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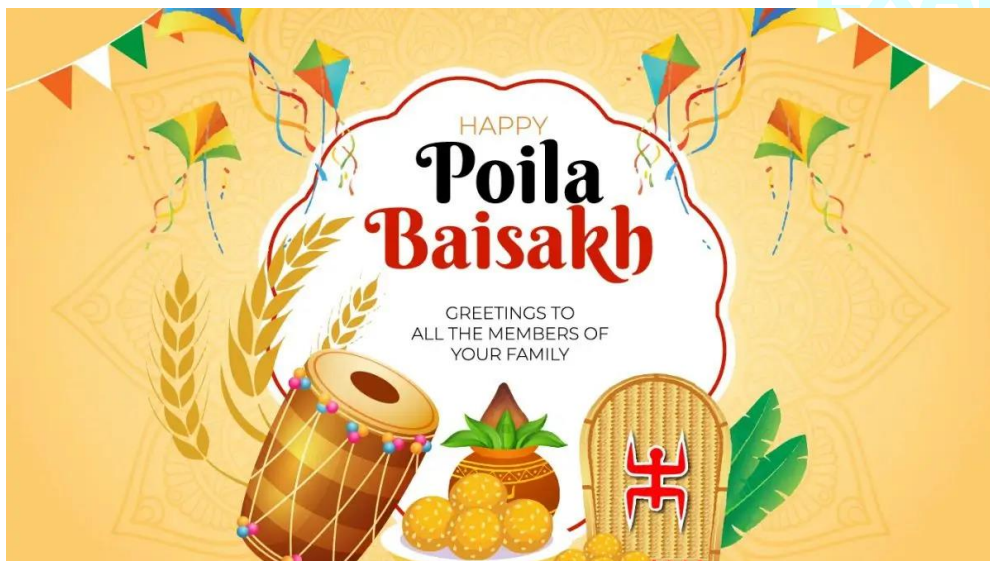
Bohag Bihu 2026

- Bohag Bihu, which is also known as **Rongali Bihu** will be celebrated with the great enthusiasm across Assam starting from the **14th of April**. This marks the Assamese New Year and the arrival of spring season.
- This festival reflects the region's rich cultural traditions and brings people together via music, dance and rituals. It is celebrated over the seven days and it symbolizes the new beginnings, the agricultural prosperity and community bonding which making the festival important in the State of Assam.
- **Goru Bihu (Day 1):** This day is dedicated to cattle, which are washed, decorated and worshipped as they play a important role in agriculture.
- **Manuh Bihu (Day 2):** On the 2nd day people wear new clothes and seek blessings from elders from the family.
- **Gosai Bihu (Day 3):** This day dedicated towards the household deities where people worship them.
- Bohag Bihu is much more than just the festival it represents the heart of Assamese identity. It is celebrated in mid-April, it signifies the,
 - Agricultural renewal and prosperity
 - Fertility and harmony with nature
 - And the community unity and cultural pride



Pohela Boishakh 2026

- Pohela Boishakh 2026 the Bengali New year will be celebrated on the April 15 with the great enthusiasm across the West Bengal, Bangladesh and Bengali communities who lives worldwide.
- It marks the beginning of the New Bengali calendar year 1433 and its festival reflects the cultural unity, joy and fresh beginnings. The day is rooted in tradition but yet it is celebrated with modern energy. Pohela Boishakh brings the people together through rituals, delicious food, music and greetings.



Sujeet Kalkal and Abhimanyu Mandwal Grab Gold

- Indian wrestlers have delivered the strong performance at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2026. As the Sujeet Kalkal and Abhimanyou Mandwal won the gold medals in the freestyle categories.
- The tournament held in Bishkek and Indian wrestlers have showed the shear dominance and resilience on the pitch. After this winning medal tally of the Indian have surged.
- Sujeet Kalkal had delivered the commanding performance in the 65kg freestyle final and he defeated the Uzbekistan's Umidjon Jalolov with the decisive 8-1 victory.
- He is the first Indian to win 65kg gold since the Bajrang Punia in 2019.
- He also secured his third consecutive gold medal in this year.
- Also displayed dominance with the strong offensive and defensive tactics
- **India's Medal Tally and Overall Performance**
- Total medals: 14
- Gold: 2
- Silver: 4
- Bronze" 8



Monte Carlo Masters 2026

- **Jannik Sinner** have defeated the **Carlos Alcaraz** to win the Monte Carlo Masters 2026, and he reclaimed the World No. 1 ranking. Sinner have secured the victory in straight sets 7-6 (5), 6-3, and with this it is marking his first-ever title at this prestigious clay court tournament.
- Jannik victory in the Monte Carlo marks his third ATP 1000 title of the year and making him one of the most dominant players of the season.
- He has now,
- Won the three consecutive ATP Masters 1000 titles in 2026
- Also extended his winning streak to 17 matches
- And joined legends like Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal as one of the few to win the four consecutive ATP 1000 titles



Rory McIlroy
AGE: 36 | COUNTRY: NORTHERN IRELAND

PGA TOUR WINS
30

TOP 5 FINISHES
86

EVENTS
278

CUTS
246

SIX MAJORS

- US OPEN: 2011
- PGA CHAMPIONSHIP: 2012, 2014
- THE OPEN: 2014
- THE MASTERS: 2025, 2026

Rory McIlroy celebrates victory on the 18th green.

Back-to-back Masters titles
The others who successfully defended their title at the Augusta Masters

JACK NICKLAUS	NICK FALDO	TIGER WOODS
• 1965 • 1966	• 1989 • 1990	• 2001 • 2002

“I did the bulk of my work on Thursday and Friday. Having a 6-shot lead going into the weekend, it would have been a bitter pill to swallow if I weren't able to get myself over the finish line.”

Rotterdam Marathon 2026

- India's **Sawan Barwal** has broken the country's longest standing marathon national record and ended the 48-year-old record which was set by the Shivnath Singh earlier. The historic achievement comes at the prestigious NN Marathon Rotterdam on the 12th of April 2026.
- **Key Highlights**
- Timing: 2 hours 11 minutes 58 seconds (2:11:58)
- Previous Record: 2:12:00 (set in 1978)
- Event: NN Marathon Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Final Position: 20th in elite category

Know Sawan Barwal HT

AGE	28
FROM	Mandi, HP
JOINED ARMY	2019
CURRENT RANK	Havildar

2:11:58


NEW NATIONAL MARK (ROTTERDAM)

2:12:00

PREVIOUS NATIONAL RECORD

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Started as a middle and long distance runner who largely competed in 5,000m and 10,000m
- ▶ Competed in three half-marathons in 2023. Clocked a **personal best of 1:02:46** in New Delhi in 2024
- ▶ Was **set to run in his first marathon** last year but an injury pushed back the debut



Leading Cricketers in the World for 2025

- For the global recognition in the Cricket **Mitchell Starc** and **Deepti Sharma** have been named the Leading Cricketers in the World by the prestigious Wisden Cricketers Almanack Award. This award celebrate the exceptional performances of the calendar year of 2025 and announced winners just ahead of the release of **Wisden's 163rd edition**.
- **Mitchell Starc**
- 55 wickets taken in the 11 Tests at an average of 17.32
- Also the career-best spell, 6/9 came up against the West Indies
- He also claimed the 31 wickets in Ashes 2025-26 at 19.93 average
- Played the pivotal role in Australia's Ashes win.
- **Deepti Sharma**
- Her Tournament Performance Includes The,
- 215 runs (avg 30.71)

- 22 wickets (avg 20.40)
- In the final match she scored the 58 runs off 58 balls and claimed the 5/39 with match-winning spell.
- **Indian Players Shine Across Wisden Awards**
- Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year
- Shubman Gill
- Ravindra Jadeja
- Rishabh Pant
- Mohammed Siraj
- Haseeb Hameed



Arc de Trump' Monument

- United States President Donald Trump had unveiled plans for the massive gold accented triumphal arch which set to be called as the 'Arc de Trump' will be built in the Washington DC.
- This proposed monument will stand around 250 feet tall and make it larger than iconic structures like the United States Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial. The structure is designed as the grand symbol to honor the American heroes and national pride.

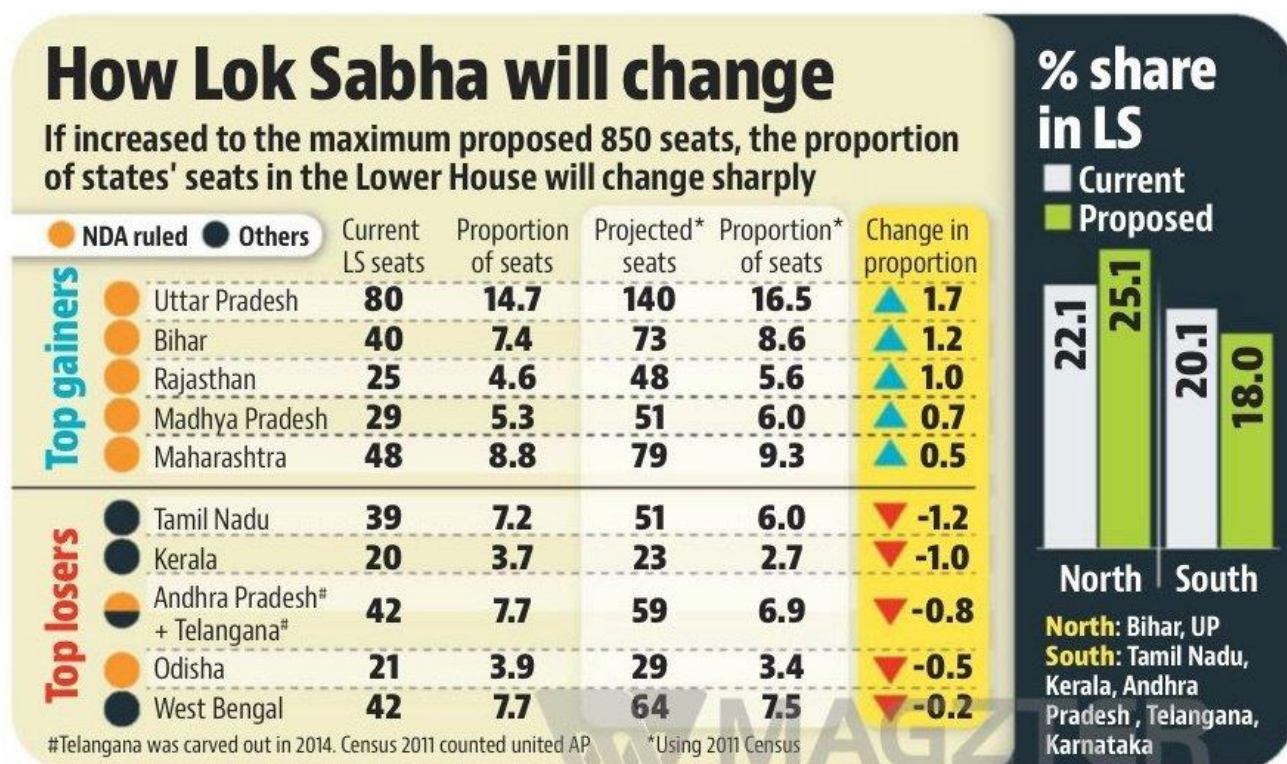
- The design of the arch is inspired by the famous Arc de Triomphe in Paris, France. It will feature the gold inscriptions and the large decorative elements like eagles and lions and also the torch-like structure similar to the Statue of Liberty.
- The “Arc de Trump” is part of the broader effort to reshape the capital’s landscape. Other major proposals also include the renovations of the Kennedy Center and also plans for the National Garden of American Heroes.
- This project has sparked debate and criticism in the country. As the concerns over public spending, historical preservation and the urban planning.



Lok Sabha Expansion Plan

- The Union government has proposed constitutional reform that can change the parliamentary structure of the country. Through the new amendment bill it aims to increase the strength of the Lok Sabha and to change how the delimitation is conducted.
- The Union government has introduced The Constitution (One Hundred and Thirty First Amendment) Bill 2026 which proposes,
 - To increase the strength of the Lok Sabha from 543 to 850 members.
 - Also revised the provisions related to delimitation of constituencies.
 - And enabling faster implementation of women’s reservation as per the bill passed by the Lok Sabha.
- **Proposed Changes in Lok Sabha Composition**
 - This amendment seeks to modify Article 81 of the Constitution like
 - The maximum of 815 members to be elected from States of India.
 - And up to 35 members from Union Territories.

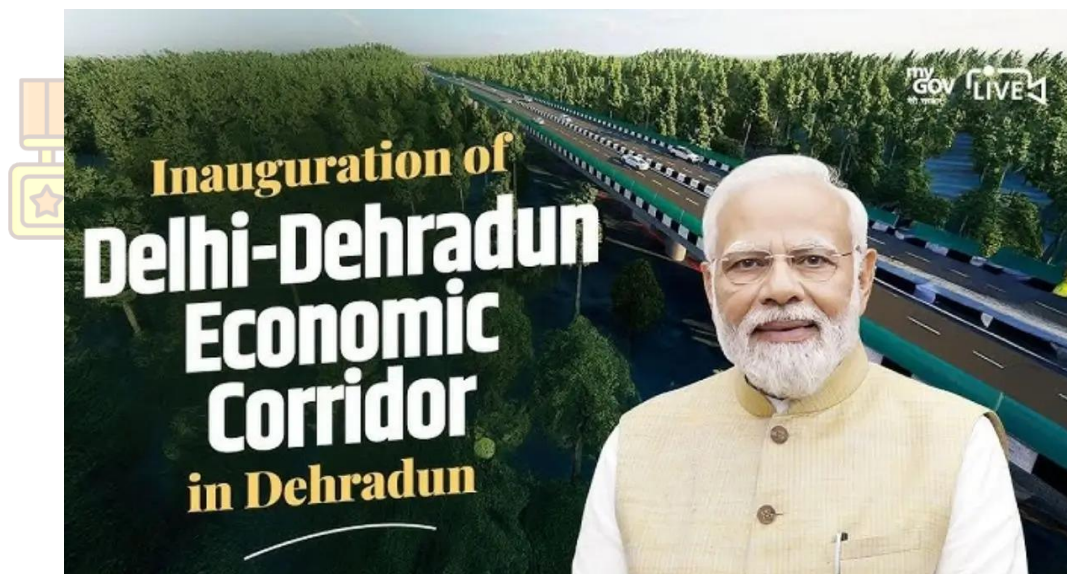
- This expansion shows the India's growing population and also aims to ensure better representation of the citizens.
- **Major Change: Delimitation Before 2026 Census**
- Currently as per Article 82 delimitation has been linked to the first Census after 2026.
- The Bill Proposes the
- Removal of this restriction of particular time,
- Also allowing delimitation based on the pre-2026 Census data
- **Delimitation**
- Key Functions of the Delimitation Commission Are
- To decide the number of seats for each State and UT.
- Reserve seats for SC/ST categories as per the percentage.
- Redraw the constituency boundaries and fix it.
- Also ensure geographical and administrative convenience



Economic Corridor Between Delhi and Dehradun

- PM Narendra Modi have inaugurated the **Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor**. This corridor marks the major leap to India's infrastructure development. This ambitious project aims to improve the connectivity between the Delhi and Uttarakhand along with boosting the tourism, trade and employment.

- This newly inaugurated Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor is the world class expressway which is designed to enhance regional connectivity and economic activity.
- The project showcases the country's growing focus on modern infrastructure development as the foundation for the long-term growth.
- This corridor connects the key cities across Uttarakhand and its nearby regions and makes the travel smoother and more efficient.
- This new expressway will significantly improve access to major tourist and religious hubs such as the,
 - Dehradun
 - Haridwar
 - Rishikesh
 - Mussoorie
 - Char Dham sites (Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, Badrinath)



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Bohag Bihu is primarily celebrated in which Indian state?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Assam
- C. Odisha
- D. Bihar

Answer: B. Assam

2. Which day of Bohag Bihu is dedicated to cattle?

- A. Manuh Bihu
- B. Gosai Bihu
- C. Goru Bihu
- D. Rongali Bihu

Answer: C. Goru Bihu

3. Pohela Boishakh marks the New Year of which calendar?

- A. Tamil Calendar
- B. Bengali Calendar
- C. Vikram Samvat
- D. Islamic Calendar

Answer: B. Bengali Calendar

4. Where were the Asian Wrestling Championships 2026 held?

- A. Tokyo
- B. Bishkek
- C. Beijing
- D. Seoul

Answer: B. Bishkek

5. Sujeet Kalkal won gold in which category?

- A. 74 kg freestyle
- B. 65 kg freestyle
- C. 57 kg freestyle
- D. 86 kg freestyle

Answer: B. 65 kg freestyle

6. Who won the Monte Carlo Masters 2026 title?

- A. Carlos Alcaraz
- B. Novak Djokovic
- C. Rafael Nadal

D. Jannik Sinner

Answer: D. Jannik Sinner

7. Sawan Barwal broke whose long-standing marathon record?

A. Milkha Singh

B. PT Usha

C. Shivnath Singh

D. Anju Bobby George

Answer: C. Shivnath Singh

8. Who was named the Leading Cricketer in the World (Men) by Wisden for 2025?

A. Joe Root

B. Steve Smith

C. Mitchell Starc

D. Ben Stokes

Answer: C. Mitchell Starc

9. The proposed "Arc de Trump" monument is planned to be built in which city?

A. New York

B. Los Angeles

C. Washington DC

D. Chicago

Answer: C. Washington DC

10. The proposed Lok Sabha expansion aims to increase its strength to:

A. 650

B. 700

C. 750

D. 850

Answer: D. 850