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World Toilet Day 2025

- World Toilet Day, observed every year on 19 November, highlights one of the most basic yet critical human needs: safe and accessible sanitation. This year's theme — **"We'll Always Need the Toilet"** — reminds us that despite changing times, climate realities, or technological advances, the human need for a toilet remains constant and urgent. The day is more than symbolic.
- It's a global call to action for governments, institutions, businesses, and individuals to ensure that every person, everywhere, has access to safe toilets and hygiene services — now and in the future.



International Men's Day 2025

- International Men's Day, observed every year on November 19, shines a light on the unique challenges faced by men while celebrating their contributions to families, workplaces, and society.
- The 2025 theme, **"Celebrating men and boys,"** encourages the world to promote healthy lifestyles, highlight positive male role models, and nurture emotional wellbeing through compassion and open dialogue.



Tom Cruise Receives Honorary Oscar at 2025 Governors Awards

- Tom Cruise—one of Hollywood’s most enduring and influential stars—was honored with an honorary Academy Award at the 2025 Governors Awards. At age 63, Cruise accepted the long-awaited recognition for his extensive contributions to film, performance, and the preservation of the theatrical moviegoing experience.
- The ceremony, held at the Ray Dolby Ballroom in Los Angeles, also highlighted other entertainment luminaries whose work has shaped the cultural landscape.
- **Notable Films Featured**
 - Taps (1981)
 - Born on the Fourth of July (1989)
 - Jerry Maguire (1996)
 - Magnolia (1999)
 - Top Gun: Maverick (2022)
 - Mission: Impossible — The Final Reckoning (2025)



Oscar Piastrì Receives Australia's Prestigious Don Award

- Australian Formula One sensation Oscar Piastrì has been honoured with the Don Award 2025, the highest accolade in Australian sport, in recognition of his stellar performances during the current F1 season.
- In what is being hailed as a breakthrough season, Piastrì secured victories at top-tier Grand Prix events across China, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Miami, Spain, Belgium, and the Netherlands. With multiple podium finishes, pole positions, and consistent points accumulation, he has emerged as a serious contender in the 2025 F1 Drivers' Championship.
- Oscar Piastrì won the Don Award 2025.
- The award is named after Sir Donald Bradman.
- It is presented by the Sport Australia Hall of Fame.
- Piastrì won seven Grand Prix races in the 2025 season.
- The award celebrates athletes who inspire the nation through performance and character.



President of India Presents Sixth National Water Awards

- On November 18, 2025, the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, presented the Sixth National Water Awards and Jal Sanchay-Jan Bhagidari Awards at a special ceremony in New Delhi. The event recognized outstanding efforts in water conservation, efficient water use, and community-driven initiatives that address India's growing water challenges.
- In her address, President Murmu reflected on India's deep-rooted cultural reverence for water. She highlighted how water sources like rivers and lakes are not only vital for survival but are also considered sacred.
- Referencing Bankim Chandra Chatterjee's national song, where the first word is "Sujalam" (abundantly watered), she emphasized how water has always held a place of high priority in Indian society.

List of Winners – 6th National Water Awards 2024

1. Best State

Rank	Winner	State
1	Maharashtra	Maharashtra
2	Gujarat	Gujarat
3	Haryana	Haryana

2. Best District

Zone	District	State	Rank
East Zone	Rajnandgaon	Chhattisgarh	1st
West Zone	Khargone	Madhya Pradesh	1st

South Zone	Tirunelveli	Tamil nadu	1st
North Zone	Mirzapur	Uttar Pradesh	1st
North East Zone	Sepahijala	Tripura	1st

3. Best Urban Local Body (ULB)

Rank	Urban Local Body	State
1st	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
2nd	Bhavanagar	Gujarat
3rd (Joint)	Nabadiganta Industrial Township	West Bengal
3rd (Joint)	Agra	Uttar Pradesh



Keerthy Suresh Becomes UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate for Child Rights

- In a significant step toward promoting child rights and mental health, acclaimed actor Keerthy Suresh has been appointed as UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate.
- With a reputation for powerful performances in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Hindi cinema, Keerthy now joins the global movement for children's welfare, lending her voice and influence to amplify issues that affect India's young population.
- Keerthy Suresh's collaboration with UNICEF India represents more than just celebrity advocacy—it symbolizes a national push to destigmatize mental health, promote education, and uphold the fundamental rights of children. With her influence, UNICEF aims to strengthen public awareness and community participation in child welfare initiatives across India.



India Signs Historic Deal to Source 10% of LPG Imports from the US in 2026

- In a landmark energy agreement, India has signed its first ever structured deal to import liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) from the United States. This contract, set to begin in 2026, will see India sourcing 2.2 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of LPG, covering 10% of its total annual imports..
- The move is part of a broader push to diversify suppliers and strengthen trade ties with the US
- LPG is a crucial household fuel in India, especially for cooking. In recent years, government programs like the Ujjwala Yojana have increased LPG access in rural and low-income households. As a result, India has become one of the largest LPG consumers in the world.
- However, over 60% of this demand is met through imports, mostly from West Asian countries such as Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, and Kuwait. This heavy dependence has prompted India to look for alternative and reliable sources.
- This new deal covers a one-year contract for the year 2026. The Indian public sector oil firms — IOC, BPCL, and HPCL — will jointly import LPG from US suppliers like Chevron, Phillips 66, and TotalEnergies.
- The supply will come from the US Gulf Coast and will be benchmarked to the Mont Belvieu pricing system, widely used in the US market.



India Re-Elected to Codex Executive Committee

- At the 48th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC48), India reaffirmed its leadership in global food safety and trade governance by being unanimously re-elected to the Codex Executive Committee (CCEXEC) for the Asia region.
- This re-election secures India's position in the global food standard-setting process until 2027 and highlights its growing influence in international health and trade policy.
- India's re-election as Member Asia to the Codex Executive Committee was a unanimous decision by the global membership, marking a significant endorsement of its collaborative and technical leadership.
- This enables India to represent Asian interests in future food standard discussions and ensure balanced participation in Codex's decision-making process.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

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

- A. 15 November
- B. 19 November
- C. 21 November

D. 25 November

Answer: B. 19 November

2. What is the theme of World Toilet Day 2025?

A. Clean Water for All

B. Sustainable Sanitation

C. We'll Always Need the Toilet

D. Hygiene for a Healthy Future

Answer: C. We'll Always Need the Toilet

3. International Men's Day is celebrated on which date?

A. 18 November

B. 19 November

C. 20 November

D. 21 November

Answer: B. 19 November

4. What is the theme of International Men's Day 2025?

A. Men's Mental Health Matters

B. Celebrating Men and Boys

C. Men as Leaders in Society

D. Role of Fathers

Answer: B. Celebrating Men and Boys

5. Which Hollywood actor received an honorary Academy Award at the 2025 Governors Awards?

A. Brad Pitt

B. Leonardo DiCaprio

C. Tom Cruise

D. Robert Downey Jr.

Answer: C. Tom Cruise

6. Oscar Piastrri received which prestigious Australian sports honour in 2025?

- A. The Allan Border Medal
- B. The Don Award
- C. The Australian Laureus Award
- D. The National Sports Medal

Answer: B. The Don Award

7. Which Indian celebrity has been appointed as UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate?

- A. Alia Bhatt
- B. Deepika Padukone
- C. Keerthy Suresh
- D. Priyanka Chopra Jonas

Answer: C. Keerthy Suresh

8. India signed its first structured LPG import deal with which country?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Russia
- C. United States
- D. United Arab Emirates

Answer: C. United States

9. Under India's new LPG import agreement starting in 2026, how much LPG will be sourced annually?

- A. 1.5 MTPA
- B. 2.2 MTPA
- C. 3.0 MTPA
- D. 4.5 MTPA

Answer: B. 2.2 MTPA

10. At CAC48, India was re-elected to which important body for the Asia region?

- A. WHO Executive Council
- B. FAO Committee for Agriculture
- C. Codex Executive Committee (CCEXEC)
- D. UN Food Safety Board

Answer: C. Codex Executive Committee (CCEXEC)