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Dhanteras 2025

- Dhanteras 2025, also known as Dhantrayodashi, marks the joyful beginning of the Diwali festival. It is a day dedicated to Goddess Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, and Lord Dhanvantari, the god of health.
- People celebrate by cleaning their homes, lighting diyas, buying gold or utensils, and performing Lakshmi Puja to invite good luck, prosperity, and happiness into their lives.
- Dhanteras, also known as Dhantrayodashi, marks the beginning of Diwali celebrations. It is observed on the thirteenth day (Trayodashi Tithi) of the Krishna Paksha in the month of Kartik.
- **Deities Worshipped on Dhanteras**
- Lord Dhanvantari
- Goddess Lakshmi
- Lord Ganesha
- Lord Kubera
- Lord Yama



Nirmal Minda Becomes Assocham President

- Nirmal Kumar Minda, the Executive Chairman of Uno Minda Group, assumed the role of President of the **Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham)**.
- Alongside him, Amitabh Chaudhry, Managing Director & CEO of Axis Bank, has been named as the Senior Vice-President of Assocham, though his appointment is subject to RBI approval.
- The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) is a non-governmental trade association and advocacy group based in New Delhi, India.
- The organ represents the interests of trade and commerce in India and acts as an interface between issues and initiatives. The goal of this organisation is to promote both domestic and international trade and reduce trade barriers while fostering conducive environment for the growth of trade and industry of India.



First Transgender Member of SC-Appointed Committee

- Trans rights activist Akkai Padmashali has been appointed to a Supreme Court panel tasked with formulating an equal opportunity policy for the protection of transgender rights.
- She is the first transgender person from Karnataka to serve on such a committee, marking a historic step for representation and inclusivity in policymaking at the national level.
- **NALSA v. Union of India (2014):** Recognized transgender people as “third gender” and upheld the right to self-identify.
- **2018 ruling:** Decriminalized homosexuality, supporting gender and sexual minorities.
- **Challenge:** Implementation of these rulings on the ground remains limited.
- **Committee Composition**
- **Headed by:** Justice Asha Menon, retired Delhi High Court judge.



AIIA Celebrates 9th Foundation Day

- The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), under the Ministry of Ayush, celebrated its 9th Foundation Day at its New Delhi campus.
- Over nine years, AIIA has emerged as a centre of excellence in Ayurvedic education, research, and patient care, treating over 30 lakh patients and establishing seven new Health and Wellness Centres across India.
- **AIIA's Role in Global Ayurveda**
- Serves as a Centre of Excellence in Ayurvedic education, research, and patient care.
- Contributes to the government's vision of positioning India as a global leader in traditional healthcare systems.
- Expands awareness, research, and treatment accessibility through educational and wellness initiatives.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What does ASSOCHAM stand for?

- A. Association of Chambers of Commerce and Manufacturing
- B. Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Maharashtra
- C. Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India
- D. Association of Indian Commerce and Industry

ANSWER: C

2. Where is the headquarters of ASSOCHAM located?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Kolkata
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

3. Who has been appointed as the President of ASSOCHAM?

- A. Sanjeev Bajaj
- B. Nirmal Kumar Minda
- C. Ratan Tata
- D. Adar Poonawalla

ANSWER: B

4. Trans rights activist Akkai Padmashali has been appointed to which panel?

- A. NITI Aayog advisory board
- B. Supreme Court panel on transgender rights
- C. Ministry of Social Justice committee
- D. National Human Rights Commission

ANSWER: B

5. Which institute recently celebrated its 9th Foundation Day?

- A. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)
- B. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- C. National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA)
- D. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)

ANSWER: A

6. In which city was the 90th Foundation Day of the National Sugar Institute (NSI) celebrated?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Varanasi
- C. Agra
- D. Kanpur

ANSWER: D

7. Which country partnered with India to launch the Connectivity & Innovation Centre for 6G development, network security, and inclusive connectivity?

- A. United States
- B. Japan
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Germany

ANSWER: C

8. Which Indian athletes won gold medals in Men's High Jump T47 and Women's 100m T12 at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships?

- A. Devendra Jhajharia and Manish Narwal
- B. Nishad Kumar and Simran Sharma
- C. Mariyappan Thangavelu and Avani Lekhara
- D. Sumit Antil and Bhavina Patel

ANSWER: B

9. In which city was the One integrated mobility app launched for seamless public transport?

- A. Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: B

10. Which organization launched IRSA 1.0, India's first standardized software architecture for military Software Defined Radios?

- A. ISRO
- B. BHEL
- C. HAL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: D