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International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2025

- The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is observed every year on 3 December to promote awareness, dignity, and equal opportunities for people with disabilities.
- The 2025 theme — “**Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress**” — highlights a crucial truth: without disability inclusion, no society can achieve real development.
- The UN highlights three interlinked pillars of social development:
 - Poverty eradication
 - Promotion of decent work and full employment
 - Social integration



Russia to Establish Its Very First Naval Base on African Soil

- Sudan has given Russia the green light to set up its first-ever naval base in Africa. This historic agreement gives Moscow an important position on the Red Sea, one of the world’s busiest trade routes.

- The deal was finalized after talks in Moscow between Sudanese Foreign Minister Ali Youssef Ahmed al-Sharif and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.
- The new Russian base will be near Port Sudan, along a key route connecting the Red Sea to the **Suez Canal**. This waterway handles around 12% of global trade. The base will allow Russia to gain a strong strategic presence near existing American and Chinese facilities in the region.
- Russia's interest in Sudan comes as its access to the Syrian naval facility in Tartus faces uncertainty. A base in Sudan provides a backup location and strengthens Russia's global naval reach.



Karnataka Introduces e-Swathu 2.0

- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has launched the upgraded e-Swathu 2.0, a digital platform aimed at regularising rural properties in Karnataka. The system is expected to generate up to Rs 2,000 crore in revenue by bringing 95 lakh properties in gram panchayats under the tax net.
- CM Siddaramaiah said the revamped platform could raise revenue by Rs 1,778 crore, and with proper implementation, it may reach Rs 2,000 crore.
- Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge explained that e-Swathu 2.0 would improve property services for villagers. Residents can now quickly access digital e-khata documents (Forms 11A and 11B) online.

- Deputy CM DK Shivakumar highlighted that all services are available online and through Bapuji Centres. Applicants will receive 11B property accounts within 15 days, making property record management simple and convenient.



Nagpur University's First Female Vice-Chancellor

- Nagpur University has entered a new era by appointing Manali Makarand Kshirsagar as its first woman vice-chancellor since its establishment in 1923. Her selection marks a major step toward inclusive leadership and modern academic development.
- With strong qualifications and administrative experience, she is expected to guide the century-old university toward improved research, digital learning, and transparent governance in the coming years.
- The announcement was made by Maharashtra Governor and University Chancellor Acharya Devvrat. At 54 years old, Kshirsagar is set to begin her five-year term, bringing a new vision to the university's administration.
- Manali Kshirsagar has an impressive academic profile. She holds a PhD in computer science and an MBA in finance and marketing. Before this appointment, she worked as Director-Technical and Adviser at Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering, Nagpur.



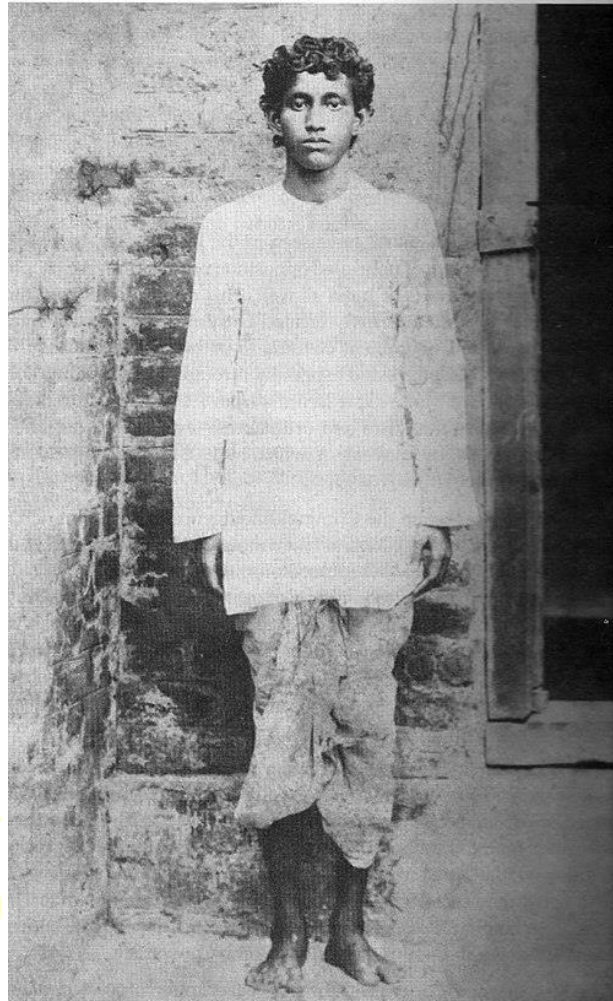
Birth Anniversary of Dr Rajendra Prasad

- The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, paid floral tributes to Dr Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, on his birth anniversary at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (December 3, 2025).
- Rajendra Prasad was an Indian politician, lawyer, journalist and scholar who served as the first president of India from 1950 to 1962. He joined the Indian National Congress during the Indian independence movement and became a major leader from the region of Bihar.
- Born: 3 December 1884, Ziradei
- Died: 28 February 1963 (age 78 years), Patna
- Previous offices: President of India (1950–1962)



Birth Anniversary of Martyr Khudiram Bose

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah paid tribute to the great patriot and immortal martyr Khudiram Bose ji on his birth anniversary.
- Born: 3 December 1889, Midnapore district
- Died: 11 August 1908 (age 18 years), Muzaffarpur
- Parents: Trailokyanath Bose, Lakshmipriya Devi
- Education: Tamluk Hamilton High School, Midnapore Collegiate School (Boys)
- Khudiram Bose (also spelled Khudiram Basu) (3 December 1889 – 11 August 1908) was an Indian nationalist from Bengal Presidency who opposed British rule of India. For his role in the **Muzaffarpur Conspiracy Case**, along with Prafulla Chaki, he was sentenced to death, for the attempted assassination of a **British judge, Magistrate Douglas Kingsford**, by throwing bombs on the carriage they suspected the man was in.
- Magistrate Kingsford, however, was seated in a different carriage, and the throwing of bombs resulted in the deaths of two British women. Prafulla fatally shot himself before the arrest. Khudiram was arrested and tried for the murder of the two women, ultimately being sentenced to death.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which state launched the upgraded e-Swathu 2.0 platform for regularising rural properties?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Karnataka
- D. Gujarat

Answer: C. Karnataka

2. How much revenue is the e-Swathu 2.0 system expected to generate for Karnataka?

- A. ₹500 crore
- B. ₹1,200 crore
- C. ₹2,000 crore
- D. ₹3,500 crore**

Answer: C. ₹2,000 crore

3. Around how many rural properties will be brought under the tax net through e-Swathu 2.0?

- A. 50 lakh
- B. 95 lakh
- C. 1.2 crore
- D. 75 lakh

Answer: B. 95 lakh

4. Which country has approved Russia's plan to build its first-ever naval base in Africa?

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Egypt
- C. Kenya
- D. Sudan**

Answer: D. Sudan

5. The new Russian naval base will be located near which important port?

- A. Port Alexandria
- B. Port Sudan
- C. Port Mombasa
- D. Port Djibouti

Answer: B. Port Sudan

6. The Red Sea–Suez Canal route handles approximately what percentage of global trade?

- A. 5%
- B. 8%

- C. 12%
- D. 15%

Answer: C. 12%

7. Who has become the first woman Vice-Chancellor of Nagpur University since its inception in 1923?

- A. Manali Makarand Kshirsagar
- B. Anita Karwal
- C. Shalini Bharat
- D. Gauri Shankar

Answer: A. Manali Makarand Kshirsagar

8. International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is observed every year on:

- A. 1 December
- B. 2 December
- C. 3 December
- D. 5 December

Answer: C. 3 December

9. What is the theme for IDPD 2025?

- A. Empowering Persons with Disabilities
- B. Advancing Equal Opportunity
- C. Building Inclusive Communities
- D. Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress**

Answer: D. Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress

10. Khudiram Bose is associated with which historic case?

- A. Alipore Bomb Case
- B. Kakori Conspiracy Case
- C. Muzaffarpur Conspiracy Case
- D. Lahore Conspiracy Case

Answer: C. Muzaffarpur Conspiracy Case