2022 (in percent)



Income poverty refers to income below half the national median equivalized household income.
Source: OECD

The State of Global Trade Union Membership

Trade union membership as a percentage of total employees (in percent)*



* Selected countries, 2024 or latest available data
Source: OECD

Who's Leading the Race Towards Parliamentary Gender Parity?

Share of women in the lower or single house of parliament in selected countries (in percent)*

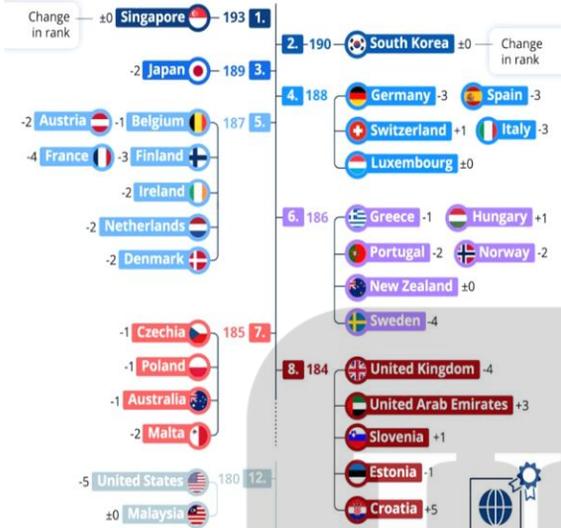


* As of October 2025
Source: IPU



U.S. Drops to Historic Low in Powerful Passports Ranking

Passports ranked by the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa (as of Oct. 2025)



Based on 199 different passports and 227 travel destinations
Source: Henley Passport Index

The World's Biggest Tourism Spenders

Expenditure on foreign travel by residents of the following countries in 2024 (in billion U.S. dollars)*



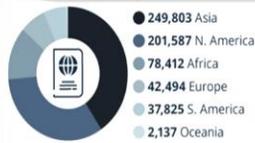
* All tourism spending by residents of a country abroad, including payments to foreign transport companies for international transportation
Sources: IMF, UNWTO, Statista calculations

The Countries Receiving the Most U.S. Immigrant Visas

Annual number of U.S. immigrant visas* issued, by foreign state of chargeability or place of birth



Regional totals in 2024



* U.S. immigrant visas (IV) are for foreign nationals intending to live permanently in the United States. It does not include the H-1B visa.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Consular Affairs

The Countries With the Highest Covid-19 Death Toll

Countries with the highest number of Covid-19 deaths (as of August 2023)



Total number of confirmed deaths worldwide:
6.96 million

Sources: WHO, Our World in Data





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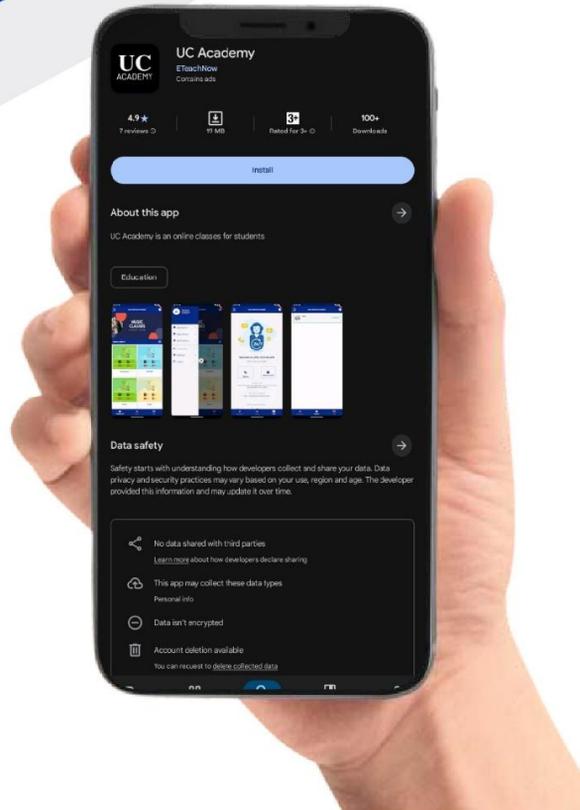
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