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PM Pays Tribute to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

- PM Shri Narendra Modi paid tributes to former PM, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Ji, on the occasion of his birth anniversary today.
- “Tributes to former PM, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Ji on the occasion of his birth anniversary.”
- Children's Day is celebrated in India to raise awareness about the rights, education, and welfare of children. It is celebrated on **14 November** every year on the birthday of the first prime minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru, who was known to have been fond of children.
- **World Children's Day** was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on **20 November** each year to promote international togetherness



Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat on 15th November. At around 12:45 PM, he will perform Pooja and Darshan at Devmogra Temple in Narmada district.
- Thereafter, at around 2:45 PM, the Prime Minister will visit Dediapada in Narmada district and participate in a programme marking the 150th Birth Anniversary celebration of **Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda**.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is a name given on 15 November 2021 by the Union Cabinet of the Government of India, in its meeting held on 10 November 2021, to remember the contribution of tribal freedom fighters, as part of the year-long celebration of the 75th anniversary of Indian independence.
- Birsa Munda (15 Nov 1875 – 9 June 1900) was a freedom fighter and a tribal leader, whose spirit of activism in the late 19th century, is remembered to be a strong mark of protest against British rule in India.
- He belonged to the Munda tribe (of Chotanagpur plateau) and his revolt mainly concentrated in the Munda belt of Khunti, Tamar, Sarwada and Bandgaon of Jharkhand.
- On the occasion, he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various infrastructure and development projects worth over **₹9,700 crore** and also address the gathering.



Culmination of Tri-services Exercise 2025

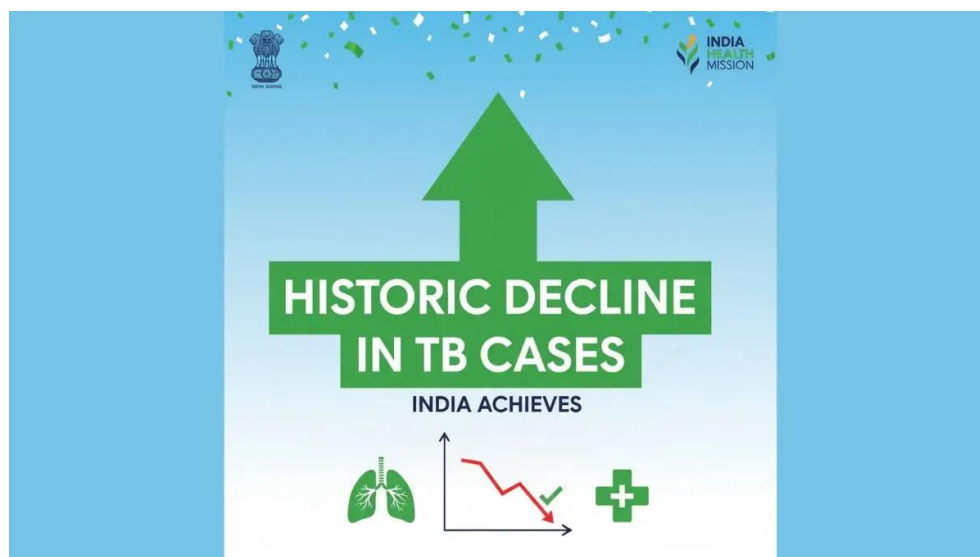
- Tri-Services Exercise (TSE-2025) 'Trishul' was conducted by the Indian Navy as the lead service jointly with the Indian Army and Indian Air Force, in early Nov 2025.
- TSE-2025 was led by the Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy along with the Southern Command of the Indian Army and the South Western Air Command of the Indian Air Force as the principal participating formations.
- The exercise featured large scale operations across the creek and desert sectors of Rajasthan and Gujarat, and in the maritime domain including amphibious operations in the North Arabian Sea.



India Achieves Historic Decline in TB Cases

- In a major public health achievement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded India's unprecedented success in combating tuberculosis (TB) following the release of the WHO Global TB Report 2025.
- The report shows that India's TB incidence dropped by 21%—from 237 per lakh population in 2015 to 187 per lakh in 2024, almost double the global rate of decline (12%). Calling it a "remarkable momentum," PM Modi highlighted the significance of this achievement in realizing the vision of a TB-Mukt Bharat.
- India now hosts the world's largest TB lab network, featuring,
- 9,391 molecular testing centres
- 107 culture and drug susceptibility testing labs

- Over 500 AI-based portable X-ray units deployed nationwide, with 1,500 more on the way
- Services decentralized through 1.78 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, making TB care more accessible



2026 FIH Hockey World Cup

- The 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup is set to be a landmark event for international field hockey, as Belgium and the Netherlands co-host both the men's and women's tournaments for the first time in a dual-host format.
- Scheduled from 15 to 30 August 2026, the event will feature 16 teams per gender, all competing in a new structure designed to increase competitiveness and fan engagement.
- This edition will also mark a historic first: the inclusion of the ParaHockey World Cup, making it one of the most inclusive FIH tournaments to date.
- The winners of the FIH Hockey World Cup are Pakistan, the Netherlands, Australia, Germany, Belgium, and India. Germany is the most recent winner, having won in 2023, and Pakistan has won the most titles with four.

Men's Hockey World Cup champions

Edition (hosts)	Winner	Runners up	Third place
1971 (Spain)	Pakistan	Spain	India
1973 (Netherlands)	Netherlands	India	West Germany
1975 (Malaysia)	India	Pakistan	West Germany

Men's Hockey World Cup champions

Edition (hosts)	Winner	Runners up	Third place
1978 (Argentina)	Pakistan	Netherlands	Australia
1982 (India)	Pakistan	West Germany	Australia
1986 (England)	Australia	England	West Germany
1990 (Pakistan)	Netherlands	Pakistan	Australia
1994 (Australia)	Pakistan	Netherlands	Australia
1998 (Netherlands)	Netherlands	Spain	Germany
2002 (Malaysia)	Germany	Australia	Netherlands
2006 (Germany)	Germany	Australia	Spain
2010 (India)	Australia	Germany	Netherlands
2014 (Netherlands)	Australia	Netherlands	Argentina
2018 (India)	Belgium	Netherlands	Australia
2023 (India)	Germany	Belgium	Netherlands



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which two countries will co-host the 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup for both men and women?

- A. India and Germany
- B. Belgium and Netherlands
- C. Australia and New Zealand
- D. Spain and France

Answer: B. Belgium and Netherlands

2. What major achievement about India was highlighted in the WHO Global TB Report 2025?

- A. India achieved the highest TB vaccination rate in the world
- B. India eradicated tuberculosis completely
- C. India recorded unprecedented success in combating tuberculosis
- D. India became the largest exporter of TB medicines

Answer: C. India recorded unprecedented success in combating tuberculosis

3. Which service led the Tri-Services Exercise (TSE-2025) 'Trishul'?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Air Force
- C. Indian Navy
- D. Indian Coast Guard

Answer: C. Indian Navy

4. When is Children's Day celebrated every year in India?

- A. 20 November
- B. 14 November
- C. 2 October
- D. 5 December

Answer: B. 14 November

5. Children's Day in India marks the birth anniversary of which former Prime Minister?

- A. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Rajiv Gandhi
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer: D. Jawaharlal Nehru

6. Which country is participating with India in the joint military exercise Mitra Shakti 2025?

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- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Indonesia

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8. Which pair of space missions has contributed to refining estimates of Earth-like planet frequency, thereby supporting the Rare Earth Hypothesis?

- A. A. Voyager 1, Voyager 2
- B. Hubble, Chandra
- C. Kepler, James Webb Telescope

D. Cassini, New Horizons

Answer: C. Kepler, James Webb Telescope

9. From which country is India set to receive 8 cheetahs under Project Cheetah?

A. A. Botswana

B. Namibia

C. South Africa

D. Kenya

Answer: A. South Africa

10. Which institution developed India's first Quantum Diamond Microscope under the National Quantum Mission?

A. A. IISc Bengaluru

B. IIT Delhi

C. IIT Bombay

D. ISRO

Answer: C. IIT Bombay