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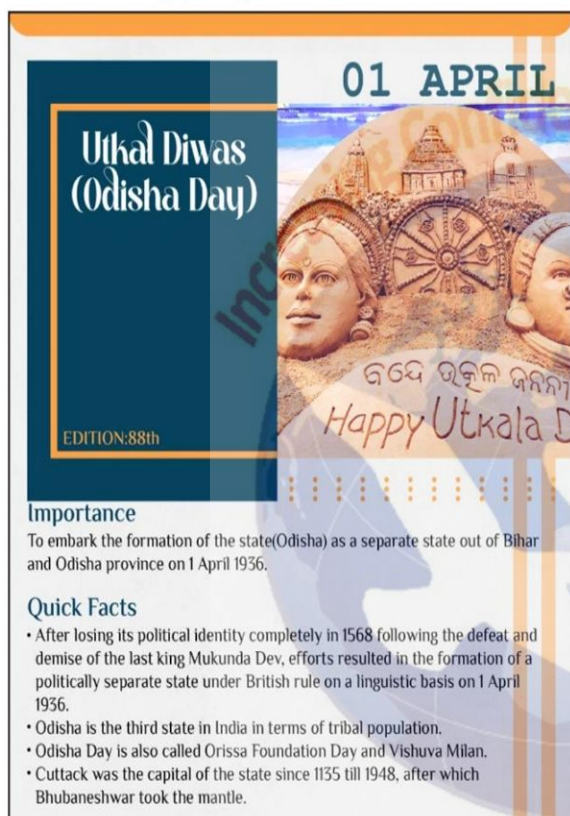
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Important Personalities


- Who has been appointed as a full-time member of NITI Aayog in 2025? **Rajiv Gauba**
- Who has been appointed as the whole-time life member of IRDAI in 2025? **Swaminathan S Iyer**
- For how many years will Swaminathan S Iyer serve as whole-time life member of IRDAI? **Five years**
- Who has been elected as the bureau member of United World Wrestling-Asia (UWW-Asia) in 2025? **Sanjay Singh**
- Who has been appointed as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Private Secretary in 2025? **Nidhi Tewari**
- Who has become the first African woman to assume office as Commonwealth Secretary-General? **Shirley Botchwey**
- Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Head of Consumer Banking Group at DBS Bank India? **Ambuj Chandna**.
- Who has been appointed as the 18th Director of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH)? **Jayanta 'Jay' Bhattacharya**
- Who has been appointed as the new President of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), replacing Ashwani Kumar? **SC Ralhan**
- Who has been appointed as the Deputy Governor of RBI, replacing MD Patra? **Poonam Gupta**
- For how many years has Poonam Gupta been appointed as RBI Deputy Governor? **Three years**
- Who has recently taken charge as the Managing Director of CPCL? **H Shankar**
- Who has been appointed as the Executive Director – Growth at the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in 2025? **Sohini Rajola**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)? **Sivasubramanian Ramann**
- Who is the new chairman of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)? **Mohsin Naqvi**
- Who was appointed as the new DGP of Fire and Rescue Services in April 2025? **Seema Agrawal**
- Who has been appointed as the Executive Director – Technology and Operations at Equitas Small Finance Bank in March 2025? **Balaji Nuthalapadi**.
- Who was elected as the Vice-President of the All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS)? **Dr. Mohan Rajan**
- Who has been appointed as the CEO of Oman India Joint Investment Fund – Management Company? **Satish Chavva**



- Who has been appointed as Executive Director – President and COO of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for 2025–2030? **Aarthi Subramanian**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court in 2025? **Justice Arun Palli**
- Who has been re-appointed as Chairperson of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee in 2025? **Sourav Ganguly**
- Who has been appointed as China's new top international trade negotiator amid tariff tensions with the United States? **Li Chenggang**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the IOA Athletes' Commission? **Mirabai Chanu**
- Who won the 2025 presidential runoff election in Ecuador? **Daniel Noboa**
- Chris Jenkins resigned as Commonwealth Sports President. Who has been appointed as the interim president? **Donald Rukre**
- Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Serbia? **Djuro Macut**
- Who recently won the presidential election in Gabon with over 90% of the votes after leading a coup in 2023? **General Brice Oligui Nguema**
- Who has been appointed as the new Revenue Secretary? **Arvind Shrivastava**
- Who has been appointed as the Secretary, Department of Expenditure? **Vumlunmang Vualnam**
- Who has been appointed as the Secretary of DARE and DG of ICAR? **Mangi Lal Jat**
- Whom did Mangi Lal Jat replace as DG of ICAR? **He replaced Himanshu Pathak**
- Who was appointed chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India in April 2025? **Justice Dinesh Maheshwari**
- Who became the first-ever Indian brand ambassador for Chanel in April 2025? **Ananya Panday**
- Who has been appointed as Vice President (Investment Solutions) at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)? **Ajay Bhushan Pandey**
- Who have been appointed as the brand ambassadors of the Vidarbha Pro T20 League for the upcoming season? **Umesh Yadav and Jhulan Goswami**
- Who has been appointed MD & CEO of Mahindra Logistics? **Hemant Sikka.**
- Who will lead Mahindra's Farm Equipment Business now? **Veejay Nakra.**
- Who is the new President of Mahindra's Automotive Business? **R Velusamy.**
- Who has been recommended as the next Chief Justice of India? **Justice B R Gavai.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Air India Express? **Nipun Aggarwal**

02 APRIL

World Autism Awareness Day



EDITION: 18th
CELEBRATED: 2008

Importance

On this day United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day (A/RES/62/139) in 2008 to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.

Motto

To put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism and others living with autism face every day.

Note

Autism Awareness Day recognizes people on the autism spectrum, as well as the researching and fundraising initiatives which promote inclusivity.

What is Autism?


Autism is a neurological developmental disability that hampers normal brain development, affecting communication, social interaction, cognition, and behavior.

- Who has been appointed as the next Chief Secretary of Kerala in 2025? **Dr A. Jayathilak**
- Who was the American actor famous for his role in Dr. Kildare who passed away at the age of 90 in March 2025? **Richard Chamberlain**
- Which veteran Bollywood actor, known for patriotic films like Shaheed and Kranti, and recipient of the Padma Shri and Dadasaheb Phalke Award, recently passed away at the age of 87? **Manoj Kumar**



- Who was the esteemed Spiritual Head of the Brahma Kumaris who passed away at the age of 96? **Dadi Ratan Mohini**
- Which legendary Dutch football coach, known for his successful stint with Real Madrid, passed away recently at the age of 82? **Leo Beenhakker**
- Madhur Bajaj, former Vice Chairman of which Indian automobile company, recently passed away at the age of 73? **Bajaj Auto**
- Name the "Tree Man of Telangana", who passed away recently? **Daripalli Ramaiah**
- Name the Eminent Kathak exponent and choreographer, who was conferred with the Padma Vibhushan in 2025, passed away recently? **Kumudini Lakhia**
- Which Gabonese footballer recently passed away in China in 2024? **Aaron Boupendza**
- Which former Australian Test cricketer passed away at the age of 84 in 2025? **Keith Stackpole**
- Whom did Mohsin Naqvi succeed as ACC chairman? **Shammi Silva**
- Who is the current Governor of the Reserve Bank of India? **Sanjay Malhotra**
- Who was Ram Sahay Panday? **An internationally renowned folk dance artist from Madhya Pradesh**
- Who was Kumari Ananthan? **A veteran Congress leader and renowned Tamil orator**
- How long is Mangi Lal Jat's term as DG of ICAR? **His term will last for three years.**

04 APRIL



International Day for Mine Awareness


EDITION: 20th
1st OBSERVED: 4 APRIL 2006

Importance
The General Assembly on 8 December, 2005 declared that each year on 4 April would be officially proclaimed and observed as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

Motto
To spread awareness about the threat caused by landmines to the safety, health and lives of civilian populations and encourages state Governments to develop mine clearing programmes.

Note
In April 2015, the UN Secretary-General designated actor Daniel Craig as the first UN Global Advocate for the Elimination of Mines and Explosive Hazards.

05 APRIL



National Maritime day

EDITION: 62nd
1st OBSERVED: 5 APRIL 1964

Importance
On this day, the steamship Savannah leaving from Savannah Georgia (May 22nd 1819) doing the first ever transoceanic voyage all under steam powered engines.

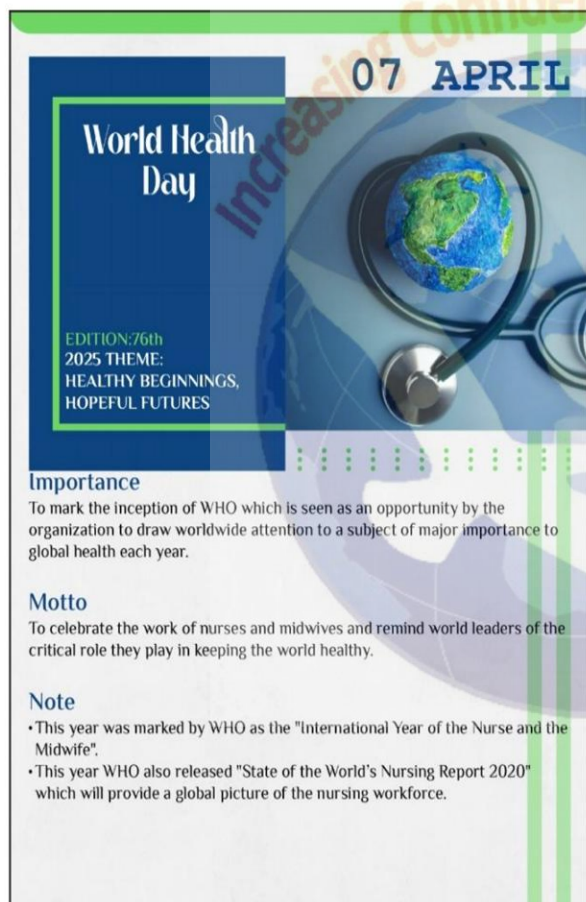
Motto
To spread awareness in supporting safe and environmentally sound commerce between the continents across the world.

Awards Conferred during the National Maritime Day
NMD Varuna Award, NMD Award of Excellence & Award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Maritime Education and Training'.



National & International News

- Which authorities are empowered to prepare disaster plans under the Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill 2024? **NDMA and SDMA**
- What technological upgrade does the Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill 2024 promote for disaster monitoring? **AI-based real-time monitoring**
- Which bill was passed by Parliament in 2024 to regulate boiler operations and enhance safety? **Boilers Bill 2024**
- Which sector is expected to benefit from the decriminalization provisions in the Boilers Bill 2024? **MSME sector**
- Under which initiative is the Sahkar taxi service being launched? **Sahkar Se Samriddhi (Prosperity through Cooperatives)**
- Who launched the "NITI NCAER States Economic Forum" portal on April 1, 2025? **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**
- Which city in Punjab is being developed into a major tourist hub with an initial allocation of ₹10 crore? **Nangal**
- Which wildlife sanctuary in Punjab is being developed into the state's first leopard safari destination? **Jhajjar Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary**



07 APRIL

World Health Day

EDITION: 76th
2025 THEME:
HEALTHY BEGINNINGS,
HOPEFUL FUTURES

Importance
To mark the inception of WHO which is seen as an opportunity by the organization to draw worldwide attention to a subject of major importance to global health each year.

Motto
To celebrate the work of nurses and midwives and remind world leaders of the critical role they play in keeping the world healthy.

Note
• This year was marked by WHO as the "International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife".
• This year WHO also released "State of the World's Nursing Report 2020" which will provide a global picture of the nursing workforce.

- Which tax was abolished in the Finance Bill 2025? **6% digital tax (Google Tax)**
- Which cooperative-based taxi service was recently announced by Union Minister Amit Shah? **Sahkar Taxi**
- What traditional craft from Ahmedabad received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag? **Saudagari block print**
- Who introduced the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, in the Lok Sabha? **Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju**
- Which two products from Tamil Nadu recently received the GI tag? **Kumbakonam Betel Leaf and Thovalai Maanikka Maalai.**
- Which state has launched the 'Sishu Vatika' initiative for pre-school education under NEP 2020? **Odisha**
- Which unique chilli variety from Warangal, known for its tomato-like appearance and mild pungency, recently received a GI tag? **Warangal Chapata Chilli (Tomato Chilli).**
- Which bill has been approved by the Indian Parliament to regulate immigration, entry, and stay of foreigners in 2025? **Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025.**
- Which digital portal of the Department of Telecommunications has the Railway Protection Force (RPF) integrated with to help passengers recover lost or stolen mobile phones by blocking IMEI numbers? **CEIR**
- Which Indian airline became the first to integrate Apple's AirTag with its baggage tracking system? **Air India**
- Which bill was recently passed by the Parliament to align India's aircraft leasing and financing ecosystem with global standards? **Protection of Interest in Aircraft Objects Bill, 2025.**



- What is the name of India's first vertical lift sea bridge inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Tamil Nadu? **New Pamban Rail Bridge**
- Which traditional sweet from West Bengal recently received the GI tag in 2025 along with six other products? **Nolen Gurur Sandesh**
- Where is India's new nuclear submarine base, set to be commissioned in 2026, located? **Rambilli, Andhra Pradesh**
- Which city will host the STREE Summit 2025 for women's safety and empowerment? **Hyderabad**
- Which state received GI tags for 21 traditional products in a ceremony led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi? **Uttar Pradesh**
- How many GI tags are currently held by Uttar Pradesh? **77 GI tags**
- Which state became the first in India to implement the Scheduled Castes (Rationalisation of Reservations) Act, 2025 by sub-categorising SCs into three groups? **Telangana**
- Which state is home to the Vizhinjam International Seaport? **Kerala**
- Who chaired the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet meeting that approved the sub-categorisation of SCs ordinance? **Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu**
- Which state is setting up India's first Quantum Computing Village? **Andhra Pradesh**
- Which treaty did India suspend after the Pahalgam terror attack? **The Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan.**
- Which Indian state recently granted agriculture status to the fishing community? **Maharashtra**
- How much loan did the IMF approve for Pakistan under the 28-month agreement? **\$1.3 billion.**
- Under which IMF programme did Pakistan receive the \$1.3 billion loan package? **Extended Fund Facility (EFF).**
- Why was the border demarcation plan initiated? **Due to tensions after the end of Assad's 54-year rule in Syria.**
- What role did Hezbollah play in Syria's conflict? **Hezbollah fought alongside Assad's regime in Syria's 14-year war.**
- Which country's government recently approved a law expanding control over the judiciary? **Israel**
- Where is the 6th BIMSTEC Summit being held? **Bangkok, Thailand**
- Where was the 25th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) of BIMSTEC held? **Bangkok, Thailand**
- Who will represent India at the 6th BIMSTEC Summit? **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
- How many countries are part of BIMSTEC? **Seven**
- Which country recently imposed a temporary visa ban on 14 nations including India ahead of Hajj 2025? **Saudi Arabia**
- What advanced technology shared by Israel has significantly improved agricultural productivity in water-scarce areas of India? **Drip irrigation**
- Which country recently constructed the world's first 3D-printed train station in just 6 hours? **Japan**
- Which country has been designated as the headquarters of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)? **India**
- Which country has been elected as the Chair of INTERPOL's newly formed Committee on Governance in 2025? **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**
- Where is the conclave to elect a new pope held? **In the Sistine Chapel.**
- What event marked the beginning of the U.S.-Iran adversarial relationship? **The 1979 Islamic Revolution that overthrew the U.S.-backed Shah of Iran.**
- What was the U.S. embassy hostage crisis? **A situation in which 52 Americans were held hostage for 444 days in Tehran in 1979.**
- What agreement did Pakistan suspend following India's response to the Pahalgam attack? **Simla Agreement**
- Which 1972 agreement established the Line of Control (LoC) between India and Pakistan? **Simla Agreement**
- Which bilateral treaty is Pakistan warning India against suspending, calling it an act of war? **Indus Waters Treaty**
- What water-sharing agreement was signed between India and Pakistan in 1960? **Indus Waters Treaty**
- Which international organization brokered the Indus Waters Treaty? **World Bank**
- What proportion of Pakistan's irrigation water comes from Indus system rivers? **Around 80%**
- Which rivers are allocated to India under the Indus Waters Treaty? **Ravi, Beas, Sutlej**



Important Projects & Schemes

- Which sector will benefit from employment opportunities through the NAMIS project? **MSME sector**
- Under which scheme will NBCC and MAHAPREIT undertake residential projects in Maharashtra? **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)**
- What type of equipment will BHEL supply for the Korba West project? **Supercritical boilers, turbines, generators, and auxiliary systems.**
- Which state launched the Antyodaya Gruha Yojana to provide housing for low-income households in 2025? **Odisha**
- How much financial assistance is provided per beneficiary under the Antyodaya Gruha Yojana? **₹1.20 lakh**
- What is the name of the women entrepreneurship scheme launched by the Assam government in 2025? **Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan**
- How much total health cover per family will be provided under the Ayushman Bharat scheme in Delhi after the latest MoU? **₹10 lakh per family per year**
- Which state is set to receive ₹50 crore in pending dues under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, as assured by the Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda? **Punjab**
- Which irrigation scheme's sub-programme received ₹1,600 crore approval for modernisation of irrigation water supply network in FY26? **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)**
- What is the name of the new deposit scheme launched by Bank of Baroda in April 2025? **bob Square Drive Deposit Scheme**
- What is the total initial outlay approved for the M-CADWM sub-scheme under PMKSY for 2025–26? **₹1600 crore**
- Which bank has reintroduced the 'Amrit Vrishti' fixed deposit scheme with revised interest rates? **State Bank of India (SBI)**
- Which scheme of Uttar Pradesh has been dedicated to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his birth anniversary in 2025? **Zero Poverty Scheme**
- Which state secured the top position under the Lakhpati Didi scheme as of April 2025? **Odisha**
- How many active projects does Lebanon have with the World Bank as of 2022? **20 active projects.**

18 APRIL

International Day for Monuments and Sites

2025 THEME:
DISASTER AND CONFLICT
RESILIENT HERITAGE -
PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE
AND RECOVERY



This year's theme is important as an expression of our global unity in the face of the ongoing worldwide health crisis.

Importance

To mark the declaration by UNESCO to establish 18 April as the International Day for Monuments and Sites in 1983.
This day is also commonly known as World Heritage Day.

Motto


To raise the awareness about the preserving human heritage, diversity and vulnerability of the world's built monuments and heritage sites. Also, the efforts required to protect and conserve it and to draw attention towards it.

Organisation Involved

UNESCO

19 APRIL

World Liver Day



**LOVE YOUR LIVER
AND LIVE LONGER**

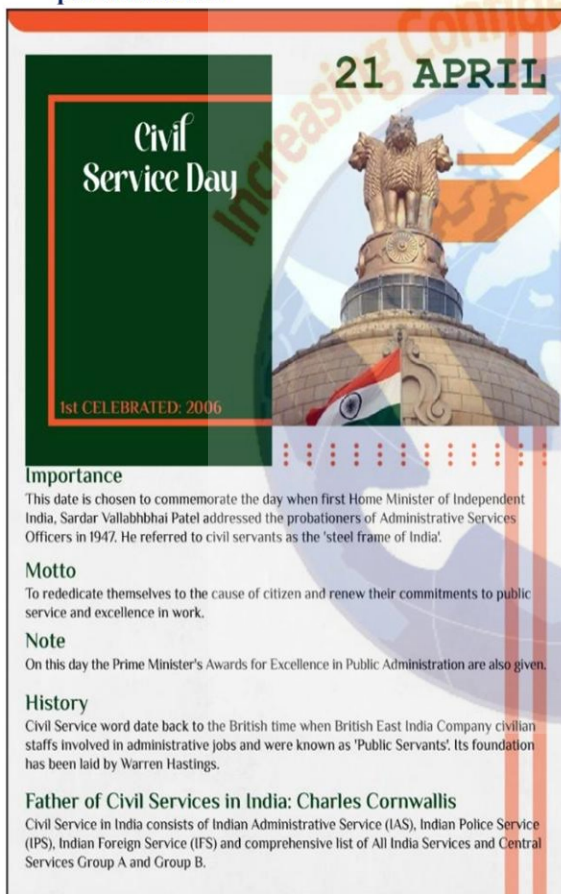
World liver day is observed on every 19 April, to spread awareness about liver related disease.
The liver is the second largest and the most complex organ in the body, with the exception of the brain.
It is a key player in your body's digestive system.

Hepatitis is a term used to describe inflammation (swelling) of the liver.
It can be caused due to viral infection or when liver is exposed to harmful substances such as alcohol.



Banking & Economy

- Where is the headquarters of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) located? **Hyderabad**
- Which organizations approved the ₹2 hike in ATM interchange fees in 2025? **RBI and NPCI**
- What is the projected fiscal deficit for FY26 in the Finance Bill 2025? **4.4%**
- Why did RBI impose a ₹75 lakh penalty on HDFC Bank? **For violations related to KYC norms.**
- What is the new ATM withdrawal fee beyond the free limit, as per the RBI's revision in 2025? **₹23 per transaction**
- What digital payment system did PM Modi propose integrating with regional systems at BIMSTEC? **India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**
- Recently how much loan did India convert into grants for Sri Lanka? **Over \$100 million.**
- Which financial regulatory body imposed a ₹7 lakh penalty on Reliance Securities for multiple compliance violations? **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**
- What is the new repo rate after the April 2025 MPC meeting? **6%**
- By how many basis points was the repo rate cut in April 2025? **25 basis points**
- What is the RBI's monetary policy stance as of April 2025? **Accommodative**
- Which organization is jointly promoting OIIF along with the State Bank of India? **Oman Investment Authority**
- Which bank launched the Elite Plus Savings Account for High Net-worth Individuals in April 2025? **Bandhan Bank**
- According to ADB's Asian Development Outlook April 2025, what is India's projected GDP growth for FY2025? **6.7%**
- Which fintech company launched the Turbo UPI Plugin on the BHIM Vega platform? **Razorpay**
- What is Fitch's revised GDP growth forecast for India in 2025-26? **6.4%**
- By how much did Fitch cut India's GDP forecast for 2024-25 and 2025-26? **By 10 basis points each**
- What is the projected growth rate for India in 2025 according to the UNCTAD report? **6.5%**
- Which banks were penalized by the RBI for regulatory non-compliance? **Kotak Mahindra Bank, IDFC First Bank, and Punjab National Bank**
- How much penalty was imposed on Kotak Mahindra Bank by RBI? **₹61.4 lakh**
- What is the new legal name of Zepto's parent company approved ahead of its possible IPO? **Zepto Private Limited**



- Which bank's licence was cancelled by RBI in April 2025? **Ajantha Urban Co-operative Bank Maryadit**
- What is the IMF's projected GDP growth rate for India in FY 2025-26? **6.2%**
- According to IMF's April 2025 World Economic Outlook, what is India's expected GDP growth in FY 2026-27? **6.3%**
- Which organization collaborated with AIIMS Delhi to develop India's first indigenous MRI machine? **SAMEER (Society for Applied Microwave Electronic Engineering and Research)**
- Which two companies signed contracts with the Defence Ministry for the supply of ATAGS and high-mobility vehicles? **Bharat Forge Limited and Tata Advanced System Limited.**
- What is the total value of the Defence Ministry's contract for procuring ATAGS and towing vehicles? **₹6,900 crore.**
- Which international organization signed an MoU with Himachal Pradesh for education reforms? **UNESCO.**
- Under the MoU with UNESCO, which concept will be integrated into Himachal Pradesh's school curricula? **Greening Education (environmental awareness and sustainable development).**
- Which two organizations signed an MoU to provide high-speed broadband in rural areas under the BharatNet programme? **DoT and NABARD**
- Which two organizations signed a ₹25,000 crore MoU for housing and urban projects in Maharashtra? **NBCC and MAHAPREIT**
- What recent agreement did Lebanon and Syria sign? **A deal for border demarcation and enhanced security coordination.**
- Which company secured a ₹11,800 crore contract from CSPGCL? **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).**
- Which company recently secured a ₹700 crore order for defense vehicles? **Ashok Leyland, a Hinduja Group company.**
- The Indian government recently signed defense deals worth how much for anti-tank weapon platforms and light vehicles for the Army? **₹2,500 crore**
- The Indian government recently signed a contract worth ₹62,700 crore with which company for the supply of 156 Light Combat Helicopters (LCH)? **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**

22 APRIL

Earth Day

1st OBSERVED: 1970
THIS YEAR MARKS THE 55TH
YEAR OF EARTH DAY.
2025 THEME:
OUR POWER, OUR PLANET



Importance
To mark the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970.
As on April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet.

Motto
To raise awareness on the negative impact our actions as mankind have on our environment and earth as a whole, and is a day for political action and civic participation.

Note
United Nations chose Earth Day as the day to sign the Paris Climate Agreement into force.

- Which regional organization is India signing a Maritime Transport Agreement with? **BIMSTEC**
- Which Indian organization has signed a loan agreement for 26 billion Japanese Yen with SBI's Tokyo branch? **IREDA**
- Which US-based company has been approved to collaborate with Indian firms for nuclear reactor development? **Holtec International**
- Which organizations collaborated to develop the "NITI NCAER States Economic Forum" portal? **NITI Aayog and National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)**
- Which two organizations signed the MoU for the Hero Asia Cup Hockey 2025? **Hockey India and Bihar State Sports Authority (BSSA)**
- Who has partnered with BLAST Esports to expand the esports business in India? **RISE Worldwide.**

- With which company has the Indian Navy signed a ₹270-crore deal for indigenous marine diesel engine development? **Kirloskar Oil Engines Limited**
- Which company signed a deal with L&T to supply K9 Vajra-T howitzers to India? **Hanwha Aerospace.**
- What is the value of the latest K9 Vajra-T howitzer deal between Hanwha Aerospace & L&T? **Approximately \$850 million.**
- Which state has signed a two-year agreement with IIT-Madras to implement data-driven road safety interventions using the 'Sanjaya' platform? **Haryana**
- Which tech company partnered with Air India for lost baggage tracking using AirTags? **Apple**
- Which organization has India Post partnered with to provide door-to-door KYC services for mutual fund investors? **Nippon India Mutual Fund**
- Who is acquiring Ecom Express? **Delhivery is acquiring Ecom Express.**
- What is the acquisition amount for Ecom Express? **The acquisition is valued at up to ₹1,407 crore.**
- The Ministry of Defence recently signed a ₹2,385 crore deal with BEL to equip which helicopters with Electronic Warfare suites? **Mi-17 V5 helicopters**
- Which agreement between India and the UAE aims to protect investments and enhance investor confidence? **Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT)**
- Which two countries recently signed an MoU to enhance cooperation in agriculture? **India and Nepal**
- Which Indian state signed an LoU with the UN World Food Programme (WFP) to implement the 'Adaptation for Resilience' (ADAPT4R) project? **Tamil Nadu**
- What agreement is India and the UK recently expected to sign to enhance joint defence manufacturing efforts? **India-UK Defence Industrial Roadmap.**
- India recently approved a ₹63,000 crore deal with which country for the procurement of 26 Rafale Marine fighter jets for the Navy? **France**
- Which African country became the first to sign the Country Partnership Framework with the International Solar Alliance (ISA)? **Mauritius**
- Which two institutions recently signed an MoU to strengthen infrastructure financing in India? **NaBFID and New Development Bank (NDB)**
- Which two countries signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in quantum technologies, artificial intelligence, and biotechnology? **India and Italy.**
- Which Indian company recently signed an MoU with NISE for solar panel recycling? **Attero**
- Which two institutions signed an MoU to enhance coordination on anti-money laundering efforts? **FIU-IND and Reserve Bank of India**
- Which Coal India subsidiary has signed a ₹7,040 crore agreement with TMC Mineral Resources to adopt paste filling technology in underground coal mining? **South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL)**
- Which Indian company has acquired the North Queensland Export Terminal in Australia with a capacity of 50 MTPA? **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ)**
- Which Indian company signed the first-ever Defence MoU with Slovakia? **JCBL Group**
- Which fields are covered in the MoUs signed between India & Saudi Arabia during the PM Narendra Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia? **Space, energy, health, science, culture, and advanced technology.**
- What is the value of the World Bank loan Lebanon signed for electricity sector reforms in 2025? **\$250 million.**
- What is the revised ATM interchange fee for non-financial transactions in India from May 1, 2025? **₹7**



Awards & Recognitions

- Who will be awarded the Saraswati Samman 2024? **Mahamhopadhyay Sadhu Bhadreshdas**
- For which book will Sadhu Bhadreshdas receive the Saraswati Samman 2024? **Swaminarayana Siddhanta Sudha**
- Which country awarded a commemorative medal to North Korean leader Kim Jong-un ahead of the 80th Victory Day celebrations? **Russia**
- Who was awarded the Gold Mercury Award for Peace and Sustainability in 2024? **The Dalai Lama**
- Which Indian state received the ASPA Award for Innovation in Public Administration for the Year of Enterprises (YOE) project? **Kerala**
- Which organization awarded Kerala for Innovation in Public Administration? **American Society of Public Administration (ASPA)**
- Who is the three-time Golf Junior World Champion set to receive the National Youth Award for his contribution during COVID-19? **Arjun Bhati**
- Which Indian conglomerate won four Gold honours at the IAA Olive Crown Awards 2025? **Adani Group**
- Which film by Adani Group won Gold awards in the TV/Cinema (Corporate) and Digital categories at the IAA Olive Crown Awards 2025? **'Pehle Pankha Aayega'**
- Who became the first Indian to win the Fred Darrington Sand Master Award at the Sandworld 2025 International Sand Art Festival in England? **Sudarsan Pattnaik**
- President Droupadi Murmu was recently awarded the Key to the City by which European capital, marking 50 years of diplomatic relations? **Lisbon**
- Who was conferred with the National Maritime Varuna Award 2025 for outstanding contributions to India's maritime sector? **Rajesh Unni, founder of Synergy Marine Group.**
- Which Indian dignitary was recently conferred the Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) by Constantine the Philosopher University, Slovakia? **President Droupadi Murmu**
- Which police portal developed by Uttar Pradesh Police recently received the SKOCH Award in the "Police & Safety" category? **Investigation, Prosecution and Conviction Portal**
- Which English cricketer was awarded a knighthood in 2024 for his outstanding 21-year international career? **James Anderson**
- Which airport was named the World's Best Airport at the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2025 held in Madrid? **Singapore Changi Airport.**
- Which Bollywood superstar was recently honoured at the Macau Comedy Festival in China? **Aamir Khan**
- Name the Indian, who was honoured with the 'Legends of Endoscopy' award in Tokyo for contributions to Gastrointestinal Endoscopy? **Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy**
- Which state won two UIDAI awards for best performance in child biometric updates and adult Aadhaar verification at the Aadhaar Samvaad event 2025? **Meghalaya**
- Who was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March 2025? **Shreyas Iyer**
- Which two Indian texts have been inscribed in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register? **The Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra.**
- Who were the recipients of the 3rd Yashraj Bharti Samman Award presented by Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan? **Jan Swasthya Sahayog, Pratham Education Foundation, Services Plus Platform**
- Who will receive the inaugural Global Vanguard Honor at the 4th Annual Gold House Gala in 2025? **Priyanka Chopra**
- Who received the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2025? **Kumar Mangalam Birla**
- Who was conferred with the Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award? **Dr. Achyuta Samanta.**
- Which initiative received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024 in the Innovation category? **The PoshanTracker Application**



Sports

- Which Indian won the bronze medal in the 87 kg Greco-Roman category at the 2025 Asian Wrestling Championship? **Sunil Kumar**
- Which country hosted the 2025 Asian Wrestling Championship where Sunil Kumar won bronze? **Jordan**
- Who won India's second bronze medal at the Senior Asian Wrestling Championship 2025? **Nitesh**
- Which Indian badminton player retired from professional badminton in 2025 to focus on coaching? **B Sumeeth Reddy.**
- Who won India's first gold medal at the Senior Asian Wrestling Championship 2024? **Manisha**
- Who won the women's title at the Indian Open Squash Championship 2024? **Anahat Singh**
- Which Indian wrestler won silver in the Men's freestyle 92kg category at the Asian Wrestling Championship 2025? **Deepak Punia**
- Which Indian wrestler won silver in the Men's freestyle 61kg category at the Asian Wrestling Championship 2025? **Udit**
- Who won the 2025 Tashkent Open Agzamov Memorial title in chess? **Nihal Sarin**
- Where will the Hero Asia Cup Hockey 2025 be held? **Rajgir, Bihar**
- Which stadium will host the Hero Asia Cup Hockey 2025? **Rajgir Hockey Stadium**
- Who won the 2025 Miami Open Men's Singles title? **Jakub Mensik**
- Who did Jakub Mensik defeat in the final of the 2025 Miami Open? **Novak Djokovic**
- Who is the most-capped player in Indian women's hockey history who recently announced her retirement? **Vandana Katariya**
- Who won the gold medal at the Azelhof CSI Lier equestrian competition in Belgium? **Niharika Singhania**
- Which team won the Yuva All Stars Kabaddi Championship 2025? **Jaipur Pink Cubs**
- Which team did Jaipur Pink Cubs defeat in the final of the Yuva All Stars Championship 2025? **Yuva Yoddhas**
- Which team won the Women's title at the 57th Senior National Kho Kho Championship 2025? **Maharashtra**
- Which team won the Men's title at the 57th Senior National Kho Kho Championship 2025? **Railways**
- Who won the gold medal in men's 10m air rifle at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Buenos Aires? **Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil**
- Who became the first Indian boxer to win a gold medal at the World Boxing Cup 2025 in Brazil? **Hitesh Gulia**

29 APRIL

International Dance Day

INCEPTION: 1982

Importance
To mark the birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727–1810), the creator of modern ballet.

Motto
To honour those who can see the value and importance of the art form "dance", and acts as a wake-up-call for governments, politicians and institutions which have not yet recognised its value to the people and have not yet realised its potential for economic growth.

Organisation Involved
International Theatre Institute (ITI) & UNESCO

Note
Every year a message from an outstanding choreographer or dancer is circulated throughout the world.


- How many national records were broken at the Khelo India Para Games 2025? **18**
- Which state topped the medal tally at the Khelo India Para Games 2025? **Haryana**



- Who won the 18th National Chess Championship for the Visually Challenged held in April 2025? **Darpan Irani**
- Who won the 2025 Japanese Grand Prix, marking his fourth consecutive Formula 1 win? **Max Verstappen**
- Which Indian pair won the silver medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team event at ISSF World Cup 2025? **Rudranksh Patil and Arya Rajesh Borse**
- Which Indian archers won the bronze medal in the men's compound team event at Archery World Cup 2025 Stage 1? **Abhishek Verma, Rishabh Yadav, and Ojas Deotale**
- Who won the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2025? **Suruchi Singh**
- In which city was the ISSF World Cup 2025 (Rifle/Pistol) held? **Buenos Aires, Argentina**
- Who became the first Indian to win gold in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol event at an ISSF World Cup? **Vijayveer Sidhu**
- Which Indian shooting pair won the bronze medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Buenos Aires? **Suruchi and Saurabh Chaudhary**
- Recently India finished second in the medal standings at the ISSF World Cup 2025 Buenos Aires with ____ medals. **8**
- Which team won the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024–25 title? **Mohun Bagan Super Giant**
- Who did Mohun Bagan defeat in the ISL 2024–25 final? **Bengaluru FC**
- Which Indian state will host the Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025? **Bihar**
- In which city will the Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 be held? **Rajgir**
- Who won the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam 2025 held in Paris? **Magnus Carlsen**
- Which state will host the 7th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2025? **Bihar**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of Essar Energy Transition's EET Fuels in 2025? **Prashant Janaswamy**
- Who became the first player in IPL history to complete 200 dismissals? **MS Dhoni**
- Which Indian shooter won gold in the Women's 10m Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2024 in Lima? **Suruchi Singh**
- Who won the men's javelin throw title at Indian Open Athletics 2025? **Yash Vir Singh**
- Who won the 10m air pistol mixed team gold at the ISSF World Cup Lima? **Suruchi Inder Singh and Saurabh Chaudhary of India**
- Who won the women's skeet gold medal at the ISSF World Cup Lima? **Kimberly Rhode of the United States**
- Who won the men's skeet gold medal at the ISSF World Cup Lima? **Taylor Dustan of the United States**
- Which team won the Senior Men's National Championship 2025? **Hockey Punjab**
- Who did Hockey Punjab defeat in the 2025 final to win the title? **Hockey Madhya Pradesh**
- Who won the bronze medal in the U-18 Women's 100m Hurdles at the Asian Youth Championships? **Shourya Ambure**

30 APRIL

Ayushman Bharat Diwas



Importance
To mark the rollout of India's most affordable medical Scheme, i.e. Ayushman Bharat Programed.

Motto
To provide free health coverage at the secondary and tertiary level to its bottom 40% poor and vulnerable population.

About the scheme
Launched: September 2018
Ministry responsible: Health and Family Welfare


- Covers of 5 lakh per family per year for medical treatment
- No restriction on family size, age or gender
- Covers 3 days of hospitalisation and 15 days of post hospitalisation
- Provides cashless and paperless service

- Where were the Asian Youth Championships, where Shourya Ambure won the bronze, held? **Dammam, Saudi Arabia**
- Who won India's first-ever gold in the U-18 Asian Athletics Championships in men's javelin throw? **Himanshu Jakhar**
- What was Himanshu Jakhar's winning throw distance in javelin at the U-18 Asian Championships? **67.57 meters**
- Who won silver in the boys' shot put at the Asian U-18 Athletics Championship 2025? **Nishchay**
- What was Nishchay's silver-winning distance in shot put? **19.59 meters**
- Which Indian athlete won two medals at the Asian U-18 Athletics Championship, including a silver in shot put? **Nishchay**
- Who won the silver medal for India in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event at ISSF World Cup 2025? **Rudranksh Patil and Arya Borse**
- Who won her maiden senior international medal with silver in the 25m pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Lima, Peru? **Simranpreet Kaur Brar**
- Who won the Pune FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2025 along with Chinese Grandmaster Zhu Jiner? **Koneru Humpy**
- Who set a new meet record in the women's 400m hurdles at the National Federation Senior Athletics Competition 2025? **Vithya Ramraj**
- Which cricket board is the first ICC full member to launch a franchise in an overseas professional league? **New Zealand Cricket (NZC).**
- How many medals did India win at the ISSF World Cup Peru 2025? **7 medals (2 Gold, 4 Silver, 1 Bronze)**

10 APRIL

World Homeopathy Day

2025 THEME:
EMPOWERING RESEARCH,
ENHANCING PROFICIENCY:
A HOMEOPATHIC
SYMPOSIUM



Importance
To mark the birth anniversary of German physician Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, who is the founder and father of homeopathy. The term "homeopathy" was invented by Christian Hahnemann and first appeared in print in the year 1807.

Motto
To create better awareness about homeopathy, improve its accessibility and to modernise the system of healing.

Organised by
World Homeopathy Awareness Organisation.

11 APRIL

National Safe Motherhood Day



Importance
To raise awareness about the proper healthcare of women and maternity facilities to pregnant and lactating women.

Motto
To seek every woman has right to live and they could be survive during pregnancy and childbirth.

Organisation Involved

- White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI).
- Pillars of Safe Motherhood
- Family Planning
- Antenatal Care
- Obstetric Care- Clean & Safe delivery
- Parental Care
- Postnatal Care
- Control of STD & HIV Infections

Note
India is the first country in the world to have officially declared National Safe Motherhood Day.


Science & Technology

- Which indigenously developed missile was successfully test-fired by DRDO and the Indian Navy from ITR Chandipur, Odisha? **Vertically-Launched Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VLSRSAM)**
- Which artillery system will replace the vintage guns in the Indian Army under the recent MoD contract? **155 mm/52 calibre advanced towed artillery gun systems (ATAGS).**
- Which missile system did the Ministry of Defence recently procure under a ₹2,500 crore contract? **Nag Missile System (NAMIS)**
- Which company developed the Nagastra-1 "suicide drone" for the Indian Army? **Solar Defence and Aerospace Ltd**
- Which country has approved the sale of 20 F-16 fighter jets worth \$5.58 billion to the Philippines? **United States**
- Which Navratna defence PSU secured a ₹593.22 crore contract with the Indian Air Force for Akash missile system maintenance in FY 2025-26? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**
- Which company did Dhruv Agarwala co-found in 2011? **Elara Technologies.**

17 APRIL

World Haemophilia Day

2025 THEME:
ACCESS FOR ALL:
WOMEN AND GIRLS BLEED TOO



Importance
To mark the birth anniversary of Frank Schnabel, founder of the World Federation of Hemophilia.
This year marks the 35th anniversary of World Haemophilia Day.

Motto
To increase awareness of haemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other inherited bleeding disorders.

Note
This is a critical effort since with increased awareness comes better diagnosis and access to care for the millions who remain without treatment.

- What is the Close-In Weapon System (CIWS)? **A short-range, rapid-fire defense system against missiles, drones, and aircraft.**
- Where did PM Narendra Modi inaugurate the Loitering Munition Test Range of Solar Defence and Aerospace Ltd in 2025? **Nagpur, Maharashtra**
- Which country recently discovered its largest rare earth metal deposit at the Kuirektykol site? **Kazakhstan**
- DRDO recently conducted successful release trials of which indigenously developed Long-Range Glide Bomb from Su-30 MKI aircraft? **LRGB 'Gaurav'**
- India became the 4th country to demonstrate laser weapon capability after which three nations? **USA, China, Russia**
- What is the name of the DRDO lab that conducted the laser weapon trial? **CHESS (Centre for High Energy Systems & Sciences), Hyderabad**
- Which startup launched the world's first quantum platform 'Q-Shield' to protect critical infrastructure under the National Quantum Mission? **QNu Labs**
- Which rocket was used for the first all-female spaceflight? **New Shepard**
- Which organization developed India's first green hydrogen fuel cell inland waterway vessel? **Cochin Shipyard Ltd.**



- Who is the Indian Air Force officer set to travel to the International Space Station on Axiom's Ax-4 mission? **Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla**
- What is the name of the international mission through which Shubhanshu Shukla will go to the ISS? **Ax-4 Mission**
- What new toll collection system will replace the current FASTag system at selected toll plazas? **The ANPR-FASTag-based barrier-less tolling system.**
- What technologies are used in the ANPR-FASTag-based tolling system? **ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) and FASTag (RFID).**
- Recently the Union Minister inaugurated APMU at NDTL, New Delhi. In this context, what is the full form of APMU? **Athlete Passport Management Unit**
- What new technology has SECL introduced in its mining operations as part of a Rs 7,040 crore deal with TMC? **Paste fill technology**
- What are the unofficial names of China's next-generation stealth aircraft? **J-36 and J-50.**
- Which Chinese company is developing the J-50 stealth jet? **Shenyang Aircraft Corporation (SAC).**
- Which sixth-generation fighter is the US developing? **The F-47.**
- Which company received the contract to build the F-47? **Boeing.**
- Which Indian institute developed a cost-effective optical sensing platform for early cholesterol detection? **Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati**
- Where is India's first Quantum Computing Village being developed? **Amaravati**
- What was the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)? **A 2015 agreement that restricted Iran's nuclear program in exchange for eased economic sanctions.**
- Which advanced aircraft is prominently featured in Exercise Aakraman? **Rafale fighter jets.**
- Which company launched four next-generation defence drones in 2025? **Optimus Unmanned Systems Pvt. Ltd.**

23 APRIL**World Book & Copyright Day**

1st CELEBRATED: 1995

Importance

To pay a world-wide tribute to several prominent authors like William Shakespeare, Miguel Cervantes and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, who all died on this day.

Motto

It is an occasion to pay a worldwide tribute to books and authors and to encourage people to discover the pleasure of reading.

Organisation Involved

UNESCO

Note

- On this day UNESCO and the international organizations select the "World Book Capital" for a year to recognize the scope of books in the world.
- This year's World Book Capital is Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia.

24 APRIL**National Panchayati Day****Importance**

On this day the 73rd Constitution Amendment Act, 1992 came into force with effect from 24 April 1993.

Significance

- Diversification of the political power in the hands of common men.
- In order to supervise Panchayati Raj System in India a separate Ministry of Panchayati Raj was constituted on 27th May 2004.
- The National Panchayati Raj day is observed in the country since 24 April 2010.

Structure of Panchayati Raj system in India

- Gram Panchayat at village level
- Panchayat Samiti at Block level
- Zila Parishad at District level

Committee Recommended

Balwantrai Mehta

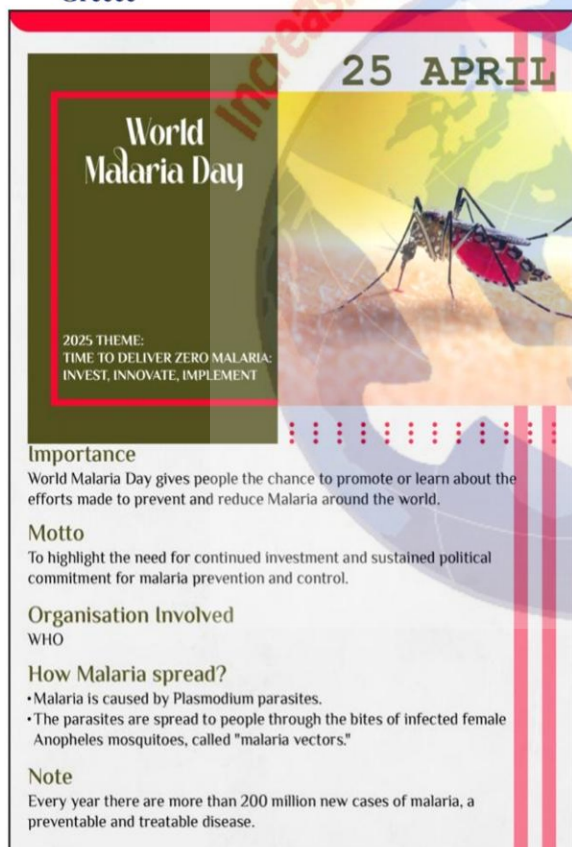
Note

Rajasthan was the first state in the country where Panchayati Raj system was implemented.



Miscellaneous

- Which ministry launched the social protection data pooling exercise in collaboration with the ILO? **Labour and Employment Ministry**
- How many states are included in the first phase of the social protection data pooling exercise? **10 states**
- Which country is hosting the EU's largest military exercise, MILEX 2025? **Hungary.**
- What is the purpose of the vehicles ordered under the CIWS programme? **For troop transportation, logistics, and specialized mobility in the defense sector.**
- In which country is the INIOCHOS-25 multinational air exercise being held in 2025? **Greece**
- Which two countries participate in Exercise Tiger Triumph? **India and the United States**
- What is the theme of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit? **Prosperous, Resilient, and Open BIMSTEC**
- Who stepped down from the Tata Sons board after his term ended? **Leo Puri**
- Which community in Jamalpur, Ahmedabad, is known for the Saudagari block print? **The Chhipa community**
- Who resigned as Whole-time Director of Adani Power (Jharkhand) Ltd.? **Ramesh Jha.**
- Who is the CEO of REA India who recently resigned? **Dhruv Agarwala.**
- What is India's rank in the UNCTAD Frontier Technologies Readiness Index 2024? **36th**
- Which organisation released the Frontier Technologies Readiness Index 2024? **UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)**
- Which country topped the UN Frontier Technologies Readiness Index 2024? **United States**
- What is the name of the tri-service military exercise conducted between India and Russia since 2003 to enhance joint operational capabilities? **INDRA**
- Who was removed from office by South Korea's Constitutional Court in April 2025? **President Yoon Suk-yeol.**
- What led to President Yoon's removal from office? **He declared unconstitutional martial law in December 2024.**
- Name the first comprehensive cybersecurity report launched in India for the BFSI sector in 2024? **Digital Threat Report 2024 for BFSI Sector**
- Which folk dance was Ram Sahay Panday known for popularising? **Rai folk dance**
- Which language did Kumari Ananthan fight to speak in Parliament? **Tamil**
- Which constituency did Kumari Ananthan represent in Parliament? **Nagercoil**



25 APRIL

World Malaria Day

2025 THEME:
TIME TO DELIVER ZERO MALARIA:
INVEST, INNOVATE, IMPLEMENT

Importance
World Malaria Day gives people the chance to promote or learn about the efforts made to prevent and reduce Malaria around the world.

Motto
To highlight the need for continued investment and sustained political commitment for malaria prevention and control.

Organisation Involved
WHO

How Malaria spread?
• Malaria is caused by Plasmodium parasites.
• The parasites are spread to people through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes, called "malaria vectors."

Note
Every year there are more than 200 million new cases of malaria, a preventable and treatable disease.

- Which air base is hosting the INIOCHOS-25 air exercise in Greece? **Andravida Air Base**
- Where is the 4th edition of Exercise Tiger Triumph being conducted? **Visakhapatnam**



- What was the main theme behind awarding the Veteran Achievers Award? **Outstanding contributions to society, youth empowerment, and nation-building**
- Which Indian airport secured 9th position in ACI's 2024 list of the world's busiest airports? **Indira Gandhi International Airport (Delhi)**
- Which two countries held a joint air exercise involving the B-1B bomber? **South Korea and the US**
- Which country is jointly conducting Exercise DUSTLIK-6 with India? **Uzbekistan**
- What council did Djuro Macut announce to support youth? **Council for Youth and Talents**
- What rank did AIIMS Delhi achieve in the World's Best Hospitals 2025 list by Newsweek and Statista? **97th**
- When was the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) launched? **April 2023**
- Which multilateral maritime exercise will the Indian Navy participate in, co-hosted with Tanzania, to enhance naval interoperability with African nations? **AIKEYME**
- Which country is hosting the multinational air exercise Desert Flag-10 in 2025? **United Arab Emirates**
- Under which Indian initiative is INS Sunayna's visit to Mozambique being carried out? **SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region)**
- What was the purpose of INS Sunayna's visit to Mozambique? **To strengthen maritime ties between India and Africa.**
- What multilateral naval exercise did INS Sunayna participate in before reaching Mozambique? **AIKEYME 25 (Africa-India Key Maritime Engagement 2025).**
- Where was AIKEYME 25 held? **Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.**
- Which country was Pope Francis born in? **Argentina.**
- Who formally appoints judges after the Collegium's recommendation? **The President of India.**
- Who currently operates the 'Biryani by Kilo' brand? **Sky Gate Hospitality.**
- Which family promotes Devyani International Ltd? **The Jaipuria family.**
- Which global brands does DIL operate under franchise in India? **KFC, Pizza Hut, and Costa Coffee.**
- What is India's Hajj quota for 2025? **175,025 pilgrims.**
- Who has resigned as the Chair of the World Economic Forum (WEF)? **Klaus Schwab**
- In which year was the World Economic Forum (WEF) founded? **1971**
- Who is the interim Chair of the World Economic Forum after Klaus Schwab's resignation? **Peter Brabeck-Letmathe**
- Why is Air India in talks with Boeing? **To acquire around 10 737 MAX jets for its budget carrier, Air India Express.**
- Why are the 737 MAX jets available for Air India? **Because Chinese customers have rejected deliveries amid the US-China trade war.**
- Which university topped the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2025? **Tsinghua University, China.**
- Which university ranks first in the QS Asia University Rankings 2025? **Peking University, China.**
- Which Indian university is ranked first in the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2025? **Indian Institute of Science.**
- What types of drills are being conducted in Exercise Aakraman? **Ground attack and electronic warfare drills.**
- Who has stepped down as the Chairman of Air India Express? **Campbell Wilson**
- Which is India's largest cruise terminal inaugurated in April 2025? **Mumbai International Cruise Terminal (MICT)**



Important Days of the Month

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
1 May	International Labour Day	To honour the contributions of the labourers or working class people.
3 May	World Press Freedom Day	Reporting in the Brave New World: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on the Press and Media
4 May	Coal Miners Day	To highlight the toughest profession and the people working in coal mines.
5 May	World Asthma Day	It aims to educate people on how best to get control over this respiratory problem and other allergic diseases.
7 May	World Athletics Day	To popularize sports among the youth
8 May	World Red Cross Day	To mark the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross and International Committee
8 May	World Thalassemia Day	Together for Thalassemia: Uniting Communities, Prioritizing Patients
12 May	International Nurses Day	Our Nurses. Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthens economies
15 May	International Day of Families	Family-oriented Policies for Sustainable Development: Towards the Second World Summit for Social Development 2025
17 May	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	ITU 160: Technology for all and for good
18 May	World AIDS Vaccine Day	To alarm the world against the HIV infections
21 May	National Anti-Terrorism Day	To mark the death anniversary of former PM, Rajiv Gandhi
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity	Harmony with nature and sustainable development
31 May	World No Tobacco Day	Unmasking the appeal: exposing industry tactics on tobacco and nicotine products



Let's Recap

- How many President's Tatrakshak Medals for Distinguished Service were conferred to Indian Coast Guard personnel? **6**
- By what percentage has the Indian Coast Guard budget increased for FY 2025-26? **26.6%**
- What key resource is included in the Ukraine-US economic deal framework? **Rare earth minerals**
- How much funding has Japan allocated for the new project supporting Afghan refugees? **\$6 million**
- Which state has partnered with NSE to enhance BFSI skills among youth? **Assam**
- Which regulatory body imposed a ₹5.05 crore fine on ICCL for cybersecurity and audit lapses? **SEBI**
- Which organization has partnered with DPIIT to provide mentorship, infrastructure support, and funding opportunities to fintech startups? **Paytm (One97 Communications Ltd.)**
- Which Indian state became the first to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC)? **Uttarakhand**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Ratan Tata Endowment Foundation (RTEF)? **N Chandrasekaran**
- Where was the second ASEAN Future Forum 2025 held? **Hanoi, Vietnam.**
- From which test range was India's short-range anti-ship missile (NASM-SR) successfully tested? **Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur**
- How many amendments to the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, were approved by the Union Cabinet? **14 amendments.**
- Who received the SAG Life Achievement Award in 2025? **Jane Fonda**
- Where was the first e-FIR registered in Jammu and Kashmir? **Awantipora.**
- Up to which class has Telugu been made a compulsory subject in Telangana schools? **Class 10.**
- Who was the renowned Gujarati poet and essayist who passed away at the age of 85 in 2025? **Anil Joshi**
- Who was the first woman to lead SEBI? **Madhabi Puri Buch**
- According to NITI Aayog, what is India's chained real GDP in 2025? **4.3 trillion dollars**
- Name the Renowned chess grandmaster, who passed away recently? **Boris Spassky**
- Who is the Chief Minister of Mizoram who inaugurated the WEP Mizoram Chapter? **Lalduhoma**
- Which country launched the 'Visa Fraud Ton Bacho' awareness campaign in Punjab? **United Kingdom (UK)**
- What is the name of the newly launched consortium of public sector companies aimed at expanding India's global maritime presence? **Bharat Ports Global**
- Which country won the Men's Bilateral T20 Cricket Series for the Blind 2025? **India**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) of Gulf Oil Lubricants India? **Aarthy Sridhar**
- What is the estimated real GDP growth for FY 2024-25 as per MoSPI? **6.5%.**
- Who will step down as England's white-ball captain after the Champions Trophy 2025? **Jos Buttler**
- When is Skype set to be retired by Microsoft? **May 5, 2025.**
- By when do India and the EU aim to finalize the Free Trade Agreement (FTA)? **2025**
- What is the theme of National Science Day 2025? **"Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for Viksit Bharat."**
- Which scientific discovery is commemorated on National Science Day? **The 'Raman Effect' discovered by Sir C.V. Raman.**
- Who led the Russian delegation in the recent diplomatic talks between Russia and the US? **Alexander Darchiev**
- Which Nobel laureate's autobiography titled Diyaslai was discussed at IGNC? **Kailash Satyarthi**
- Which Argentine pair did Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli and Nicolás Barrientos defeat in the Chile Open 2025 final? **Maximo Gonzalez and Andres Molteni**



- Who was Yuki Bhambri's partner in winning the men's doubles title at the 2025 Dubai Tennis Championships? **Alexei Popyrin (Australia)**
- Which actor won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor at the 97th Academy Awards? **Kieran Culkin for A Real Pain**
- Which country agreed to provide a \$2.8 billion loan to Ukraine for defence purposes? **United Kingdom**
- Brandon Holt, who won the Bengaluru Open 2025 singles title, belongs to which country? **USA**
- Who won the Bengaluru Open 2025 doubles title? **Anirudh Chandrasekar (India) and Ray Ho (Chinese Taipei)**
- What is the name of the co-branded credit card introduced by CUB and CSK? **Passion Credit Card**
- Where is Adani Green developing India's largest solar-wind hybrid renewable cluster? **Rajasthan**
- Which international football body lifted the suspension on the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF)? **FIFA**
- Who became the first Indian woman to cross the 16-metre mark in indoor shot put? **Krishna Jayasankar**
- What are the key areas of collaboration under the India-Nepal MoU in the WASH sector? **Capacity building, technology & knowledge transfer, and groundwater management**
- What is the total capacity of the thermal power project under the MoU between Rajasthan and SCCL? **1600 MW**
- Which judge resigned from the ICJ presidency to become the Prime Minister of Lebanon? **Nawaf Salam**
- When was the International Court of Justice (ICJ) established? **1945**
- How much financial support will MSMEs and startups receive under Rajasthan's Circular Economy Incentive Scheme? **Up to ₹2 crore**
- Which two Indian Railway CPSEs were recently upgraded to Navratna status by the Centre? **IRCTC and IRFC.**
- Which Indian institute recently signed an MoU with APEC – Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Center, Belgium, to enhance academic collaboration in international trade and logistics? **IIFT**
- Which two financial institutions were penalized by the RBI for regulatory violations, and what were the penalty amounts? **HSBC and IIFL**
- Which state has become the first in India to grant gratuity benefits to ASHA workers? **Andhra Pradesh.**
- What is the current FIH world ranking of the Indian men's hockey team as of March 2025? **5th.**
- In which year did Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited (MePDCL) introduce the OTS Scheme under the Power Distribution Sector Improvement Project? **2025**
- At what maximum altitude was the Indigenous ILSS successfully tested for LCA Tejas? **50,000 feet Above Mean Sea Level**
- Which Indian all-rounder jumped 17 spots to reach 13th place in the ICC ODI rankings? **Axar Patel**
- Who has been appointed as Levi's global ambassador, becoming the first Punjabi artist to achieve this milestone? **Diljit Dosanjh**
- Which ministry launched the Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayat initiative on International Women's Day 2025? **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**
- Which Indian table tennis legend is set to retire after the WTT Star Contender event in Chennai? **A. Sharath Kamal**
- How much is the total investment approved by the Union Cabinet for ropeway projects in Uttarakhand? **₹6,811 crore.**
- The Union Cabinet has approved the revision of the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) with an outlay of how much for 2024-26? **₹3,880 crore**
- Under LHDCP, which programme focuses on eradicating major livestock diseases like Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis? **National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP)**
- Who received the 'Lifetime Achievement in Hospitality and Education Through Technology' award at the Vibrant Bharat Global Summit 2025? **Dr. Suborno Bose.**
- Which department did Dr. Ajit Ratnakar Joshi serve as Principal Adviser before his appointment as RBI Executive Director? **Department of**



Statistics and Information Management (DSIM).

- Who has been appointed as the CEO of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) from March 3, 2025? **Ajay Bhadoo.**
- Which two financial institutions have signed an MoU to enhance MSME financing in India? **SIDBI and Federal Bank.**
- Which government has launched the 'Mahila Samridhi Scheme' to provide financial assistance to women? **Delhi government**
- On which occasion will the Delhi government begin registration for the Mahila Samridhi Scheme? **International Women's Day (March 8, 2024)**
- Who has been appointed as the CEO of G6 Hospitality by OYO? **Sonal Sinha**
- Who has been appointed as the first woman Secretary of the Department of Legal Affairs? **Dr. Anju Rathi Rana**
- What is the rank of India in terms of High Net-Worth Individuals (HNWIs) as per the Knight Frank Global Wealth Report? **India**
- What percentage increase has China announced for its 2024 defence budget? **7.2%**
- Which Navratna Defence PSU recently secured orders worth ₹577 crore, taking its total orders for FY 2024-25 to ₹13,724 crore? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**
- Pranav Venkatesh became the fourth Indian to win which chess title in 2025? **World Junior Chess Championship**
- Which state government signed an MoU with Meta to launch a WhatsApp Chatbot for public services in 2025? **Odisha**
- Which company partnered with the Odisha government to introduce WhatsApp-based citizen services? **Meta**
- What is the new name of Bangalore City University as announced in Karnataka's Budget 2025-26? **Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University**
- Which university launched India's first full-degree M.A. in India Studies? **O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU)**
- Which country has India partnered with to set up a Joint Economic Commission (JEC) for

strengthening bilateral trade and investment?

Ireland

- Which government department signed an MoU with Mercedes-Benz India to promote innovation, sustainability, and road safety? **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**
- Who has been appointed as the Executive Board Member of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), replacing Jay Shah? **Rajeev Shukla**
- Where is the 12th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR-XII being held? **Kyrgyzstan**
- How many Tiger Reserves are there in Madhya Pradesh after the addition of Madhav National Park? **9**
- Former Odisha Cabinet Minister Ananta Das, who recently passed away, was associated with which political party? **Biju Janata Dal (BJD)**
- How much penalty did RBI impose on Visionary Financepeer Pvt. Ltd. for regulatory non-compliance? **₹16.6 lakh**
- Who was named Player of the Match in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 final? **Rohit Sharma**
- How many times has India won the ICC Champions Trophy? **Three times (2002, 2013, 2025)**
- Which country won the 6th Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship title in 2025? **India**
- Which country's membership was reinstated in the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in 2024? **Syria**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) in 2024? **Vikas Kaushal**
- Which act does the Railways (Amendment) Bill 2024 seek to amend? **Railways Act, 1989.**
- Who has been appointed as the new President and CEO of Honda Cars India, effective April 1, 2025? **Takashi Nakajima**
- Who won the gold medal in the SL3 category at the Spanish Para Badminton International 2025? **Kumar Nitesh**
- Which Indian public sector bank launched the first specialised savings account for women NRIs? **Bank of Baroda**



- Which film won the Best Picture award at the IIFA Awards 2025? **Laapataa Ladies**
- Who has been appointed as the new leader of Canada's Liberal Party and the next Prime Minister? **Mark Carney**
- Which company has partnered with Youth4Jobs to empower women sellers with disabilities? **Amazon**
- Garimella Balakrishna Prasad was famous for which type of music? **Carnatic music**
- Who has been named as one of the Most Admired BFSI Professionals of 2025? **CA Krishnan R**
- What is the main objective of the Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025? **To regulate immigration and manage foreign nationals in India**
- Where did ISRO conduct the flight acceptance hot test of the cryogenic engine for the LVM3-M6 mission? **ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu**
- Who won the Hockey India Balbir Singh Senior Player of the Year Award in the men's and women's categories for 2024? **Harmanpreet Singh (Men) and Savita Punia (Women)**
- Which country topped the medal tally at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2024 with 95 medals? **India**
- Which three insurers have been designated as Critical Financial Insurers (CFIs) for 2024-25 by IRDAI? **LIC, New India Assurance, and GIC Re**
- Deb Mukherjee was associated with which industry? **Bollywood**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief of the General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces? **Major General Andrii Hnatov**
- Which country has launched the largest student-built satellite constellation into space? **Israel**
- Which player did Jack Draper defeat in the Indian Wells 2024 final? **Holger Rune**
- Who has been sworn in as a Supreme Court judge and is set to become the Chief Justice of India in 2031? **Justice Joyimalya Bagchi**
- Who captained India Masters to victory in IML 2025? **Sachin Tendulkar**
- Who won the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025? **Hockey Jharkhand**
- Who launched the mobile app for the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS)? **Nirmala Sitharaman.**
- Dr. Debendra Pradhan, who recently passed away, was the father of which current Union Minister? **Dharmendra Pradhan.**
- Which state launched the 'Rajiv Yuva Vikasam' scheme to promote self-employment for youth? **Telangana**
- Which university in Telangana was renamed after Suravaram Pratap Reddy? **Potti Sriramulu Telugu University.**
- Which government department partnered with WhatsApp to combat digital frauds and cyber threats? **Department of Telecommunications (DoT).**
- Which organization projected India to remain the fastest-growing major economy for the next two years? **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).**
- What is the projected GDP growth rate of India for FY26 as per the OECD report? **6.6%.**
- Which two central banks signed an MoU to promote the use of local currencies for cross-border transactions? **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank of Mauritius (BOM).**
- How many medals did India win at the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025? **33 medals (8 Gold, 18 Silver, and 7 Bronze).**
- How much health coverage does the Ayushman Bharat scheme provide per family per year? **₹5 lakh.**
- Which city launched India's first PPP-based green waste processing plant under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban? **Indore.**
- Which indigenous GenAI company has partnered with UIDAI to enhance Aadhaar services? **Sarvam AI.**
- Which institutions signed an MoU to enhance mental health support for military personnel and their families? **AFMS and NIMHANS**
- Which two countries will settle bilateral trade in their local currencies of INR and MVR? **India and Maldives**
- Which Indian organization sent a delegation to Sri Lanka to collaborate on automobile industry



development? **Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)**

- Which state launched the Universal Healthcare Scheme to provide cashless and paperless healthcare coverage? **Mizoram**
- Which company launched India's largest 'Skill and Employ' initiative to strengthen the future workforce? **Adani Group**
- Which Indian state will host the 11th Asian Swimming Championship in 2025? **Gujarat**
- What is the range of the 155mm/52-calibre advanced towed artillery gun system (Atags) approved under the ₹7,000-crore deal? **48 km**
- Which bank partnered with DPIIT to strengthen India's startup ecosystem? **YES BANK**
- Which former India captains were conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Mumbai Cricket Association in 2025? **Dilip Vengsarkar and Diana Edulji**
- Who won the 2025 Stockholm Water Prize for his contributions to flood risk reduction and water resource management? **Günter Blöschl**
- Who was the former boxing legend, known as "Big George," who recently passed away at the age of 76? **George Foreman**
- How many bio-safety laboratories (BSL) has the Central Government approved under the scheme for managing epidemics and national calamities? **165**
- What is the name of America's sixth-generation fighter jet unveiled by President Donald Trump? **F-47**
- Who won the 2025 Chinese GP Sprint, securing their first victory with Ferrari? **Lewis Hamilton**
- Which organization launched the Samarth Incubation Programme to promote startups in the telecom and IT sectors? **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**
- Who will succeed Kaku Nakhate as Bank of America's India country executive? **Vikram Sahu.**
- Who has been awarded the Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour, in 2025? **Vinod Kumar Shukla**
- Who became the first athlete to break a national record at the Khelo India Para Games 2025? **Jaspreet Kaur**
- Which literary institution launched the book 'Santvibhuti Pramukh Swami Maharaj' on the life and teachings of Pramukh Swami Maharaj? **Sahitya Akademi**
- Who received the 'Consular of the Year' award from the Honorary Consular Corps Diplomatique-India (HCCD)? **Madhusudan Agrawal**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Orissa High Court in 2025? **Justice Harish Tandon**
- Which two countries are co-hosting the AIKEYME naval exercise in 2025? **India and Tanzania**
- Where will the AIKEYME naval exercise be conducted in April 2025? **Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania**
- What is S&P Global Ratings' projected GDP growth rate for India in FY26? **6.5%**
- With which countries, Competition Commission of India (CCI) has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to enhance cooperation in competition law enforcement? **Egypt, Mauritius, Japan, Brazil, Canada, Australia, the European Commission, and the United States Department of Justice.**
- Which two countries signed a Letter of Intent to establish a Green and Digital Shipping Corridor focusing on digitalization and decarbonization? **India and Singapore.**
- Which Indian state became the first to establish a Senior Citizens Commission? **Kerala**
- Who has been awarded the Sangita Kalanidhi by the Music Academy in 2025? **RK Shriramkumar**



Quick Bytes

- Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey Appointed Vice-President at AIIB
- Justice Dinesh Maheshwari Appointed Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India
- Ananya Panday Becomes Chanel's First-Ever Indian Brand Ambassador
- SBI Deploys 'Grahak Mitras' to Boost Alternate Banking Channel Adoption
- Indian Air Force Joins Multinational Exercise Desert Flag-10 in UAE
- Pope Francis, the first Latin American and Jesuit pope in history, passed away at the age of 88
- International Buddhist Conclave organised in Arunachal Pradesh
- PoshanTracker Wins Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Innovation
- Dr. Mangi Lal Jat Appointed Secretary of DARE and DG of ICAR
- Indian Navy Completes Maiden AIKEYME Exercise in Tanzania
- Davos meeting founder Klaus Schwab steps down as WEF Chair
- Moody's Projects India to Lead G-20 Nations with 6.5% Growth
- SBI Life Insurance board has approved the appointment of Dorababu Daparti as Deputy Chief Executive Officer effective 24 February 2025.
- Shaurya Bhattacharya Wins Chhattisgarh Open Title
- COP16 Secures \$200 Billion Annual Fund for Biodiversity
- Rose Gironi, the world's oldest Holocaust survivor, dies at 113.
- Shirley Botchwey Becomes First African Woman Secretary General of the Commonwealth
- N Chandrasekaran Joins IMF Managing Director's Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship and Growth
- Poonam Gupta Appointed as RBI Deputy Governor Ahead of MPC Meeting
- Dalai Lama Honored with Gold Mercury Award for Peace and Sustainability
- Vandana Katariya Retires from International Hockey at the Peak of Her Career
- Kumbakonam Betel Leaf and Thovalai Flower Garland Receive GI Tag
- Francesco Bagnaia won the Grand Prix of the Americas after Marc Marquez crashed on lap nine while leading.
- Kamal Haasan Named Chair of FICCI M&E Committee South
- Aditya Birla Capital Ltd has merged Aditya Birla Finance Ltd into itself, effective April 1, 2025, creating a unified Non-Banking Financial Company.
- Shri H. Shankar assumed charge as MD of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited on April 2, 2025.
- Warangal's Chapata Chilli, known for its red color and low heat (3,100–6,500 SHU), has secured GI tag, becoming Telangana's 18th GI product.
- Deputy CAG S Ramann has been appointed as PFRDA Chairperson for 5 years or until age 65, succeeding Deepak Mohanty.
- Jacob Duffy Tops ICC T20I Bowling Rankings
- Salila Pande Appointed MD & CEO of SBI Card
- Govt Approves Swaminathan S Iyer's Appointment to IRDAI
- Kumbakonam Betel Leaf and Thovalai Garland Received GI Tag
- Nikhil Singhal Honored with Uttar Pradesh Anmol Ratan Award
- Hollywood Icon Val Kilmer Passes Away at 65
- Hitesh Gulia bags Gold medal at World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025
- Arun Palli appointed as Chief Justice of J&K and Ladakh HC
- Bangladesh assumes Chairmanship of BIMSTEC for next two years
- PM Modi gifts Brass Dokra Peacock-themed boat to Thai PM
- HIL Ltd Rebrands as BirlaNu Limited
- PM Narendra Modi Conferred Sri Lanka's Highest Civilian Honour – Mithra Vibhushana
- Mohsin Naqvi Appointed as President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)
- Seema Agrawal Named DGP of Fire and Rescue Services
- The INDRA 2025 exercise, held from March 28 to April 2, 2025, was the 14th edition of the bilateral naval drill between the Indian Navy and Russian Navy.



- 'Nolen Gurer Sandesh' Among 7 Bengal Items Get GI Tag
- Haryana Declares Harappan Sites in Mitathal & Tighrana as Protected
- INS Tarkash Completes PASSEX with New Zealand Navy
- Haryana Government Announced 20% Quota for Agniveers in Haryana Police
- Satish Chavva has been appointed as the CEO of the Oman India Joint Investment Fund (OIJIF).
- Equitas Small Finance Bank, India's second-largest SFB, has appointed Balaji Nuthalapadi as Executive Director – Technology and Operations.
- Max Verstappen Triumphs at the Japanese GP for Fourth Consecutive Win.
- Ram Sahay Pandey Folk Dancer Passed Away.
- CM Dharam Singh Launches Bhagirath App for Water Conservation in Uttarakhand
- Neelam Dhungana Appointed Acting Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank
- Rajesh Unni Honored With National Maritime Varuna Award
- Dadi Ratan Mohini, Brahma Kumaris Leader, Passed Away at 100
- NASA welcomes Bangladesh as newest Artemis Accords signatory
- India and Slovakia signed two MoUs to enhance cooperation in MSMEs and Foreign Service, aimed at fostering bilateral relations.
- India, Nepal Supreme Courts Sign MoU for Judicial Cooperation
- India and Israel Strengthen Bilateral Agricultural Cooperation
- Werner Herzog to Receive Golden Lion at Venice Festival
- MSRDC Wins SKOCH 2025 Award for Samruddhi Mahamarg
- Virat Kohli Becomes First Indian to Reach 13,000 T20 Runs
- Finance Ministry Merges 26 RRBs Under 'One State, One RRB' Plan
- India-UAE Strengthen To Enhance Strategic Partnership
- Gabon Elects New President Junta Chief Brice Oligui Nguema Frontrunner
- RBI Launches WhatsApp Channel for Verified Financial Updates
- RBI Permits NPCI to Enhance UPI Transaction Limits for P2M Payments
- Viral Davda Appointed Deputy CIO at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- Dr. Mohan Rajan Elected Vice-President of All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS)
- India Clears Mega Deal to Buy 26 Rafale Marine Fighter Jets from France for Navy
- Mauritius Becomes First African Country to Sign ISA's Country Partnership Framework
- Dr. Ambrish Mithal Conferred with the Prestigious IOF 2025 CSA Medal of Achievement
- DRDO Successfully Conducts Release Trials of LRGB 'Gaurav' from Su-30 MKI
- Singapore Airports Top The List World Airport Rankings 2025
- James Anderson Awarded Knighthood Honour
- Padma Shri Awardee Daripalli Ramaiah ("Vanajeevi") Dies at 87 in Telangana
- Odisha integrates Ayushman Bharat, Gopabandhu Jan Arogya, and Ayushman Vayo-Vandana Yojana, offering ₹5 lakh annual coverage per family plus ₹5 lakh extra for women.
- Chile and India Sign Key Deals to Boost SME and Start-Up Collaboration
- Former India Basketball Captain Hari Dutt Kapri Passed Away
- Former Tamil Nadu Congress president Kumari Ananthan Passed Away
- Folk Dance Icon Ram Sahay Panday Passes Away at 92
- President Droupadi Murmu Conferred Honorary Doctorate in Slovakia
- Japan Builds World's First 3D-Printed Train Station in Record Time
- India Supports Sierra Leone's USD 990,000 Aid Through UN Partnership
- ADB Projected India Economy Grow By 6.7% in FY2025
- UP Police Investigation Portal Wins SKOCH Award for Excellence in Police & Safety
- Hyderabad to Host STREE Summit 2025 on Women's Safety and Empowerment
- UK Set to Host the 2035 FIFA Women's World Cup
- India-Italy Strengthen Strategic Partnership with Focus on Trade, Defence, and IMEEC
- P. Sivakami Honoured with Verchhol Dalit Literary Award 2025
- Oscar Piastrini Wins 2025 Bahrain Grand Prix
- Indian Men's Recurve Team Wins Silver in Stage 1 At Archery World Cup 25
- Carlos Alcaraz Wins 2025 Monte Carlo Masters
- Kumudini Lakhia (1930–2025) Kathak Legend Passed Away



- Mario Vargas Llosa A Noble Award Winner Passed Away
- Razorpay Launches Turbo UPI Plugin on BHIM Vega
- MP Declares Dr Ambedkar Wildlife Sanctuary in Sagar District
- Meghalaya's Ryndia, Khasi Handlooms Get GI Tag
- Daniel Noboa Re-elected In Ecuador's 2025 Presidential Run-off
- MoU between Ministry of Labour & Employment and Swiggy for Gig and Logistics Employment Opportunities
- The Defence Literature Festival 'Kalam & Kavach 2.0' was held on April 15, 2025, at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, organized by CENJOWS and HQ IDS, with the theme 'Securing India's Rise through Defence Reforms'.
- Blue Origin Completes Historic All-Female Spaceflight In April 2025
- Shreyas Iyer Wins ICC Men's Player of the Month Award
- Chris Jenkins Resigns as Commonwealth Sport President
- NaBFID & NDB Signed MoU to Boost Infra & Sustainable Development
- D. Nageshwar Reddy Receives 'Legends of Endoscopy' Award
- Telangana Becomes First State to Implement SC Sub-Categorisation
- UP's Zero Poverty Scheme to be Named After Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- Mohun Bagan Wins ISL 2024-25
- Gabon Military Leader Brice Oligui Nguema Wins Election
- India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise DUSTLIK-VI Begins at Aundh, Pune
- UAE Assumes Chair of INTERPOL's Committee on Governance
- India Supports IBCA with ₹150 Crore for Conservation
- Uttar Pradesh's Banarasi Shehnai Receives GI Tag
- Mirabai Chanu Appointed Chairperson of Athletes' Commission
- Maharashtra CM Fadnavis Inaugurates Amravati Airport
- INSV Tarini Flagged Off for Final Leg of Navika Sagar Parikrama II
- Justice BR Gavai To Become 52nd Chief Justice of India
- SECL to Become First Coal PSU to Use Paste Fill Technology for Mining
- C-DOT, jointly with Sterlite Technologies Limited (STL), has successfully tested India's first QKD transmission over a 4-core Multi-Core Fibre (MCF).
- RBI, FIU-IND Sign MoU to Bolster Anti-Money Laundering Efforts
- ISRO-NASA NISAR Mission Likely to Launch in June 2025
- Unilever CEO Hein Schumacher Steps Down, Fernandez Named Successor
- Bisleri signed an MoU with ASI under the 'Adopt a Heritage 2.0' program to restore historic water bodies.
- Supreme Court Establishes National Task Force for Student Mental Health Concerns
- India Becomes the World's Top Milk Producer: Growth, Challenges & Future Goals
- Indonesia to Join New Development Bank: A Strategic Move Towards Economic Growth
- S&P Lowers India's Growth Forecast for FY26 to 6.5%
- India and Singapore Sign Letter of Intent on Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC)
- Ex-Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba Appointed Full-Time Member of NITI Aayog
- Ashok Singh Thakur Elected as New Chairman of INTACH
- P.S. Raman's Book 'Leo: The Untold Story of Chennai Super Kings' Launched with MS Dhoni
- Indian Navy Launches Frigate 'Tavasya' Under Project 1135.6
- Bellatrix Aerospace Partners with Astroscale Japan for Space Debris Removal
- Manoj Bharathiraja Passes Away: A Tribute to the Tamil Actor-Director
- Raj Kamal Jha Wins Banaras Lit Fest Award 2025
- Punjab National Bank signed an MoU with Indo-Tibetan Border Police to provide exclusive financial and insurance benefits to ITBP personnel, pensioners, and their families.
- UIDAI & IIIT-H Launch Biometric Challenge to Improve Age Invariance in Fingerprint Algorithms
- India-Sri Lanka Business Collaboration Strengthens with the Launch of Lanka India Business Association (LIBA)
- Yusuf Pachmariwala Appointed as Managing Director & CEO of Hitachi Cash Management Services



- Launch of the Tenth Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge, LSAM 24 (Yard 134)
- Roshni Nadar Becomes First Indian Woman in World's Top 10 Richest Women
- Khelo India Para Games 2025 Concludes: Haryana Tops Medal Tally Once Again
- Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah Sworn in as Namibia's First Female President
- RBI Imposes Penalties on HDFC Bank, Punjab & Sind Bank, and KLM Axiva Finvest for Regulatory Non-Compliance
- JSW Steel Becomes the World's Highest-Valued Steelmaker with Over \$30 Billion Market Capitalisation
- CDSL Arm Centrico Insurance Repository Partners with LIC for Digital Insurance Services
- Canara Bank Appoints S. K. Majumdar as Executive Director
- Rahul Bhawe Appointed as MD & CEO of IFCI
- DRDO & Indian Navy Successfully Test-Fire VLSRSAM Missile
- B Sumeeth Reddy Announces Retirement from Badminton to Focus on Coaching
- Masaki Kashiwara Wins the 2025 Abel Prize for Mathematics
- Sunil Kakkar Appointed as Whole-Time Director at Maruti Suzuki
- L&T Finance Ltd. Names Jasprit Bumrah as Brand Ambassador
- SBI Chief CS Setty Appointed as Chairman of Indian Banks Association (IBA)
- 'Prachand Prahaar' – The Tri-Service Integrated Multi-Domain Warfare Exercise
- India and Russia Conduct 14th Edition of Maritime Bilateral Exercise – INDRA 2025
- Ambuj Chandna Joins DBS Bank India as MD & Head of Consumer Banking Group
- Renowned Historian MyNaa Swamy to Receive Prestigious Ugadi Award
- Exercise Tiger Triumph 2025: Strengthening India-US HADR Cooperation
- Aryna Sabalenka Wins Miami Open 2025, Defeats Jessica Pegula in Straight Sets
- SpaceX Successfully Launches Fram2 Mission: First Humans to Travel Over Earth's Poles
- Ahmedabad's Famous Saudagari Block Print Receives GI Tag
- Axis Bank, J.P. Morgan Roll Out Anytime Dollar Payments for Clients
- Nidhi Tiwari Appointed as Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Indian-American Scientist Jay Bhattacharya Confirmed as NIH Director by U.S. Senate
- Indian Air Force to Participate in INIOCHOS-25: A Multi-Nation Air Exercise
- Anahat Singh & Kareem El Torkey Win Indian Open 2025 Squash Titles
- PM Narendra Modi announced the International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025 theme: "Yoga for One Earth, One Health".

Great achievement always
requires great sacrifice.

Robin S. Sharma

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Trump's reciprocal tariffs: Explained



Why in News?

On April 2, 2025, U.S. President Donald Trump announced a new set of reciprocal tariffs targeting several countries, including key American trade partners. These tariffs are intended as punitive measures against trade practices like currency manipulation and barriers to U.S. exports.

India was hit with a 26% "discounted reciprocal tariff", half the rate India imposes on U.S. goods. This marked a slight revision from an earlier proposed 27%.

US President Donald Trump has placed tariffs of up to 145% on Chinese goods. China has hit back with 125% on US products.

Trump has also introduced a 10% tax on goods from the vast majority of other countries, while pausing much higher rates for dozens of nations for 90 days.

What are tariffs and how do they work?

Tariffs are a key tool in global trade battles. Countries impose tariffs on imports to protect their local industries, but these measures can have ripple effects on economies worldwide. Simply put, a tariff is a tax imposed by a country on imported goods. Hence, higher tariffs make foreign products more expensive, potentially reducing their demand.

For example, if the US imposes a 25 per cent tariff on Indian steel, Indian exporters may lose price competitiveness in the US market. Due to this, Donald Trump believes that the latest tariff hikes will

increase domestic production of goods in the US, however, economists believe otherwise.

Why is Trump using tariffs?

Trump says tariffs will encourage US consumers to buy more American-made goods, increase the amount of tax raised and lead to huge levels of investment in the country.

He wants to reduce the gap between the value of goods the US buys from other countries and those it sells to them. He argues that America has been taken advantage of by "cheaters" and "pillaged" by foreigners.

The US president has made other demands alongside tariffs. The first announced during his current term targeted China, Mexico and Canada, after he said he wanted them to do more to stop migrants and illegal drugs reaching the US.

Can India navigate the global tariff war? Here's a five-point analysis:

1. India's key trading partners

The Indian economy thrives on trade. Here's a look at the top trading partners (FY 2023-24):

Top import sources:

1. China (15 per cent)
2. US (eight per cent)
3. UAE (seven per cent)



Top Export Destinations:

1. US (17 per cent)
2. UAE (six per cent)
3. China (five per cent)

2. India vs US: A trade snapshot

India-US trade in recent years has seen both growth and challenges:

- ✓ Total Trade (FY23): \$128 billion
- ✓ Exports to the US: \$78 billion
- ✓ Imports from the US: \$50 billion

Tariff Battles: In 2019, the US removed India from its GSP (Generalized System of Preferences), affecting \$5.6 billion in exports.

India's tariff policies vs US-

- ✓ Machinery: 6.6 per cent vs. 1.3 per cent
- ✓ Agriculture: 37.7 per cent vs. 5.3 per cent
- ✓ Iron & Steel: 4.5 per cent vs. two per cent
- ✓ Auto Sector: 24.1 per cent vs. one per cent
- ✓ Plastics & Articles: 9.9 per cent vs. 4.4 per cent.

3. Impact of tariff hikes on Indian economy:**Impact on sectors-**

1. IT and software: Costlier outsourcing due to visa and tax barriers.
2. Pharma: Export challenges in the US market.
3. Textiles: Reduced demand and job impact.
4. Auto: Higher production costs due to steel and aluminium tariffs.
5. Agriculture: Farmers hit by lower exports.

Impact on Indian companies-

1. Tata Steel, JSW Steel: Higher tariffs on exports.
2. Sun Pharma, Dr Reddy's: Rising competition in generics.
3. Raymond, Arvind Ltd: Textiles facing price pressure.
4. Maruti Suzuki India, Tata Motors: Input cost surge affecting auto prices.
5. ITC, Britannia Industries: Food and agri exports impacted.

4. How is India fighting back against tariff hikes?

- ✓ Diversifying Exports: Expanding into Europe, Africa, and ASEAN.
- ✓ Trade Agreements: Partnering with UAE, UK, and other nations.
- ✓ Boosting Domestic Manufacturing: Production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes for electronics, textiles and automobiles.
- ✓ Negotiations: India and the US are working on tariff-related negotiations and finalising the bilateral trade agreement (BTA).

5. What does it mean for investors?

- ✓ Short-Term Risks: Uncertainty over global trade policies.
- ✓ Long-Term Gains: Shift towards self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat).
- ✓ Investment Opportunities: According to domestic brokerage Mehta Equities, sectors like electric vehicles (EVs), defence and local manufacturing will benefit.

US-China Trade and Global Reactions to Tariff Pause

In 2024, the US imported \$440 billion worth of goods from China, while exporting only \$145 billion—continuing a significant trade deficit. Tariffs introduced by Trump and expanded under Biden reduced China's share of total US imports from 21% in 2016 to 13% in 2024. Still, Chinese goods—from iPhones to toys—remain prominent, with some rerouted through Southeast Asia to bypass tariffs of up to 145%.

Following Trump's decision to pause some tariffs, temporarily lowering them to 10%, global reactions have been mixed. The EU welcomed the move and is pursuing a trade deal while preparing retaliatory measures if talks fail. Poland called for cooperation, and Germany credited European unity for influencing US policy. Vietnam plans bilateral trade talks with the US, while Canada responded with a 25% tariff on some American vehicles.



Infographics

Only One Pope Lived Longer Than Francis

Years lived by the most senior popes in office and lengths of their reign

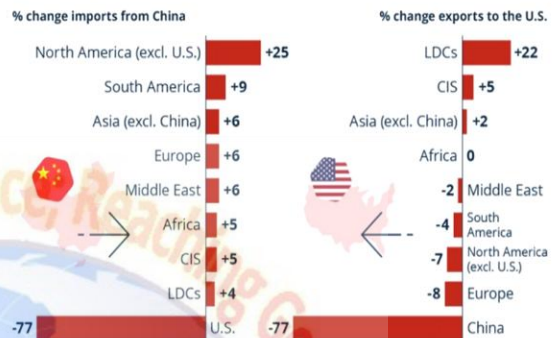


As of Apr. 21, 2025

Sources: Vaticanists, Wikipedia, Statista calculations

WTO: Chinese Exports to U.S. Expected to Drop by 77%

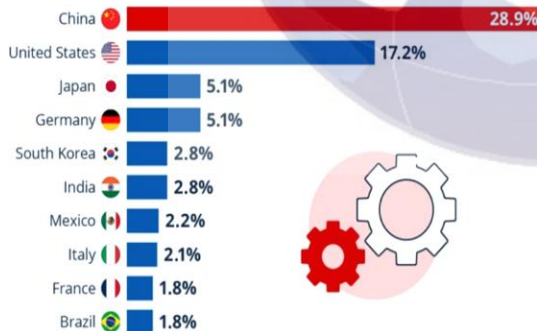
Projected changes in merchandise exports to the U.S. and imports from China in 2025 (in percent)



Source: World Trade Organization

China Is the World's Manufacturing Superpower

Countries with the highest share of global manufacturing output in 2023*



* Output measured on a value-added basis in current U.S. dollars
Source: United Nations Statistics Division

Where Are the World's Rare Earths?

Top 10 countries with the greatest known reserves of rare earths in 2024 (in million tonnes of REO)*



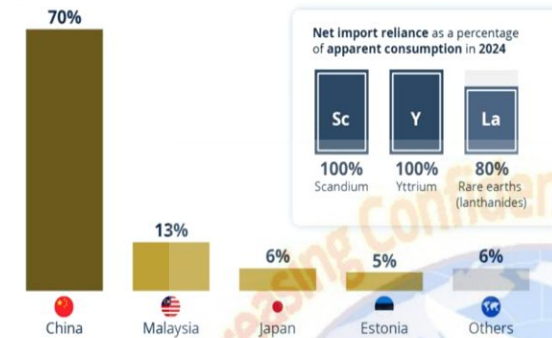
* REO=rare earth oxide
Source: USGS





The U.S. Relies Heavily on Rare Earth Imports From China

Share of U.S. imports of rare earth compounds and metals between 2020 and 2023, by source country*



* Data include lanthanides and yttrium but exclude most scandium
Source: U.S. Geological Survey

The Biggest Data Center Markets

Biggest data center markets in the world by installed capacity in 2024 (in gigawatts)



* Close to Washington D.C. ** Hong Kong, Macao, Guangzhou
Source: IEA

The U.S.-India Trade Relationship

Top traded exports from India to the United States in 2023 (in billion U.S. dollars)



U.S. tariffs include a 26 percent duty on Indian products. Pharmaceuticals are so far exempt, but U.S. President Donald Trump has said he will soon announce a "major" tariff on them too.

Source: UN Comtrade/BACI International via OEC/MIT

Asia's Richest Billionaires

Net worth of the richest people in Asia*



* Based on stock prices and exchange rates from March 7, 2025
Source: Forbes World's Billionaires List



The World's Richest People in 2025

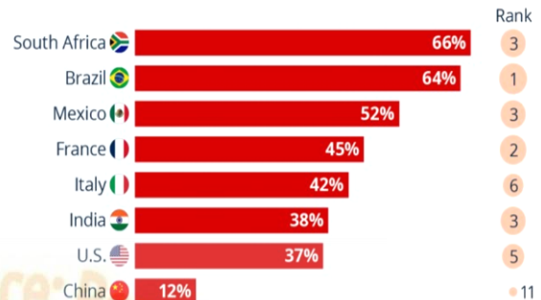
Net worth of the world's richest people*



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Source: Forbes

Where People See Poverty as a Problem

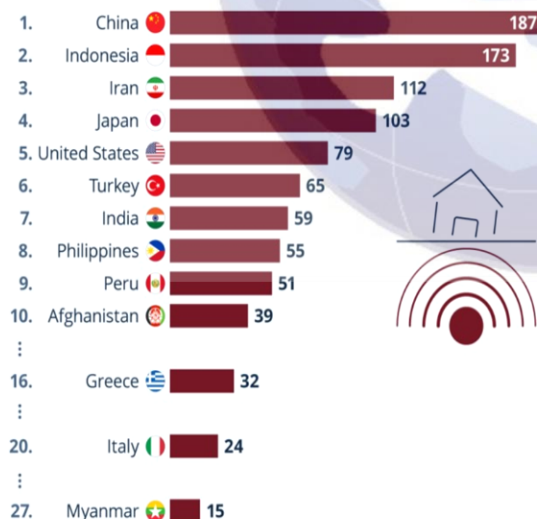
Share of respondents from selected countries who think that poverty is among the main issues in their country



Respondents picked all that applied out of a list of 18.
12,000-60,000 respondents (18-64 y/o) per country surveyed Jan.-Dec. 2024
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

The Countries Hit by the Most Earthquakes

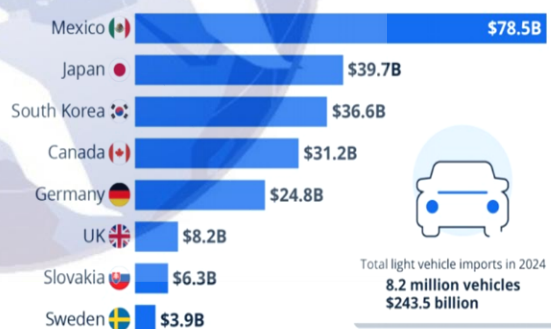
Countries with the highest number of major earthquakes between 1990 and 2025



As of Mar. 30, 2025. Earthquakes with at least \$1M in damages, 10 deaths, a magnitude of 7.5 or a tsunami (one criteria min.)
Source: NOAA

The Countries Most Vulnerable to U.S. Car Tariffs

Value of new passenger vehicles and light trucks imported to the U.S. in 2024, by country



Total light vehicle imports in 2024
8.2 million vehicles
\$243.5 billion

Source: International Trade Administration





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