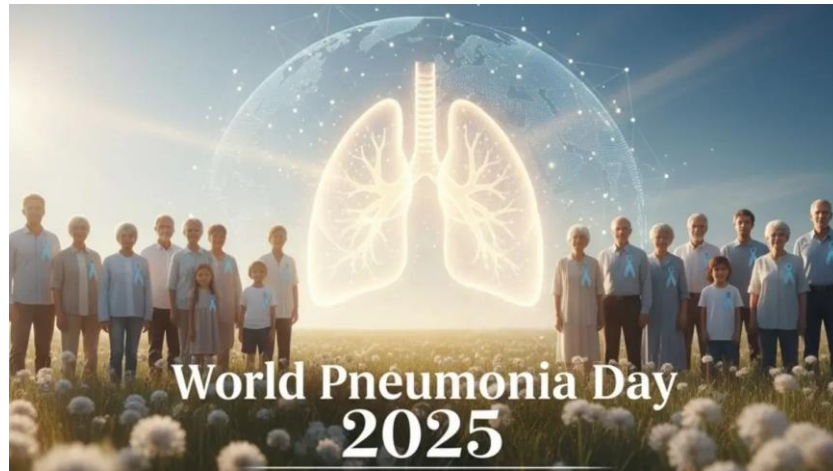


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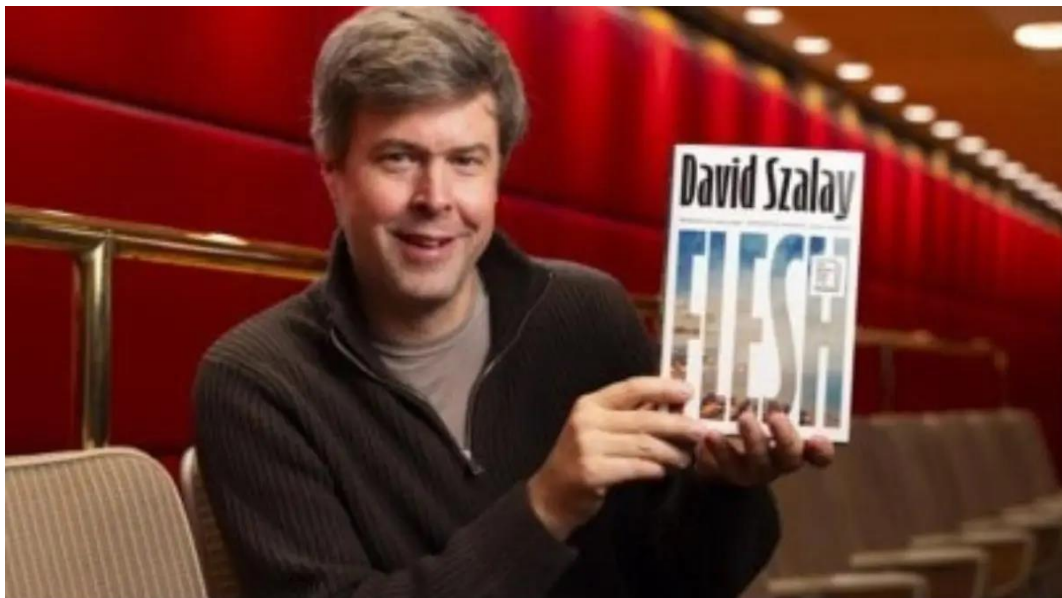
World Pneumonia Day 2025

- World Pneumonia Day, observed annually on 12 November, is a global initiative to raise awareness about pneumonia — a preventable yet deadly disease. In 2025, the focus remains sharply on strengthening health systems, ensuring equitable vaccine access, and scaling up lifesaving resources like antibiotics and medical oxygen.
- Pneumonia continues to be the leading infectious killer of children under five, claiming more young lives than any other disease. It also severely impacts older adults and individuals with chronic health conditions, especially in low- and middle-income countries, including India.
- Pneumonia is the leading infectious cause of death in children under five.
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) are key pathogens.
- The WHO recommends PCV, Hib, measles, and pertussis vaccines to prevent pneumonia.
- Pulse oximetry helps detect oxygen saturation levels for early pneumonia diagnosis.
- Medical oxygen is listed by WHO as an essential medicine.



David Szalay Wins the 2025 Booker Prize for *Flesh*

- In a landmark literary moment, David Szalay, the Hungarian-British author known for his piercing explorations of modern existence, has won the 2025 Booker Prize for his sixth novel, *Flesh*.
- The announcement was made at a glittering ceremony at Old Billingsgate in London, where Szalay received the prestigious £50,000 prize and the Booker trophy from last year's winner, Samantha Harvey.
- The judges hailed *Flesh* as "a hypnotically tense and compelling novel that becomes an astonishingly moving portrait of a man's life." With this win, Szalay becomes the first author of Hungarian heritage to clinch the coveted prize.



Shailesh Chandra Becomes First Indian to Lead OICA

- In a landmark moment for India's automotive sector, Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director and CEO of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles and Tata Electric Mobility, has been elected President of the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA).
- This marks the first time an Indian executive will lead the global automakers' body, reflecting India's growing stature in shaping the future of mobility.
- German automotive leader Hildegard Müller has been appointed Vice-President, ensuring strong representation from both emerging and mature markets in steering global automotive standards and strategies.
- Shailesh Chandra currently heads Tata Motors' passenger and electric vehicle segments and serves as President of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers. Under his leadership, Tata Motors has emerged as a frontrunner in India's EV space, pioneering affordable, mass-market electric mobility.
- OICA (Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles) is the global association of automotive manufacturers, coordinating positions among national associations and companies on critical issues like,
 - Vehicle safety standards
 - Emission regulations
 - Trade policy and market access
 - Technological neutrality and innovation



Sergio Gor Sworn In as US Ambassador to India

- In a significant diplomatic development, Sergio Gor was officially sworn in as the United States Ambassador to India on November 11, 2025, marking a fresh chapter in the evolving Indo-US strategic partnership.
- The high-profile ceremony, attended by President Donald Trump, Vice President J.D. Vance, and other senior officials, underscores the priority Washington places on its relationship with New Delhi.
- India's Ambassador to the United States, Vinay Mohan Kwatra, congratulated Gor and welcomed his appointment, reaffirming the mutual warmth and strategic convergence between the two nations.
- Gor is expected to begin his assignment in New Delhi shortly, where he will engage with top Indian officials, industrial leaders, and civil society to reinforce existing partnerships and explore new areas of cooperation.



Bharat–Sri Lanka Sanskrit Mahotsav

- In a vibrant celebration of shared cultural heritage, the Bharat–Sri Lanka Sanskrit Mahotsav was inaugurated on 10 November 2025 at the University of Colombo, marking a renewed commitment by India and Sri Lanka to preserve and promote Sanskrit—one of the world's oldest and most revered classical languages.
- The week-long festival brings together scholars, monks, students, and cultural leaders from both countries, reaffirming Sanskrit's role as a timeless thread of civilisational wisdom, harmony, and knowledge.

- The Sanskrit Mahotsav is a collaborative effort between leading educational and cultural institutions from both India and Sri Lanka,
- Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (Colombo) – the cultural wing of the Indian High Commission
- Sri Lanka’s Ministry of Education and Higher Education
- Central Sanskrit University (India)
- India–Sri Lanka Foundation



Prime Minister’s Visit to Bhutan

- In November 2025, the Prime Minister of India visited Bhutan, marking a significant milestone in India-Bhutan relations. The visit included key inaugurations, major announcements, and signing of multiple MoUs aimed at strengthening cooperation in energy, healthcare, culture, and border management.
- This visit reflects the strong strategic and developmental partnership between the two nations.
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MoU	Purpose	Bhutanese Signatory	Indian Signatory
Cooperation in Renewable Energy	Focus on Solar, Wind, Biomass, Green Hydrogen, Energy Storage & capacity building	Lyonpo Gem Tshering, Minister for Energy	Shri Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi, Minister for New & Renewable Energy

Cooperation in Health & Medicine	Collaboration in drugs, diagnostics, maternal & child health, disease prevention, telemedicine & professional training	Mr. Pemba Wangchuk, Secretary, Ministry of Health	Shri Sandeep Arya, Ambassador of India to Bhutan
PEMA–NIMHANS Institutional Linkage	Strengthen mental health capacity building, research & in-country courses	Ms. Dechen Wangmo, Head of PEMA Secretariat	Shri Sandeep Arya, Ambassador of India to Bhutan

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) 10 November
- B) 12 November
- C) 15 November
- D) 11 November

Answer: B) 12 November

2. What is the primary objective of World Pneumonia Day?

- A) To celebrate advancements in medicine
- B) To raise awareness about pneumonia prevention and treatment
- C) To promote vaccination against COVID-19
- D) To encourage air pollution control

Answer: B) To raise awareness about pneumonia prevention and treatment

3. Who won the 2025 Booker Prize for the novel *Flesh*?

- A) Margaret Atwood
- B) Salman Rushdie
- C) David Szalay
- D) Arundhati Roy

Answer: C) David Szalay

4. David Szalay is known for which type of literary work?

- A) Historical fiction
- B) Exploration of modern existence
- C) Mythological retellings
- D) Children's literature

Answer: B) Exploration of modern existence

5. Who has been elected as the President of the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA)?

- A) N. Chandrasekaran
- B) Ratan Tata
- C) Shailesh Chandra
- D) Anand Mahindra

Answer: C) Shailesh Chandra

6. Where is the headquarters of OICA located?

- A) Geneva, Switzerland
- B) Paris, France
- C) Brussels, Belgium
- D) London, United Kingdom

Answer: B) Paris, France

7. In which year was the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA) founded?

- A) 1919
- B) 1925
- C) 1945

D) 1950

Answer: A) 1919

8. The 1020 MW Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project is a joint initiative between which two countries?

A) India and Nepal

B) India and Sri Lanka

C) India and Bhutan

D) India and Bangladesh

Answer: C) India and Bhutan

9. Who was officially sworn in as the United States Ambassador to India on November 11, 2025?

A) Eric Garcetti

B) Sergio Gor

C) Antony Blinken

D) John Kerry

Answer: B) Sergio Gor

10. Where was the Bharat–Sri Lanka Sanskrit Mahotsav 2025 inaugurated?

A) New Delhi

B) Colombo

C) Kandy

D) Chennai

Answer: B) Colombo