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## National affairs

1. In the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, the Indian Defence Forces launched Operation Sindoor. Through this, the Indian Army destroyed the terrorist camps of Pakistan. The central government has announced a seven-member delegation to showcase the country's national unity and the success of Operation Sindoor on the international stage. This team will carry a message on behalf of India to the member countries of the UN Security Council. They will visit countries like America, Britain, South Africa, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. This delegation will be led by Shashi Tharoor.
2. As per the approval of the state cabinet, the city of Gaya in Bihar will be named "Gayaji". The new name will reflect the local sentiments and the religious significance of the place.
3. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the BrahMos Aerospace Testing Facility in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
4. Recently, the Indian Army conducted a defence exercise called 'Tista Prahar' in West Bengal.
5. DFCCIL inaugurated India's longest Rail Flyover Girder in Kalamboli, Maharashtra.
6. Western Railway partners with famous cartoon character "Chota Bheem" to create awareness and promote safety of railway passengers.
7. Maharashtra becomes first state to launch ship building, repair and recycling policy.
8. Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated Bharat Bodh Kendra to promote India's cultural heritage.
9. 2nd Tri-Service Future Warfare Course 2025 held in New Delhi.
10. Uttar Pradesh government recently added 12 new products to One District One Product (ODOP) project; now the total number of products is 74.
11. Adani Group launched India's first hydrogen truck. This truck, which carries about 40 tonnes of cargo, was inaugurated by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bishnu Deo Sai.
12. Indore in Madhya Pradesh has been declared India's first Beggar-Free City.
13. Illinois Institute of Technology is the first US university to get UGC approval to set up a campus in India. The university has planned to set up a campus in Mumbai by 2026.
14. Qatar National Bank (QNB) has become the first bank in the Middle East and Africa (MEA) region to open a branch in GIFT City, Gujarat.
15. The Indian government has officially announced the decision to observe September 23 as Ayurveda Day. This day will be celebrated every year from 2025.
16. India Inclusive Summit 2025 was held in New Delhi.
17. India ranks sixth globally in terms of filing 6G patents.
18. ReNew Power will build India's largest Renewable Energy Complex in Bethapalle village of Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh. The company has invested about Rs 22,000 crore for this.

## International affairs

1. World Bank Land Conference 2025 was held in Washington DC, USA.
2. Bhutan became the first country to launch a National-Level Cryptocurrency Tourism Payment System.
3. The 20th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests was held in New York. (The United Nations headquarters is located in New York).
4. The world's first Commercial-Scale e-Methanol Plant was built in Denmark.

5. The 4th RIMES (Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System) Ministerial Conference was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. This organization was established in 2009 and is a statutory organization by the United Nations.

### **Appointment**

1. Former Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar has been appointed as the Chairman of UPSC. The 1985-batch Kerala cadre IAS officer played a key role in setting various policies related to the creation of Agniveer and other key posts in the defence personnel. (He will succeed the previous Chairman Preeti Sudan.)
2. President Droupadi Murmu has nominated Supreme Court Justice Shri Surya Kant as the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
3. Former Indian Forest Service officer Dr. G Chandrasekhar Reddy has been sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner of Telangana.
4. Jeanine Pirro has been appointed as the interim US Attorney for Washington DC.
5. Indian-origin Anita Anand has been appointed as the new Foreign Minister of Canada. (Recently, Canada elected Mark Carney as the new Prime Minister).
6. Vineet Mahajan has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of Kuhoo Finance.
7. Divyendu Kumar Das has been appointed as the Senior Executive Vice President and Head of the Digital Transformation and Excellence Unit of Bandhan Bank.
8. Arunabh Ghosh appointed as South Asia envoy to COP-30 in Brazil.
9. Eminent Indian lawyer Harvansh Chawla appointed as Chairman of BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI).
10. Santosh Kumar Sarangi takes over as CMD of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).
11. Former England selector and cricketer Ed Smith appointed as next President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).
12. Sarit Maheshwari appointed as new CEO of NTPC Green Energy Limited.

### **Award**

1. Brazilian scientist Mariangela Hungria has won the 2025 World Food Prize. She received the award for her extraordinary scientific breakthroughs in biological nitrogen fixation, transforming soil health and crop nutritional sustainability for tropical agriculture.
2. Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has been awarded the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army.
3. Bhuvan Rivhu has become the first Indian lawyer to be honoured with the 'Medal of Honour' by the World Jurist Association.
4. India has been honoured as 'Country Champion' at the World Bank Land Conference 2025.

### **Day/Theme**

1. US President Donald Trump has announced the decision to celebrate May 8 as Victory Day.
2. International Day of Families is observed on May 15; 2025 theme- "Family-Oriented Policies for Sustainable Development: Towards the Second World Summit for Social Development 2025".
3. Every year, May 16 is observed as National Dengue Day. 2025 theme- Act early, stop dengue: clean environment, healthy life.
4. Sikkim Statehood Day is observed on May 16 to commemorate the formation of Sikkim as the 22nd state of India in 1975. (Sikkim state was formed in 1975 through the 36th amendment to the Constitution of India, the capital of Sikkim is Gangtok. Current Chief Minister- Prem Singh Tamang. Governor- Om Prakash Mathur.)

5. World Telecommunication Day is observed on May 17; 2025 theme- "Gender Equality in Digital Transformation".
6. International Museum Day is observed on May 18; 2025 Theme – “The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities”.

### **Sports**

1. India won a total of 7 medals in the Archery World Cup 2025 Stage 2 held in Shanghai, China. India is at the second place in the medal list. India's Deepika Kumari won the bronze medal in the Archery World World Cup 2025 Stage 2.
2. India's Nirupama Devi secured the fourth place in the Asian Weightlifting Championships held in Jiangshan, China.
3. Thailand's Jeeno Thitikul won her fifth LPGA Tour title at the Americas Open.
4. Indian shooters Kainan Chenai and Sabira Harris won bronze medals in the ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2025 competition.
5. Bangladesh's Mehedi Hasan won the ICC Men's Player of the Month Award in April 2025 and Scotland's women's cricket team captain Kathryn Bryce won the ICC Women's Player of the Month Award.
6. A stand named after Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma was inaugurated at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.
7. Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra finished second in the men's javelin throw event at the 2025 Doha Diamond League.
8. 18-year-old Grandmaster R Praggnanandha won his first Grand Chess Tour title at the Superbet Chess Classic Romania 2025.
9. Maharashtra topped the medal tally at the Khelo India Youth Games 2025. It won a total of 158 medals, including 58 gold, 47 silver and 53 bronze.

### **Project/ Services**

1. Bihar is the first state to successfully implement the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme.
2. Delhi Police has launched an initiative called 'Nayi Disha' to re-engage school dropouts in the education system.
3. Uttar Pradesh state government has launched "Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan" to control child malnutrition.

### **Trade & Finance**

1. Recently, RBI imposed a fine of Rs 1.72 crore on SBI. The fine was imposed on State Bank of India for violating the guidelines related to loans and advances, statutory and other restrictions, customer protection-limiting the liability of customers in unauthorized electronic banking transactions and opening of current accounts by banks - need for discipline.
2. Indian Bank SBI has become the third Indian company in the Global Top 100 Firms list in terms of total profit.
3. India is the third largest producer of wind and solar power in the world according to the 2024 report.
4. Indian Insurance Company LIC has launched WhatsApp-Based Premium Payment Facility for policyholders.
5. RBI has recognized the Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA) as a Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO).
6. Indian Bank has launched two new fixed deposit schemes named IND SECURE and IND GREEN.
7. Elon Musk's company Starlink has received approval to launch satellite internet services in India.

### **Books and Authors**

1. SP Sharma has written a book titled "India@2047: Leading the Global Economic Order".
2. Current Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar launched the autobiographical book titled "Janata Ki Kahani - Meri Atmakatha" written by Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. Microsoft founder Bill Gates has announced his decision to give away 99% of his wealth to charity by 2045. The United Arab Emirates has launched the Blue Residency Visa to allow people who have made significant contributions to environmental conservation to stay in the country for 10 years.

### **Obituary**

1. Former Uruguayan President Jose Mujica recently died at the age of 89.
2. Three-time Oscar-winning filmmaker Benton Robert recently passed away at the age of 92.