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Jain Spiritual Leader Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **centenary celebrations of Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj** in New Delhi. He will also address the gathering on the occasion. The programme will mark the formal commencement of a year-long national tribute, being organised by the government, in collaboration with Bhagwan Mahaveer Ahimsa Bharti Trust to **honour the 100th birth anniversary of Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj**.



- He was a **revered Jain spiritual leader and social reformer**. The year-long celebration will include cultural, literary, educational, and spiritual initiatives across the country, aimed at celebrating his life and legacy and spreading his message. Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj authored more than 50 works on Jain philosophy and ethics.
- He played an **instrumental role in the restoration and revival of ancient Jain temples across India** and worked for education, especially in Prakrit, Jain philosophy, and classical languages.

Indus Waters Treaty

- India **has rejected a ruling** issued by the so-called **Court of Arbitration on the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects** situated in Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement, the **Ministry of External Affairs dismissed the supplemental award** given by the illegal Court of Arbitration purportedly constituted under the Indus Waters Treaty 1960.



- The Ministry said, India has **never recognised the legal validity of this Court** of Arbitration terming its constitution a serious breach of the Indus Waters Treaty. It said, any proceedings before this forum and any decision taken by it, is illegal.
- The Ministry said, **Indus Waters Treaty has been placed in abeyance** by the country after the Pahalgam terrorist attack. The decision was taken in view of Pakistan's support to cross-border terrorism. The Ministry stressed that India is no longer bound to perform any of its obligations under the Treaty.
- It emphasized that **no Court of Arbitration has the authority to question India's sovereign decision** in this matter. The Ministry of External Affairs said this latest charade at Pakistan's behest is yet another desperate attempt by it to escape accountability for its role as the global epicenter of terrorism.



- It said, **Pakistan's resort to this fabricated arbitration mechanism** is consistent with its decades-long pattern of deception and manipulation of international forums.

World Police & Fire Games

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah expressed his joy over** India being designated as the host country for the **2029 World Police and Fire Games**. In a social media post, Mr. Shah said that it is a moment of great pride for every citizen. He remarked that India winning the prestigious bid to host the event is a global recognition of its sprawling sports infrastructure.
- The Home Minister added that **Ahmedabad being selected as the venue** for the event, which brings together police, fire, and disaster services to compete in **more than 50 sports, is a testament to the city's** rising stature as a sporting destination.



E- Voting System For Urban Polls

- **Bihar becomes the first Indian state to introduce** e-voting for urban local body elections, allowing citizens to cast their votes through an Android-based mobile app developed by C-DAC and the **Bihar State Election Commission (SEC)**.
- Advanced security measures like blockchain, live face detection, face matching, and audit trails have been integrated into the e-voting system to ensure tamper-proof and transparent voting.



- **Over 10,000 voters have already registered for e-voting**, and the SEC believes this move will improve voter turnout and make the electoral process more inclusive and accessible.
- **Bihar SEC has pioneered digital innovations like Face Recognition System (FRS)** for voter verification, OCR-based counting of votes, and digital locks for EVM strong rooms, setting an example for other states in modernising electoral processes.

48th PRAGATI Meeting

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the **48th edition of PRAGATI, the Centre's ICT-enabled platform** for proactive governance, where he reviewed critical infrastructure projects in the Mines, Railways, and Water Resources sectors, emphasising timely execution and better inter-agency coordination.
- Prime Minister highlighted the urgent need for equitable healthcare access **through the PM-ABHIM initiative**, calling it a golden opportunity for states to

strengthen primary, tertiary, and specialized health services, especially for marginalized and underserved populations.



UN80 Initiative

- **UN80 Initiative aims to strengthen the United Nations’** effectiveness amid rising global challenges. The initiative responds to issues such as conflict, displacement, inequality, and climate change. It also addresses the need for reform due to budget constraints and political divisions among member states.
- UN80 Initiative **comprises three primary workstreams.**



United Nations

- The first focuses on **improving internal efficiency**. This includes reducing bureaucratic procedures and optimising the UN’s global operations. The goal is to cut unnecessary red tape and enhance productivity.
- The second workstream involves a **comprehensive review of nearly 4,000 UN mandates**. These mandates guide the organisation’s operations across various areas, including peacekeeping and humanitarian aid. Many mandates are outdated or overlapping. The review aims to eliminate redundancies and ensure that resources are allocated effectively.

- The third workstream examines **potential structural changes within the UN system**. This involves assessing whether current organisational frameworks meet contemporary needs. Recommendations from the mandate review may inform these structural changes.



- **UN80 Task Force operates through seven thematic clusters.** Each cluster focuses on specific areas such as peace and security, humanitarian action, and human rights. Senior UN leaders coordinate these clusters to ensure a unified approach. This system-wide perspective aims to improve coordination and reduce fragmentation across the UN.
- **Financial challenges are concern for the UN.** The initiative faces scrutiny over proposed budget cuts and staff reductions. However, Ryder clarifies that the goal is **not downsizing but enhancing the UN's effectiveness**. The initiative seeks to balance financial sustainability with the mission's impact.



- The **UN80 Initiative is crucial for those relying on UN support during crises.** Effective reform can lead to more efficient delivery of life-saving interventions. The UN currently assists millions of displaced individuals and provides essential services globally. Enhancing its operational capacity is vital for maintaining peace and promoting sustainable development.



- UN80 Task Force will **present proposals to the Secretary-General.** Initial proposals on efficiencies in the UN Secretariat are expected soon. A report on the mandate implementation review will follow. These proposals will inform broader discussions on structural changes and programme realignment. Member states will ultimately decide on implementing the findings.
- **Success for the UN80 Initiative means a more effective UN system.** It should enhance public trust in multilateral action. The goal is to demonstrate the UN's relevance in addressing global challenges. Strengthening credibility and capability is essential for ensuring that the UN remains a vital institution.

National Aquatics

- **Karnataka's Shaon Ganguly** has clinched the gold in the **400 metre Individual Medley** as he clocked **4 minutes 24.64** at the **78th Senior National Aquatics Championships** at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- **Madhya Pradesh's Advait** came **second at 4 minutes 26.90 seconds** while Gujarat's Nehra finished third with a timing of 4 minutes 30.35 seconds. Ganguly set the new Meet Record and improved on the National Record of 4 minutes 25.62 seconds held by Aryan Nehra, which he set in Hyderabad in 2023.



- Ganguly also bettered the **Indian best in the 200 metre Individual Medley**, surpassing Sajan Prakash's 2023 mark. In the 100 metre backstroke battle, Maharashtra's Rishabh Das finished ahead of Utkarsh Patil by 16 microseconds. Rishabh surged ahead to touch in at 56.13 seconds while Utkarsh came second in 56.29.



- **Karnataka's Akash Mani came third in 56.35 seconds** in the event. Earlier, Rishabh had shattered Srihari Nataraj's national meet record and best Indian time, in men's 200 metre backstroke, achieving the World Championships B qualification time. **In the Men's 100 metre freestyle**, Heer Gitesh Shah of Maharashtra clinched the gold medal in 51.29 seconds. Karnataka's Tanish George Mathew was second in 51.30 seconds, while Maharashtra's Rishabh Das came in third with a timing of 51.43 seconds.



- **Rohit Benediction also made the world championship qualifying** time with a 24.11 seconds in 50 butterfly, claiming the gold and another best Indian time in the process. Overall, Karnataka finished on top of the medals tally with 41 medals — 16 gold, 11 silver, and 14 bronze.
- **They dominated the women's section with 10 gold**, four silver, and five bronze medals. Tamil Nadu finished second in the standings with 16 medals, including eight gold and five silver medals, while Maharashtra finished third with 17 medals, five of which were gold.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which State Has Created History By Becoming The First In India To Adopt An Android-based E-voting System

- A. Bihar
- B. Kerala
- C. Gujarat
- D. Telangana

ANSWER: A

2. What Major Milestone Will The Titans Space Mission In 2029 Achieve For Jahnvi Dangeti

- A. First Indian woman on the Moon
- B. First Indian to walk in space
- C. First Indian astronaut on the Titans Space mission
- D. First Indian to land on Mars

ANSWER: C

3. Which Organization Has Launched The Innovative 'Pratibha Setu' Initiative

- A. SSC
- B. IBPS
- C. UPSC
- D. NTA

ANSWER: C

4. Which Indian State Is Set To Host Its First Nuclear Power Plant Under The Small Modular Reactor Mission Announced In 2025

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Odisha
- D. Bihar

ANSWER: D

5. Where Was India's First Butterfly Sanctuary Officially Established In 2025

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

ANSWER: D

6. Which Country Is Hosting The Indian Conservation Conference 2025 To Address Biodiversity Challenges

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bangladesh

ANSWER: B

7. Which International Organization Has Praised India's UPI As A Model For Digital Payment Transformation

- A. World Bank
- B. International Monetary Fund
- C. United Nations
- D. World Economic Forum

ANSWER: B

8. Passport Seva Portal Was Established By Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of External Affairs
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

ANSWER: C

9. Kappatagudda Wildlife Sanctuary Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: A

10. Which Expressway In India Is The First To Be Equipped With An Ai-powered Advanced Traffic Management System

- A. Purvanchal Expressway
- B. Yamuna Expressway
- C. Mumbai-Pune Expressway
- D. Dwarka Expressway

ANSWER: D

11. Tawi River, Is A Major Tributary Of Which River

- A. Ganga
- B. Yamuna
- C. Chenab
- D. Godavari

ANSWER: C

12. Which Two States Are Involved In The Inter-state Water Dispute Over The Banakacherla Reservoir Project

- A. Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka
- B. Telangana and Tamil Nadu
- C. Andhra Pradesh and Odisha
- D. Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

ANSWER: D

13. Which Organization Released The Performance Grading Index Report To Assess School Education

- A. Pratham
- B. All India Council for Technical Education
- C. Ministry of Education
- D. University Grants Commission

ANSWER: C

14. Which Organization Has Released The World Investment Report 2025

- A. World Bank
- B. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- C. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D. Asian Development Bank

ANSWER: B

15. Which Organization Has Released The Global Tobacco Epidemic 2025 Report

- A. Global Health Council (GHC)
- B. World Health Organization (WHO)
- C. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- D. National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

ANSWER: B

16. Who Has Become The First Indian To Complete Nasa's Air And Space Program

- A. Jahn timer Dangeti
- B. Shivangi Singh
- C. Bhawna Dhami
- D. Avani Chaturvedi

ANSWER: A

17. Which Ministry Introduced The FASTag Annual Pass scheme

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

ANSWER: D

18. Name Of The First Independent Special Forces Exercise Recently Conducted Between The India And USA

- A. Garud Eagle
- B. Tiger Claw
- C. Sky Warrior
- D. Vajra Strike

ANSWER: B

19. Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report Is Published By Which Organization?

- A. World Bank
- B. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- C. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- D. International Monetary Fund

ANSWER: B

20. Hampi, Is Located On The Banks Of Which River

- A. Kalinadi River
- B. Krishna River
- C. Tungabhadra River
- D. Kabini River

ANSWER: C