

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Celebration of 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vande Mataram

- The Union Cabinet has approved a nationwide celebration to commemorate 150 years of the national song “Vande Mataram”. This decision highlights the song’s profound significance in India’s independence movement and its enduring status in India’s cultural heritage.
- “Vande Mataram” was composed in Sanskrit by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and was first published in his novel **Anandamath** in **1882**.
- The first prominent public rendition occurred during the 1896 Indian National Congress session, when Rabindranath Tagore rendered it, bringing the song into the national spotlight.



### Coal India’s First All-Women Central Store Unit Inaugurated

- In a significant stride towards women-led development in India’s industrial sector, South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL), inaugurated the company’s first fully women-operated Central Store Unit at its Central Workshop in Korba, Chhattisgarh, on 5 October 2025.

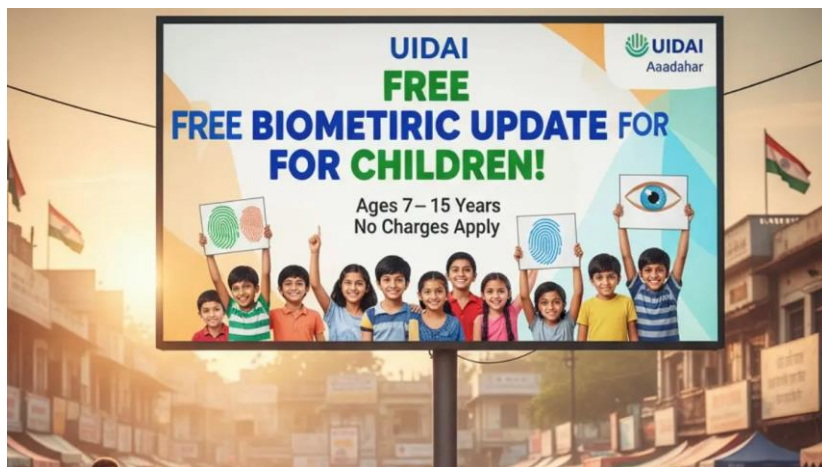
- The initiative reflects the Government of India's commitment to empowering women under the banner of "Nari Shakti se Rashtra Shakti" and forms part of the Special Campaign 5.0 — a national effort promoting inclusivity, innovation, and good governance across ministries and PSUs.
- The Central Store Unit integrates a modern SAP-based digital platform, ensuring,
- Real-time inventory tracking,
- Transparency in materials management, and
- Automated auditing and reporting processes.



## UIDAI Waives Aadhaar Biometric Fees for This Section

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has waived all charges for Mandatory Biometric Updates (MBUs) for children aged 7 to 15 years.
- This waiver, effective from 1 October 2025, will remain in force for one year, benefiting nearly 6 crore children across India.
- When a child under five is enrolled for Aadhaar, only basic demographic data (name, date of birth, gender, photo, and address) is collected.
- Biometric data—like fingerprints and iris scans—are not captured at that age due to underdeveloped physical features.
- Until now, the first and second MBUs were free only if done within the recommended age window. If delayed beyond that, a fee of ₹125 per update was charged.

- All children aged 7–15 years can now update Aadhaar biometrics free of cost, even outside the earlier prescribed windows.
- This one-year waiver applies from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026.
- This effectively makes biometric updating free for all minors between 5 and 17 years during this period.



## **BWF World Junior Championships 2025**

- After a gap of 17 years, the BWF World Junior Championships return to India, marking a major milestone for Indian badminton. The prestigious tournament, featuring the world's best young shuttlers, is being held in Guwahati, Assam, from October 6 to 19, 2025.
- This is the second time India is hosting the event—the first being in Pune in 2008—and it reaffirms the country's growing role as a global badminton hub.
- India is placed in Group H alongside,
  - United Arab Emirates (UAE)
  - Sri Lanka
  - Nepal
- Components:
  - Suhandinata Cup (Team Event)
  - Eye-Level Cup (Individual Events)
- Participating Teams: 36
- India has so far won 11 individual medals in the history of the World Junior Championships. The country's best performance came in 2008, when it hosted the tournament in Pune, earning three medals, including a gold in the girls' singles category.

- By hosting the event again, India joins China, Indonesia, and Malaysia as the only Asian countries to have hosted the BWF World Junior Championships twice.



## **Nishad, Simran Win Gold at Para Athletics Worlds 2025**

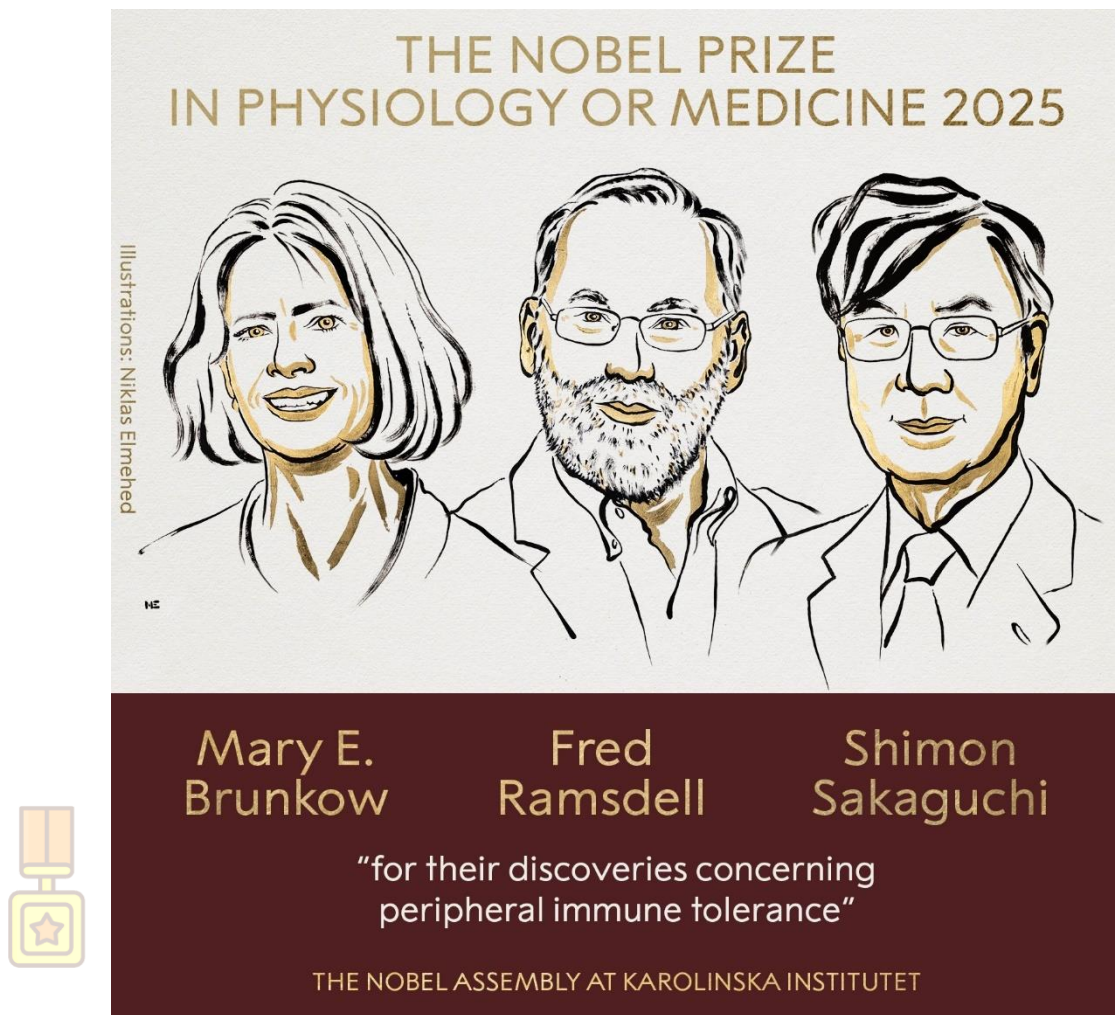
- India celebrated a landmark achievement at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi, as Nishad Kumar and Simran Sharma each secured gold medals.
- Their victories came on a historic day when India claimed four medals in total, pushing the nation closer to its best-ever performance at the global para athletics stage.
- Simran's gold in the T12 100m — a classification for athletes with moderate visual impairment — marked a breakthrough in her career.
- India also added two bronze medals that day,
- Preethi Pal in the Women's 200m T35
- Pardeep Kumar in the Men's Discus Throw F64
- These achievements further established India as a rising force in global para athletics.
- India achieved its best-ever performance at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025, held in New Delhi, by securing a total of 18 medals — comprising 6 gold, 7 silver, and 5 bronze.





## Nobel Prize Winners 2025

- The Nobel Prize is one of the world's most respected awards, given every year to people and organizations who have made great contributions to humanity. These prizes are announced in fields like Medicine, Physics, Chemistry, Literature, Peace, and Economics.
- Alfred Nobel was born in 1833 in Stockholm, Sweden. He was a brilliant inventor with 355 patents, the most famous being dynamite. Nobel became very wealthy through his inventions and industries.
- In his final will (1895), he left 94% of his wealth to set up a fund that would create the Nobel Prizes. The Nobel Foundation was established to manage his money and organise the awards. The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in 1901, five years after Nobel's death in 1896.



## Valmiki Jayanti 2025

- Valmiki Jayanti, also known as Pargat Diwas, is celebrated every year to honour Maharishi Valmiki, the revered sage who wrote **the Ramayana** — one of the most important epics in Hinduism.
- He is remembered as the Adi Kavi, or the first poet, for introducing the art of Sanskrit poetry. The day celebrates his life, wisdom, and teachings about truth, compassion, and social equality.
- In 2025, Valmiki Jayanti will be observed on Tuesday, October 7, which falls on the Purnima (Full Moon Day) in the month of Ashwin according to the Hindu lunar calendar.
- Maharishi Valmiki was the revered author of the Ramayana, which contains nearly 24,000 verses spread across seven sections called **Kandas**. This timeless epic tells the story of **Lord Rama** and continues to guide millions of people in their spiritual journey.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Union Cabinet has approved a nationwide celebration to commemorate how many years of the national song "Vande Mataram"?

- A. 100 years
- B. 125 years
- C. 150 years
- D. 175 years

**ANSWER: C**

2. Which song is being commemorated for its 150th anniversary in India?

- A. Jana Gana Mana
- B. Saare Jahan Se Achha
- C. Vande Mataram
- D. Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon

**ANSWER: C**

3. The first fully women-operated Central Store Unit of SECL has been inaugurated in which state?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Odisha
- D. Madhya Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Where is SECL's fully women-operated Central Store Unit located?**

- A. Dhanbad
- B. Korba
- C. Bilaspur
- D. Raigarh

**ANSWER: B**

**5. After how many years did the BWF World Junior Championships return to India?**

- A. 10 years
- B. 15 years
- C. 17 years
- D. 20 years

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Which Indian city is hosting the 2025 BWF World Junior Championships?**

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Pune
- C. Guwahati
- D. Bengaluru

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Who among the following Indian athletes won gold at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi?**

- A. Avani Lekhara and Devendra Jhajharia
- B. Nishad Kumar and Simran Sharma
- C. Mariyappan Thangavelu and Ekta Bhyan
- D. Pramod Bhagat and Yogesh Kathuniya

**ANSWER: B**

**8. In which year did India previously host the BWF World Junior Championships before 2025?**

- A. 2006
- B. 2008
- C. 2010
- D. 2012

**ANSWER: B**



**9. Who are the winners of the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine?**

- A. Svante Pääbo and Emmanuelle Charpentier
- B. Mary E. Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell and Shimon Sakaguchi
- C. Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman
- D. Harvey J. Alter, Michael Houghton and Charles M. Rice

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Valmiki Jayanti, also known as Pargat Diwas, is celebrated to honour which revered sage?**

- A. Ved Vyasa
- B. Valmiki
- C. Agastya
- D. Vishwamitra

**ANSWER: B**

