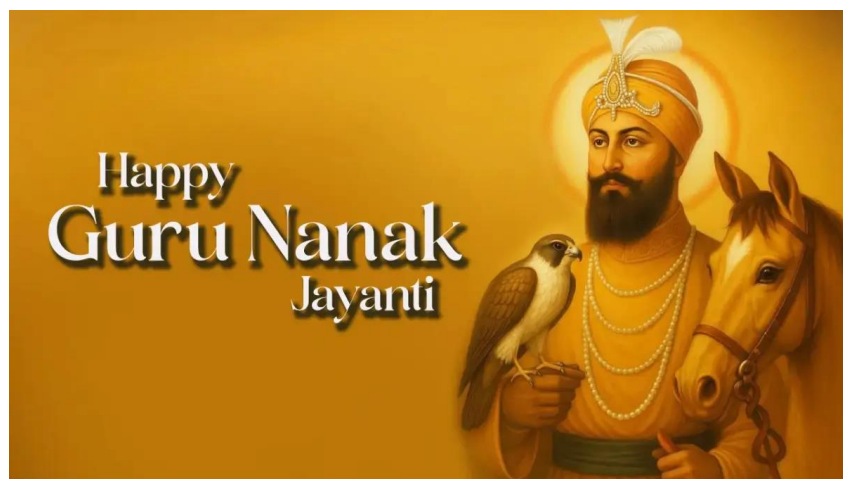


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Guru Nanak Jayanti 2025

- Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as Gurpurab, is a sacred festival that celebrates the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the first Sikh Guru and founder of Sikhism. It is a day of devotion, peace, and unity, reminding people of Guru Nanak's teachings about truth, equality, and kindness. The festival inspires everyone to live with honesty, compassion, and faith in God.
- Guru Nanak Jayanti is more than just a festival — it's a spiritual reminder of how one person's message can transform the world. Guru Nanak Dev Ji was born in **1469 at Talwandi** (now Nankana Sahib in Pakistan). His teachings emphasized that God is One (Ik Onkar) and that all humans are equal, regardless of religion, gender, or status.
- He encouraged people to:
- Earn an honest living (Kirat Karni)
- Share with others (Vand Chakna)
- Remember God in all actions (Naam Japna)



World Tsunami Awareness Day 2025

- Every year on 5 November, the world observes World Tsunami Awareness Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the risk of tsunamis and the importance of readiness, safety planning and early-warning systems.
- Established by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2015, this day encourages nations, communities and individuals to turn awareness into action.
- The theme for 2025 focuses on **“Be Tsunami Ready: Invest in Tsunami Preparedness”**



Jannik Sinner Reclaims World No. 1 with Paris Masters Win

- Jannik Sinner has once again climbed to the pinnacle of men’s tennis, reclaiming the ATP World No. 1 ranking after a commanding victory over Felix Auger-Aliassime in the 2025 Paris Masters final.
- With a straight-sets win—6-4, 7-6 (4)—on November 2, 2025, the Italian tennis star dethroned Carlos Alcaraz and further cemented his dominance in the 2025 indoor season.
- The Paris Masters, one of the most prestigious ATP 1000 tournaments, served as the stage for Sinner’s latest triumph.

- This victory not only gave him his first Paris title but also extended his indoor winning streak to 26 consecutive matches, underscoring his unmatched form on hard courts.
- By defeating Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime in the final, Sinner overtook Carlos Alcaraz, the six-time Grand Slam winner, in the ATP rankings.
- The victory marks a return to the top spot, highlighting Sinner's rise as one of the most formidable players of the current generation.



Sir David Beckham Received Knighthood Honour

- David Beckham—global football legend and former England captain—has officially been knighted by King Charles III, becoming the latest addition to an elite club of footballing greats honoured for extraordinary contributions to the sport and society.
- Beckham was included in the King's Birthday Honours List 2025 and awarded the title of Knight Bachelor for his exceptional services to football and charity.
- Surrounded by his wife Victoria Beckham, who designed his suit for the occasion, and his parents, Beckham received the honour in an emotional ceremony.



Sanjay Garg Takes Charge as Director General of BIS

- Senior civil servant Sanjay Garg of the IAS 1994 batch (Kerala cadre) has assumed charge as Director General (DG) of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) effective 1 November 2025.
- BIS is India's national body responsible for formulating standards for products and services, ensuring quality, safety and reliability for consumers, industries and markets.
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BIS CERTIFICATION

QS Asia Rankings 2026

- The QS Asia University Rankings 2026 reveal a sobering trend for India's premier institutions: even as scores improve, rankings have declined—a signal of intensifying regional competition. Among the top 10 Indian universities, nine dropped in rank, with several IITs hitting their lowest positions in years.
- The setback comes as institutions in China, Singapore, South Korea, and Malaysia accelerate ahead, driven by globalisation, better research performance, and superior faculty-student ratios.

QS Asia Rankings 2026: Top 10 in Asia

Rank	Institution	Country
1	The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
2	Peking University	China
=3	National University of Singapore	Singapore
=3	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
5	Fudan University	China
6	HK University of Science and Technology	Hong Kong
=7	Chinese University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
=7	City University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
9	Tsinghua University	China
10	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Hong Kong

India Exports Fortified Rice to Costa Rica

- In a landmark step that merges health, technology, and international trade, India has exported its first consignment of fortified rice kernel (FRK) to Costa Rica. This 12-metric tonne shipment from Chhattisgarh, facilitated by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), marks a new chapter in India's agricultural exports.
- It also strengthens the country's role in combating malnutrition globally, aligning with the domestic Kuposhan Mukt Bharat mission.
- Fortified Rice Kernel is produced by blending rice flour with vital micronutrients like iron, folic acid, and vitamin B12.
- These are then shaped to resemble rice grains through a process called extrusion and blended with normal rice at a fixed ratio.

- This creates a staple food that can help combat micronutrient deficiencies, often called “hidden hunger.”



India Sends Humanitarian Aid to Jamaica and Cuba

- In a clear demonstration of its commitment to disaster response and international cooperation, India has dispatched 20 tonnes each of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) materials to Jamaica and Cuba in the wake of **Hurricane Melissa**.
- The relief shipment was carried out by an aircraft of the Indian Air Force, and included a range of items to support immediate recovery needs,
- “Aarogya Maitri BHISHM Cube” (a compact relief unit)
- Rehabilitation support items
- Food and daily utilities
- Medicines and medical equipment, Power generators
- Shelter-support materials, Hygiene kits
- The consignment, sent from New Delhi on 4 November 2025, underscores India’s readiness to support its Global South partners during natural catastrophes.



India to Import Eight More Cheetahs from Botswana

- India is set to welcome another batch of eight cheetahs from Botswana by the third week of December 2025. This move marks a significant step forward in Project Cheetah, India's ambitious initiative to reintroduce the cheetah to its historical range, where it was declared extinct in 1952.
- The selected cheetahs are currently in quarantine in Botswana and will be relocated to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, where they will undergo further observation before release.
- India has brought in cheetahs from Namibia (2022) and South Africa (2023)
- The current population stands at 27 cheetahs, including 16 born locally
- Cheetahs have been reintroduced to Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary
- The project aims to balance ecological restoration with species revival while building India's conservation capacity.



Zohran Mamdani Elected Mayor of New York City

- In a landmark moment for American urban politics, Zohran Mamdani has been elected Mayor of New York City, becoming the city's first Muslim mayor, the first person of South Asian descent to hold the office, and the youngest individual in over a century to win the post.
- Born in Uganda and of Indian origin, Mamdani grew up in New York City and rose through local politics to serve as a member of the New York State Assembly.
- His policy agenda included bold proposals,
 - Making city bus services free
 - Free universal child care
 - Freezing rents on rent-stabilised units
 - Raising the minimum wage significantly (to \$30/hour by 2030)
 - Increasing taxes on the wealthiest 1% of New Yorkers and on big corporations



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Guru Nanak Jayanti is celebrated to mark the birth of which Sikh Guru?

- A. Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- B. Guru Arjan Dev Ji
- C. Guru Nanak Dev Ji
- D. Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji

Answer: C. Guru Nanak Dev Ji

2. What is another name for Guru Nanak Jayanti?

- A. Baisakhi
- B. Lohri
- C. Gurpurab
- D. Hola Mohalla

Answer: C. Gurpurab

3. On which date is World Tsunami Awareness Day observed every year?

- A. 1 November
- B. 5 November
- C. 10 November

D. 15 November

Answer: B. 5 November

4. What is the theme for World Tsunami Awareness Day 2025?

- A. "Tsunami Awareness for All"
- B. "Be Tsunami Ready: Invest in Tsunami Preparedness"
- C. "Save Lives, Stop Waves"
- D. "Together Against Tsunamis"

Answer: B. "Be Tsunami Ready: Invest in Tsunami Preparedness"

5. Who reclaimed the ATP World No. 1 ranking after winning the 2025 Paris Masters final?

- A. Novak Djokovic
- B. Carlos Alcaraz
- C. Rafael Nadal
- D. Jannik Sinner

Answer: D. Jannik Sinner

6. Who recently received knighthood from King Charles III?

- A. Wayne Rooney
- B. Lionel Messi
- C. David Beckham
- D. Harry Kane

Answer: C. David Beckham

7. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) from 1 November 2025?

- A. Rajiv Bansal
- B. Sanjay Garg
- C. Rakesh Verma
- D. Alok Singh

Answer: B. Sanjay Garg

8. What trend was highlighted in the QS Asia University Rankings 2026 for Indian institutions?

- A. Indian universities improved significantly in rank
- B. Indian institutions were excluded from the rankings
- C. Scores improved but rankings declined
- D. No Indian university made it to the top 100

Answer: C. Scores improved but rankings declined

9. India exported its first consignment of fortified rice kernel (FRK) to which country?

- A. Brazil
- B. Costa Rica
- C. Argentina
- D. Mexico

Answer: B. Costa Rica

10. Who has become the first Muslim, first South Asian, and youngest mayor of New York City in over a century?

- A. Rishi Sunak
- B. Zohran Mamdani
- C. Sadiq Khan
- D. Kamal Dhanraj

Answer: B. Zohran Mamdani