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World Press Freedom Day

- World Press Freedom Day 2025 Will Be **Observed On May 03, 2025**. It Is A Significant Occasion That Highlights The Importance Of A Free And Independent Press In Safeguarding Democracy And Human Rights. The Theme For World Press Freedom Day 2025 Is “Reporting In The Brave New World – **The Impact Of Artificial Intelligence On Press Freedom And The Media.**”



- The Rankings Are Made By Experts After Considering The Number Of Violent Incidents Involving Journalists In Each Country, As Well As Other Relevant Data. They Assess The Situation In A Country Or Territory In Five Categories: Politics, Law, Economy, Socio-culture And Security.



- India Has Risen To **Rank 151 Out Of 180 In The World** Press Freedom Index 2025. The Report, Put Together By **Reporters Without Borders (RWB)**, An International Non-profit Organisation For Democratic Governance, Raised Alarm About Economic Pressure Being A Pressing Concern For Most Media Outlets Worldwide.



- **India Ranked 159 In 2024. The Index Ranks Eritrea At The Bottom-most And Norway In The First Position.** The Countries That Rank Below India Include Bhutan, Pakistan, Turkey, Palestine, China, Russia, Afghanistan, Syria, And North Korea.
- **India, Ranked At 151, Has Been Sliding Over The Past Years,** Falling From 140 In 2019 To 142 In 2020 And 2021, And Further Down To 150 In 2022 And 161 In 2023. India's Neighbouring Pakistan Fell To 158 From 150 In 2023 And 157 In 2022.

WAVES 2025

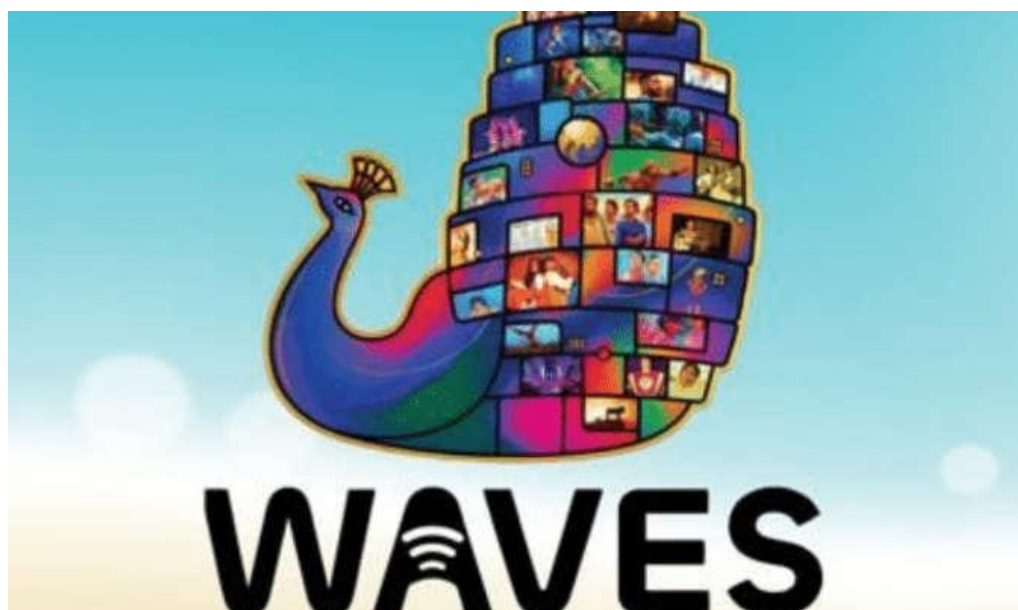
- India hosted the **first Global Media Dialogue (GMD)** as part of the World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit **in Mumbai**. The dialogue was organised by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, with support from the **Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**.
- The summit saw the participation of delegates **from 77 countries that culminated in the adoption** of the WAVES Declaration by the member nations. The Global Media Dialogue, held in Mumbai as part of the ongoing WAVES 2025, centred on the role of governments in promoting global peace and harmony within an increasingly interconnected media landscape.



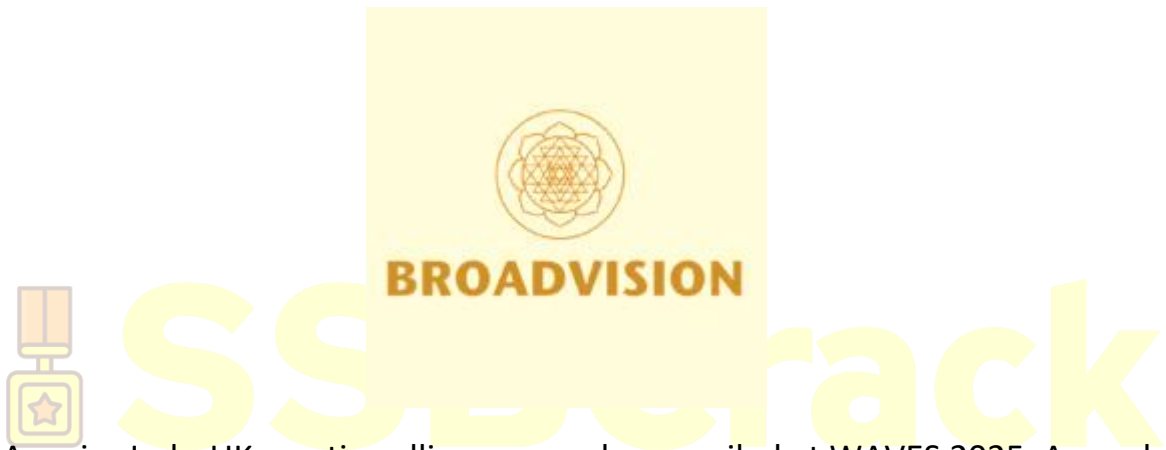
- The dialogue emphasised the powerful role of films in **bridging cultural divides, with participating nations recognising** the significant contribution of Indian cinema in fostering cross-cultural understanding.
- Meanwhile, the WAVES Bazaar, another key component of WAVES 2025, has already recorded confirmed **business transactions worth ₹254 crore across the** film, music, animation, radio, and VFX sectors in just two days.
- Several major business agreements have been signed between Indian and international film industry stakeholders, underscoring the event's role as a hub for global media collaboration.



- **WAVES Declaration** was adopted during the **Global Media Dialogue**, and the member nations agreed to collaborate on giving voice to traditions and heritage. The delegates from 77 countries participated in the Global Media Dialogue at Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai.
- They also agreed to support content that respects human rights and cultural sensitivities while fostering cross-border collaborations to deepen shared understanding. Achieving another milestone, a film project titled **Khidki Gaon** from the **Viewing Room** vertical of **WAVES Bazaar** has finalised its **post-production and VFX deal** with the Asian Cinema Fund, the business fund market of the Busan International Film Festival.



- **The project is valued at 2 crore rupees.** A business deal is currently under discussion between OML (Only Much Louder) and Gazprom Media (Russia) to sign an MoU for collaborating on a cross-cultural festivals project between Russia and India, aimed at creating collaborative content for global audiences.
- Additionally, **Broadvision Perspectives (India) and Fabrique d'Images Group (Europe) announced a €30 million four-film co-production alliance** at WAVES Mumbai, under the Indo-French and Indo-Belgian official treaties. With each animated feature **budgeted at €6-8 million, this multi-country treaty** collaboration marks one of the largest Indo-European animation deals in recent history.



- A major Indo-UK creative alliance was also unveiled at WAVES 2025. Amanda Groom, Founder & CEO of the **UK-based The Bridge, and Munjal Shroff, Co-founder of India's Graphiti Studios**, formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to co-produce a slate of factual television series under the **India-UK audiovisual co-production framework**.
- One of the most talked-about highlights at WAVES 2025 was the major announcement by **Makiko Inaba, Director of the International Business Department at TV Asahi Corporation**. She unveiled the launch of the **"Shin Chan India Year – a landmark cultural initiative** underscoring Crayon Shin-chan's immense popularity in India.



- With over three decades of global acclaim and deep-rooted success in the Indian market, **Shin-chan continues to capture hearts across generations**. The announcement included the Indian theatrical release of the record-breaking Shin Chan: Our Dinosaur Diary on May 9, following its successful premiere in Mumbai. A second India-centric film, The Spicy Kasukabe Dancers in India, is slated for release during Diwali 2025.

Angola President Arrives In New Delhi

- **President of Angola João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço arrived** in New Delhi this morning on a day State Visit to India. He was accorded a special welcome and received by Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh at the airport. Mr Laurengo is accompanied by a high-level delegation, including several Ministers, senior officials, business houses and media.



- A visit by the President of Angola to India is **taking place after 38 years**. The visit comes at a time when India and Angola are celebrating the **40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations** this year. **President Laurengo will be accorded a ceremonial** welcome at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhawan tomorrow.
- Besides, President Laurengo will have delegation level talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who will also host a luncheon in his honour. **Several MoUs and Agreements are expected** to be signed during the visit, which shall give a fillip to bilateral relations.
- On Sunday, President Laurengo will participate in a business event in New Delhi, aimed at promoting investment and commercial linkages between the two countries.
- Bilateral trade between the **two countries has been growing and reached 4.192 billion dollars during 2023-2024**. The Development Partnership, Capacity-Building Cooperation, and Defence relationship have also been expanding. Both countries support each other's candidature at various multilateral for, including in the UN.

Mike Waltz

- **US President Donald Trump has nominated Mike Waltz** as the next US Ambassador to the United Nations. Waltz, a former soldier, congressman, and **Trump's current National Security Advisor**, is expected to bring his experience to the new role. In the meantime, Secretary of State Marco Rubio will also serve as National Security Advisor, taking on both roles temporarily.



- Trump announced his social media platform, Truth Social, **praising Waltz's dedication to national interests** and expressing confidence in his leadership. The National Security Advisor role has seen frequent changes during Trump's presidency. **Previous advisors included** Michael Flynn, HR McMaster, John Bolton, and Robert O'Brien. O'Brien served the longest, staying in the position until the end of Trump's term in 2021.

ECB Bans Transgender Females

- **England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)** announced today that transgender females will no longer be able to take part in all levels of women's and girls' cricket across England and Wales, with immediate effect.



- Previously, **transgender females were prohibited from competing** in the top two tiers of elite women's cricket and The Hundred since the beginning of the year. However, at that time, the ECB had permitted them to compete in tier three of the domestic women's game and in recreational cricket. This policy shift comes in response to the UK Supreme Court's April 15 ruling, which defined **"woman" in legal terms as based on biological sex.**
- **ECB's decision follows similar moves by other sports governing bodies.** Yesterday, the English Football Association (FA) declared that transgender females would be **ineligible to compete in women's football starting June 1.** England Netball also announced that transgender females will be excluded from women's competitions beginning September 1.

First National Mediation Conference

- President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the **first National Mediation Conference in New Delhi.** Chief Justice of India **Justice Sanjiv Khanna** and **Union Minister for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal** will also address the conference.
- The event is being organised by Office of the **Attorney General of India** in association with the Ministry of Law and Justice.



- Attorney General R Venkataramani said that the conference will bring together a large number of **mediation and arbitration institutions so that they** can discuss and share best practices with regard to the mediation process.
- Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Law and Justice Ajay Arora said that the purpose behind organising this event is to motivate the litigants to follow the mediation process for resolving the cases to bring down the pendency of cases in the courts.

MMA Debuts & Cricket Retained For Asian Games 2026

- **Asian Games 2026**, scheduled to take place in Japan from September 19 to October 4, will feature some exciting developments in its sports programme. For the **first time, Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)** will be included, marking a significant milestone in the evolution of combat sports on the international stage.
- Additionally, **cricket, a beloved sport in Asia, will make its fourth appearance** at the Games. These decisions have been confirmed by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), which officially approved the inclusion of both sports during its board meeting on April 28, 2025.



- The **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)** has confirmed that **Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)** will make its debut at the Asian Games 2026, scheduled to be held in **Japan's Aichi and Nagoya prefectures**.
- **Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)** will debut at the **2026 Asian Games** with six medal events. MMA is increasingly popular worldwide, particularly in Asia, and is seen as a growing segment in countries like India.



- Cricket, which had been **dropped from the 2018 edition**, will be part of the **2026 Asian Games**, continuing its return since its re-inclusion in 2023.
- The Asian Games 2026 will be held in **Aichi and Nagoya, Japan**, from September 19 to October 4. Cricket made its first appearance at the Asian Games in 2010 in Guangzhou and has since been a part of the Games, except for the 2018 edition.

- **Cricket's T20 format will be played for both men and women**, as was the case in Hangzhou 2023. The MMA debut will feature six medal events, classified under Combat Sports, alongside other disciplines like kurash and jujitsu.
- **Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) has rapidly gained popularity**, especially in India, where fighters like Anshul Jubli and Pooja Tomar have made it to the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship), opening doors for more aspiring MMA fighters.
- **Cricket made its Olympic debut in the 1900 Paris Summer Games** but has not been part of the Olympics since then. It will return to the LA 2028 Olympics, making this an exciting year for cricket's return to global sporting events.

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023

- **Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** felicitated and presented the **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023** to badminton champions **Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** in New Delhi.



- **Lauding the efforts of players**, Dr Mandaviya said that this award is a testament to dedication and exceptional performances on the court. He added that both players have brought honour to the country by winning medals in international competitions **through extraordinary skills and sheer hard work**.
- The ace badminton pair of **Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy**, who **reached the No. 1 rank** in the **Badminton World Federation (BWF)** rankings in 2023 and clinched the Asian **Games gold medal in Hangzhou**, were shortlisted for the Khel Ratna award in 2023.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where Is World Audio Visual And Entertainment Summit 2025 Being Held

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

ANSWER: C

2. When is World Tuna Day observed annually

- A. May 1
- B. May 2
- C. April 29
- D. May 3

ANSWER: B

3. What is the theme for World Tuna Day 2025

- A. Save Tuna, Save Oceans“
- B. "Sustainable Seas, Sustainable Future“
- C. "Our Ocean, Our Tuna, Our Future“
- D. "Protect Tuna, Preserve Life"

ANSWER: C

4. Which country has Nvidia traditionally relied on for manufacturing

- A. South Korea
- B. Taiwan
- C. Japan
- D. China

ANSWER: B

5. Which Indian ruler's sword was recently brought back to India from London

- A. Shivaji Maharaj
- B. Raghuji Bhosale I
- C. Bajirao I
- D. Mahadaji Shinde

ANSWER: B

6. How Much Maharashtra Government Pay To Acquire Raghuji Bhosale's Sword

- A. Rs 57.15 lakh
- B. Rs 35 lakh
- C. Rs 50 lakh
- D. Rs 47.15 lakh

ANSWER: D

7. Which State Became First To Implement AI-Based Real-Time Forest Alert System

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Kerala
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: C

8. What is the purpose of the Real-Time Forest Alert System

- A. Monitoring illegal mining
- B. Preventing wildlife trafficking
- C. Active forest management
- D. Promoting tourism

ANSWER: C

9. What is the main objective of the partnership between GAME and NITI Aayog

- A. Promote digital education in schools
- B. Foster vibrant entrepreneurship ecosystems
- C. Launch new startups in metro cities
- D. Provide subsidies to small-scale industries

ANSWER: B

10. Umiam Lake Seen In The News, Is Located In Which State

- A. West Bengal
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Meghalaya

ANSWER: D

11. Which 3 Locations Are The Pilot Sites For The GAME And NITI Aayog Initiative

- A. Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai
- B. Nagpur, Visakhapatnam, and Uttar Pradesh
- C. Delhi, Hyderabad, and Rajasthan
- D. Indore, Bengaluru, and Gujarat

ANSWER: B

12. Who Recently Assumed Role Of Vice Chief Of Air Staff In The Indian Air Force

- A. Air Marshal R.K. Singh
- B. Air Marshal Vivek Chaudhuri
- C. Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari
- D. Air Marshal Arup Raha

ANSWER: C

13. Which sport will be included for the first time in the 2026 Asian Games

- A. Baseball
- B. Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)
- C. Archery
- D. Chess

ANSWER: B

14. What is India's rank in the 2025 World Press Freedom Index

- A. 180
- B. 159
- C. 140
- D. 151

ANSWER: D

15. What is the name of the Maldives' ship that underwent refit in Mumbai

- A. CGS Dheeva
- B. CGS Huravee
- C. CGS Kuda Bandos
- D. CGS Malee

ANSWER: B

16. What is total cost of first phase of the Vizhinjam International Seaport project

- A. ₹10,000 crore
- B. ₹5,600 crore
- C. ₹8,867 crore
- D. ₹7,890 crore

ANSWER: C

17. SeaCURE Project is an initiative of which country

- A. India
- B. United States
- C. Japan
- D. United Kingdom

ANSWER: D

18. Vembanad Lake, That Was Recently Seen In News, Is Located In Which State

- A. Kerala
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: A

19. Which Is Nodal Ministry For National Medical Register, A Centralized Digital Database

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Science and Technology
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Social Justice

ANSWER: C

20. Bio-input Resource Centres Are Launched Under Which National Mission

- A. National Mission on Organic Farming
- B. National Food Security Mission
- C. National Mission on Natural Farming
- D. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana

ANSWER: C