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Birsa Munda Jayanti 2025

- Birsa Munda Jayanti is observed every year to remember one of India's greatest tribal leaders and freedom fighters. In 2025, this day becomes even more special because it marks an important milestone in his life and legacy.
- The celebration highlights his fight for tribal rights, protection of land, and upliftment of his community. Across the country, people come together to honour his courage, dedication, and lasting impact on India's history.
- Birsa Munda Jayanti 2025 is celebrated on 15 November to honour the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, a legendary tribal freedom fighter and social reformer. The 2025 celebration is very special as it marks his 150th birth anniversary.
- The year 2025 marks the **150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda**. To honour this historic occasion, the government has been observing Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh, a year-long celebration of tribal heritage.



Jharkhand Foundation Day

- Jharkhand was formed on **November 15, 2000**. The Bihar Reorganization Act established Bihar as the **28th state of India**.
- The demand for a separate state had been a long-standing one, rooted in protecting the tribal population's rights and identity in the Chota Nagpur Plateau and Santhal Pargana regions.
- Movements led by organisations such as the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) gained momentum post-independence, calling for socio-economic development and self-governance. The state's creation under the Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000, marked the fulfilment of a decades-long struggle for recognition and representation.



World Diabetes Day 2025

- World Diabetes Day, observed every year on **14 November**, is a global initiative aimed at raising awareness about diabetes. The **theme for 2025—"Diabetes Across Life Stages"**—highlights how this chronic condition impacts individuals at every point in life, from early childhood to old age.
- Diabetes is a chronic health condition where the body cannot regulate blood sugar effectively. This happens either due to lack of insulin—a hormone that helps cells absorb glucose—or because the body's cells become resistant to insulin. Over time, high blood sugar levels can damage organs like the heart, kidneys, nerves, and eyes.

- **The Four Main Types of Diabetes**

- Type 1 Diabetes
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Gestational Diabetes
- Prediabetes



Govt Unveils ₹1,500 Crore Projects

- The Central Government has announced a significant investment of ₹1,500 crore for the modernization of the New Mangalore Port in Karnataka. The announcement was made by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal during the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA) held in Mangaluru.
- As part of the launch, a total of 20 development projects were unveiled to upgrade infrastructure, increase capacity, and integrate advanced digital technologies, aligning with the larger national vision of “Viksit Bharat”.
- Located on the west coast of India, the New Mangalore Port is one of the country’s 12 major ports.
- **It plays a crucial role in**
- Facilitating import and export of petroleum products, fertilizers, coal, and container cargo
- Supporting the agriculture, industrial, and energy sectors in Karnataka and neighboring regions
- Acting as a logistics hub for coastal and international trade routes

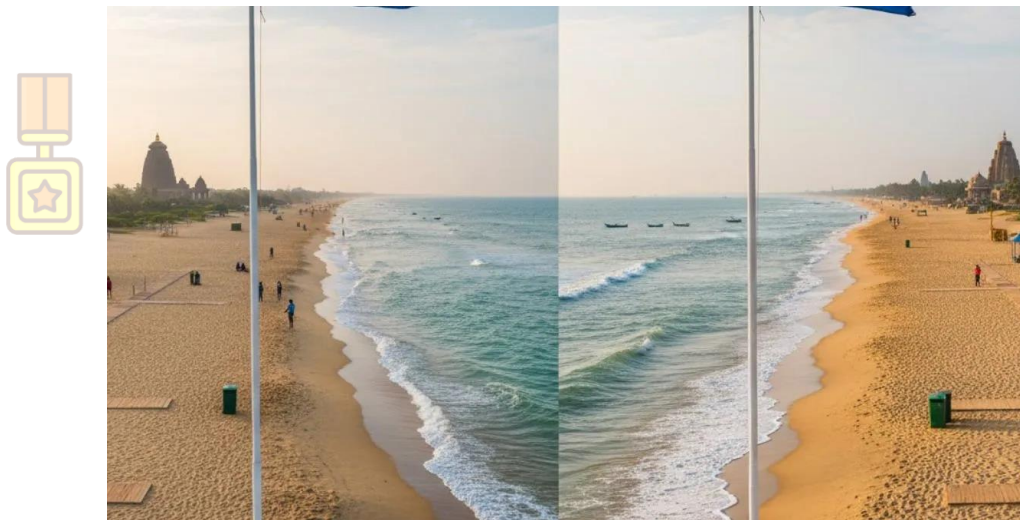
- With the new ₹1,500 crore investment, the port is poised to become a benchmark for efficiency, green growth, and digital integration among Indian ports.
- **₹1,500 Cr Port Projects**
- 20 projects launched during the Golden Jubilee of New Mangalore Port
- Focus on modernization, automation, and capacity expansion
- Strong alignment with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan
- Emphasis on eco-friendly port operations and digital transformation
- Project to significantly boost employment, logistics, and regional development



Odisha Sets Global Standard

- In a proud moment for eco-tourism in India, Odisha's Sunapur and Puri beaches have once again achieved the prestigious Blue Flag Certification for the year 2025–26. This international honour reaffirms their position among the cleanest and most environmentally sustainable beaches globally.
- The Blue Flag is a globally recognised eco-label awarded by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) based in Denmark. It is granted to beaches, marinas, and sustainable boating tourism operators that meet 33 stringent criteria covering,
 - Water quality
 - Environmental management
 - Safety standards
 - Eco-education and awareness
- **Sunapur Beach (Ganjam District)**
- Third consecutive year of certification

- Known for its pristine sand, river-bay confluence, and community-led conservation efforts
- Eco-sensitive design, backed by regular waste audits, water quality checks, and beach cleanups
- **Puri Golden Beach**
- Seventh time in a row to earn Blue Flag recognition
- One of India's most famous pilgrimage and tourist beaches
- Features dedicated bathing zones, smart waste disposal systems, and high safety standards
- **India's National Standing in 2025–26**
- 13 beaches in India recognized in the latest Blue Flag list
- 12 received full certification, including Sunapur and Puri from Odisha
- Reinforces India's push towards sustainable coastal tourism and eco-certification



India Emerges as the World's 6th-Largest Patent Filer

- In a significant update to India's innovation story, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh, announced that India has emerged as the world's 6th-largest patent filer, with over 64,000 patents filed, of which more than 55 percent are by resident Indian innovators.
- He made this declaration while speaking at an annual tech-fest in New Delhi, also pointing out India's rise in the Global Innovation Index (GII) from 81st to 38th over recent years.
- India has filed over 64,000 patent applications, placing it among the top global innovators.

- More than 55% of these filings are from Indian residents, indicating a shift from mere consumption to genuine innovation.
- India's ranking on the Global Innovation Index has improved dramatically—lifting its standing in the global innovation ecosystem.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Jharkhand Foundation Day 2025 marks how many years since the state's formation?

- a) 20 years
- b) 22 years
- c) 25 years
- d) 30 years

Answer: c) 25 years

2. Jharkhand Foundation Day is observed on which date?

- a) November 14
- b) November 15
- c) November 16
- d) November 18

Answer: b) November 15

3. Jharkhand Foundation Day also coincides with the birth anniversary of which tribal leader?

- a) Sidhu Murmu
- b) Kanhu Murmu
- c) Bhagwan Birsa Munda
- d) Rani Gaidinliu

Answer: c) Bhagwan Birsa Munda

4. What is Bhagwan Birsa Munda popularly known as?

- a) Pahadi Raja
- b) Dharti Aaba
- c) Gram Devta
- d) Munda Veer

Answer: b) Dharti Aaba

5. According to Dr. Jitendra Singh, India has become the world's ____-largest patent filer.

- a) 4th
- b) 5th
- c) 6th
- d) 7th

Answer: c) 6th

6. How many patents have been filed from India, as announced by Dr. Jitendra Singh?

- a) Around 40,000
- b) Around 50,000
- c) Over 64,000
- d) Over 70,000

Answer: c) Over 64,000

7. What percentage of India's patent filings come from resident innovators?

- a) 30%
- b) 45%
- c) 55%
- d) 70%

Answer: c) 55%

8. Which two Odisha beaches received the Blue Flag Certification for 2025–26?

- a) Konark and Chandipur
- b) Sunapur and Puri
- c) Gopalpur and Paradip
- d) Rushikulya and Satapada

Answer: b) Sunapur and Puri

9. How much investment has been announced for the modernization of New Mangalore Port?

- a) ₹1,000 crore
- b) ₹1,200 crore
- c) ₹1,500 crore
- d) ₹2,000 crore

Answer: c) ₹1,500 crore

10. What is the theme of World Diabetes Day 2025?

- a) "Access to Care"
- b) "Preventing Diabetes Worldwide"
- c) "Diabetes Across Life Stages"
- d) "Better Health for All"

Answer: c) Diabetes Across Life Stages