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Women's ICC World Cup Trophy 2025

- The BCCI has yet to finalise any plans for a grand victory parade to celebrate the women's cricket team's historic ICC World Cup triumph.
- Meanwhile, to mark the women's team's historic feat, the BCCI has announced a Rs 51 crore cash prize for the players, coaches, and support staff.
"Harmanpreet Kaur and her team haven't just won a trophy, they've won the hearts of all Indians," Saikia said, calling the triumph "a new dawn" for women's cricket in the country.
- So far, in **13 editions** of the ICC Women's World Cup, Australia have won seven times, England four times, and New Zealand and India have lifted the trophy once.



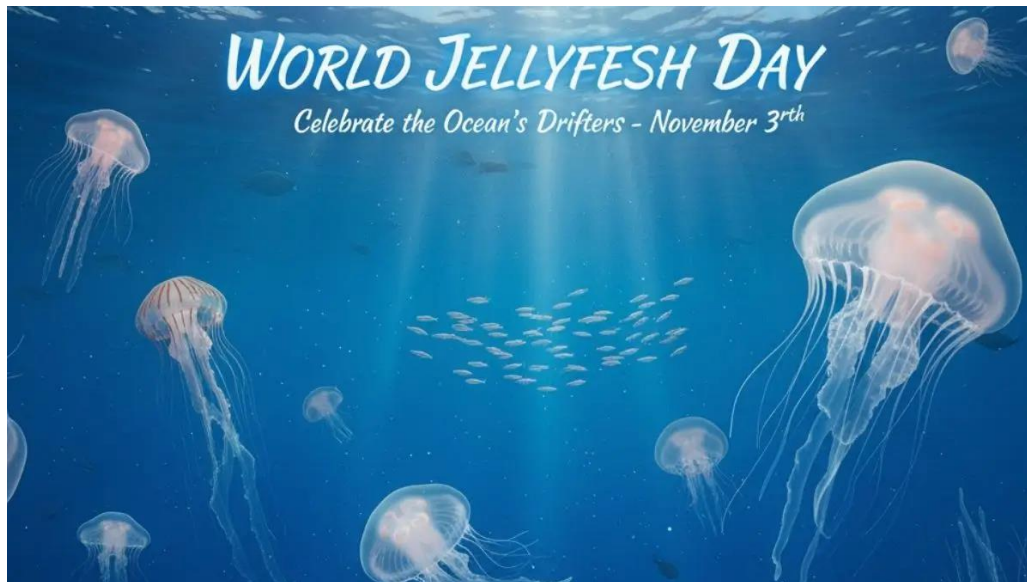
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EXAMS

S.No	Year	Winner	Winning Captain	Result		Runner-up	Runner-up Captain
1	1973	England	Rachael Heyhoe Flint	England won on points table (20 pts)		Australia (17 pts)	Margaret Jennings
2	1978	Australia	Margaret Jennings	Australia won on points table (6 pts)		England (4 pts)	Rachael Heyhoe Flint
3	1982	Australia	Sharon Tredrea	Australia won by 3 wickets		England	Susan Goatman
4	1988	Australia	Sharon Tredrea	Australia won by 8 wickets		England	Lynne Thomas
5	1993	England	Karen Smithies	England won by 67 runs		New Zealand	Sarah Illingworth
6	1997	Australia	Belinda Clark	Australia won by 5 wickets		New Zealand	Maia Lewis
S.No	Year	Winner	Winning Captain	Result		Runner-up	Runner-up Captain
7	2000	New Zealand	Emily Drumm	New Zealand won by 4 runs		Australia	Belinda Clark
8	2005	Australia	Belinda Clark	Australia won by 98 runs		India	Mithali Raj
9	2009	England	Charlotte Edwards	England won by 4 wickets		New Zealand	Haidee Tiffen
10	2013	Australia	Jodie Fields	Australia won by 114 runs		West Indies	Merissa Aguilera
11	2017	England	Heather Knight	England won by 9 runs		India	Mithali Raj
12	2022	Australia	Meg Lanning	Australia won by 71 runs		England	Heather Knight
13	2025	India	Harmanpreet Kaur	India won by 52 runs		South Africa	Laura Wolvaardt

World Jellyfish Day 2025

- Observed annually on November 3, World Jellyfish Day is a global celebration of one of Earth's most ancient and mysterious sea creatures. These gelatinous, translucent animals have been drifting through our oceans for over 500 million years, predating even the dinosaurs.
- While often misunderstood, jellyfish are far more than just painful beach encounters. These invertebrates,
- Support marine food chains, feeding sea turtles and providing shelter for juvenile fish

- Help researchers understand neural function and adaptation without a brain
- Contribute to marine biodiversity and ecological balance



Lucknow Recognised as UNESCO ‘City of Gastronomy’

- The UNESCO has officially recognised Lucknow as part of its Creative Cities Network (UCCN) under the **“City of Gastronomy”** category. This prestigious title celebrates the city’s centuries-old culinary legacy, deeply rooted in Awadhi cuisine and the region’s Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb — a unique cultural blend of Hindu and Muslim traditions.
- This recognition highlights Lucknow’s global culinary significance, bringing its world-famous kebabs, sweets, and street food to the international stage.
- The announcement was made during **UNESCO’s 43rd General Conference held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.**
- It marks a historic milestone for Lucknow and India’s cultural diplomacy, positioning the city among the world’s top gastronomic destinations.

City	Category	Year of Designation
Jaipur	Crafts and Folk Art	2015
Varanasi	Music	2015

Chennai	Music	2017
Mumbai	Film	2019
Hyderabad	Gastronomy	2019
Srinagar	Crafts and Folk Art	2021
Gwalior	Music	2023
Kozhikode	Literature	2023
Lucknow	Gastronomy	2025

Kane Williamson Retires from T20Is

- On 2 November 2025, Kane Williamson, New Zealand's celebrated batter and former captain, announced his retirement from T20Is with immediate effect. His decision came just days ahead of a five-match home series against the West Indies and marks the end of a 14-year T20I journey that began in 2011.
- Known for his composure and leadership, Williamson exits the format after 93 matches, becoming New Zealand's second-highest run-scorer in T20Is with 2575 runs at an average of 33, including 18 fifties and a personal best of 95.
- Debut: 2011
- Matches: 93
- Total Runs: 2575
- Batting Average: 33
- 50s Scored: 18
- Highest Score: 95
- Captaincy Record: Led 75 out of 93 matches



Vishvajit Sahay Appointed as CGDA

- Shri Vishvajit Sahay, a senior bureaucrat from the Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS), took over as the new Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA).
- The CGDA is the principal adviser to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on financial matters. The office oversees,
- Budget management for the Army, Navy, Air Force and DRDO
- Defence pensions for over 32 lakh beneficiaries
- Audit and accounting of military expenditure
- Procurement finance, especially in large-scale capital acquisitions
- This key appointment brings to the helm a civil servant with over 30 years of experience in public administration and defence finance, at a time when the Indian defence sector continues to modernise and expand financially.



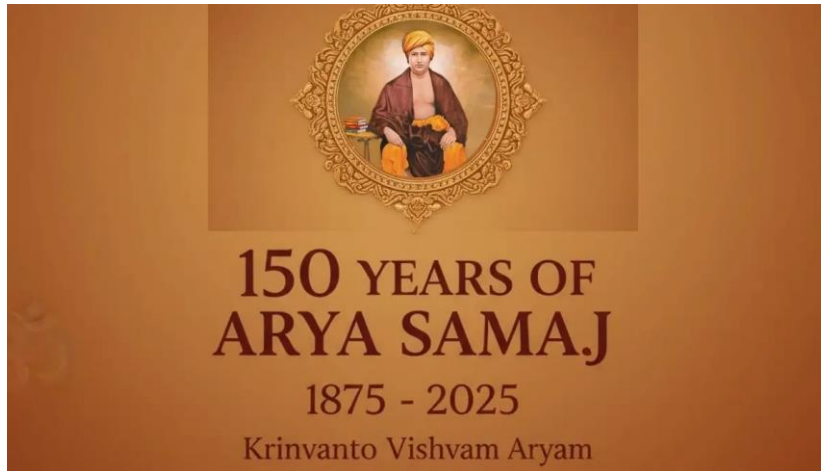
UIDAI Unveils 'Aadhaar Vision 2032' for Future Digital ID

- In a bold move to future-proof India's digital identity system, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched 'Aadhaar Vision 2032'.
- This transformative roadmap aims to make Aadhaar more secure, intelligent, and globally aligned by integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Quantum Computing, and next-generation encryption technologies.
- Aadhaar Vision 2032 is UIDAI's comprehensive blueprint to upgrade India's Aadhaar architecture by 2032. The focus areas include,
 - AI-powered intelligent authentication systems
 - Blockchain for tamper-proof verification and auditability
 - Quantum Computing-readiness for future threats
 - Advanced encryption aligned with India's Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act
- **Aadhaar Vision 2032 aims to**
 - Improve trust with blockchain-powered data trails
 - Enable smart verification using AI
 - Safeguard privacy and compliance with the DPDP Act
 - Secure identity systems against post-quantum threats
 - Ensure Aadhaar's global competitiveness and interoperability



150 Years of Arya Samaj

- In 2025, India celebrates the 150th anniversary of Arya Samaj, a powerful reform movement founded by Swami **Dayanand Saraswati in 1875**. On this occasion, PM Narendra Modi addressed the International Arya Mahasammelan in New Delhi, acknowledging the movement's immense role in reshaping India's religious, social, and educational fabric.
- Founded in Bombay in 1875 and formalized in Lahore in 1877, Arya Samaj emerged from Swami Dayanand Saraswati's mission to return to the original teachings of the Vedas.
- The movement rejected superstition, idol worship, and blind ritualism.
- **"Back to the Vedas"**: Emphasizing truth, rationalism, and monotheism rooted in Vedic thought
- Motto: "Krinvanto Vishwam Aryam" – "Let us ennoble the world"
- **Ten Principles**: Promoting truth-seeking, universalism, and ethical living



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The 2025 ICC Women's World Cup was co-hosted by which two countries?

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

Answer: B. India and Sri Lanka

2. How many times has Australia won the ICC Women's World Cup so far?

- A. Five times
- B. Six times
- C. Seven times
- D. Eight times

Answer: C. Seven times

3. Which countries have each won the ICC Women's World Cup once?

- A. New Zealand and India
- B. England and New Zealand
- C. India and England

D. Australia and India

Answer: A. New Zealand and India

4. When is World Jellyfish Day observed every year?

A. November 1

B. November 2

C. November 3

D. November 4

Answer: C. November 3

5. Lucknow has been included in UNESCO's Creative Cities Network under which category?

A. City of Music

B. City of Literature

C. City of Gastronomy

D. City of Craft and Folk Art

Answer: C. City of Gastronomy

6. Which New Zealand cricketer announced his retirement from T20 Internationals in November 2025?

A. Tim Southee

B. Kane Williamson

C. Trent Boult

D. Martin Gupthill

Answer: B. Kane Williamson

7. Shri Vishvajit Sahay belongs to which service?

A. Indian Administrative Service (IAS)

B. Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS)

C. Indian Revenue Service (IRS)

D. Indian Audit and Accounts Service (IA&AS)

Answer: B. Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS)

8. Shri Vishvajit Sahay was appointed as the new _____.

- A. Defence Secretary
- B. Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)
- C. Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
- D. Director General of DRDO

Answer: B. Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)

9. What is the name of the initiative launched by UIDAI to modernize India's digital identity system?

- A. Aadhaar Next
- B. Aadhaar 2.0
- C. Aadhaar Vision 2032
- D. Digital India 2030

Answer: C. Aadhaar Vision 2032

10. In 2025, India celebrates the 150th anniversary of which reform movement?

- A. Brahmo Samaj
- B. Arya Samaj
- C. Prarthana Samaj
- D. Ramakrishna Mission

Answer: B. Arya Samaj