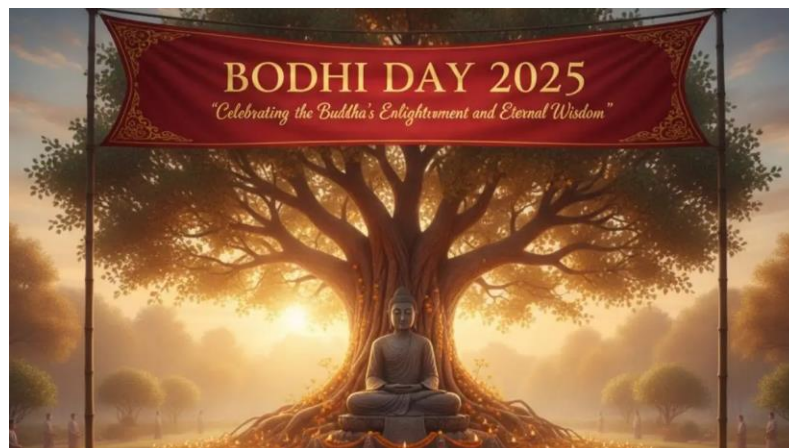


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Bodhi Day 2025

- Bodhi Day 2025 will be observed on Monday, December 8, by Buddhist communities across the globe. This sacred occasion commemorates the spiritual awakening of Siddhartha Gautama, who attained enlightenment (Bodhi) under the Bodhi tree in Bodh Gaya, India, more than 2,500 years ago.
- The event is a serene reminder of the journey from ignorance to insight and symbolizes the essence of Buddhism — liberation through self-realization, compassion, and wisdom.
- Bodhi Day marks the transformative moment when Prince Siddhartha, after years of asceticism and reflection, sat under a peepal tree (*Ficus religiosa*) and resolved not to rise until he discovered the ultimate truth. After intense meditation spanning days and nights, he reached nirvana, becoming Buddha — meaning “The Awakened One.”



International Civil Aviation Day 2025

- International Civil Aviation Day 2025, celebrated annually on December 7, recognizes the pivotal role of civil aviation in global development and commemorates the founding of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

- The day aims to raise awareness about the significance of civil aviation in connecting people, driving economic growth, and ensuring global cooperation through a safe and efficient international air transport system.
- The theme for International Civil Aviation Day 2025 is a continuation from previous years, honouring ICAO's 80th anniversary,
- "Safe Skies. Sustainable Future: Together for All"



Armed Forces Flag Day 2025

- Armed Forces Flag Day is an annual national observance in India held on 7 December. It is dedicated to showing gratitude and support to the country's uniformed personnel — from the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force — including serving personnel, ex-servicemen, war casualties, widows and their families.
- The observance dates back to 1949, when a committee constituted under the Ministry of Defence proposed a special "Flag Day" to mobilise public support for service personnel and veterans.
- Since then, 7 December was adopted as the official day of commemoration and public solidarity.



Mahaparinirvan Diwas 2025

- Every year on December 6, India observes Mahaparinirvan Diwas to pay tribute to Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, one of the country's greatest social reformers and the architect of the Indian Constitution.
- The year 2025 marks his 68th death anniversary, and the day is solemnly commemorated, especially at Chaitya Bhoomi in Mumbai, where thousands gather to honour his legacy.
- The term "Mahaparinirvan" is derived from Buddhist philosophy, signifying the state of ultimate liberation from the cycle of birth and death (samsara). In Buddhism, it represents the final nirvana attained after physical death — a state beyond suffering and rebirth.
- Dr. Ambedkar, who embraced Buddhism in October 1956 along with over 500,000 followers, is remembered with this term, symbolising his spiritual and ideological transition and the impact of his final departure on Indian society.



Rohit Sharma Became 4th Indian To Enter 20000 Runs Scored Club

- On December 6, 2025, in a high-stakes ODI series decider against South Africa in Visakhapatnam, Rohit Sharma etched his name into cricketing history by becoming only the fourth Indian to surpass 20,000 international runs.
- The milestone came during a confident chase of 271 runs, showcasing the consistency, longevity, and class of one of India's most iconic batters.
- Top Indian Players with 20,000+ International Runs,
- Sachin Tendulkar: 34,357 runs
- Virat Kohli: 27,910 runs
- Rahul Dravid: 24,064 runs
- Rohit Sharma: 20,048 runs (as of the 3rd ODI vs South Africa 2025)
- His journey has been remarkable,
- Matches: Over 500 international caps
- Innings: 538
- Average: 42+
- Centuries: 50
- Fifty-plus scores: 111



Jaiswal Becomes 6th Indian to Hit Tons in All Formats

- Yashasvi Jaiswal, one of India's most promising young batters, scored his maiden One Day International (ODI) century during the third and final match against South Africa in Visakhapatnam on December 6, 2025.

- This brilliant knock not only helped anchor India's successful chase but also etched his name into an elite club of Indian cricketers. With this innings, Jaiswal becomes the 6th Indian to score centuries in all three formats of men's international cricket — Tests, ODIs, and T20Is — an achievement that highlights his adaptability, technique, and temperament.
- Prior to this match, Jaiswal had already scored,
- 7 Test centuries
- 1 T20I century



Roman Gofman Appointed as Next Mossad Chief

- Major General Roman Gofman has been appointed as the next director of Mossad, set to take over in June 2026. The decision, announced on December 5, 2025, by PM Netanyahu, reflects a bold and rare move—placing a career military officer without a traditional intelligence background at the helm of Israel's most secretive agency.
- This transition comes at a crucial time, as Israel navigates a volatile regional security environment and the aftermath of the 2023 Hamas assault, which had exposed critical gaps in Israel's intelligence apparatus.



Lando Norris Wins 2025 Formula 1

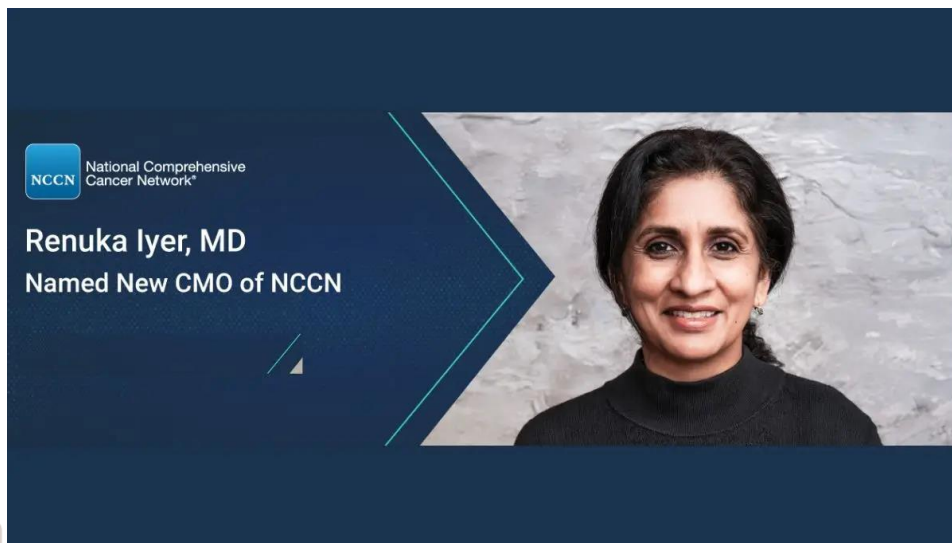
- Lando Norris clinched his first Formula 1 World Championship after finishing third in the season-ending 2025 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, narrowly edging out defending champion Max Verstappen by just two points in the final standings. The 26-year-old McLaren driver became the 11th British world champion in F1 history and the first since Lewis Hamilton's last title in 2020.
- Final Podium – Abu Dhabi GP 2025,
- 1st: Max Verstappen (Red Bull)
- 2nd: Oscar Piastri (McLaren)
- 3rd: Lando Norris (McLaren)



Dr Renuka Iyer Appointed Chief Medical Officer of NCCN

- Dr Renuka Iyer has been appointed as the new Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN). Her appointment, effective from 26 February 2026, marks a major leadership transition at the organisation known globally for its authoritative cancer treatment guidelines.

- The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) is a not-for-profit alliance of leading cancer centers in the United States. It is globally recognised for publishing and maintaining 90 clinical practice guidelines, widely used by healthcare providers to ensure evidence-based, high-quality cancer care.
- Dr Renuka Iyer currently serves as the Section Chief of Gastrointestinal Oncology and Professor of Oncology at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in New York. She also oversees the medical oncology care network at the institution.



Asim Munir Formally Appointed Pakistan's First CDF

- Field Marshal Asim Munir has been appointed as the country's first Chief of Defence Forces (CDF). The appointment, ratified by President Asif Ali Zardari on 5 December 2025, marks a significant realignment of the nation's defence hierarchy following the 27th Amendment to the Constitution.
- This move places Munir at the helm of all three military branches—Army, Navy, and Air Force—while he continues to serve as Chief of the Army Staff (COAS).
- **Scope and Role**
 - Centralized command over the Army, Navy, and Air Force
 - Direct oversight of strategic assets and nuclear command
 - Authority over operational planning, inter-service coordination, and defence policy implementation
 - Lead role in responding to national security threats and crises



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Mahaparinirvan Diwas is observed every year in India on which date?

- A. 2 December
- B. 6 December
- C. 7 December
- D. 8 December

Answer: B. 6 December

2. Mahaparinirvan is a term taken from which philosophy?

- A. Jain philosophy
- B. Hindu philosophy
- C. Buddhist philosophy
- D. Sikh philosophy

Answer: C. Buddhist philosophy

3. What does “Mahaparinirvan” signify in Buddhism?

- A. Birth of Buddha
- B. Final liberation after death
- C. First sermon of Buddha
- D. Enlightenment of Buddha

Answer: B. Final liberation after death

4. Armed Forces Flag Day in India is observed on which date?

- A. 5 December
- B. 6 December
- C. 7 December
- D. 8 December

Answer: C. 7 December

5. International Civil Aviation Day 2025 commemorates the founding of which organization?

- A. IATA
- B. ICAO
- C. IMO
- D. UNESCO

Answer: B. ICAO

6. Bodhi Day marks the enlightenment of whom?

- A. Mahavira
- B. Guru Nanak
- C. Jesus Christ
- D. Siddhartha Gautama

Answer: D. Siddhartha Gautama

7. Which Indian cricketer recently crossed 20,000 international runs?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Sachin Tendulkar
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Yashasvi Jaiswal

Answer: C. Rohit Sharma

8. Yashasvi Jaiswal became the 6th Indian to score hundreds in all formats. Which match helped him achieve this milestone?

- A. 1st ODI vs Australia
- B. 2nd ODI vs England
- C. 3rd ODI vs South Africa in Visakhapatnam
- D. 1st ODI vs New Zealand

Answer: C. 3rd ODI vs South Africa in Visakhapatnam

9. Who has been appointed as the next director of Mossad, effective June 2026?

- A. David Barnea
- B. Roman Gofman
- C. Naftali Bennett
- D. Ariel Sharon

Answer: B. Roman Gofman

10. Who won the 2025 Formula 1 World Championship?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Charles Leclerc
- D. Lando Norris

Answer: D. Lando Norris