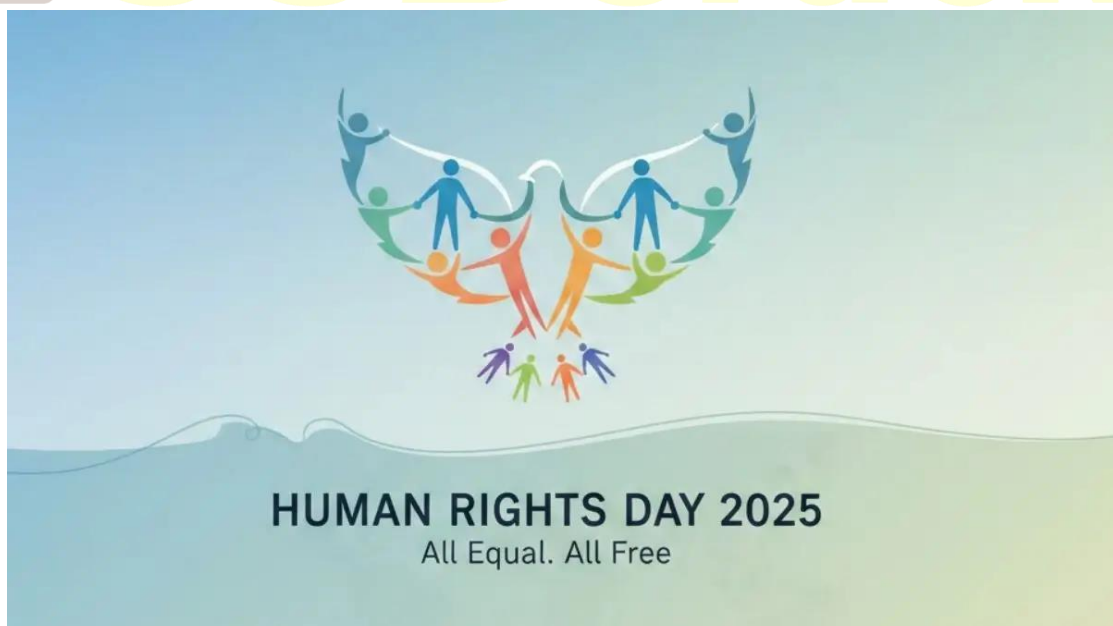


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Human Rights Day 2025

- Every year on 10th December, the world observes Human Rights Day to commemorate the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 1948.
- Human Rights Day 2025 reinforces the universal commitment to protecting the dignity, liberty, and equality of every individual, regardless of nationality, class, gender, or identity.
- The theme for 2025— **“Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials”**
- The UDHR remains one of the most influential documents in human history. Adopted on 10 December 1948, it sets out 30 articles defining the rights every individual must enjoy.



Microsoft's US\$17.5 Billion Investment in India

- India is entering a defining phase in its technology journey, rapidly moving from digital public infrastructure to AI public infrastructure. Strengthening this transition, Microsoft has announced a record US\$17.5 billion investment in India, to be deployed over 2026–2029.
- This represents the company's largest investment in Asia and builds on the US\$3 billion committed earlier in 2025, which will be fully utilized by the end of 2026.
- Microsoft's largest Asia investment: US\$17.5 billion (2026–2029)
- Builds on the US\$3 billion already committed in 2025
- New India South Central hyperscale region to go live in mid-2026
- AI integration into e-Shram and NCS, benefiting 310 million informal workers
- Social protection coverage rise: 24% (2019) → 64% (2025)
- Skilling target doubled to 20 million by 2030
- Launch of Sovereign Public Cloud and Sovereign Private Cloud



Lithuania Declares State of Emergency

- Lithuania has declared a state of emergency on 9 December 2025, citing repeated airspace violations by cigarette-laden balloons launched from Belarus. These incursions, described as a form of hybrid attack, have endangered aviation safety, disrupted public life, and deepened friction between the two neighbours.

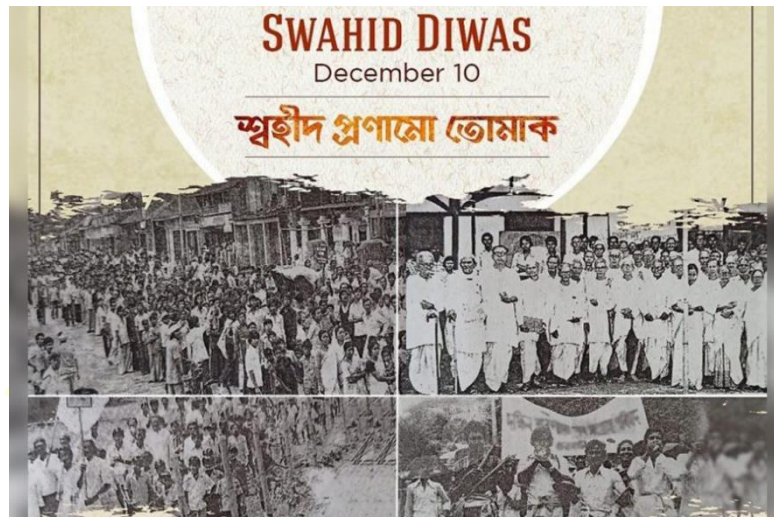
- Relations between Vilnius (Lithuania) and Minsk (Belarus) have been strained for years due to political disagreements, migration tensions, and Belarus's close alliance with Russia.
- The Lithuanian government declared the state of emergency to protect,
- National security interests
- Civilian safety
- Critical infrastructure
- Environmental integrity
- The emergency declaration enables,
- Faster deployment of security personnel
- Airspace monitoring enhancements
- Quick response mechanisms for balloon interceptions
- Coordination between aviation authorities, border guards, and defence forces



Swahid Diwas

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today recalled the valour of all those who were a part of the Assam Movement on the occasion of Swahid Diwas.
- The Prime Minister said that the movement will always have a prime place in the nation's history.

- Mr Modi also reiterated India's commitment to fulfilling the dreams of those who participated in the Assam Movement, notably the strengthening of Assam's culture and the all-around progress of the state.
- The Assam Movement, also known as the Anti-Foreigners Agitation (1979–1985), was an uprising in the state of Assam, demanding detection, disenfranchisement, and deportation of illegal immigrants, primarily from neighbouring Bangladesh.
- The newly inaugurated Swahid Smarak is designed to document the history of the Assam Movement from 1979 to 1985. It features installations illustrating key events and sacrifices, along with spaces dedicated to public gatherings, educational activities, and cultural programmes.



Deepavali in UNESCO Intangible Heritage List

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today expressed joy and pride at the inclusion of Deepavali in the UNESCO Intangible Heritage List.
- The festival is a new inscription on the list, alongside cultural symbols from many other countries, like Ghana, Georgia, Congo, Ethiopia and Egypt, among others.
- India is hosting a session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH).
- Deepavali, also known as Diwali, is the most widely celebrated Hindu festival in India. The decision to have the festival on the cultural heritage list was reportedly taken during a key meeting of UNESCO being hosted at the Red Fort in Delhi.



India to Co-host 2nd WHO Global Summit

- India will co-host the 2nd WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine in New Delhi from 17th –19th December 2025, in collaboration with the WHO. The Summit will bring together global leaders, policymakers, researchers and experts to deliberate on innovation, evidence-based practice and future strategies in traditional medicine.
- The Ministry of Ayush organized a Curtain Raiser Programme on 8th December 2025 that was chaired by Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ayush. In his address, the Minister highlighted India's growing leadership in Traditional medicine and the strengthening role of national research institutions in enhancing scientific credibility and global cooperation.
- The World Health Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations which coordinates responses to international public health issues and emergencies. It is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, and has six regional offices and 150 field offices worldwide.
- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Founded: 7 April 1948
- Founders: United States, United Kingdom, Brazil, France, Canada · See more
- Parent organization: United Nations



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The World Health Organization (WHO) is headquartered in which city?

- A. New York
- B. Geneva
- C. Paris
- D. Vienna

Answer: B. Geneva

2. When was the World Health Organization founded?

- A. 1945
- B. 1946
- C. 1948
- D. 1950

Answer: C. 1948

3. How many regional offices does the WHO have?

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

Answer: B. 6

4. Deepavali was recently added to which UNESCO list?

- A. World Heritage Sites
- B. Global Cultural Events List
- C. Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity
- D. List of Endangered Cultural Practices

Answer: C. Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

5. The Assam Movement (1979–1985) was mainly aimed at addressing which issue?

- A. Industrial development
- B. Illegal immigration from Bangladesh
- C. River water disputes
- D. Language preservation

Answer: B. Illegal immigration from Bangladesh

6. Which country declared a state of emergency on 9 December 2025 due to airspace violations by cigarette-laden balloons?

- A. Latvia
- B. Estonia
- C. Lithuania
- D. Poland

Answer: C. Lithuania

7. From which country were the balloons violating Lithuania's airspace launched?

- A. Russia
- B. Ukraine
- C. Belarus
- D. Latvia

Answer: C. Belarus

8. Microsoft has announced what amount of investment in India for 2026–2029?

- A. \$10 billion
- B. \$12.5 billion
- C. \$17.5 billion

D. \$20 billion

Answer: C. \$17.5 billion

9. What is the global observance celebrated every year on 10th December?

A. World Peace Day

B. Human Rights Day

C. International Democracy Day

D. Global Justice Day

Answer: B. Human Rights Day

10. What is the theme of Human Rights Day 2025?

A. "Equality for All"

B. "Stand Up for Human Dignity"

C. "Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials"

D. "Protecting Global Freedoms"

****Answer: C. Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials"**

