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World Rhino Day 2025

- World Rhino Day 2025 observed globally on **22 September** to highlight the urgent need to protect one of the planet's most ancient and endangered species—the rhinoceros. Despite being symbols of strength, rhinos today face severe threats from poaching, habitat loss, and human-wildlife conflict.
- Established in **2011** by wildlife conservationists and international organizations.
- Aimed at creating awareness about the five species of rhinos,
 - Greater one-horned (India, Nepal)
 - Black rhino (Africa)
 - White rhino (Africa)
 - Javan rhino (Indonesia)
 - Sumatran rhino (Indonesia)
- **IUCN Red List Status:**
 - **White Rhino:** Near Threatened.
 - **Black Rhino:** Critically endangered.
 - **Greater One Horned:** Vulnerable.
 - **Javan:** Critically Endangered
 - **Sumatran Rhino:** Critically Endangered



Main Rhino Species in India	Greater One-Horned Rhino (Indian Rhino)
Rhino Population in India 2025	Approx. 3,700 (as per the International Rhino Foundation)
Key Rhino Parks in India	Kaziranga National Park and Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary
Major Conservation Programs	Project Rhino in India and Indian Rhino Vision 2020
IUCN Status of Indian Rhino	Vulnerable according to the IUCN Red List
Threats to Rhinos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poaching • Habitat loss • Illegal wildlife trade

World Rose Day 2025

- World Rose Day is observed every year on **22 September** to honor cancer patients, survivors, and their caregivers. The day serves as a symbol of hope, resilience, and compassion, reminding communities to stand by those fighting cancer and to raise awareness about their physical, emotional, psychological needs.

- World Rose Day is observed in memory of **Melinda Rose**, a 12-year-old Canadian girl who was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of blood cancer called Askin's Tumour.
- **Theme** : Honoring Cancer Patients with Hope and Compassion.



WORLD ROSE DAY 2025

HONORING PATIENTS & CAREGIVERS | HOPE, STRENGTH, LOVE

World Alzheimer's Day 2025

- Every year on **21 September**, the world observes World Alzheimer's Day, a global awareness campaign to shed light on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.
- In 2025, the observance is marked by the theme: "**Ask about Dementia. Ask about Alzheimer's**", encouraging open dialogue, early diagnosis, and support for affected families.
- **1994**: First observed on 21 September by Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) to commemorate its 10th anniversary.
- **2012**: Expanded into World Alzheimer's Month to create a consistent, month-long campaign.
- Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, irreversible brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills, eventually affecting a person's ability to carry out even simple daily tasks. It is the most common cause of dementia, a term for a group of symptoms that impair cognitive functions like memory, reasoning, and language.



WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY 2025



Mohanlal Honoured with 2023 Dadasaheb Phalke Award

- Malayalam superstar Mohanlal has been named the recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023, India's highest honour in cinema. The Government of India announced that the award will be formally presented during the **71st National Film Awards** ceremony on September 23, 2025.
- Mohanlal's career spans more than four decades, beginning with his debut in Thiranotham (1978), a film directed by his longtime collaborator Priyadarshan. Since then, he has acted in over 400 films, establishing himself as one of the most influential figures in Indian cinema.
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award**
 - Instituted in 1969, named after Dadasaheb Phalke, the father of Indian cinema.
 - Recognises lifetime contribution to Indian cinema.
 - Includes a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and ₹10 lakh cash prize.
 - **First recipient:** Devika Rani, pioneer of Bombay Talkies.
 - Recent awardees include **Mithun Chakraborty (2022)**, **Waheeda Rehman (2021)**, and **Asha Parekh (2020)**.



Who is India's Neo-Middle Class?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his national address on 21 September 2025, introduced the Next-Generation GST reforms and the launch of the GST Bachat Utsav.
- The term Neo-Middle Class refers to those who have recently moved out of poverty but are yet to reach the traditional middle-class status.
- According to PM Modi, nearly 25 crore Indians have overcome poverty in the last eleven years, forming this new economic group.
- They are aspirational citizens with dreams of better education, healthcare, and lifestyle, symbolizing the upward mobility of India's society.
- Positioned between the lower-income groups and the traditional middle class, this segment reflects both cautious consumption and ambitious desires.



Piyush Goyal Launches Industrial Park Rating System 3.0

- Marking 10 years of the Make in India initiative, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal launched the Industrial Park Rating System (IPRS) 3.0 in New Delhi on 20 September 2025.
- Developed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) with support from the Asian Development Bank this third edition introduces advanced benchmarks to strengthen India's industrial ecosystem and attract global investment.
- **Significance for Make in India**
- **Investor Confidence:** Transparent ratings and reliable data for global investors.
- **Healthy Competition:** Encourages States and UTs to improve infrastructure.
- **Employment Generation:** Better parks mean more industrial units and jobs.
- **Policy Guidance:** Helps governments identify gaps and adopt best practices.
- **Global Competitiveness:** Positions India as a sustainable and inclusive investment hub.



Australia Ups Emissions Target to 62% by 2035

- In a major climate policy update, Australia has raised its national emissions reduction target to **62% by 2035**, based on 2005 levels. The announcement, made by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, marks a substantial increase from the country's previous commitment of a **43% cut by 2030**.
- **New Target:** Cut emissions by 62% by 2035
- **Baseline Year:** 2005, in line with Paris Agreement metrics
- **Announced by:** PM Anthony Albanese

- **Recommendation basis:** From Australia's Climate Change Authority, which advised a reduction range of 62–70%



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The International Day of Peace 2025 is observed on which date?

- A. 20 September
- B. 21 September
- C. 22 September
- D. 23 September

ANSWER: B

2. What was the theme of the International Day of Peace 2025?

- A. "Peace for All"
- B. "One World, One Future"
- C. "Act Now for a Peaceful World"
- D. "Global Unity for Peace"

ANSWER: C

3. World Alzheimer's Day is observed every year on:

- A. 20 September
- B. 21 September
- C. 22 September
- D. 23 September

ANSWER: B

4. The primary focus of World Alzheimer's Day is:

- A. To promote peace
- B. To spread awareness about dementia and Alzheimer's disease
- C. To honor cancer patients
- D. To protect endangered species

ANSWER: B

5. World Rose Day is dedicated to whom?

- A. Environmentalists
- B. Cancer patients and survivors
- C. Teachers
- D. Soldiers

ANSWER: B

6. Which endangered species is the focus of World Rhino Day observed on 22 September?

- A. Tiger
- B. Elephant
- C. Rhinoceros
- D. Panda

ANSWER: C

7. Who has been named the recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023?

- A. Waheeda Rehman
- B. Mohanlal
- C. Mithun Chakraborty
- D. Asha Parekh

ANSWER: B

8. Which was the first year the Dadasaheb Phalke Award was instituted?

- A. 1959
- B. 1965
- C. 1969
- D. 1972

ANSWER: C

9. In his national address on 21 September 2025, PM Narendra Modi introduced which major reform?

- A. Digital India 2.0
- B. Next-Generation GST reforms
- C. Bharat Net Expansion Scheme
- D. National Education Policy 2025

ANSWER: B

10. The Industrial Park Rating System 3.0 was launched in 2025 with support from which intl organization?

- A. World Bank
- B. IMF
- C. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- D. United Nations (UN)

ANSWER: C