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India Will Not Discuss Anything With Pakistan

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has outlined India's unwavering commitment to combat terrorism, following the success of Operation Sindoor. Addressing the nation yesterday evening, Mr Modi said that the world has seen India's capabilities, and it is clear terrorists will no longer be spared.
- Prime Minister said, **Operation Sindoor has sent an unambiguous message** to terrorist groups and their supporters that any attack on India and its citizens will be met with full force. Mr Modi said that India will not engage in any discussions with Pakistan except those concerning terrorism and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).



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- **He criticised the Pakistani government and military for supporting terrorism**, warning that such actions could lead to their downfall. Prime Minister said that the temporary suspension of Operation Sindoor is not a conclusion as India will continue to assess **Pakistan's every move in the coming days** to ensure that its future actions align with its commitments.
- Mr Modi said that within the first three days of the launch of Operation Sindoor, Pakistan suffered destruction far beyond its expectations. Mr Modi mentioned that **following India's aggressive countermeasures**, Pakistan began seeking

ways to de-escalate, appealing to the global community for relief from rising tensions.



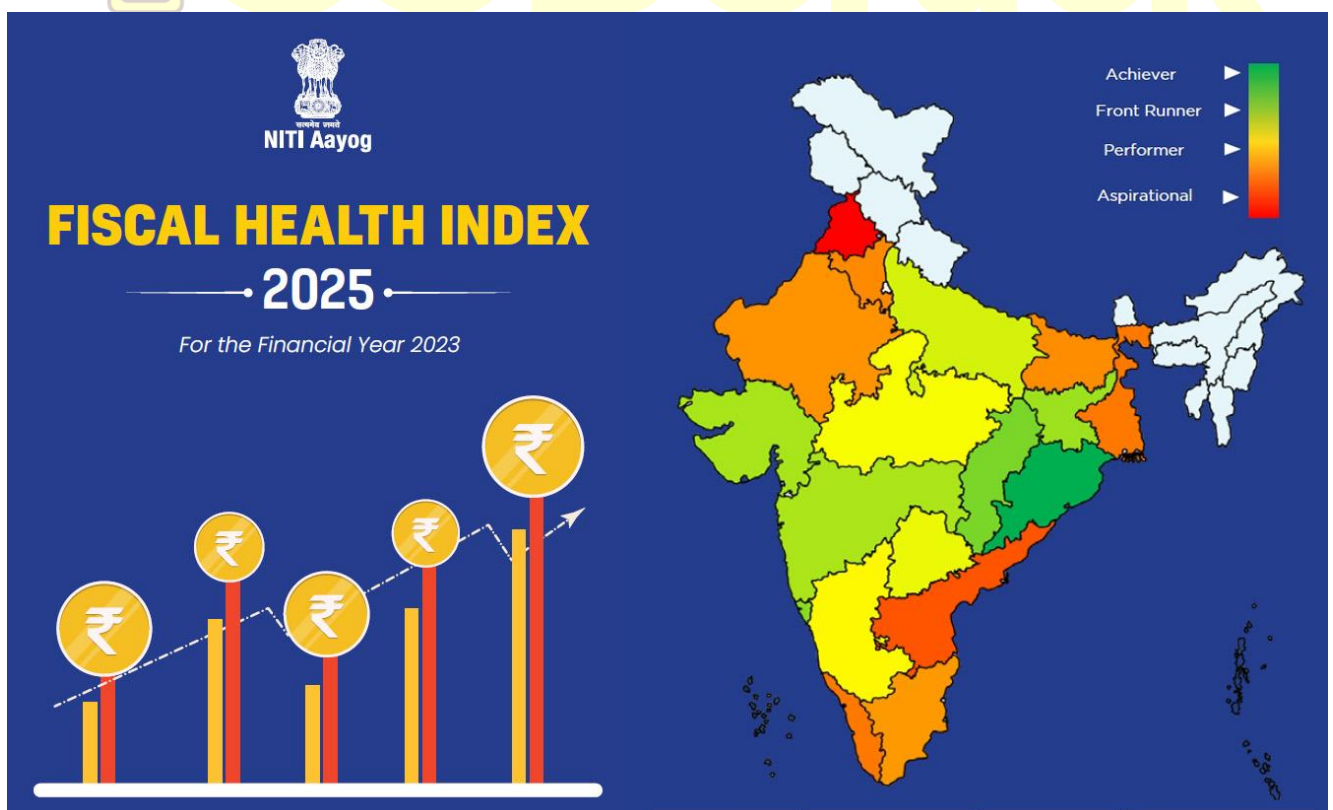
- Mr Modi stated that the operation has set a new standard and a new normal in counter-terrorism measures. The Prime Minister outlined three **key pillars of India's security doctrine**, and the **first pillar is the Decisive Retaliation**. He said any terrorist attack on India will be met with a strong and resolute response. The **second is No Tolerance for Nuclear Blackmail**, as India will not be intimidated by nuclear threats. Mr Modi said that the **third pillar is No Distinction Between Terror Sponsors and Terrorists**, as India will no longer see terrorist leaders and the governments sheltering them as separate entities.



- Mr Modi pointed out that during Operation Sindoor, the world once again witnessed Pakistan's disturbing reality, with senior Pakistani military officials openly attending funerals of eliminated terrorists, proving Pakistan's deep involvement in state-sponsored terrorism. The Prime Minister reaffirmed that India will continue taking decisive steps to safeguard its citizens against any threat. **Underscoring that unity is India's greatest strength** in the fight against all forms of terrorism, the Prime Minister reaffirmed that while this era is not one of war, it cannot be one of terrorism either.
- **Mr Modi sent a firm message to the world that any discussions** with Pakistan will focus solely on terrorism, and any negotiations with Pakistan will centre around Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Fiscal Health Index 2025

- **Fiscal Health Index 2025, released by NITI Aayog**, show how well Indian states are managing their money. It **checks how states earn income, spend on development and handle debt**. The report helps us know which states are using their resources wisely. Know the names of top-10 best performing states in the Fiscal Health Index 2025.



- **Odisha is the top state in the Fiscal Health Index 2025.** It scored the highest due to its excellent debt management, smart spending and good revenue collection. **Chhattisgarh ranks second**, showing strong performance in balancing its income and expenses, with a good debt profile.
- **Goa takes the third spot**, mainly because of its high revenue collection. These states have managed their finances well, which helps them invest more in public services and development.
- **Fiscal Health Index is a report by NITI Aayog** that checks how well Indian states manage their finances. It studies 18 major states based on their income, spending, population and role in the economy. The FHI gives a fair comparison of states using common measures, helping them understand their performance and make better financial decisions for the future.

Rank	State	FHI Score	Quality of Expenditure	Revenue Mobilization	Fiscal Prudence	Debt Index
1.	Odisha	67.8	52	69.9	54	99
2.	Chhattisgarh	55.2	55.1	56.5	56	79.6
3.	Goa	53.6	45.5	87.1	59.4	51
4.	Jharkhand	51.6	47.3	45.7	62.4	66.9
5.	Gujarat	50.5	40	48.7	52.7	69
6.	Maharashtra	50.3	37.1	59.1	41.8	76.4
7.	Uttar Pradesh	45.9	45.8	34.6	44.7	59.9
8.	Telangana	43.6	36.9	75.2	40.8	53.3
9.	Madhya Pradesh	42.2	59.7	27.6	35.6	61
10.	Karnataka	40.8	47.4	43.9	43.9	62.2

Taliban Suspends Chess In Afghanistan

- **Taliban regime in Afghanistan has officially suspended** the sport of chess, citing concerns over its compatibility with Islamic law. The suspension of chess marks the **Taliban's continued enforcement of religious interpretations** on Afghan society.
- With chess players and café owners expressing dismay, this ban has drawn international attention for its implications on freedom of expression, recreation,

and mental health in the country. Previous bans: MMA competitions, various cultural activities, women's sports.



- Religious grounds: **Chess is considered to encourage gambling**, which is forbidden in Islam under the Taliban's interpretation. In Kabul, cafés that hosted informal chess gatherings have stopped the activity.
- Chess was a **popular recreational outlet**, especially for young people.
- Café owners like Azizullah Gulzada say the ban affects mental well-being and business operations.

Virat Kohli Retires From Test Cricket

- Indian Cricket Legend **Virat Kohli Has Officially Announced** His Retirement From Test Cricket, Marking The End Of A Historic And Transformative Chapter In The Sport. **Over A 14-year-long Test Career**, Virat Kohli Played 123 Matches, Scoring An Impressive 9230 Runs At An Average Of 46.85.

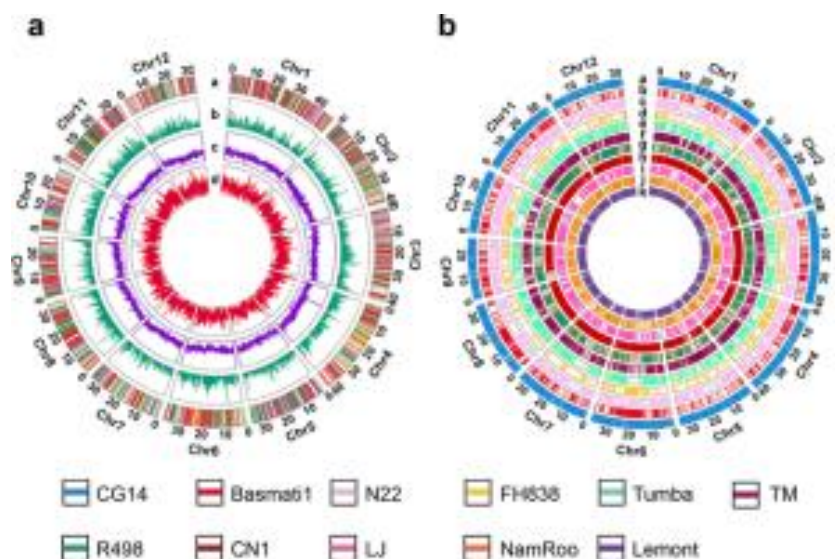


- **His Highest Score Came In 2019, A Phenomenal 254** Not Out Against South Africa. **Kohli's Tally Includes 30 Centuries And 31 Half-centuries**, Placing Him Among India's All-time Greats. With These Numbers, Kohli Retires As India's **Fourth-highest Run-scorer** In Test Cricket, Behind Only Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, And Sunil Gavaskar.

Format	Matches (M)	Innings (Inn)	Runs	Balls Faced (BF)	Highest Score (HS)	Average (Avg)	Strike Rate (SR)	Not Outs (NO)	4s	6s	50s	100s	200s
Test	123	210	9230	16608	254	46.85	55.58	13	1027	30	31	30	7
ODI	302	290	14181	15192	183	57.88	93.35	45	1325	153	74	51	0
T20I	125	117	4188	3056	122	48.70	137.05	31	369	124	38	1	0
IPL	263	255	8509	6417	113	39.58	132.61	40	749	290	62	8	0

Pangenome Of Rice

- Scientists revealed a pioneering pangenome for rice. This reference genome integrates **genetic data from 144 wild and cultivated rice varieties across Asia**. The initiative mirrors the **Human Genome Project**, aiming to enhance rice cultivation.
- Rice serves as a staple for **nearly two-thirds of the global population**. The pangenome project is vital for developing new rice cultivars with improved traits, particularly in the face of climate change.



- **A pangenome differs from a traditional reference genome**. It encompasses both common genes and unique genetic sequences across various rice varieties.

This comprehensive approach provides a clearer picture of genetic diversity. The pangenome for rice includes **69,531 identified genes**, with 28,907 being core genes and 13,728 specific to wild rice.

- **This genetic wealth can lead to better understanding** of rice adaptability and resilience. Rice production is impacted by climate change. Rising temperatures affect yields and increase arsenic uptake in rice. India, a major rice producer, has seen its **average temperature rise by 0.7° C since 1901**.



- The record heat in 2024, with temperatures 0.9° C above average, poses a threat to rice cultivation. Addressing these challenges is crucial for food security. The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** has developed genome-edited rice varieties, **Samba Mahsuri and MTU 1010**. These varieties promise higher yields and improved drought resistance. However, their release to farmers is pending. The integration of pangenome data can further enhance these developments, ensuring that new cultivars are resilient and productive. The study confirmed that all Asian cultivated rice descends from a wild variety, **Or-Illa**, a close **relative of O. rufipogon**.
- This evolutionary insight is crucial for understanding domestication pathways. The research marks the importance of wild rice in breeding programs, as it harbours **valuable traits for climate resilience**. The findings from the rice pangenome project open new avenues for research. By bridging the gap between wild and **cultivated rice, scientists can develop** superior varieties. These improved cultivars can incorporate traits that enhance resilience to

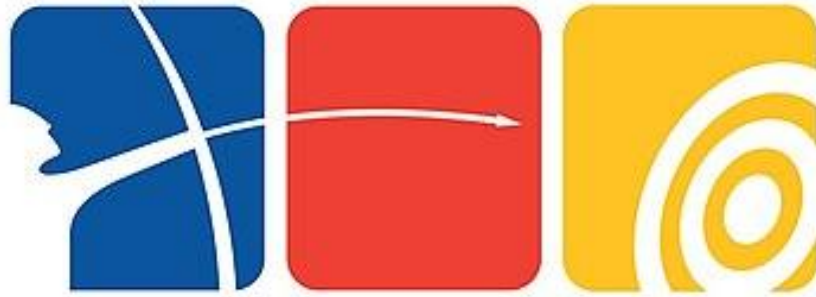
environmental changes. The ongoing study of rice genetics will play a very important role in global food security.

Deepika Kumari Clinches Bronze

- **India's top archer, Deepika Kumari**, secured a bronze medal at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 held in Shanghai on May 11, 2025. After a tough semifinal loss to **world No. 1 Lim Sihyeon**, **Deepika displayed** remarkable resilience and composure to **defeat Korea's Kang Chae Young 7-3 in the bronze medal** playoff.



- This victory brought India's medal tally at the event to six, further establishing the country's prowess in archery. The **Archery World Cup is a competition organized by World Archery**, where the archers compete in four stages in four countries and the best eight archers of each category (from 2010, four archers during 2006–09) advance to an additional stage to contest the Archery World Cup Final.
- **Started in 2006, this form of competition was introduced** following the success of the 2003 **World Archery Championships in New York** and the **2004 Summer Olympics**. Archery is the national sport of Bhutan. It was declared as the national sport in 1971, and the sport is deeply ingrained in Bhutanese culture. Bhutanese archery involves a unique style of shooting at a target placed 145 meters away.



ARCHERY WORLD CUP

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which state topped the Fiscal Health Index 2025 released by NITI Aayog

- A. Goa
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Odisha
- D. Maharashtra

ANSWER: A

2. What was the primary reason for Odisha securing the top position in the Fiscal Health Index 2025

- A. High population growth
- B. Excellent debt management and good revenue collection
- C. High industrial output
- D. Central government funding

ANSWER: B

3. Who secured the bronze medal at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 in Shanghai on May 11, 2025

- A. Lim Sihyeon
- B. Kang Chae Young
- C. Deepika Kumari
- D. Atanu Das

ANSWER: C

4. Which country's archer did Deepika Kumari defeat to win the bronze medal

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

ANSWER: C

5. What stage of negotiation has the India-EU Free Trade Agreement entered recently

- A. Initial Talks
- B. Review Phase
- C. Two-stage Approach
- D. Finalization

ANSWER: C

6. How many Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs)/Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) has India signed so far

- A. 10
- B. 11
- C. 13
- D. 15

ANSWER: C

7. What launch vehicle was used to launch CARTOSAT-3?

- A. GSLV Mk III
- B. PSLV-C47
- C. GSLV Mk II
- D. SSLV-D1

ANSWER: B

8. How many satellites are currently working round-the-clock for India's strategic purposes, according to ISRO

- A. 5
- B. 7
- C. 10
- D. 15

ANSWER: C

9. name of mission involving development of 52 surveillance satellites for India

- A. GSAT Mission
- B. Gaganyaan Mission
- C. Space-Based Surveillance-3 (SBS-3)
- D. Bharat Sat Project

ANSWER: C

10. At what altitude did DRDO successfully conduct the maiden flight trials of its Stratospheric Airship Platform

- A. 10 km
- B. 22 km
- C. 30 km
- D. 17 km

ANSWER: D

11. Which high-precision weapon used by the Indian Air Force in Operation Sindoor is a long-range, air-launched cruise missile developed by MBDA

- A. HAMMER
- B. Loitering Munition
- C. SCALP
- D. BrahMos

ANSWER: C

12. How many test matches virat kohli played

- A. 112
- B. 123
- C. 118
- D. 130

ANSWER: B

13. Which State Secured First Position In Implementing Pradhan Mantri Formalisation Of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Andhra Pradesh

ANSWER: B

14. Global Methane Tracker 2025 Is Released By Which Organization

- A. International Energy Agency (IEA)
- B. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- C. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- D. World Bank

ANSWER: A

15. Where Was The 10th International Trade Fair Organized

- A. Turkey
- B. Nepal
- C. Bhutan
- D. China

ANSWER: B

16. Songar Drones Are Armed Unmanned Aerial Systems Developed By Which Country

- A. Israel
- B. Turkey
- C. Russia
- D. India

ANSWER: B

17. Who Led The Indian Government's Briefing About Operation Sindoor, Launched In Response To The April 2025 Pahalgam Terrorist Attack

- A. General Anil Chauhan and Air Marshal Rakesh Bhadauria
- B. Wing Commander Vyomika Singh and Colonel Sofiya Qureshi
- C. Admiral Karambir Singh and Major General Alok Sharma
- D. Lieutenant General Arjun Raj and Group Captain Neha Menon

ANSWER: B

18. Which City Launched The 'Sanchari Cauvery' And 'Sarala Cauvery' Water Supply Initiatives

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

ANSWER: C

19. What Is One Of The Dual Celebration Dates For World Migratory Bird Day 2025

- A. November 14
- B. May 10
- C. May 11
- D. March 5

ANSWER: B

20. Saga Dawa, A Buddhist Festival, Recently Celebrated In Which State

- A. Sikkim
- B. Nagaland
- C. Assam
- D. Manipur

ANSWER: A

