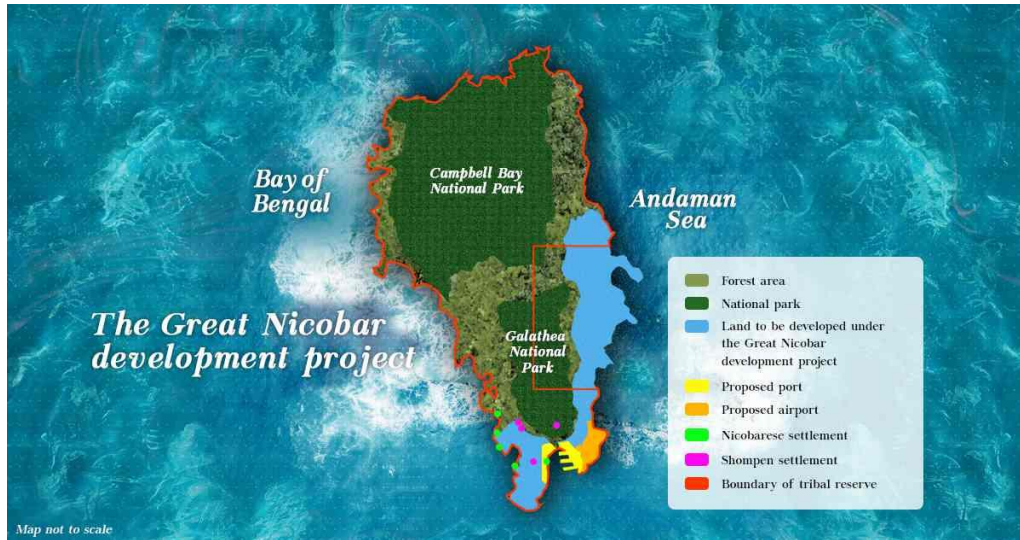


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Great Nicobar Island Project

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has hailed the Great Nicobar Island Project as a landmark initiative that will transform the island into a major maritime and air connectivity hub in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- Calling it a project of “strategic, defence, and national importance,” he shared Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav’s article that detailed the integrated development plan and its ecological safeguards.
- The project reflects India’s dual commitment to economic development and ecological protection, aligning with the vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047.
- The project, worth ₹72,000 crore, will be executed over 30 years in a phased manner.
- **Strategic and Geopolitical Significance**
- **Countering Expansionism:** It enhances India’s ability to respond to regional challenges, including China’s growing naval presence.
- **Curbing Illegal Activities:** The project will help curb illegal poaching and transnational maritime crimes.
- **Maritime Advantage:** Located near Indira Point, less than 150 km from Indonesia, the island provides a strategic vantage in the Malacca Strait–Indian Ocean region.



Nepal India Launches SAJEX 2025

- In a landmark move to deepen bilateral trade and expand India's global presence in the Jewellery sector, the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) has launched the **Saudi Arabia Jewellery Exposition (SAJEX) 2025** in Jeddah.
- India exported \$32 billion worth of gems and jewellery in FY 2024–25, maintaining its global leadership across multiple segments,
- 65% of global diamond value, processing over 1 billion diamonds annually
- 92% of diamond trade by volume
- Leading exporter of gold, silver, coloured gemstones, and lab-grown diamonds
- The sector attracted a 315% surge in FDI in FY 2024–25, contributing to India's \$50 billion total FDI inflow.



Larry Ellison Surpasses Elon Musk as World's Richest

- In a dramatic financial shake-up, **Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison** has overtaken **Tesla CEO Elon Musk** to become the **world's richest person**, according to Forbes' real-time billionaire rankings.
- On September 10, 2025, Oracle's stock surged 41% in New York trading—its steepest jump since 1992—boosting Ellison's wealth by **\$101 billion** in a single day.
- Ellison's total net worth now stands at **\$395.7 billion**, pushing him past Musk, whose fortune has been hit by fluctuations in Tesla's stock performance.
- **Larry Ellison Net Worth:** \$395.7 billion (Forbes Real-Time Ranking).
- **Company:** Oracle (founded in 1977).
- **Oracle Market Value:** \$947 billion.



CP Radhakrishnan India's 15th Vice President

- CP Radhakrishnan officially assumed office as the **15th Vice President of India** on September 12, 2025. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office at a ceremony attended by several top dignitaries.
- **Article 66** of the Constitution of India states the manner of election of the vice president.
- **Qualifications**
 - Be a citizen of India.
 - Be at least 35 years of age.

- Not to be holding any office of profit.
- Not necessary to be an MP but should be eligible for Rajya Sabha seat



ICC Launches 'Will to Win' Campaign

- With just weeks to go before the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled its flagship 'Will to Win' campaign.
- The campaign film, launched alongside the opening of the general ticket window, captures the essence of determination, sacrifice, and resilience that defines women's cricket.
- The **13th edition of the Women's World Cup** will begin on September 30, 2025, with India and Sri Lanka facing off in the opening match at Guwahati. The tournament will conclude with the final on November 2, 2025.
- **Showcasing Global Icons of Women's Cricket**
- **India:** Smriti Mandhana, Harmanpreet Kaur
- **Sri Lanka:** Chamari Athapaththu
- **Australia:** Ellyse Perry
- **South Africa:** Marizanne Kapp
- **Bangladesh:** Nigar Sultana Joty
- **New Zealand:** Melie Kerr
- **England:** Nat Sciver-Brunt



Abhimanyu Mishra: Youngest Grandmaster

- Abhimanyu Mishra, a 16-year-old chess prodigy from the United States, has taken the global chess community by storm. Already celebrated as the youngest Grandmaster in history, he recently etched his name in the record books again by defeating reigning **World Champion D Gukesh** at the FIDE Grand Swiss 2025.
- **FIDE Classical Rating:** 2611.
- **Live Rating (Grand Swiss 2025):** 2637.2.
- **World Ranking (Live):** 94th, entering the top 100 for the first time.



Verstappen Wins 2025 Italian Grand Prix in Style

- Max Verstappen returned to winning form by clinching a commanding victory at the 2025 **Italian Grand Prix in Monza**. This was his first win since May and only his third win of the season, marking a high point in what has been a challenging year for the Red Bull Racing star.



PV Narasimha Rao Award for Economics

- Late former **Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh**, one of India's most celebrated economists and the architect of the 1991 economic liberalisation, has been posthumously honoured with the **P V Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Economics**.
- The PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Economics was instituted by the Hyderabad-based PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Foundation to celebrate individuals who have made transformational contributions to India's economic development.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who was posthumously honoured with the P V Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Economics?

- A. Dr. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Dr. Manmohan Singh
- C. Amartya Sen
- D. Montek Singh Ahluwalia

ANSWER: B

Get First Woman Prime Minister

- In a historic political shift, Sushila Karki, Nepal's first female Chief Justice, is set to become the country's first woman Prime Minister after being chosen as the interim leader by Gen-Z protest groups.
- The decision follows a youth-led uprising that forced the resignation of former PM KP Sharma Oli and dismantled Nepal's entrenched political order.
- Karki, 73, was sworn in on 12th September 2025, following an agreement between **President Ran Chandra Paudel**, the Nepali Army leadership, and Gen-Z representatives.
- **Who is Sushila Karki?**
- **Born:** 7 June 1952, Biratnagar, Nepal.
- **Education**
- BA, Mahendra Morang Campus, Nepal (1972)
- MA (Political Science), Banaras Hindu University, India (1975)
- LLB, Tribhuvan University, Nepal (1978)
- Legal Career: Began in 1979; became Senior Advocate in 2007.



Tirumala Hills, Erra Matti Dibbalu Enter UNESCO Tentative List

- Andhra Pradesh's natural marvels, the Tirumala Hills and the Erra Matti Dibbalu (Red Sand Dunes) near **Visakhapatnam**, have achieved a major milestone by being added to the **UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage Sites**.
- **Erra Matti Dibbalu**
- Declared a National Geo-heritage Monument in 2016 by the Geological Survey of India (GSI)
- First documented in 1886 by British geologist William King
- Distinct reddish hue due to natural iron oxidation over millennia
- One of only three such sites globally (others in Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu)
- A window into past climatic and sea-level fluctuations
- **Tirumala Hills and the Eparchaeon Unconformity**
- The Tirumala Hills, home to the world-famous Tirupati temple, are also home to a geological marvel: the Eparchaeon Unconformity.



Albania Appoints World's First AI Cabinet Minister

- Albania made history by appointing Diella, the world's first artificial intelligence-powered cabinet minister. Launched by Prime Minister Edi Rama at the Socialist Party assembly in Tirana, Diella has been tasked with managing public procurement, a sector often plagued by corruption and inefficiency.
- This innovative move positions Albania at the forefront of digital governance, blending artificial intelligence with political decision-making.
- **Who is Diella?**
- Diella is not a human minister but a virtual AI avatar integrated into Albania's digital governance portal, E-Albania.
- **Name Origin:** "Diella" comes from the Albanian word for "sun."
- **Why Public Procurement?**
- Public procurement is one of the most corruption-prone sectors in Albania. By assigning this portfolio to an AI-powered minister, the government aims to,
- Reduce corruption risks by removing human bias.
- Ensure fairness in awarding tenders.
- Increase efficiency in bureaucratic processes.



PM Modi Launches 'Gyan Bharatam Portal'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 12th September 2025 launched the 'Gyan Bharatam Portal', a dedicated digital platform for manuscript digitisation, preservation, and public access.
- **Gyan Bharatam Portal**
- **Digitisation & Preservation:** Identifying, documenting, conserving, and digitising India's vast manuscript heritage.
- **National Digital Repository:** Creating a centralised digital library accessible to scholars and the public.
- **AI-driven Access:** Leveraging modern technologies like artificial intelligence for search, translation, and annotation of manuscripts.
- **Research & Publication:** Facilitating research, translation, and publication of rare and ancient manuscripts.
- **Capacity Building:** Training scholars, conservators, and institutions in manuscript preservation techniques.
- **Public Participation:** Collaborative programs to involve the wider public in heritage conservation.

- **Global Collaboration:** Establishing international partnerships for knowledge exchange and preservation best practices.



India, Norway Hold First Maritime Security Dialogue

- India and Norway convened their inaugural Maritime Security, Disarmament, and Non-Proliferation Dialogue in Oslo, marking a significant development in their growing strategic partnership.
- This dialogue signals a shared commitment to promoting maritime stability, upholding international norms, and enhancing multilateral cooperation on key global security challenges.
- **Disarmament and Non-Proliferation**
 - Updates on global disarmament efforts, including nuclear and conventional weapons control
 - Discussion on multilateral treaties and frameworks, such as the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)
 - Commitment to uphold non-proliferation norms amid growing geopolitical tensions
- **Maritime Security and Law**
 - Emphasis on maintaining maritime order based on international law, particularly the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
 - Focus on building a secure maritime environment for sustainable economic growth

- Discussion on freedom of navigation, maritime trade routes, and safe maritime practices



Engineers' Day 2025

- On the occasion of Engineers' Day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid heartfelt homage to Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya, whose pioneering contributions laid the foundation for India's modern engineering landscape.
- Born on **15 September 1861**, Sir Visvesvaraya is widely regarded as the architect of modern India's engineering practices. Engineers' Day pays tribute to his brilliance, dedication, and far-reaching impact in the fields of water resources, infrastructure, and nation-building.
- Visvesvaraya is best remembered for his pioneering work in **irrigation and flood control systems**. His design of the automatic sluice gates installed at the Khadakwasla reservoir near Pune was a groundbreaking innovation of his time. These gates were later replicated at several dams across India.
- He also played a central role in the construction of the **Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mysuru**, which transformed the region's agriculture and economy. Beyond water management, he contributed to the development of Hyderabad's drainage system, preventing recurrent floods.
- While India celebrates Engineers' Day on **September 15**, the UNESCO-recognised World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development is observed on March 4 every year. This global observance highlights the role of engineers in achieving the **United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals**.

- In 2025, the theme of World Engineering Day was '**Engineering solutions for a sustainable world**', focusing on innovations that balance technological growth with environmental responsibility.



‘National Agriculture Conference – Rabi Abhiyan 2025’

- The two-day ‘National Agriculture Conference – Rabi Abhiyan 2025’, organised by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare began at Pusa, New Delhi.
- The theme of the conference — '**One Nation – One Agriculture – One Team**' — is a significant step towards promoting coordinated efforts and partnerships in the agricultural sector.
- Shri Chouhan said that agriculture in the country is growing at 3.7 percent, the highest in the world, thanks to the hard work of our farmers and scientists, and the government’s farmer-friendly policies.
- **Objectives of Rabi Abhiyan 2025**
- Formulate an action plan for Rabi crops such as wheat, barley, mustard, chickpeas, and lentils
- Promote climate-resilient and water-efficient practices
- Drive input efficiency in fertilizers, irrigation, and seeds
- Strengthen farmer advisory systems and digital outreach
- Ensure alignment with national food security goals
- **Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan – Phase 2**
- The conference is part of the second phase of the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan, launched to transform Indian agriculture by,

- Enhancing agronomic planning at state and district levels
- Scaling agricultural best practices
- Integrating technology and innovation with field practices



FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2025

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, congratulated Vaishali Rameshbabu for winning the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2025. "Her passion and dedication are exemplary. Best wishes for her future endeavours", Shri Modi stated.
- Indian Grandmaster R Vaishali secured the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss title for the second consecutive time, earning a place in the women's Candidates tournament after a hard-fought draw against former **world champion Zhongyi Tan** of China in the 11th and final round.



Anandkumar Velkumar Gold in the Speed Skating World Championships 2025

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated Anandkumar Velkumar for winning the Gold at the Senior Men's 1000m Sprint in the Speed Skating World Championships 2025.



Mohammed Siraj Named ICC Men's Player of August 2025

- India's fast bowler Mohammed Siraj has been awarded the ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2025, following a match-winning performance in the final Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy against England at The Oval.
- Despite playing only one match during the month, Siraj's standout spell was enough to edge past competitors Matt Henry (New Zealand) and Jayden Seales (West Indies) to secure the prestigious honour.



ICC Women's Player of the Month (August 2025): Orla Prendergast

- Ireland's rising cricket star Orla Prendergast has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for August 2025. The 23-year-old all-rounder showcased exceptional performances in T20Is, especially against Pakistan, helping Ireland secure major series victories.
- Her impactful batting and bowling displays have brought her international recognition and boosted the visibility of women's cricket.



India To Establishes Satellite Tracking Station

- India and Mauritius have signed a landmark agreement to establish a satellite tracking and communication station near the US-UK military base Diego Garcia in the Chagos archipelago. This move enhances India's strategic presence in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) amid rising Chinese maritime activities.
- The pact, signed during Mauritius PM Navinchandra Ramgoolam's visit to India, enables India to track and receive data from its satellites and launch vehicles using this facility.
- **Location:** Chagos Islands are strategically located between East Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia
- **Military Importance:** Diego Garcia hosts a major US-UK naval and air base, used in operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Gulf

- **India's Gain:** Satellite monitoring capabilities + geopolitical leverage in the Indo-Pacific
- India reaffirmed support for Mauritius' sovereignty over Chagos Islands, while respecting the UK's continued military control over Diego Garcia. This "dual recognition" strengthens both strategic access and diplomatic alignment.
- PM Modi described the move as a "historic milestone," reaffirming India's commitment to decolonization and regional cooperation.
- **Maritime and Space Cooperation Deepens**
 - Joint hydrographic surveys and navigational charting
 - India to refit Mauritius Coast Guard vessels and train officers
 - Expanded maritime security roles in Mauritius' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
 - India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri emphasized India as Mauritius' preferred partner for capacity-building and regional development.



India's Largest Sports Complex in Ahmedabad

- On 16 September 2025, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated India's largest and most technologically advanced sports complex at Naranpura in Ahmedabad.

- The inauguration marks a milestone in India's journey toward becoming a global sporting powerhouse, aligning with the government's vision of making India a top sports nation by 2047.
- Constructed at a cost of ₹825 crore, the Naranpura complex features,
- An international standard aquatic complex
- State-of-the-art facilities for both indoor and outdoor sports
- Dedicated training infrastructure and residential amenities for athletes
- **India's Sporting Ambitions: Vision 2047**
- Rising Sports Budget: From ₹1,643 Cr to ₹5,300 Cr
- Amit Shah highlighted the sharp rise in India's sports budget over the last decade,
- 2014: ₹1,643 crore
- 2025: ₹5,300 crore

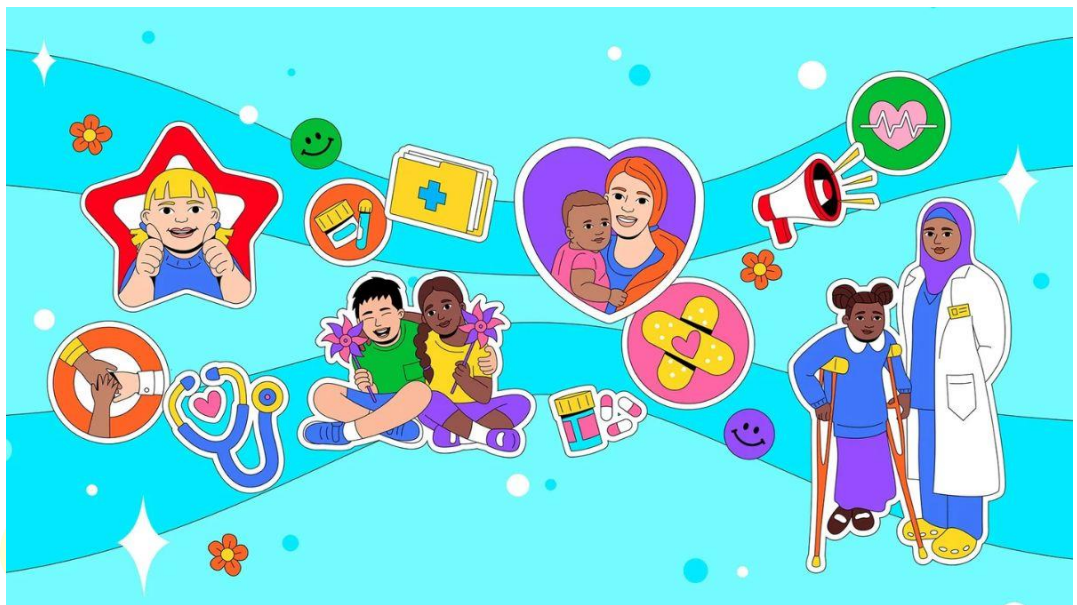


World Patient Safety Day 2025

- Every year, September 17 is observed as World Patient Safety Day (WPSD), a global initiative by the World Health Organization (WHO). The day emphasizes the urgent need to reduce medical errors, ensure transparency in healthcare, and strengthen trust between patients and providers.
- In 2025, the **theme** — “**Safe Care for Every Newborn and Every Child**” — highlights the importance of protecting the most vulnerable: infants and young

children, who often face avoidable risks during childbirth, diagnosis, and treatment.

- **Established:** 2019 by WHO after the World Health Assembly adopted the resolution on Global Action on Patient Safety.
- **Purpose:** To raise awareness, encourage systemic change, and promote patient-centered care.



World Bamboo Day 2025

- World Bamboo Day 2025 will be observed on **18 September** across the globe to promote awareness about bamboo as a sustainable and versatile resource. Often called “**green gold**”, bamboo is vital for rural livelihoods, environmental protection, and innovation in design and industry.
- World Bamboo Day was first celebrated in 2009, during the 8th World Bamboo Congress in Bangkok. The World Bamboo Organization initiated this observance to showcase bamboo’s cultural, economic, and ecological importance.
- The theme for 2025 is: “**Next Generation Bamboo: Solution, Innovation, and Design.**”
- India has recognized bamboo as a strategic resource for climate action, employment generation, and economic growth. The country has launched the **National Bamboo Mission (NBM)** to promote large-scale bamboo cultivation, processing, and innovation.

- India hosts over 14 million hectares of bamboo area and about 136 species. Bamboo supports sectors like handicrafts, furniture, paper, packaging, and even construction.



Global Innovation Index 2025

- India has shown a notable improvement in innovation performance, moving up to **38th place** in the **Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025**, as published by the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**.
- This ranking places India ahead of its 2020 position of **48**, and importantly, **#1** among lower-middle-income economies and in the Central and Southern Asia region.
- **India's Strength Areas**
 - Knowledge and Technology Outputs: Ranked 22nd
 - Market Sophistication: Ranked 38th
 - Human Capital & Research: Ranked in the top 40
- **India's Weaker Areas**
 - Business Sophistication: Ranked 64th
 - Infrastructure: Ranked 61st
 - Institutions: Ranked 58th



PM Modi Inaugurates PM Mitra Park in Dhar

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM Mitra) Park** in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh, marking a significant step in revitalising India's textile sector.
- The launch was coupled with a heartfelt tribute to the legacy of **Maheshwari sarees**, rooted in the vision of **Devi Ahilyabai Holkar**, and reaffirmed the government's commitment to empowering artisans, weavers, and women in rural India.
- Maheshwari sarees, known for their unique patterns and lightweight texture, have gained global appreciation. Reviving this craft within a modern industrial hub,
- **The newly inaugurated PM Mitra Park in Dhar will,**
 - Function as a self-contained textile ecosystem
 - Support spinning, dyeing, designing, processing, and exports
 - Facilitate cotton (kapas) and silk (resham) availability at one location
 - Offer quality checks and market expansion opportunities for local producers
 - Enhance India's competitiveness in the global textile market



Bihar's First Woman FIDE Master

- Marium Fatima, a talented young chess player from Muzaffarpur, Bihar, has etched her name in history by becoming the **first Woman FIDE Master (WFM)** from the state.
- This prestigious title, awarded by the Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE), marks a new high not just in her career but also for Bihar's representation on the national and international chess stage.
- The **Woman FIDE Master (WFM)** title is awarded by FIDE based on a player's rating performance and achievements in recognized tournaments. It is one of the official international titles, ranked just below **Woman International Master (WIM)** and **Woman Grandmaster (WGM)**.



India's First National Geothermal Energy Policy

- In a landmark step towards expanding India's clean energy portfolio, the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** has launched the National Geothermal Energy Policy.
- This is India's first policy dedicated to harnessing geothermal energy — a renewable energy source derived from the Earth's internal heat.
- The initiative is a significant push towards **Net Zero emissions**, enhancing energy security, and promoting clean energy innovation. For competitive exam aspirants, this policy is crucial under topics such as environment, energy sector, climate goals, and government initiatives.
- Geothermal energy is the heat stored beneath the Earth's surface. It can be used for electricity generation, heating and cooling systems, greenhouse agriculture, and even desalination. Unlike solar or wind, geothermal energy offers 24×7 availability, making it a reliable renewable source.
- India has mapped out ten geothermal provinces with high thermal potential,
 - Himalayas
 - Cambay Basin
 - Aravalli Range
 - Mahanadi Basin
 - Godavari Basin
- Additional areas include Sohana, West Coast, Son-Narmada-Tapti, and South India Cratons
- Geothermal Potential: India's estimated geothermal capacity stands at approximately **10 Gigawatt (GW)**.



19 September - International Talk Like a Pirate Day

- International Talk Like a Pirate Day is celebrated on 19 September annually. The day encourages people to talk and dress like the sea plunderers of yesteryears.



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International Red Panda Day 2025

- International Red Panda Day 2025 is being celebrated on Saturday, September 20 (3rd Saturday of September) Launched in 2010 by the Red Panda Network, this day has grown into a global campaign involving zoos, schools, and communities worldwide.
- Native to the Eastern Himalayas, red pandas are found in **Nepal, India, Bhutan, Myanmar, and China**. Though about the size of a house cat, their bushy, striped tails and rich red fur give them a foxlike appearance.
- Red pandas are endangered — population halved in 20 years.
- Human actions are the primary threat — including habitat destruction, poaching, and the pet trade.

- Solutions exist — reforestation, education, patrols, and community involvement are making a difference.



Arshdeep Singh Becomes First Indian to Reach 100 T20I Wickets

- Arshdeep Singh has etched his name in the record books by becoming the first Indian bowler to claim 100 T20I wickets, reaching the milestone during India's final group game of the 2025 Asia Cup against Oman.
- He dismissed Vinayak Shukla to get there in just 64 matches, making him one of the fastest to achieve this landmark globally.
- **Fastest to 100 T20I Wickets for a Fast Bowler**
- Debut: July 2022 vs England
- Time Taken: 3 years, 74 days
- Matches: 64
- Deliveries: 1,329
- Global Rank: Fastest among fast bowlers by matches and balls
- Overall Rank: Fourth-fastest bowler behind Rashid Khan, Sandeep Lamichhane, Wanindu Hasaranga



First Hilsa Consignment from Bangladesh Reaches India

- Bangladesh has resumed its seasonal export of hilsa fish to India, but in its lowest volume since 2019. On September 17, 2025, the first consignment of around 32 tonnes arrived in West Bengal via the Petrapole border, marking the beginning of a restricted trade window approved by the Bangladesh gov.
- Bangladesh has resumed its seasonal export of hilsa fish to India, but in its lowest volume since 2019. On September 17, 2025, the first consignment of around 32 tonnes arrived in West Bengal via the Petrapole border, marking the beginning of a restricted trade window approved by the Bangladesh gov.
- Hilsa, often called the “**Queen of Fish**”, holds not only culinary but also cultural significance during Bengal’s biggest festival. However, this year’s reduced quota and tight shipment window have raised concerns among importers and consumers alike.
- **Origin Matters:** The Bangladeshi hilsa, especially from the Padma River, is widely considered superior in taste and texture compared to its Indian counterpart from the **Hooghly River**.
- **Cultural Demand:** In West Bengal, Assam, and Tripura, hilsa is not just a delicacy but also part of ritualistic and celebratory meals, especially during Durga Puja.



QS Global MBA Rankings 2026

- Fourteen Indian institutions have featured in the QS Global MBA and Business Master's Rankings 2026, with three of the country's premier IIMs securing spots in the global top 100. IIM Bangalore leads the pack at 52nd place, climbing one position from last year.
- **IIM Bangalore** leads the pack at **52nd place**, climbing one position from last year. **IIM Ahmedabad** follows at **58th**, up two places, while **IIM Calcutta** has reached **64th**, improving by one rank.
- According to QS, these gains reflect consistently strong performance in employability, return on investment, and thought leadership.
- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), the higher education analytics firm best known for its annual World University Rankings, evaluated over 390 full-time MBA programmes across 80 countries for this edition.
- The Global MBA and Business Master's Rankings are based on indicators including employability, ROI, thought leadership, and diversity, offering insights into the world's leading study destinations for aspiring business leaders.

Institution	2026 Rank	2025 Rank
IIM Bangalore	52	53
IIM Ahmedabad	58	=60
IIM Calcutta	64	65
IIM Indore	151–200	201–250
IIM Kozhikode	201–250	151–200
IIM Lucknow	201–250	201–250
Woxsen School of Business	201–250	–
IIM Udaipur	251–300	201–250
XLRI Xavier School of Management	251–300	201–250
IIFT Delhi	301+	–
IMT Ghaziabad	301+	251+
International Management Institute Kolkata	301+	251+
MDI Gurgaon	301+	251+
Somaiya Vidyavihar University	301+	251+

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)**.



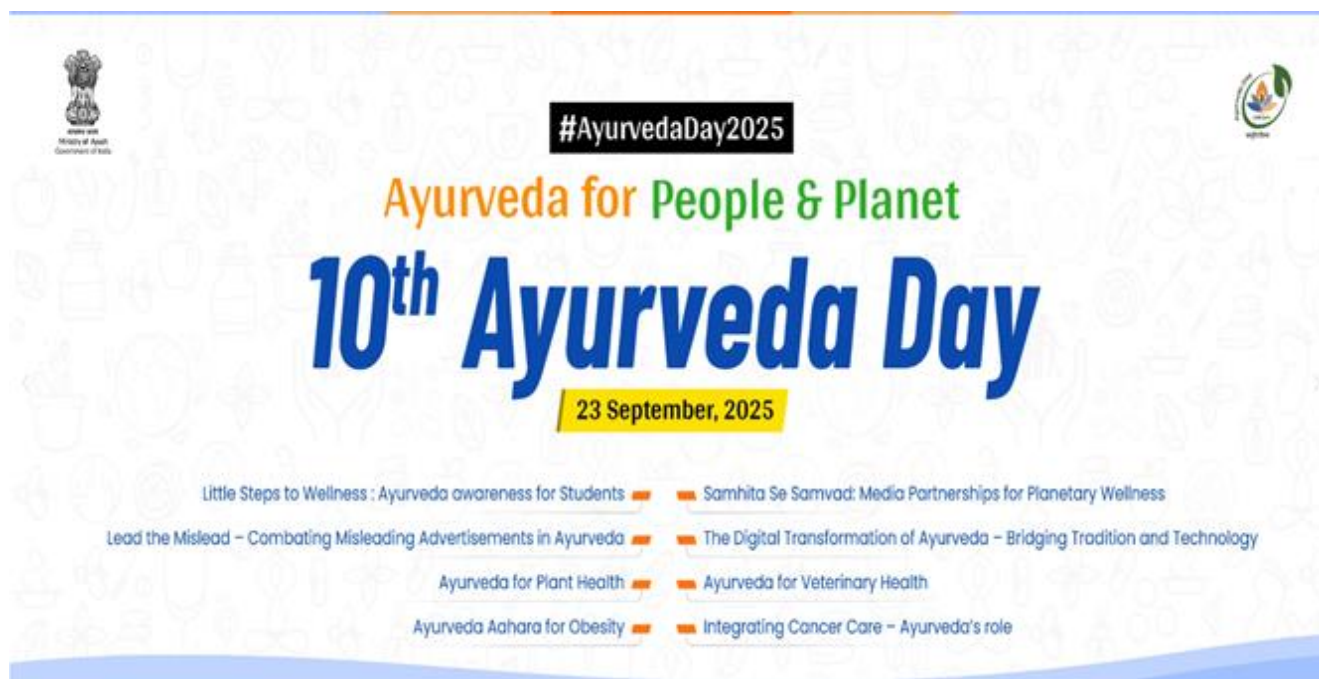
Sign Language Day – 2025

- Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre an autonomous body under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment GOI, is organizing a grand programme to celebrate “Sign Language Day – 2025” on 23rd September 2025.
- The United Nations General Assembly has declared 23rd September as International Day of Sign Languages to raise awareness about the importance of sign language in realizing the human rights of people who are Deaf.
- This year’s theme – **“No Human Rights Without Sign Language Rights”** – emphasizes the crucial role of sign language in ensuring equality, inclusion, and dignity for persons who are Deaf.



10th National Ayurveda Day

- The Ministry of Ayush, in collaboration with the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa, hosted the 10th National Ayurveda Day.
- This year's Ayurveda Day will highlight the enduring legacy of Ayurveda and its contribution to health and ecological sustainability under the **theme "Ayurveda for People, Ayurveda for Planet."**
- Ayurveda Day will also see the release of publications such as "25 Years Journey of NMPB," "Campus Flora" of AIIA Goa, "Ayurveda for Sports Medicine," and "Ayurveda Insight for Restful Sleep." Technical releases will include the algorithm for integrative management of leukemia by the Centre for Integrative Oncology, a study on wound healing from Sushrut Samhita, the Ayush Innovation Readiness Framework (abridged version), and a compendium titled "Seeds of Innovation" from the Navapravartan Idea Hackathon 1.0.



Prime Minister Marks 11 Years of Make in India initiative

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi marked the 11th anniversary of the Make in India initiative, celebrating its transformative impact on India's economic landscape and entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Key Points on *Make in India*

1. **Launch Date & Initiative**

- Launched on **25 September 2014** by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.
- Objective: To transform India into a **global manufacturing hub**.

2. **Main Aim**

- Boost **manufacturing sector's contribution** to GDP.
- Create **job opportunities** for the youth.
- Increase **FDI (Foreign Direct Investment)** inflows.

3. **Slogan**

- *Zero Defect, Zero Effect* → Ensuring products are of high quality with no adverse effect on the environment.

4. **Sectors Covered**

- Initially launched for **25 priority sectors** like defence, aerospace, automobiles, chemicals, textiles, IT, ports, railways, renewable energy, etc.

5. **Policy Support**

- Simplification of procedures and ease of doing business.
- Relaxation in **FDI policies** (100% FDI in many sectors).

6. **Investment Boost**

- India emerged as one of the **top investment destinations** globally.
- Several global companies started manufacturing in India.

7. **Job Creation**

- Aimed at generating **millions of jobs** by expanding manufacturing and industrial growth.

8. **Infrastructure Development**

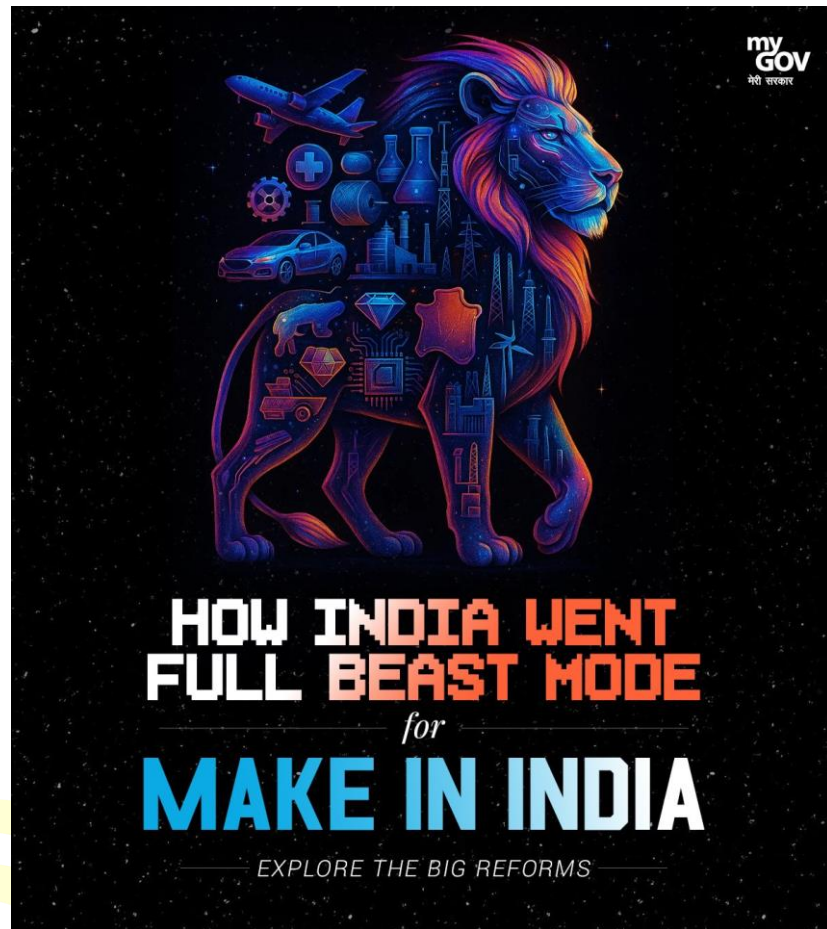
- Focus on building **industrial corridors, smart cities, ports, airports**, and logistics.
- *Digital India* and *Skill India* complement Make in India.

9. **Achievements**

- Significant rise in **FDI inflows** since 2014.
- Growth in sectors like **mobile manufacturing, defence production, renewable energy**.

10. **Vision**

- To make India a **self-reliant economy**.
- Promote **Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India)** through manufacturing and innovation.



World Tourism Day 2025

- World Tourism Day 2025 will be celebrated on 27th September with the **theme “Tourism and Sustainable Transformation.”** Spearheaded by the UN World Tourism Organization this global event aims to redefine tourism as a driver of sustainability, cultural preservation, and economic empowerment.
- The idea of World Tourism Day was formalized in 1980 by the UNWTO, choosing 27 September to commemorate the adoption of the UNWTO Statutes in 1970.
- It focuses on,
 - Reducing carbon emissions
 - Conserving biodiversity
 - Empowering women, youth, and indigenous communities
 - Encouraging small-scale, community-driven enterprises
 - Embedding education and skills into tourism systems



India Govt. Appoints First Mushroom Scientist to Lead BSI

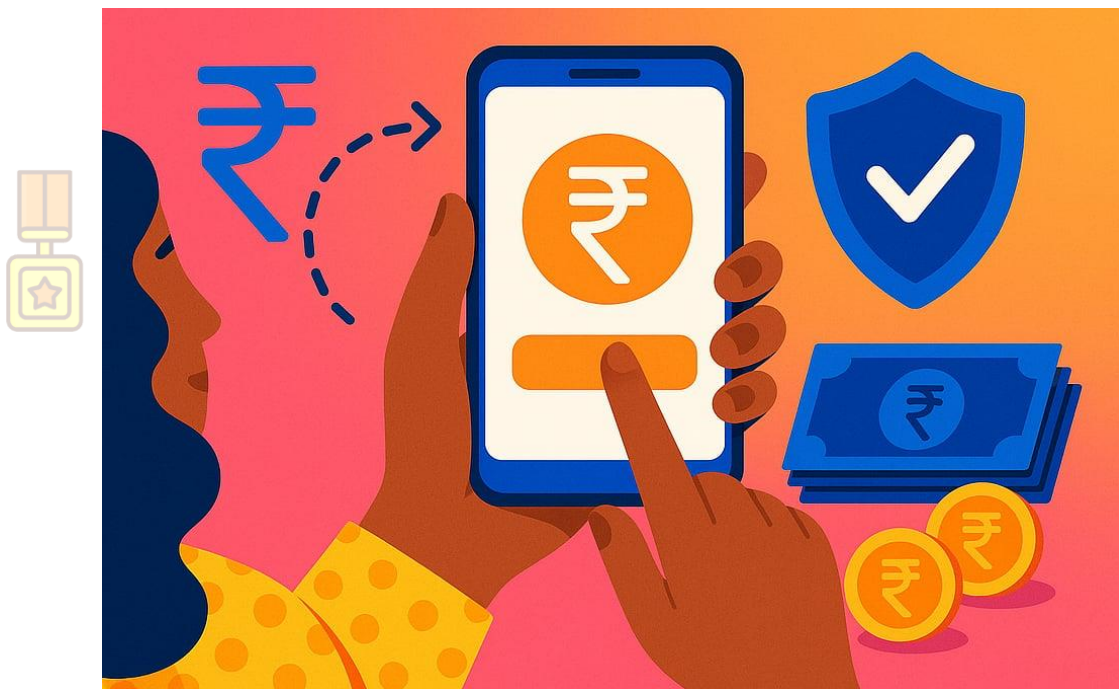
- In a groundbreaking moment for India's scientific community, Dr. Kanad Das took charge as the 13th Director of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) on September 25, 2025, becoming the first mycologist to head the prestigious institute.
- The BSI, under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), has played a vital role in cataloguing and conserving India's plant biodiversity since its establishment in 1890.
- Dr. Kanad Das is internationally renowned for his expertise in the taxonomy of fungi, with more than 165 new species of wild mushrooms and two new genera discovered under his name.
- **Botanical Survey of India**
- Established: 1890
- Parent Ministry: MoEFCC
- Headquarters: Kolkata
- 11 Regional Centres, 4 supporting units
- Mission: Explore, document, and conserve India's floral wealth



UPI Launches in Qatar, Boosting Digital Payments Abroad

- The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has gone live in Qatar, starting with duty-free outlets at Hamad International Airport in Doha.
- This move makes Qatar the eighth country to accept UPI, expanding its usability for Indian travelers abroad. The development is part of a collaboration between NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), Qatar National Bank (QNB), and Japanese payments gateway NETSTARS.
- With Qatar now accepting UPI payments, Indian tourists can use familiar apps like Phone Pay, Google Pay, or BHIM to make real-time QR code-based payments.
- This eliminates the hassle of,
 - Carrying large amounts of foreign currency
 - Facing unfavorable exchange rates
 - Managing credit or debit card charges abroad
- **UPI's Growing International Footprint**
 - Bhutan
 - Nepal

- Singapore
- France
- United Arab Emirates
- Mauritius, Sri Lanka
- **How Travelers Can Use UPI in Qatar**
- Enable international payments in the UPI app before traveling
- Check transaction limits, which may vary by merchant or app
- Confirm outlet availability, since not all locations accept UPI yet
- Carry backup options like international cards or cash



Indian Cricket Team Won 9th Asia Cup Title 2025

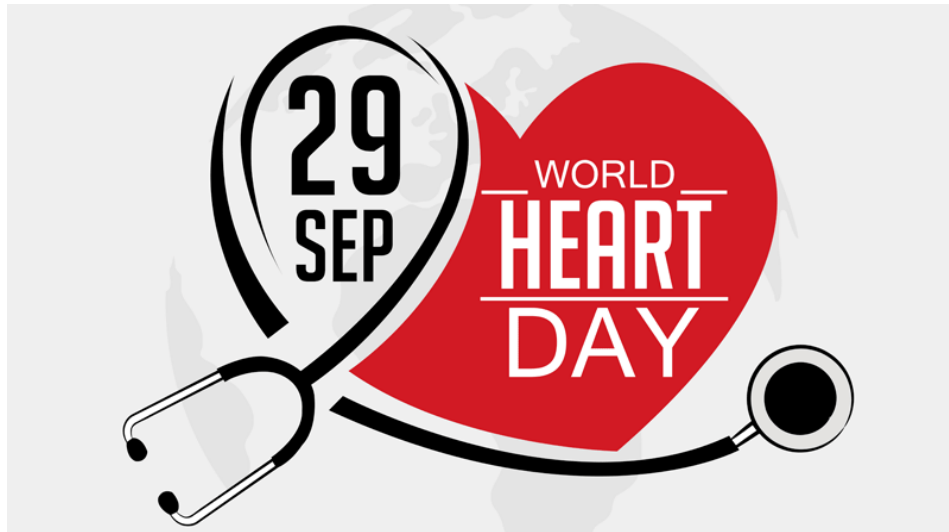
- In a match that lived up to the fierce rivalry, India clinched their ninth Asia Cup title with a thrilling five-wicket victory over Pakistan at the Dubai International Stadium on 28 September 2025.
- Chasing 147 in a tense final, India recovered from a shaky 20 for 3 to reach the target at 150 for 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



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. Who was posthumously honoured with the P V Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Economics?

- A. Dr. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Dr. Manmohan Singh
- C. Amartya Sen
- D. Montek Singh Ahluwalia

ANSWER: B

2. Dr. Manmohan Singh is known as the architect of which major economic reform in India?

- A. 1975 Green Revolution
- B. 1991 Economic Liberalisation
- C. 2005 Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- D. 2014 Make in India Policy

ANSWER: B

3. Max Verstappen won the 2025 Italian Grand Prix held in which city?

- A. Rome
- B. Florence
- C. Monza
- D. Milan

ANSWER: C

4. Abhimanyu Mishra recently defeated which reigning World Champion in chess at the FIDE Grand Swiss 2025?

- A. Magnus Carlsen
- B. Ian Nepomniachtchi
- C. Ding Liren
- D. D Gukesh

ANSWER: D

5. What is the theme of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 flagship campaign?

- A. Play with Pride
- B. Will to Win
- C. Women Power Cricket
- D. One Game, One Dream

ANSWER: B

6. Who assumed office as the 15th Vice President of India on September 12, 2025?

- A. M. Venkaiah Naidu
- B. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- C. CP Radhakrishnan
- D. Harivansh Narayan Singh

ANSWER: C

7. Who has become the first woman Attorney General of Nepal?

- A. Ramesh Badal
- B. Sushila Karki
- C. Sabita Bhandari
- D. Ramchandra Paudel

ANSWER: C

8. Which country appointed "Diella," the world's first AI cabinet minister?

- A. Greece
- B. Italy
- C. France
- D. Albania

ANSWER: D

9. Who became India's first-ever Speed Skating World Champion?

- A. Anandkumar Velkumar
- B. Krish Sharma
- C. Rohan Bopanna
- D. Chandra Kumar

ANSWER: A

10. On which date is the World Patient Safety Day 2025 observed each year?

- A. August 12
- B. October 5

- C. September 17
- D. December 1

ANSWER: C

11. When will World Bamboo Day 2025 be observed?

- A. 17 September
- B. 18 September
- C. 19 September
- D. 20 September

ANSWER: B

12. What is the theme of World Bamboo Day 2025?

- A. Bamboo for Sustainable Development
- B. Bamboo: The Green Resource
- C. Next Generation Bamboo: Solution, Innovation, and Design
- D. Bamboo for a Better Tomorrow

ANSWER: C

13. India's ranking in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 is:

- A. 48
- B. 42
- C. 38
- D. 35

ANSWER: C

14. The PM Mitra Park inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi is located in which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

ANSWER: C

15. Who became the first Woman FIDE Master (WFM) from Bihar?

- A. Koneru Humpy
- B. Marium Fatima
- C. Tania Sachdev
- D. Harika Dronavalli

ANSWER: B

16. When is International Talk Like a Pirate Day celebrated?

- A. 15 August
- B. 19 September
- C. 1 October
- D. 25 December

ANSWER: B

17. In the QS Global MBA Rankings 2026, which Indian institute secured the highest position?

- A. IIM Ahmedabad
- B. IIM Calcutta
- C. IIM Bangalore
- D. IIM Lucknow

ANSWER: C

18. What position did IIM Ahmedabad achieve in the QS Global MBA Rankings 2026?

- A. 52nd
- B. 58th
- C. 64th
- D. 72nd

ANSWER: B

19. Which country's Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, has been awarded the prestigious 'Living Bridge' honour?

- A. United States
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Canada
- D. Australia

ANSWER: B

20. What does PRAGATI stand for?

- A. Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation
- B. Progressive Growth and Timely Innovation
- C. Program for Rural Advancement and Growth in Technology
- D. Proactive Reforms and Governance for Technology Integration

ANSWER: A

21. Which regions were most affected by Super Typhoon Ragasa in 2025?

- A. Japan and Korea
- B. Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and southern China
- C. Indonesia and Malaysia
- D. Sri Lanka and Maldives

ANSWER: B

22. Who has been appointed as the 13th Director of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) in September 2025?

- A. Dr. Rajesh Kumar
- B. Dr. Kanad Das
- C. Dr. Meera Nair
- D. Dr. Subhash Chandra

ANSWER: B

23. Dr. Kanad Das is the first _____ to head the Botanical Survey of India (BSI).

- A. Botanist
- B. Ecologist
- C. Mycologist
- D. Zoologist

ANSWER: C

24. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) recently went live in which country in September 2025?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Qatar
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. Oman

ANSWER: B

25. 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

26. 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

27. 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

28. 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

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

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

ANSWER: B

30. 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