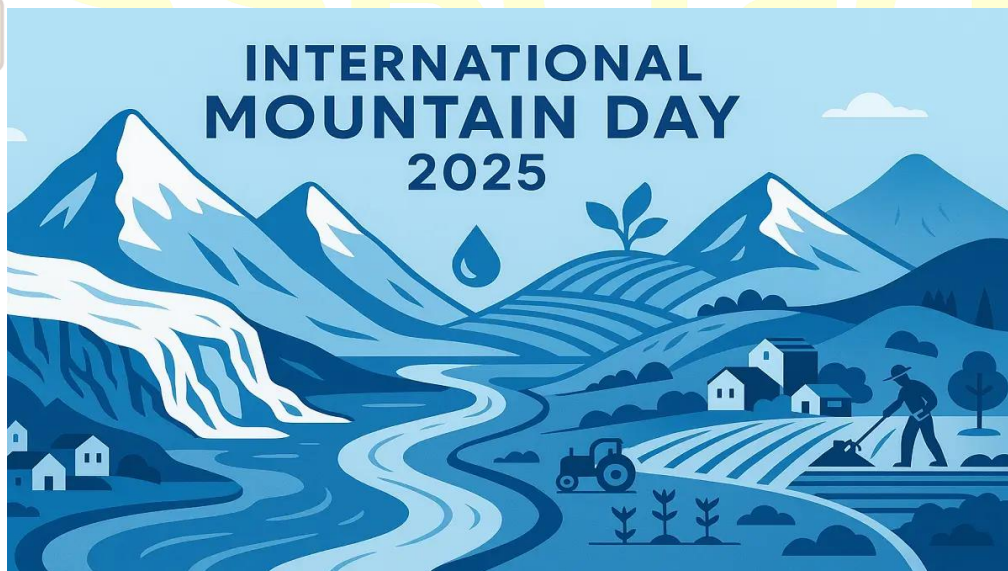


# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 11 December 2025

### International Mountain Day 2025

- International Mountain Day (IMD) 2025 comes at a defining moment for the planet. With glaciers melting at unprecedented rates and mountain ecosystems under severe pressure, this observance encourages the world to recognize the deep connection between glaciers, water, agriculture, food security, and livelihoods.
- The United Nations has also declared 2025 as the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation, giving this year's Mountain Day even greater global relevance.
- The theme for International Mountain Day (IMD) 2025 is "**Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond,**".



### UNICEF Foundation Day 2025

- UNICEF Foundation Day 2025 arrives at a time when the world continues to struggle with wars, climate change, and rising inequalities. These crises affect children most severely, making this observance far more meaningful than just an annual anniversary.

- For 79 years, UNICEF has worked as a global guardian of child rights, health, education, protection, and dignity, shaping what it means to grow up safely in the modern world.
- As we move into 2025, UNICEF's mission remains focused on building strong national systems that can protect children during emergencies, climate shocks, and digital-age vulnerabilities.
- UNICEF Foundation Day is observed every year on December 11.
- UNICEF Foundation Day 2025 Date: December 11, 2025
- Occasion: 79th anniversary of UNICEF's establishment
- Established: December 11, 1946, by the United Nations General Assembly
- Purpose: Raising awareness and support for global child welfare



## TIME's 2025 CEO of the Year

- TIME magazine has named Neal Mohan YouTube's Indian-origin CEO as the "2025 CEO of the Year." Mohan's rise from his early academic foundations in India to leading the world's largest video platform symbolizes a global success story shaped by technical excellence, empathy, and strategic foresight.
- Born to Indian parents, Neal Mohan grew up in an environment that emphasised discipline, academic excellence, and curiosity. His educational journey led him to Stanford University.



## **A'ja Wilson Named TIME's 2025 Athlete of the Year**

- TIME magazine has named A'ja Wilson, superstar forward of the Las Vegas Aces, as the 2025 Athlete of the Year—a recognition that crowns one of the most remarkable individual seasons in the history of professional basketball.
- Wilson's excellence on court, combined with her powerful cultural presence and leadership in women's sports, made 2025 a defining year in her career. Her journey reflects not just athletic prowess, but resilience, influence, and the evolution of the WNBA at a moment of rising global visibility.



## **UNEP Champions of the Earth 2025 Award**

- Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, has been honoured with the 2025 Champions of the Earth Award, the United Nations' highest environmental recognition.

- The award, announced by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) during the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) in Nairobi, celebrates her pioneering contributions to sustainable cooling, ecosystem restoration, and climate adaptation.
- Established in 2005, the Champions of the Earth Award is UNEP's most prestigious honour. Now in its 20th year, it celebrates individuals and organisations driving transformative environmental change



## The 33<sup>rd</sup> Southeast Asian Games Begin in Thailand

- The 33rd Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games 2025) officially begin 9th December in Thailand, marking the start of one of the region's most celebrated multi-sport events. Hosted across Bangkok and Chonburi province, this edition brings together thousands of athletes and spectators to celebrate athletic excellence, regional unity, and cultural pride.
- The Opening Ceremony is being held at the iconic Rajamangala National Stadium, signaling the commencement of an event that showcases Southeast Asia's growing sports ecosystem.
- Thailand, known for its rich sporting heritage and experience in conducting large-scale events, is hosting over 13,000 athletes for the 2025 edition. This scale reflects the SEA Games' evolution into a major international sporting platform, with strong participation from all member nations of the Southeast Asian region.





## Jasprit Bumrah Scripts History

- Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah etched his name in cricketing history on 9 December 2025, becoming the first Indian bowler ever to take 100 wickets in all three international formats—Tests, ODIs, and T20Is.
- The milestone was reached during the 1st T20I against South Africa at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack, marking yet another peak in Bumrah's remarkable career.
- This achievement places him among the top five bowlers in world cricket, joining legends like Tim Southee, Lasith Malinga, Shakib Al Hasan, and Shaheen Shah Afridi.
- Career Tally After the Match
  - Tests: 234 wickets in 52 matches
  - ODIs: 149 wickets in 89 matches
  - T20Is: 101 wickets in 81 matches



## Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa Wins FIDE Circuit

- Indian chess continues to rise globally, and Grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa added another remarkable achievement to India's sporting history in December 2025. The 20-year-old Indian prodigy won the International Chess Federation (FIDE) Circuit 2025 with 115.17 points, topping a year-long leaderboard featuring the world's strongest players.
- With this victory, he becomes the only male player to qualify through the FIDE Circuit and officially books his place in the Candidates Tournament 2026, the final stage to determine the challenger for the World Chess Championship 2026.
- The FIDE Circuit 2025 was a year-long qualification path comprising top-level tournaments held from January to December 2025. Players scored points based on performance and tournament strength, with final standings based on the sum of their seven best results.
- **Fédération Internationale des Échecs** (FIDE), also known as the International Chess Federation.

Rank	Player	Country	Points
1	Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa	India	115.17
2	Anish Giri	Netherlands	81.18
3	Nodirbek Abdusattorov	Uzbekistan	71.61
4	Fabiano Caruana	USA	65.55
5	Matthias Blübaum	Germany	63.94

- India will have a strong representation in the Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 as well.

- Qualified Indian women players:
- Divya Deshmukh
- Koneru Humpy
- Vaishali Rameshbabu



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. UNICEF Foundation Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. December 10
- B. December 11
- C. December 12
- D. December 9

**Answer: B. December 11**

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2. What is the theme of International Mountain Day 2025?

- A. Mountains and Sustainable Tourism
- B. Protect Our Peaks
- C. Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond
- D. Mountains for a Better Future

**Answer: C. Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond**

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3. International Mountain Day is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. December 12
- B. December 5

C. December 11

D. December 1

**Answer: C. December 11**

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**4. Who has been named TIME's "2025 CEO of the Year"?**

A. Sundar Pichai

B. Neal Mohan

C. Satya Nadella

D. Arvind Krishna

**Answer: B. Neal Mohan**

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**5. TIME's 2025 Athlete of the Year is \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. Novak Djokovic

B. A'ja Wilson

C. Simone Biles

D. Virat Kohli

**Answer: B. A'ja Wilson**

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**6. Who received the 2025 Champions of the Earth Award?**

A. Sunita Narain

B. Vandana Shiva

C. Supriya Sahu

D. Medha Patkar

**Answer: C. Supriya Sahu**

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**7. The Champions of the Earth Award, established in 2005, is given by which organisation?**

A. UNESCO

B. FAO

C. UNEP

D. WHO

**Answer: C. UNEP**

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**8. Which country is hosting the 33rd Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games 2025)?**

- A. Vietnam
- B. Malaysia
- C. Thailand
- D. Indonesia

**Answer: C. Thailand**

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**9. Jasprit Bumrah achieved which historic milestone on 9 December 2025?**

- A. Fastest bowler to 500 wickets in Tests
- B. First Indian bowler to take 10 wickets in a T20I
- C. First Indian bowler to take 100 wickets in all three formats
- D. First bowler to take a wicket on first ball in all formats

**Answer: C. First Indian bowler to take 100 wickets in all three formats**

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**10. Who was sworn in as the new Prime Minister of the Czech Republic on 9 December 2025?**

- A. Petr Fiala
- B. Andrej Babis
- C. Milos Zeman
- D. Ivan Bartoš

**Answer: B. Andrej Babis**