

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 21 November 2025

### WAVES Film Bazaar 2025 at IFFI Goa

- The Indian film industry received a fresh boost on 20 November 2025, as Dr L Murugan, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, inaugurated the WAVES Film Bazaar 2025 at the **56<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** in Panaji, Goa.
- Positioned as one of South Asia's leading film industry events, the Film Bazaar aims to bring together filmmakers, producers, distributors, festival programmers, and financiers under one roof to foster collaboration and growth.
- WAVES Film Bazaar is the official film market segment of the IFFI and serves as a marketplace for filmmakers, especially emerging voices, to connect with industry professionals. Organized annually alongside IFFI, the Bazaar supports content creators by facilitating both creative collaboration and financial partnerships.
- The 2025 edition of the Film Bazaar coincides with the 56th IFFI and runs from 20 to 24 November. It is the **19th edition** of the Film Bazaar and comes with enhanced global outreach and sectoral diversity.



## World Television Day 2025

- Observed annually on **November 21**, **World Television Day 2025** celebrates the enduring impact of television on global communication, education, and entertainment.
- Recognized by the United Nations, the day underscores how television remains one of the most powerful tools for shaping public opinion, fostering cultural understanding, and promoting global development.
- World Television Day was established in December 1996 by the United Nations General Assembly, following the success of the first World Television Forum held earlier that year.
- India's television network connects 900 million viewers across 230 million households nationwide.
- 918 private satellite channels operational as of March 2025, reflecting a vibrant broadcast ecosystem.
- 6.5 crore DD Free Dish homes, driving digital inclusion and free public access nationwide.
- **Did you know?**
- India's Media & Entertainment (M&E) sector contributed ₹2.5 trillion to the economy in 2024 and is projected to exceed ₹3 trillion by 2027. The television and broadcasting segment alone generated nearly ₹680 billion in 2024. The sector's growth is driven by digital expansion, 4K broadcasting, Smart TVs, 5G, and OTT platforms serving over 600 million users.
- **Experimental and Foundational Phase (1959–1965)**
- Television broadcasting in India began on an experimental basis on 15 September 1959, initiated by All India Radio (AIR) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB).
- The service was launched in collaboration with UNESCO to explore television's role in education and community development. Initially, broadcasts were limited to a small radius around Delhi, with programmes focusing on school education and rural upliftment.



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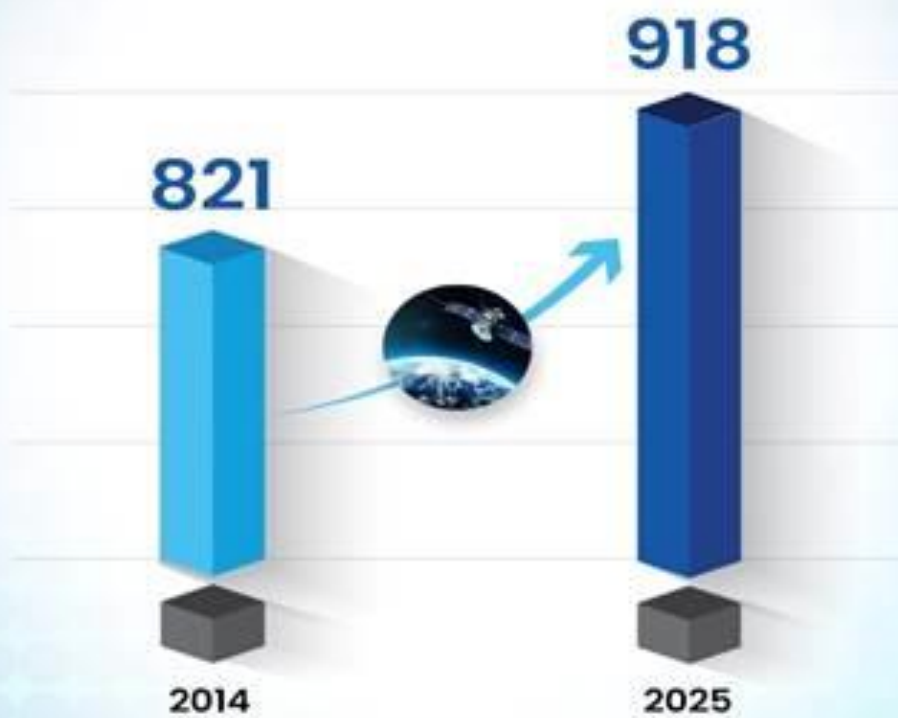
Doordarshan aired some of the most iconic series, such as **Ramayana** (1987), **Mahabharat** (1988), **Hum Log** (1984), **Buniyaad** (1986), **Chanakya** (1991), **Malgudi Days** (1986), **Shaktimaan** (1997), **Chitrahaar** (1982), **Fauji** (1988), **Circus** (1989), and **Udaan** (1989), which set high standards for exceptional programming and entertainment while sustaining its essential function of raising public awareness.

# Key Milestones in Indian Television



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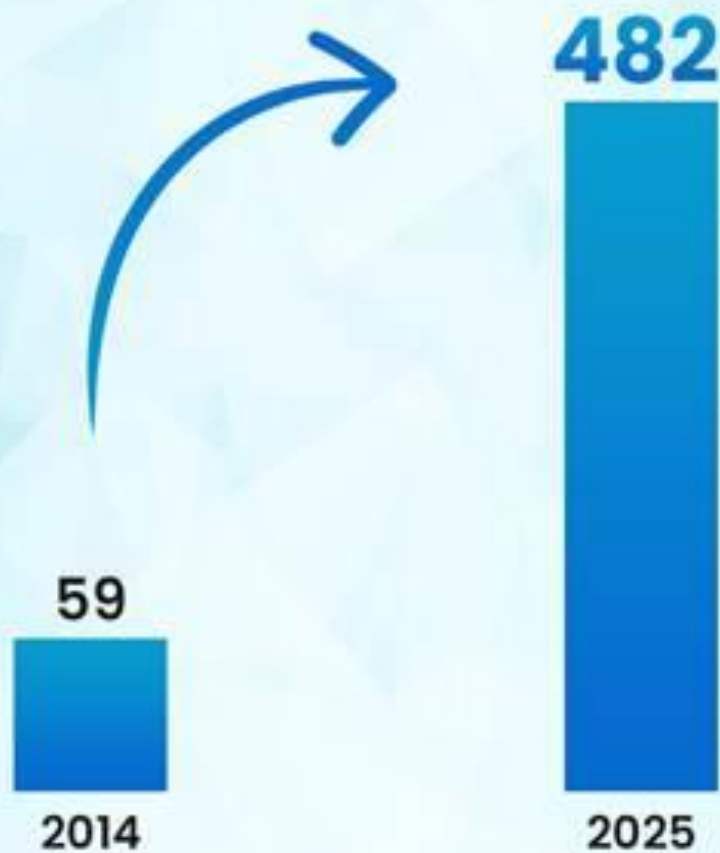
## Number of Satellite TV Channels



Source: TRAI



## Growth of DD Free Dish Channels

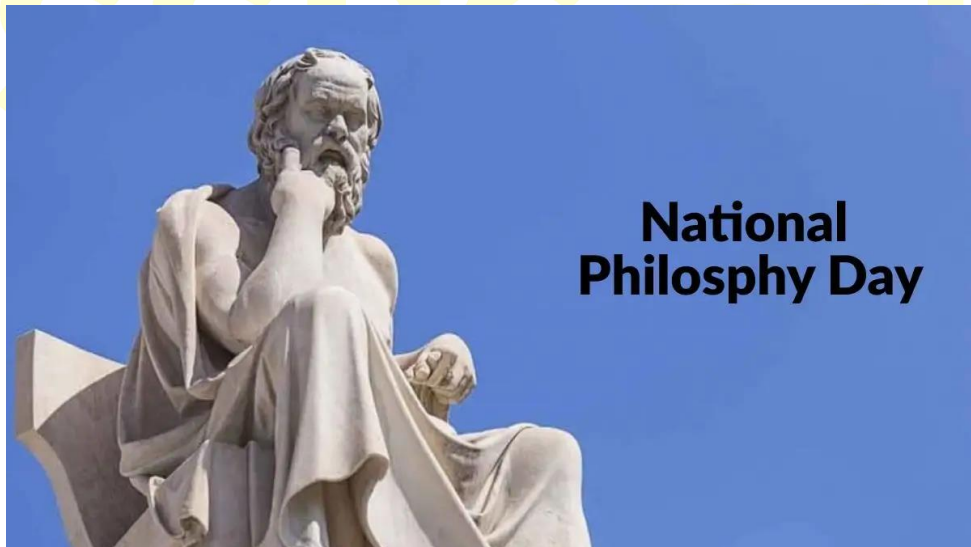


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### National Philosophy Day 2025

- Every year, the third Thursday of November is celebrated as National Philosophy Day, also recognized globally as World Philosophy Day. In 2025, it falls on November 20. This observance is a tribute to the timeless pursuit of wisdom, reflection, and dialogue.
- It aims to foster critical thinking and open-minded discussion to address today's pressing social and global challenges.

- The celebration of World Philosophy Day began in 2002, initiated by the UNESCO. By 2005, it was officially recognized by the UNESCO General Conference, which dedicated the third Thursday of November as a day to highlight philosophy's contributions to society.
- While the official theme for National Philosophy Day 2025 focuses on **"Philosophy and Global Dialogue in the Digital Era"**
- "He who learns but does not think, is lost! He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger." – Confucius
- "Philosophy is the silent dialogue between the mind and the universe." – Anonymous
- "Happiness depends upon ourselves." – Aristotle
- "The unexamined life is not worth living." – Socrates
- "Knowledge without justice ought to be called cunning rather than wisdom." – Plato



## Miss Universe 2025

- The **74<sup>th</sup> edition** of the Miss Universe pageant marked another memorable moment in global pageantry. Hosted in Thailand, the 2025 event blended culture, competition, and world-class performances.
- Fátima Bosch from Mexico outshone over 100 participants from around the world. Her confidence, intelligence, and advocacy made her one of the most admired contestants of the night.

- Since its inception in 1952, the Miss Universe Organisation has championed global empowerment by encouraging women to redefine leadership and individuality.
- Core Values of the Organisation
- Leadership
- Education
- Social impact
- Diversity
- Personal development
- The host country for the 75th Miss Universe edition has been confirmed — **Puerto Rico**. The upcoming event will mark the silver jubilee edition, making it an iconic celebration in the pageant's timeline.



## Supreme Court Rules No Timelines for Governors on Bills “

- In a landmark advisory opinion delivered on 20 November 2025, the Supreme Court of India (SC) held that neither the President nor state Governors can be bound by fixed timelines for granting assent to legislation under Article 200 and Article 201 of the Constitution of India.
- The decision addresses the longstanding contention between legislative urgency and constitutional discretion, reinforcing the federal balance and separation of powers.
- Legal Background
- Articles 200 and 201 deal respectively with how a state Governor handles bills passed by the state legislature and how the President deals with bills reserved for their consideration.

- Under Article 200, a Governor, when a bill is presented, can: grant assent, withhold assent and return the bill for reconsideration, or reserve it for the President. Under Article 201, where a bill is reserved, the President then either grants assent, withholds it, or returns it for reconsideration.
- Earlier, a two-judge bench on 8 April 2025 in the case *State of Tamil Nadu v. Governor of Tamil Nadu* had set indicative timelines—one month for Governor action, three months for the President—aiming to prevent indefinite delays.
- However, the validity of those timelines was challenged. The President invoked the advisory jurisdiction under Article 143 and referred 14 questions to the SC for clarity.
- What the Court Decided
- A five-judge Constitution Bench, led by B. R. Gavai (Chief Justice of India), unanimously held that,
  - The Court cannot impose rigid timelines on Governors or the President in matters of assent under Articles 200/201 because the Constitution does not prescribe such timelines.
  - To read fixed timelines into these Articles would amount to judicial amendment of the Constitution, which is impermissible.
  - The phrase “as soon as possible” in Article 200 does create an obligation of expediency but does not automatically translate into a fixed number of days.
  - While the Governor cannot withhold assent indefinitely (the ‘pocket-veto’ situation is contrary to constitutional design), the remedy lies in judicial review rather than predetermined deadlines.
  - The Court reaffirmed that the Governor must act within reasonable time, and any inaction may attract review, but this cannot be converted into a universal time-limit applicable in all cases.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS



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EXAMS

**1. National Philosophy Day (World Philosophy Day) is celebrated every year on which day?**

- A. Second Monday of November
- B. Third Thursday of November
- C. Fourth Friday of November
- D. Third Sunday of November

**Answer: B**

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**2. In 2025, National Philosophy Day falls on which date?**

- A. November 18
- B. November 19
- C. November 20
- D. November 22

**Answer: C**

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**3. World Philosophy Day was first celebrated in which year?**

- A. 1998
- B. 2000
- C. 2002
- D. 2005

**Answer: C**

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**4. Which organization initiated the celebration of World Philosophy Day?**

- A. WHO
- B. UNICEF
- C. UNESCO
- D. UNDP

**Answer: C**

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**5. Which country is the host for the 75th Miss Universe edition?**

- A. Thailand
- B. Puerto Rico
- C. Mexico
- D. India

**Answer: B**

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**6. Where was the 74th edition of Miss Universe (2025) hosted?**

- A. Mexico
- B. India
- C. Thailand
- D. France

**Answer: C**

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**7. Who won the Miss Universe 2025 crown?**

- A. Andrea Meza
- B. R'Bonney Gabriel
- C. Fátima Bosch
- D. Harnaaz Sandhu

**Answer: C**

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**8. Who inaugurated the WAVES Film Bazaar 2025 at IFFI in Goa?**

- A. Anurag Thakur
- B. Dr. L Murugan
- C. Prakash Javadekar
- D. Narendra Modi

**Answer: B**

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**9. World Television Day is observed every year on which date?**

- A. November 19
- B. November 20
- C. November 21
- D. November 22

**Answer: C**

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**10. Television broadcasting in India began on an experimental basis in which year?**

- A. 1949
- B. 1950
- C. 1959
- D. 1962

**Answer: C**