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Disarmament Week 2025

- Every year, Disarmament Week is observed from **24 to 30 October**, beginning on the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. The week aims to promote awareness and understanding of global disarmament issues and their vital role in achieving lasting peace, security, and sustainable development.
- The observance was first proposed in the Final Document of the 1978 UN General Assembly's Special Session on Disarmament (Resolution S-10/2).
- Later, in 1995, the UN General Assembly encouraged governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to actively participate in the week (Resolution 50/72 B).
- Since the formation of the United Nations in 1945, disarmament and arms control have been central to its mission of maintaining international peace and security. The goal is simple yet profound — to replace fear and weapon buildup with dialogue, cooperation, and trust among nations.
- It promotes:
 - International peace and stability
 - Protection of civilians and human rights
 - Trust and cooperation among nations
 - Sustainable development and resource allocation



Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2025

- The theme for Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week 2025 is “Minds Over AI: MIL in Digital Spaces.” This theme reflects how artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming the way information is produced, distributed, and consumed across the world.
- As AI tools now influence news feeds, search results, and even content creation, developing media and information literacy skills is more critical than ever. The idea behind “**Minds Over AI**” emphasizes that human intelligence, ethics, and judgment must remain in control of technology — not the other way around.
- Media and Information Literacy (MIL) refers to the ability to access, evaluate, use, and create information across various media — print, broadcast, or digital — in a responsible and ethical manner.
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India Re-Elected Vice-Chair of COP10 Bureau on Anti-Doping

- India has been re-elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the COP10 Bureau under the International Convention against Doping in Sport, reinforcing its global leadership and commitment to clean sport.
- The announcement was made during the 10th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP10), held from 20–22 October 2025 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.
- **India's Role at COP10**
- India's delegation to COP10 was led by Hari Ranjan Rao, Secretary (Sports), and Anant Kumar, Director General of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).
- They engaged with over 190 State Parties, along with representatives from major global bodies including the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the African Union.
- India was re-elected as the Vice-Chairperson for the Asia-Pacific region (Group IV) for the 2025–2027 term.
- The position enhances India's influence in shaping anti-doping policies and strengthening international cooperation.
- Other members elected to the Bureau include,
- Azerbaijan as Chairperson

- Brazil, Zambia, and Saudi Arabia as regional Vice-Chairs



Rohit Sharma Overtakes Ganguly as India's 3rd-Highest ODI Run Scorer

- Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma has added another milestone to his illustrious career, surpassing Sourav Ganguly to become India's third-highest run-scorer in One Day Internationals (ODIs). The record-breaking moment came during his 73-run knock against Australia in the second ODI.
- Best Score: 264 vs Sri Lanka – highest individual score in ODI history
- 32 ODI Centuries – third-most by an Indian after Kohli and Tendulkar
- 59 Fifties – consistently anchoring India's top order

Player	Matches	Runs	Average	Centuries	Fifties
Sachin Tendulkar	463	18,426	44.83	49	96
Virat Kohli	304	14,181	58.69	51	72
Rohit Sharma	275	11,249	48.69	32	59
Sourav Ganguly	308	11,121	40.95	22	71



J&K Restores 150-Year-Old Darbar Move Tradition

- The Darbar Move, one of India's oldest administrative traditions, has officially been revived in Jammu and Kashmir after being scrapped four years ago. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced the restoration of this century-old practice, fulfilling a key government promise.
- The Darbar Move is a biannual tradition where the Jammu and Kashmir government shifts its offices between Srinagar and Jammu with the changing seasons.
- Srinagar serves as the summer capital, while
- Jammu becomes the winter capital.
- The practice began in 1872, when Maharaja Gulab Singh, the first Dogra ruler, started moving the royal court to Jammu during winters to ensure that governance remained accessible to citizens despite harsh weather conditions in the Kashmir Valley.

Bajrang Setu: India's First Glass Suspension Bridge

- Rishikesh, one of India's most famous spiritual and tourist destinations, is about to get a new architectural landmark. The Bajrang Setu, a modern suspension bridge over the Ganga River, is almost ready and expected to open by December 2025.
- This bridge will serve as a replacement for the iconic Laxman Jhula, which was closed for safety reasons in 2019 after serving visitors for nearly a century.
- The Laxman Jhula, built in 1929, was a symbol of Rishikesh and a major attraction for pilgrims and tourists. However, over the years, it became unsafe due to wear and tear and heavy use beyond its capacity.
- Key Details:
 - Length: 132 meters
 - Width: 8 meters
 - Total Cost: ₹60 crore
 - Location: Downstream of the old Laxman Jhula



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the theme for Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week 2025?
 - A. Media and Youth: Building a Digital Future
 - B. Minds Over AI: MIL in Digital Spaces

- C. Information for All: The Digital Pathway
- D. Ethical AI and Human Values

ANSWER: B

2. What does Media and Information Literacy (MIL) primarily focus on?

- A. Learning computer programming
- B. Using artificial intelligence tools
- C. Accessing, evaluating, and creating information responsibly
- D. Promoting entertainment media

ANSWER: C

3. When is Disarmament Week observed every year?

- A. 21 to 27 October
- B. 24 to 30 October
- C. 25 to 31 October
- D. 1 to 7 November

ANSWER: B

4. Disarmament Week begins on the anniversary of which organization's founding?

- A. World Health Organization
- B. United Nations
- C. UNESCO
- D. World Bank

ANSWER: B

5. When was the observance of Disarmament Week first proposed?

- A. 1978
- B. 1982
- C. 1990
- D. 1995

ANSWER: A

6. Under which resolution did the UNGA encourage active participation in Disarmament Week in 1995?

- A. Resolution 50/60 A
- B. Resolution 50/72 B
- C. Resolution 48/91

D. Resolution 52/34

ANSWER: B

7. India has been re-elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the COP10 Bureau under which convention?

- A. UN Convention Against Corruption
- B. International Convention against Doping in Sport
- C. Paris Agreement on Climate Change
- D. International Olympic Charter

ANSWER: B

8. Where was the 10th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP10) held in 2025?

- A. Geneva
- B. New Delhi
- C. Paris
- D. London

ANSWER: C

9. Which Indian cricketer became the third-highest run-scorer in ODIs, surpassing Sourav Ganguly?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Shikhar Dhawan
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. KL Rahul

ANSWER: C

10. What is the name of the new suspension bridge being built over the Ganga River in Rishikesh?

- A. Lakshman Jhula
- B. Bajrang Setu
- C. Ram Setu
- D. Ganga Dham Bridge

ANSWER: B