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YUGM Innovation Conclave

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the **YUGM Conclave at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi**. YUGM, meaning **confluence in Sanskrit**, is a first-of-its-kind strategic conclave convening leaders from government, academia, industry, and innovators.
- It will contribute to the country's innovation journey, driven by a collaborative project of **around one thousand 400 crore rupees** with joint investment from the Wadhvani Foundation and Government Institutions.

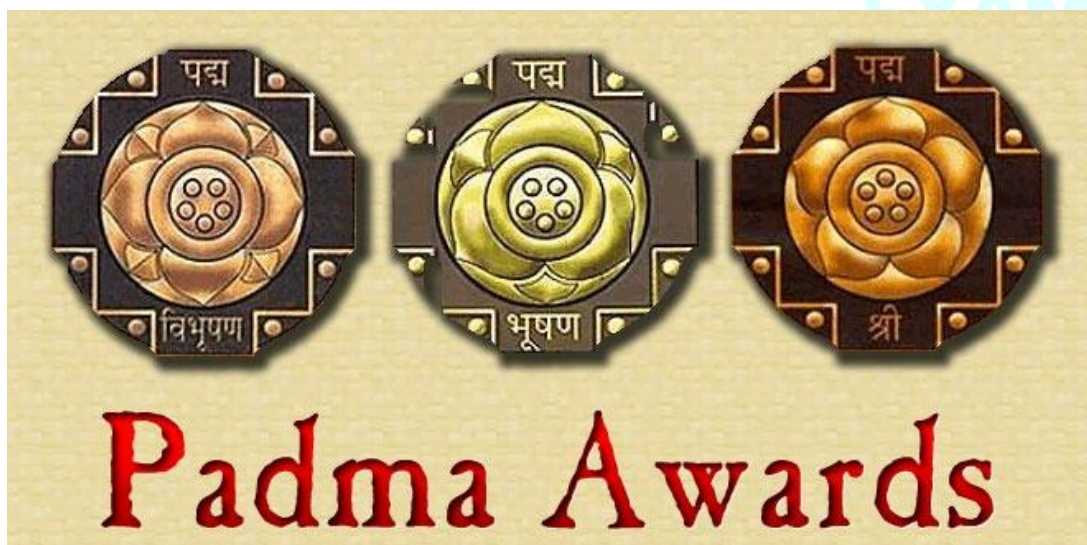


Padma Awards

- President Droupadi Murmu today conferred upon **Padma Awards to 71 eminent personalities** for the year 2025 at the **first Civil Investiture Ceremony** held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- Of them four were conferred with Padma Vibhushan, **10 with Padma Bhushan and 57 personalities** were conferred with Padma Shri. D Nageshwar Reddy, Dr Lakshminarayana Subramaniam were conferred with Padma Vibhushan for their contribution in medicine and art field, respectively, while M. T. Vasudevan Nair and Osamu Suzuki and honoured with Padma Vibhushan posthumously.



- Among those honoured with **Padma Bhushan** are **Nandamuri Balakrishna**, **Shekhar Kapur**, former Indian Hockey team captain **Sreejesh P R**, while former deputy Chief Minister of Bihar **Sushil Kumar Modi** was conferred posthumously. Those honoured with **Padma Shri** include **Cricketer Ravichandran Ashwin**, Former SBI Chairman **Arundhati Bhattacharya**, **Stephen Knapp**, **Ronu Majumdar**, and classic vocalist **Dr. K Omankutty Amma**.



- Recipient of **Padam Shri Award** and **Former SBI chairman Arundhati Bhattacharya** said that she achieved this honour for her role in expanding the Jandhan scheme. Another awardee **Ronu Majumdar** who also recieved Padma Shri in the field of art, expressed his gratitude to the Government of India saying that his work and dedication has been recognised.



- **Carnatic Vocalist Dr. K Omankutty Amma** got the Padma Shri award for her contribution in the field of art. She recalled her days, working with All India Radio and expressed the public broadcaster's contribution in shaping her career. American Author, Stephen Knapp, were also among the 71 people who received Padma awards this year. Talking to Akashvani News, He thanked government for recognising his work.

Sayani Das

- **Sayani Das became the first Indian woman to cross the North Channel**, completing the **38 km swim in 13 hours and 22 minutes** from Northern Ireland to Scotland. This swim marks the fifth open water channel swim conquered by Sayani, who aims to complete the Oceans Seven challenge, which includes seven of the toughest swims worldwide.
- To prepare for the **frigid 13°C waters of the North Channel**, Sayani endured ice baths as part of her training, dunking herself in a drum filled with 20-30 kg of ice for up to an hour daily.



11th BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting

- Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment, **Sushri Shobha Karandlaje**, **led the Indian delegation** at the BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting held under Brazil's Presidency in Brasília.



- The meeting, convened under the slogan “**Strengthening the Cooperation of the Global South for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance**”, culminated in the adoption of a forward-looking declaration addressing two pivotal themes: “Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Future of Work” and “The Impacts of Climate Change on the World of Work and a Just Transition”. India’s achievement of reduction in GHG emissions (2020–2019) and its net-zero by 2070 pledge reinforced its climate leadership.

India Bans 16 Pakistani Youtube Channels

- India has **banned 16 Pakistani YouTube channels**, including Dawn News, Samaa TV, Ary News and Geo News, for disseminating misinformation against India in the backdrop of the recent Pahalgam terror attack.
- The **YouTube channels have been banned for spreading** provocative and communally sensitive content, false and misleading narratives against India, its Army and security agencies. The banned channels have subscribers of over 63 million.

INDIA BANS 16 PAKISTANI YOUTUBE CHANNELS

NDTV



- The government has also objected to the reporting of the BBC on the Peshawar terror attack and conveyed the country's strong sentiments to India's BBC head. A formal letter has also been sent to the BBC on the terming of terrorists as militants. The External Affairs Ministry will be monitoring the reporting of the BBC.

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YouTube Account Blocking Orders Issued

Sl. No.	Name of the YouTube Channel	YouTube Handle	URL	No. of Subscribers
1	Dawn News	@dawnnewspakistan	https://www.youtube.com/@dawnnewspakistan/videos	1.96M
2	Irshad Bhatti	@IrshadBhatti01	https://www.youtube.com/@IrshadBhatti01	827K
3	SAMAA TV	@Samaatv	https://www.youtube.com/@Samaatv	12.7M
4	ARY NEWS	@ArynewsTvofficial	https://www.youtube.com/@ArynewsTvofficial	14.6M
5	BOL NEWS	@BOLNewsOfficial	https://www.youtube.com/@BOLNewsOfficial	7.85M
6	Raftar	@raftartv	https://www.youtube.com/@raftartv	804K
7	The Pakistan Reference	@ThePakistanReference	https://www.youtube.com/@ThePakistanReference	288K
8	Geo News	@geonews	https://www.youtube.com/@geonews	18.1M
9	Samaa Sports	@SamaaSports	https://www.youtube.com/@SamaaSports	73.5K
10	GNN	@gnnhdofficial	https://www.youtube.com/@gnnhdofficial	3.54M
11	Uzair Cricket	@UzairCricket786	https://www.youtube.com/@UzairCricket786	288K
12	Umar Cheema Exclusive	@UmarCheemaExclusive	https://www.youtube.com/@UmarCheemaExclusive	125K
13	Asma Shirazi	@AsmaShiraziOfficial	https://www.youtube.com/@AsmaShiraziOfficial	133K
14	Muneeb Farooq	@muneebfarooqofficial	https://www.youtube.com/@muneebfarooqofficial	165K
15	SUNO News HD	@SUNONewsHD	https://www.youtube.com/@SUNONewsHD	1.36M
16	Razi Naama	@razinaama	https://www.youtube.com/@razinaama	270K
Total Subscribers				63.08M

Hindu Kush ICIMOD 2025 Report

- **Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) region, often called the “Third Pole,”** plays a critical role in supporting river systems and water needs across South Asia. The latest ICIMOD report raises serious concerns about snow persistence and water security in the region.



- **International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)** released a report on April 21, 2025, revealing the lowest snow persistence in 23 years in the Hindu Kush Himalaya, threatening river flows across South Asia.
- ICIMOD 2025 report analyzes the snow cover patterns in the **HKH region and highlights the alarming decline** in snow persistence during the 2024–2025 winter season. This poses risks to water security, agriculture, hydropower, and drinking water supplies for nearly 2 billion people.
- **Key Finding:** Snow persistence was 23.6% below the 20-year average, the lowest in 23 years.
- **Definition:** Snow persistence refers to how long snow stays on the ground, a major indicator for water availability.
- **Major Rivers Impacted:** Ganga (-24.1%), Brahmaputra (-27.9%), Indus (-16.0%).
- **Worst Affected Basins:** Mekong (-51.9%), Salween (-48.3%).
- **Snowmelt Importance:** Contributes 23% of annual river flows.
- **Population at Risk:** Over 2 billion people across South Asia.

National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation

- **National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)** received the prestigious Udyog Vikas Award at the Udyog Vikas event in Kerala, recognizing its contribution to industrial development.



- **Shri Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma highlighted** the transformational potential of the Palakkad Integrated Manufacturing Cluster (IMC), set to reshape Kerala's infrastructure and the broader southern region's industrial landscape.
- **The 1,710-acre Palakkad Industrial Smart City** offers excellent connectivity through road, rail, and air, making it a key industrial hub for South India, fostering investments, employment, and regional innovation.

CABINET DECISION
28TH AUGUST, 2024

Grand necklace of Industrial Smart Cities

- Cabinet approves 12 Industrial cities under National Industrial Corridor Development Programme
- Estimated investment of Rs. 28,602 crore
- Projects to span across 10 states and strategically planned along 6 major corridors

• Khurpia in Uttarakhand	• Gaya in Bihar
• Rajpura-Patiala in Punjab	• Zaheerabad in Telangana
• Dighi in, Maharashtra	• Orvakal and Koppurthy in AP
• Palakkad in Kerala	• Jodhpur-Pali in Rajasthan
• Agra and Prayagraj in UP	

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Madhusudan Sai

- Madhusudan Sai's dedication to serving humanity was acknowledged by Fiji as he was conferred with the '**Companion of the Order of Fiji**', the country's highest honor.



- His key initiatives, especially the establishment of the **Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Hospital**, have greatly impacted healthcare and social welfare in Fiji, offering vital medical services to children in need, regardless of their background. This honor reflects his immense contributions to healthcare, particularly his work in establishing the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Hospital in Fiji.

FIFA Women's World Cup 2027

- **Brazil will host the 10th edition of Women's World Cup in 2027**, marking the first time the tournament takes place in South America.
- Australia and New Zealand jointly hosted the 9th edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2023. It was won by Spain, defeating England in the final.
- Football powerhouse Brazil had previously hosted the FIFA Men's World Cup in 1950 and 2014.



- FIFA organised the first Women's World Cup in 1991 in China. The World Cup is held every four years.
- Five countries have won the World Cup: the USA (four times), Germany (two times), Norway, Japan, and Spain have won the trophy once.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who Became First Indian Woman To Successfully Swim Across North Channel

- A. Sayani Das
- B. Parul Tyagi
- C. Anshika Singh
- D. Shivani Goyal

ANSWER: A

2. Who Led The Indian Delegation At The BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting In Brasília

- A. Bhupender Yadav
- B. Smriti Irani
- C. Sushri Shobha Karandlaje
- D. Nirmala Sitharaman

ANSWER: C

3. Which Organization Received Udyog Vikas Award At Event In Kerala

- A. Ministry of Heavy Industries
- B. Indian Industrial Development Corporation
- C. National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation
- D. Kerala Industrial Development Corporation

ANSWER: C

4. Which Country Will Host The 10th Edition Of FIFA Women's World Cup In 2027

- A. France
- B. Brazil
- C. USA
- D. Japan

ANSWER: B

5. What Is Health Cover Amount Provided By Ayushman Vay Vandana Cards

- A. 3 lakh rupees
- B. 5 lakh rupees
- C. 7 lakh rupees
- D. 10 lakh rupees

ANSWER: B

6. What Is The Theme For World Intellectual Property Day 2025

- A. Innovate for a Green Future
- B. IP and SMEs: Taking Your Ideas to Market
- C. IP and Youth: Innovating for a Better Future
- D. IP and Music: Feel the Beat of IP

ANSWER: D

7. Who Received The Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award For His Visionary Leadership In 2024

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Mukesh Ambani
- C. Kumar Mangalam Birla
- D. Anand Mahindra

ANSWER: C

8. Who Has Been Appointed As The Chairman And Public Interest Director Of NSE International Exchange

- A. Ajay Tyagi
- B. Neeraj Kumar Gupta
- C. Shaktikanta Das
- D. Rajiv Kumar

ANSWER: B

9. How Many Gold Medals Did India Win At The Asian Yogasana Sport Championship

- A. 83
- B. 85
- C. 90
- D. 75

ANSWER: A

10. What Is The Theme For World Day For Safety And Health At Work In 2025

- A. Revolutionising Health and Safety: The Role of AI and Digitalisation at Work
- B. Protecting Workers: The Role of Mental Health
- C. Safety First: Empowering Workers with Knowledge
- D. Innovation for Worker's Safety

ANSWER: A

11. PM MITRA Scheme Was Implemented By Which Ministry
Avinash Sable Seen In The News, Is Associated With Which Sports

- A. Ministry of Textiles
- B. Ministry of Agriculture
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Urban Development

ANSWER: A

12. What Is “Mycetoma”

- A. Invasive weed
- B. A chronic, progressively destructive infectious disease
- C. A genetic disorder
- D. Traditional medicine

ANSWER: B

13. Which Country Has Discovered A Bacteria Named Ca. Electrothrix Yaqonensis That Can Conduct Electricity

- A. United States of America (USA)
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. India

ANSWER: A

14. Yellowstone Supervolcano , Is Located In Which Country

- A. Indonesia
- B. Malaysia
- C. Philippines
- D. United States

ANSWER: D

15. Which State Is The Host Of Bharat Summit 2025

- A. Telangana
- B. Gujarat
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: A

16. Which Protected Area Of Odisha Has Been Declared 107th National Park Of India

- A. Nandankanan
- B. Satkosia
- C. Simlipal
- D. Gahirmatha

ANSWER: C

17. Which Bengaluru-based Start-up Has Been Selected To Build India's First Indigenous AI Large Language Model

- A. Expertia AI
- B. Saarthi AI
- C. CoRover
- D. Sarvam AI

ANSWER: D

18. Crimea Is An Autonomous Republic Located In Which Country

- A. Ukraine
- B. Belarus
- C. Moldova
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

19. Davis Strait, Is Part Of Which Ocean

- A. Pacific Ocean
- B. Atlantic Ocean
- C. Indian Ocean
- D. Arctic Ocean

ANSWER: B

20. Ras Isa Port, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Ukraine
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Yemen

ANSWER: D