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Indian Cricket Team Won 9th Asia Cup Title 2025

- In a match that lived up to the fierce rivalry, India clinched their ninth Asia Cup title with a thrilling five-wicket victory over Pakistan at the Dubai International Stadium on 28 September 2025.
- Chasing 147 in a tense final, India recovered from a shaky 20 for 3 to reach the target at 150 for 5, thanks to a match-winning knock from Tilak Varma. Varma's calm and calculated 69 not out, supported by Shivam Dube's 33 off 22 balls, ensured
- Asia Cup founded: 1984, governed by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).
- Formats: Played in ODI and T20I formats, alternating depending on the upcoming ICC tournament.
- India's record: With this win, India now has 9 Asia Cup titles—the most by any team.
- Other winners: Sri Lanka (6 titles), Pakistan (2 titles).
- **Most Titles by a Team**
 - **India:** 9 titles (1984, 1988, 1990-91, 1995, 2010, 2016, 2018, 2023, 2025)
 - **Sri Lanka:** 6 titles (1986, 1997, 2004, 2008, 2014, 2022)
 - **Pakistan:** 2 titles (2000, 2012)



World Heart Day

- World Heart Day is observed annually on 29 September. This day informs people about heart disease and stroke which is the world's leading cause of death.
- The theme for World Heart Day 2025 is **"Don't Miss a Beat"**. This theme serves as a powerful call to action, emphasizing the importance of consistent vigilance in heart health and encouraging individuals to recognize early warning signs of cardiovascular events to prevent severe complications.



Cold Desert Biosphere & New Ramsar Sites

- India marked two significant environmental achievements. First, the Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve in Himachal Pradesh was included in UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves.
- Second, two new wetlands in Bihar — Gokul Jalashay and Udaipur Jheel — earned the Ramsar site status, bringing India's total to 93 such internationally important wetlands. These developments reinforce India's commitment to biodiversity conservation, ecosystem resilience, and sustainable development.
- The Cold Desert becomes India's 13th biosphere reserve to enter the UNESCO network.
- This designation helps raise global awareness and opens up opportunities for research, conservation funding, and community-led sustainable development.
- India's total Ramsar sites now stand at 93, with the recent inclusion of,
- Gokul Jalashay (448 hectares) in Buxar district
- Udaipur Jheel (319 hectares) in West Champaran district



Mithun Manhas Elected 37th BCCI President

- In a major development for Indian cricket governance, Mithun Manhas, former Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir cricketer, has been elected unopposed as the 37th President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

- The announcement was made during the 94th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the BCCI held in Mumbai on 28 September 2025. Manhas succeeds Roger Binny, who stepped down in August 2025, with Rajeev Shukla serving as the interim president until this election.
- President: Mithun Manhas (elected unopposed)
- Vice-President: Rajeev Shukla (continues in role)
- Secretary: Devajit Saikia (retained)
- Treasurer: Raghuram Bhat (former India spinner)
- Joint Secretary: Prabhtej Singh Bhatia
- Founded: BCCI was established in December 1928
- Headquarters: Cricket Centre, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- First BCCI President: R.E. Grant Govan



National Geoscience Awards 2024

- On September 26, 2025, President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Geoscience Awards 2024 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, recognizing 20 eminent geoscientists for outstanding contributions in mineral exploration, applied geosciences, and environmental sustainability.
- The awards, instituted in 1966 by the Ministry of Mines, honour innovation and excellence across India's geoscientific ecosystem. The ceremony was attended by Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Ministry Secretary Piyush Goyal, and GSI Director General Asit Saha.

Award Categories & Key Recipients

This year, 12 awards were presented under three categories.

1. National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement 2024

- **Recipient:** Prof. Shyam Sundar Rai
- **Affiliation:** Senior Scientist at INSA and Visiting Professor, IISER Pune
- **Contribution:** Pioneering work in Solid Earth and Exploration Geophysics, especially seismological studies in Peninsular India, Himalayas, and Ladakh.

2. National Young Geoscientist Award 2024

- **Recipient:** Shri Susobhan Neogi
- **Affiliation:** Senior Geologist, Geological Survey of India (GSI)
- **Work:** Advanced research on tectonic evolution of thrust belts in Meghalaya, Jharkhand, and Bundelkhand Craton, aiding mineral genesis and understanding of supercontinent assembly.

3. National Geoscience Awards (10 Awards)

- Recognizing contributions in mining technology, applied geosciences, groundwater studies, and exploration of strategic minerals.

Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar Wins Krishi Media Award 2025

- Senior journalist Amshi Prasannakumar from Mysuru has been selected for the Hombale Samhita Harinikumar Alumni Krishi Media Award – 2025.
- The Hombale Samhita Harinikumar Alumni Krishi Media Award is conferred annually to recognize journalists who make outstanding contributions to agricultural reporting.
- It aims to,
 - Encourage quality journalism in the field of agriculture and rural development
 - Highlight the role of media in promoting farmer-centric knowledge
 - Inspire young journalists to cover critical agricultural issues
- Award: Krishi Media Award 2025
- Winner: Amshi Prasannakumar, Mysuru
- Presented by: Alumni Association, UAS Bangalore
- Event Date: October 11, 2025



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which biosphere reserve in H.P was recently included in UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves?

- A. Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve
- B. Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve
- C. Nilgiri Biosphere
- D. Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve

ANSWER: B

2. With the addition of Gokul Jalashay and Udaipur Jheel, how many Ramsar sites does India now have?

- A. 91
- B. 92
- C. 93
- D. 94

ANSWER: C

3. Gokul Jalashay, newly designated as a Ramsar site, is located in which district of Bihar?

- A. Patna
- B. Buxar
- C. Gaya
- D. West Champaran

ANSWER: B

4. Udaipur Jheel, recognized as a Ramsar site in 2025, is situated in which district of Bihar?

- A. Buxar
- B. Darbhanga
- C. West Champaran
- D. Nalanda

ANSWER: C

5. Which country has won the most Asia Cup titles as of 2025?

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

ANSWER: B

6. Who has been elected as the 37th President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

- A. Anurag Thakur
- B. Sourav Ganguly
- C. Mithun Manhas
- D. Roger Binny

ANSWER: C

7. Who received the National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement 2024?

- A. Prof. Shyam Sundar Rai
- B. Dr. Ashok Kumar
- C. Prof. Gopal Singh
- D. Dr. Ramesh Kumar

ANSWER: A

8. Senior journalist Amshi Prasannakumar was honored with which award in 2025?

- A. Ramnath Goenka Award
- B. Hombale Samhita Harinikumar Alumni Krishi Media Award
- C. Bhasha Samman Award
- D. Vyas Samman

ANSWER: B

9. World Heart Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. 27 September
- B. 28 September
- C. 29 September
- D. 30 September

ANSWER: C

10. What is the theme of World Heart Day 2025?

- A. "Use Heart for Every Heart"
- B. "Heart Health for All"
- C. "Don't Miss a Beat"
- D. "Strengthen Your Heart"

ANSWER: C