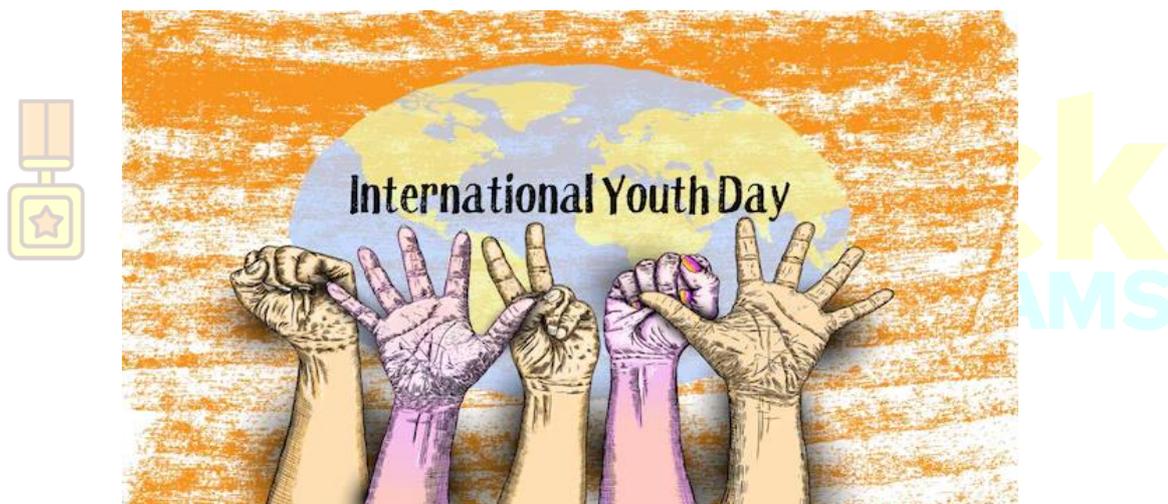


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International Youth Day

- International Youth Day is observed on **August 12 every year**. It is celebrated to mark the contributions of the **youth in the development of society** alongside understanding the challenges faced by them.
- The day is celebrated through various awareness campaigns, community concerts, and events to bring to notice the socio-economic and socio-political issues that the youth in every nation face.



- **United Nations declared in 1999** that August 12 would be the annual International Youth Day. It was based on a suggestion to the UN General Assembly made by the **World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon on December 17, 1999**.
- It **was first celebrated on August 12, 2000**, and since then, the day has been used to educate the general public.
- In 1965, the United Nations General Assembly started working actively to educate and inspire youngsters. They approved the declaration promoting the values of peace, respect for others, and intercultural understanding.

This year, the United Nations' theme for International Youth Day is **'From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development'**, which underlines the importance of digitalisation in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Paris Olympics

- **Paris Olympics 2024 will officially come to an end** with the Closing Ceremony tonight at Stade de France. The name given to the **Closing Ceremony is 'Records'**, which will include the celebration of the success and achievements of the athletes, along with several artistic performances by prominent actors and artists.



- For India, two-time Olympic medallists **PR Sreejesh and Manu Bhaker** have been chosen as the flag-bearers for the Parade of Nations during the ceremony. Sreejesh, who is known as the **'Wall of India'** for his exceptional goal-keeping skills retired from Hockey after winning the Bronze medal in this edition of the Games.
- **Manu Bhaker** made history by becoming the **first Indian athlete** in the history of independent India to win two medals in a single edition of the Games.
- In the Closing Ceremony, the Olympic Flame will also be extinguished and the **Olympic Flag will be transferred to the Los Angeles 2028** Organising Committee, marking the transition to the next Summer Games.



- India's first individual Olympic gold medalist, **Abhinav Bindra**, was awarded the **prestigious Olympic Order** by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at the 142nd IOC Session in Paris. The Olympic Order is the **highest honour bestowed by the IOC**, recognizing exceptional contributions to the Olympic Movement.
- Bindra won India's first individual Olympic gold in the Men's 10-meter Air Rifle event at the 2008 Beijing Games. With a distinguished career that includes over 150 individual medals, Bindra has become a prominent figure in Indian sports.

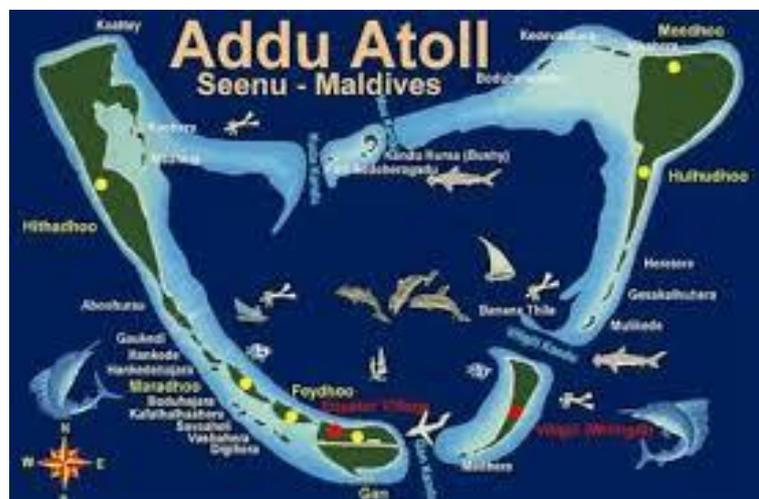


- India, with a **total of 6 medals**, including one silver and five bronze medals, finished at the 71st spot in the overall medal tally, which is significantly lower than their 48th overall finish at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, where they won a total of 7 medals, including one gold, two silver, and four bronze medals.



Addu Reclamation And Shore Protection

- Dr S Jaishankar has said that the cooperation between **Indian and Maldives** has moved beyond the traditional role as **Maldives is a key partner** in the Indian Ocean region.
- Inaugurating the **Addu Reclamation Project and Addu Shore Protection Project** in Maldives, Dr Jaishankar said, our development cooperation is aimed at touching all facets of people's lives in Maldives and to find ways of bringing tangible benefits to them.



- India has partnered with the Government of Maldives on the Addu Reclamation and Shore Protection Project to find a sustainable way to develop Addu as a regional hub.
- Dr Jaishankar said, this ambitious program of **80 million US dollar involves reclamation** for tourism development purposes as well as for the overall economic development of Addu.



- The Minister said, this will translate in overall growth for the region, bringing in better opportunities for employment, entrepreneurship and trade.
- Dr Jaishankar added that in the last few years, India has invested around 220 million **US dollar in Addu**, which will provide a fair idea of the importance that India attaches to regional development in Maldives.

PM Modi Releases 109 High Yielding, Crop Varieties

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi released **109 high-yielding, climate-resilient, and biofortified crop varieties** at the India Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi.
- The 109 varieties of 61 crops **include 34 field crops and 27 horticultural crops**. Among the field crops, seeds of various kinds of cereal including millets, forage crops, oilseeds, pulses, sugarcane, cotton, fibre, and other potential crops were released.
- **The horticultural crops will** cover different varieties of fruits, vegetables, plantation crops, tubers, spices, flowers, and medicinal plants. On the occasion, the Prime Minister also interacted with the farmers and scientists.



- Discussing the **importance of these new crop varieties**, Mr Modi stressed on the significance of value addition in agriculture. The farmers said that these new varieties will **be highly beneficial** as they will help reduce their expenditure and also have a positive impact on the environment.
- The Prime Minister also discussed the importance of **millet and underlined how people are moving towards** nutritious food. He also talked about the benefits of natural farming and the increasing faith of common people **towards organic farming, adding that people** have started consuming and demanding organic foods.
- The farmers appreciated the efforts undertaken by the government to promote natural farming. The farmers also lauded the role played **by Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in creating awareness**. Prime Minister suggested that KVKs should proactively inform farmers about the benefits of the new varieties being developed every month to enhance awareness about their benefits.

Timor Leste's Highest Civilian Award

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed immense pride over **President Droupadi Murmu's recognition with the Grand Collar of the Order** of Timor-Leste, the highest civilian award of the nation.
- Prime Minister said that it is a proud moment for the country to see the Indian President being honoured with the **highest civilian award of Timor-Leste**.

- He added this prestigious honour reflects the strong ties and mutual respect between India and Timor-Leste. Mr. Modi said that it is also a recognition of her monumental contribution to public life for several years.



Munal Satellite

- An MoU was signed between the **Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)** for grant assistance for the launch of **Nepal's Munal satellite**.



- During the visit of External Affairs Minister to Nepal to co-chair the **7th JCM meeting**, **EAM** witnessed the exchange of this Launch Service Agreement for the launch of Munal Satellite between **NSIL and NAST**, on 04 January 2024.

- **Munal Satellite is an indigenous satellite** developed in Nepal, under the aegis of NAST. APN, a Nepali space startup, has assisted Nepali students in the design and fabrication of this satellite.
- The satellite aims to build a **vegetation density database** of the Earth's surface. This satellite is expected to be launched soon on NSIL's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle.



Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST)

Heroes International Taekwondo Championship

- Taekwondo players from **Sikkim, Sanjay Subba, Anita Subba, and Jitendra Limbu** are representing India at the 7th Heroes International Taekwondo Championship in Bangkok, Thailand.



- The three-day-long championship began at Assumption University.
- The Sikkim Amateur Taekwondo Association said **Sanjay Subba** will showcase his skills in the under 60 kg Kyorugi event and will also be part of the mixed team Poomsae event.
- **Anita Subba and Jitendra Limbu** will participate in the pair Poomsae event, in addition to joining the mixed team poomsae competition.
- **Master Trilok Subba, the Chief Coach** and Founder of the Sikkim Amateur Taekwondo Association expressed his pride and extended his best wishes to the three players.

Independence Day Themes

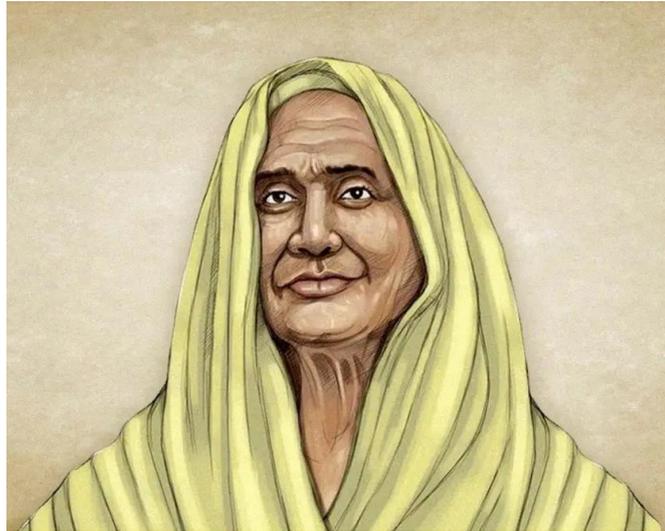
Year	Theme
Independence Day 2015	Towards True Freedom
Independence Day 2016	Yaad Kro Kurbanī
Independence Day 2017	Yeh India ka Time Hai
Independence Day 2018	One Country, One People
Independence Day 2019	Support our Troops, Salute our Troops
Independence Day 2020	Atmanirbhar Bharat
Independence Day 2021	Nation First, Always First
Independence Day 2022	Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
Independence Day 2023	Nation First, Always First
Independence Day 2024	Viksit Bharat

- Independence Day 2015: **Towards True Freedom** : This theme celebrated India's journey towards genuine freedom, emphasizing the importance of not just political independence but also personal and social liberation.
- Independence Day 2016: **Yaad Kro Kurbanī** : The focus was on honoring the sacrifices made by those who fought for India's freedom, reminding citizens to remember and respect their contributions to the nation's independence.
- Independence Day 2017: **Yeh India ka Time Hai** : This theme highlighted the current moment as a pivotal time for India, encouraging citizens to seize the opportunity to progress and make significant strides for the country's future.

- Independence Day 2018: **One Country, One People** : Emphasizing unity, this theme aimed to bring together diverse cultures and communities under a single national identity, celebrating India's strength in its diversity and collective spirit.
- Independence Day 2019: **Support our Troops, Salute our Troops** : This year's theme was dedicated to expressing gratitude and respect for the armed forces, acknowledging their role in safeguarding the nation and their sacrifices for national security.
- Independence Day 2020: **Atmanirbhar Bharat** : Focused on promoting self-reliance, this theme encouraged citizens and industries to support local products and solutions, fostering economic independence and resilience in the face of global challenges.
- Independence Day 2021: **Nation First, Always First** : This theme reaffirmed the priority of national interests above all else, urging citizens to place the country's welfare and progress at the forefront of their actions and decisions.
- Independence Day 2022: **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** : Celebrating the 75th anniversary of India's independence, this theme marked the milestone with festivities and reflections on the journey from freedom to the present, acknowledging the country's achievements.
- Independence Day 2023: **Nation First, Always First** : Reiterating the importance of national priority, this year's theme continued to emphasize placing the country's interests above personal or divisive concerns, fostering a unified national spirit.
- Independence Day 2024: **Viksit Bharat** : Focusing on a developed India, this theme highlighted the vision of a progressive and advanced nation, striving towards significant economic and social growth to achieve a developed status.

Matangini Hazra

- **Matangini Hazra, fondly known as "Gandhi Buri"** (old lady Gandhi), was a remarkable figure in India's fight for independence. Her dedication, resilience, and fearless spirit made her a symbol of courage during the struggle against British colonial rule.
- Born in a humble village and with limited education, she rose to become one of the most inspiring **leaders in the movement for freedom**, leaving an indelible mark on India's history.
- Matangini Hazra was **born on October 19, 1869, in Hogla**, a small village in the Tamluk subdivision of present-day West Bengal.



- In 1930, Matangini Hazra played a significant role in the **Salt Satyagraha**, also known as the **Dandi March**, led by Mahatma Gandhi. One of the most iconic moments in Matangini Hazra's life occurred on **September 19, 1942**, during the Quit India Movement.
- She led a **flag march in Tamluk**, proudly carrying the Indian national flag despite a ban on its display by the British. On September 29, 1942, Matangini Hazra made the ultimate sacrifice for her country. During a peaceful protest march in Tamluk, she was shot by British police forces.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. International Youth Day First Celebrated In

- A. 1999
- B. 2000
- C. 2001
- D. 2002

ANSWER: B

2. Munal Satellite Seen In News Belongs To

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. Myanmar
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: B

3. Addu Reclamation And Shore Protection Related To

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. Myanmar
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: D

4. Lake Turkana, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Nigeria
- B. Kenya
- C. Russia
- D. Ukraine

ANSWER: B

5. What Is 'Cheque Truncation System'

- A. Process Of Transferring A Physical Cheque From The Drawer To The Paying Bank
- B. Process Of Stopping Physical Movement Of A Cheque And Using Its Electronic Image Instead
- C. Process Of Clearing A Cheque Without Any Security Measures
- D. Process Of Verifying A Cheque Manually At The Paying Bank Branch

ANSWER: B

6. Which Day Is Observed As "International Day Of Indigenous Peoples"

- A. 8 August
- B. 9 August
- C. 10 August
- D. 11 August

ANSWER: B

7. In Which Year Was The Quit India Movement Launched

- A. 1942
- B. 1930
- C. 1919
- D. 1947

ANSWER: A

8. What Was The Repo Rate Decided By The RBI During The August 2024 Monetary Policy Committee

- A. 6.25%
- B. 5.5%
- C. 6.5%
- D. 7.2%

ANSWER: C

9. What Is New Upper Limit Set By RBI For Tax Payments Via UPI Per Transaction

- A. Rs 5 Lakh
- B. Rs 3 Lakh
- C. Rs 2 Lakh
- D. Rs 1 Lakh

ANSWER: A

10. Which Organization Is Responsible For Launch Of Earth Observation Satellite 8

- A. NASA
- B. ISRO
- C. ESA
- D. JAXA

ANSWER: B

11. Which City Hosted First In House Cadaver Organ Retrieval By ESIC Super Specialty Hospital

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

12. Which State Government Decided To Scrap The Two Child Norm For Contesting Local Body Elections

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: B

13. Which Country Is Launching The “Thousand Sails” Satellite Constellation To Compete With SpaceX’s Starlink

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. Japan
- D. China

ANSWER: D

14. By What % India's Renewable Energy Capacity Increased Over The Past Decade, Reaching 203.1 GW In 2024

- A. 85%
- B. 120%
- C. 150%
- D. 165%

ANSWER: D

15. Which Indian State Will Replace "Good Morning" With "Jai Hind" In Its Schools Starting August 15

- A. Punjab
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Haryana

ANSWER: D

16. In Which Country Was A 2,700 Year Old Etruscan Cult Temple Discovered At The Sasso Pinzuto Necropolis

- A. Greece
- B. Turkey
- C. Italy
- D. Egypt

ANSWER: C

17. Which Bank Partnered With Setu, Owned By Pine Labs, To Launch The UPI Setu Platform

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. IDFC FIRST Bank

ANSWER: C

18. Which Bank Has Appointed Tan Su Shan As Its First Female CEO

- A. Citibank
- B. Morgan Stanley
- C. HSBC
- D. DBS

ANSWER: D

19. Who Has Been Approved By SEBI As New MD & CEO Of Multi Commodity Exchange

- A. Praveena Rai
- B. PS Reddy
- C. Sonu Bhasin
- D. C.S. Verma

ANSWER: A

20. Akbar Conferred Title Of Jagatguru Upon Which Among Following Jaina Philosophers

- A. Anandasagar Suri
- B. Vijaykanak Suri
- C. Hira Vijay Suri
- D. Vijay Shantichandra Suri

ANSWER: C

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