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Bulgaria Adopts the Euro

- Bulgaria has taken a historic economic step by adopting the euro as its official currency. This move places the country firmly within Europe's economic mainstream after years of preparation. While many urban and younger Bulgarians see the change as progress, others fear rising prices and loss of national identity.
- Bulgaria has officially replaced its national currency, the lev, with the euro, becoming the 21st member of the eurozone. The move follows years of economic reforms and EU integration, despite political instability and public division over the new currency.
- The eurozone is a group of EU countries that use the euro as their official currency.
- Members follow common monetary policies led by the European Central Bank. Joining the eurozone requires strict criteria on inflation, debt, fiscal discipline, and currency stability.
- The Bulgarian lev has been the national currency since 1881.
- Since 1997, the lev has been pegged to major European currencies, first the Deutschmark and later the euro.
- Bulgaria joined NATO and the European Union, then the Schengen Area, before adopting the euro.
- The country has a population of about 6.5 million, making it one of the EU's poorest members.
- **How the Transition Is Being Done**
- Shops have displayed prices in both lev and euro since August.

- During January, people can pay using either currency, but change is given in euros.
- From 1 February, payments in lev will no longer be allowed.
- Coins and small euro notes have already been distributed to businesses.



India Records Sharp Rise in Tiger Deaths in 2025

- India, which hosts the largest tiger population in the world, witnessed a worrying rise in tiger deaths in 2025. Official data shows that 166 tigers died during the year, highlighting challenges linked to habitat pressure, territorial conflicts and conservation management despite overall growth in tiger numbers.
- India recorded 166 tiger deaths in 2025, forty more than in 2024, as per data released by the National Tiger Conservation Authority. Madhya Pradesh reported the highest number of deaths, raising concerns about space crunch and territorial conflicts among the growing tiger population.
- According to the National Tiger Conservation Authority, a total of 166 tigers died across India in 2025.
- This included 31 cubs.
- The number marks a significant increase from 126 deaths in 2024, indicating rising stress on tiger habitats despite conservation success in population growth.



France Plans Social Media Restrictions for Children Under 15

- France is taking a strong step to protect children in the digital age by proposing strict limits on social media use. Concerned about mental health, online harm, and excessive screen time among young users, the government wants tighter rules for digital platforms.
- The move reflects a growing global debate on balancing children's safety with digital freedom and technology use.
- France has announced plans to ban social media access for children under 15, unless parental consent is provided. The proposal comes amid rising concerns about online harms and the failure of tech companies' self-regulation.
- Under the plan, social media companies will be required to verify the age of users and block accounts belonging to children below 15 who do not have parental approval.
- Platforms that fail to comply could face heavy financial penalties.
- French authorities argue that voluntary safeguards by technology companies have not been effective.
- The proposal places responsibility on platforms rather than parents alone, marking a shift toward stricter state-led digital regulation.
- France's proposal is part of a broader global trend.

- Countries like Australia and Malaysia have announced or implemented bans on social media for children under 16.
- Governments worldwide are rethinking digital policies as evidence grows about the psychological impact of social media on minors.
- These measures reflect increasing recognition of online safety as a governance and public health issue.



New Sports Law Begins to Reshape India's Sports Governance

- India's sports administration has entered a new phase with the partial implementation of a landmark law from the beginning of 2026. The new legal framework aims to bring transparency, accountability, and athlete focused decision-making in sports bodies.
- By regulating how sports federations function, the government hopes to professionalise sports governance and create a fair system that supports athletes while maintaining ethical and financial discipline.
- Select provisions of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 have come into effect from January 1, 2026. The Union government has activated sections that establish new oversight bodies and set rules for national sports federations, marking a major reform in India's sports governance system.
- The National Sports Governance Act, notified in August 2025, is designed to regulate the functioning of sports bodies in India.

- It applies to institutions such as the National Olympic Committee, National Paralympic Committee, and National Sports Federations.
- The Act aims to align Indian sports administration with Olympic and Paralympic Charters, promote ethical practices, and ensure fair treatment of athletes.



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Deepti Sharma Sets New Wicket Record in Women's T20 Cricket

- Indian women's cricket continues to scale new heights. Deepti Sharma has become the highest wicket-taker in Women's T20 International cricket. The record reflects her long-term consistency and impact as a match-winner. It is also a proud moment for Indian cricket on the global stage.
- Deepti Sharma achieved the landmark during the 5th T20I match against Sri Lanka at Thiruvananthapuram. She claimed her 152nd T20I wicket, overtaking Australia's Megan Schutt, who previously held the record with 151 wickets. With this, Deepti now stands alone at the top of the all-time wicket-takers list in Women's T20Is.
- Notably, Deepti also continues to hold the No. 1 position in the ICC Women's T20I Bowling Rankings, reaffirming her dominance in the shortest format.



Savitribai Phule 194th Birth Anniversary

- Savitribai Phule was one of the most influential social reformers in Indian history. Born on 3rd January, 1831 in Maharashtra, she challenged rigid caste systems and gender inequality at a time when educating women was considered unacceptable.
- With the support of her husband Jyotirao Phule, she became India's first woman teacher and laid the foundation for women's education and social reform in the country.
- Born on January 3, 1831, in Naigaon, Maharashtra
- Belonged to the Mali community, which faced social discrimination
- Married at a young age to Jyotirao Phule
- Educated at home by her husband despite social opposition
- Showed early interest in learning and teaching
- Co-founded the first girls' school in Pune in 1848
- Became the first female teacher and headmistress in India
- Faced harassment, insults, and physical attacks while going to school
- Continued teaching despite resistance from orthodox society



International Mind–Body Wellness Day 2026

- This day encourages people to focus on balanced living, preventive healthcare, and simple lifestyle changes to stay healthy in the long run.
- International Mind–Body Wellness Day is observed annually on January 3 to spread awareness about the deep connection between mental health and physical health and promote preventive healthcare practices.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which country has recently adopted the euro as its official currency?

- A. Romania
- B. Croatia
- C. Bulgaria
- D. Hungary

☒ Answer: C. Bulgaria

2. What was the national currency of Bulgaria before adopting the euro?

- A. Dinar
- B. Lev
- C. Kuna
- D. Zloty

☒ Answer: B. Lev

3. Since which year has the Bulgarian lev been in use?

- A. 1875
- B. 1881
- C. 1901
- D. 1920

☒ Answer: B. 1881

4. Which country hosts the largest tiger population in the world?

- A. Russia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Bangladesh
- D. India

☒ **Answer: D. India**

5. How many tigers died in India during 2025 as per official data?

- A. 120
- B. 145
- C. 166
- D. 180

☒ **Answer: C. 166**

6. France has proposed banning social media access for children below which age without parental consent?

- A. 13 years
- B. 14 years
- C. 15 years
- D. 16 years

☒ **Answer: C. 15 years**

7. Which Act's select provisions came into force from January 1, 2026?

- A. National Sports Policy Act
- B. National Sports Governance Act
- C. Khelo India Act
- D. Sports Authority of India Act

☒ **Answer: B. National Sports Governance Act**

8. Deepti Sharma broke the T20I wicket record during a match against which country?

- A. England
- B. Australia
- C. South Africa
- D. Sri Lanka

 **Answer: D. Sri Lanka**

9. Deepti Sharma overtook which cricketer to become the highest wicket-taker in women's T20Is?

- A. Ellyse Perry
- B. Anisa Mohammed
- C. Megan Schutt
- D. Jhulan Goswami

 **Answer: C. Megan Schutt**

10. Savitribai Phule co-founded the first girls' school in Pune in which year?

- A. 1845
- B. 1848
- C. 1851
- D. 1854

 **Answer: B. 1848**