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1. The central government is set to establish 728 Eklavya Model Residential Schools

The Union government plans to establish 440 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), one in every block with over 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal individuals. This initiative, launched in 2018-19, aims to provide quality education to tribal children. The government targets a total of 728 EMRSs benefiting around 3.5 lakh students. These schools will offer modern infrastructure, vocational training, smart classrooms, and health facilities, along with various scholarship schemes to promote education among ST students.

2. Rajasthan Leads in Solar Installations at Indian Railways Stations and Service Buildings

Indian Railways has installed 209 MW of solar power across 2,249 stations and service buildings by February 2025. This includes 1,489 installations in the last five years, marking a 2.3 times increase compared to the previous period. Rajasthan leads with the highest number of solar plants, having installed 275 units. The expansion aligns with the government's renewable energy goals, overcoming challenges like regulatory constraints and connectivity issues. Indian Railways continues to promote environmental sustainability and long-term financial savings through solar energy.

3. The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, was approved by Parliament

The Waqf Amendment Bill, 2025 aims to address issues in the management and governance of Waqf properties. It proposes clearer rules, improved decision-making, and better use of Waqf assets. The Bill introduces changes like updating definitions, enhancing the registration process, and incorporating technology in record management. The Joint Parliamentary Committee held extensive consultations,

including stakeholder meetings and study visits across various cities, to ensure broad representation and transparency. The Bill seeks to establish a more efficient and accountable system for Waqf property management.



4. Warangal Chapata Chilli Granted GI Tag

The Warangal Chapata Chilli, also known as Tomato Chilli, has received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, benefiting 20,000 farmers in Telangana. Known for its bright red color and mild pungency, it is widely used in the food, cosmetics, and pharmaceutical industries. Cultivated across 3,000 hectares, it has high export potential due to its natural pigment properties. The GI tag ensures premium pricing, prevents unauthorized use, and boosts global demand, especially as industries seek natural alternatives to artificial coloring agents.

5. India Sees Record Number of Child Adoptions in 12 Years

In FY 2024-25, India recorded 4,515 child adoptions, the highest in 12 years, with 4,155 being domestic adoptions. This achievement resulted from initiatives by the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), which included awareness campaigns, new adoption agencies, and a comprehensive child identification drive. CARA also enhanced transparency through digital platforms, reducing processing time and introducing new modules for relative and step-parent adoptions. The adoption ecosystem continues to improve, ensuring more children find secure, loving homes.

6. Kumbakonam Betel Leaf and Thovalai Flower Garland Awarded GI Tag

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The Kumbakonam betel leaf and Thovalai maanikka maalai are set to receive the Geographical Indication (GI) tag after the successful completion of the application process. The Kumbakonam betel leaf, known for its distinct color and flavor, will be the first agricultural product from the delta region to receive this recognition. The Thovalai maanikka maalai, a flower garland made from oleander and rose, is renowned for its gem-like appearance and intricate craftsmanship by artisans in Thovalai, Kanyakumari.

7. Ahmedabad's renowned Saudagari Block Print has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag

The Saudagari block print from Ahmedabad's Jamalpur has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, recognizing its unique craftsmanship. This traditional art form, primarily practiced by the Chhipa community, is used on fabrics like kurtis, turbans, and shawls. The craft, which dates back 300 years, was once in decline but has been revived by artisans like Shakir Banglawala and his family. His daughter, Irina Banglawala, won an award for her contributions, and the GI tag has boosted the craft's popularity.



8. India Initiates 'Operation Brahma' to Assist Earthquake-Affected Myanmar

On March 29, 2025, Prime Minister Modi assured Myanmar's Senior General Min Aung Hlaing of India's humanitarian aid after a devastating earthquake. India launched 'Operation Brahma', deploying relief teams, aircraft with supplies, and setting up a field hospital. The Ministry of External

Affairs confirmed no Indian casualties. Challenges include Myanmar's political divisions, complicating aid distribution. As the death toll rises, India has committed long-term support, including more aid, medical teams, and reconstruction assistance.

9. The government is set to introduce the Sahkar taxi service under the cooperative model

Union Minister Amit Shah announced the launch of 'Sahkar', a new app-based taxi service operating under a cooperative framework, aiming to empower drivers as stakeholders. Unlike private platforms like Ola and Uber, Sahkar will ensure fair profit-sharing and transparent pricing. Backed by the Ministry of Cooperation, it aligns with the 'Sahkar se Samridhhi' mission. The initiative follows scrutiny of existing ride-hailing services and will likely be piloted in select cities. Additionally, the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Bill proposes a National Cooperative University.

International

1. Global Ramayana Conclave to be Held in Colombo

The International Ramayana and Vedic Research Institute hosted a Ramayana Conclave in Colombo, with scholars and religious leaders from India and Sri Lanka discussing the global influence of Lord Rama's personality and the historical significance of Ramayana-related sites in Sri Lanka. Key sites like Seetha Eliya, Manavari Temple, and Munneswaram were highlighted for their spiritual importance. The conclave emphasized Lord Rama's values of righteousness, leadership, and devotion, which have influenced cultures worldwide, including Thailand, Indonesia, and Nepal.



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2. Hurun Global Rich List 2025: Shanghai surpasses Mumbai to become Asia's Billionaire Capital

The Hurun Global Rich List 2025 reveals significant changes in billionaire rankings. India ranks third globally with 284 billionaires and a cumulative wealth of Rs. 98 lakh crore, a 10 percent increase from the previous year. Mumbai loses its position as Asia's billionaire hub to Shanghai. Mukesh Ambani reclaims the title of Asia's richest person, despite a Rs.1 lakh crore wealth decline, while Gautam Adani experiences a 13 percent wealth increase, now worth Rs. 8.4 lakh crore. The United States leads with 870 billionaires, followed by China with 823. Silicon Valley magnates dominate the global top 10 billionaire rankings.

Sports

1. Indian Army's Batalik Cricket Tournament 2025

The Indian Army organized the Batalik Cricket League 2025 at Jubar Stadium, Batalik, as part of the Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations. Aimed at promoting sports and engaging local youth, the tournament featured 13 teams divided into four pools. Batalik A won the final against Darchiks A by 47 runs. The Army introduced Ladakhi Willow Cricket bats as trophies to support local artisans. Officials announced plans for a district-level Sherquilla Cricket League, emphasizing youth engagement and regional development through sports.

2. India Wraps Up Senior Asian Wrestling Championship with 10 Medals

India concluded its campaign at the 2025 Senior Asian Wrestling Championship in Amman with 10 medals. Manisha Bhanwala won gold (62kg), while Reetika Hooda (76kg), Udit (61kg), and Deepak Punia (92kg) secured silver. Six wrestlers, including Antim Pangal (53kg) and Dinesh (125kg), claimed bronze. The 30-member Indian team showcased strong performances in freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling. Governed

by United World Wrestling (UWW), the championship highlighted India's rising talent and continental dominance in the sport.

3. Francesco Bagnaia Wins Grand Prix of the Americas

Francesco Bagnaia won the Grand Prix of the Americas after Marc Marquez crashed out on lap nine. The race at Circuit of the Americas saw Ducati dominate, with Alex Marquez finishing second and Fabio Di Giannantonio third. Bagnaia climbed from sixth to victory, marking Ducati's 20th consecutive Grand Prix win, nearing Honda's record of 22. Marquez, who led early, crashed after touching a kerb. Alex Marquez now surpasses his brother Marc in the riders' standings by one point.



4. Vandana Katariya Announces Retirement from International Hockey

Veteran Indian hockey forward Vandana Katariya has announced her retirement from international hockey at the peak of her career. With 320 appearances and 158 goals, Katariya leaves a legacy as the most capped player in Indian women's hockey. She played a key role in India's historic fourth-place finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, where she scored a hat-trick. Despite retiring from international duty, she plans to continue playing in the Hockey India League and beyond, inspiring future generations.

5. Rajnigandha Achievers Clinch Aditya Birla Memorial Polo Cup 2025 Title

Rajnigandha Achievers emerged victorious in the 2025 Aditya Birla Memorial Polo Cup, defeating Jindal Panther in a thrilling final. The winning team comprised Dino Dhankhar, Shamsheer Ali,

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Abhimanyu Pathak, and Bk Mr Daniel Otamendi, while Jindal Panther featured Naveen Jindal, Hurr Ali, Kuldeep Singh Rathore, and Bk Mr JP Clarkin. The prestigious trophy was presented by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and other dignitaries. Hosted at the Army Polo and Riding Centre, this elite tournament honors Shri Aditya Vikram Birla's passion for polo.

6. Aryna Sabalenka Clinches the 2025 Miami Open Title

Aryna Sabalenka defeated Jessica Pegula 7-5, 6-2 to win her first Miami Open title. The Belarusian, who had previously triumphed over Pegula in the 2024 US Open final, showcased her powerful forehand, hitting 22 winners. Despite living in Miami, Sabalenka faced crowd support for Pegula, who is a Florida resident and the daughter of NFL team owner Terry Pegula. Sabalenka, a three-time Grand Slam champion, celebrated the victory, noting the rain had stopped just in time for her win.



7. Anahat Singh and Kareem El Torkey clinched the 2025 Indian Open Squash titles

The Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper, held at Bombay Gymkhana, Mumbai, from March 24-28, saw Anahat Singh and Kareem El Torkey claim the women's and men's singles titles, respectively. Anahat secured her 11th PSA title, while world No. 64 El Torkey defeated India's Abhay Singh. This USD 53,500 event was India's highest-rated PSA tournament since 2018. Matches were played on an outdoor glass court.

The PSA, founded in 1974, governs global squash events, with Saurav Ghoshal and Sarah-Jane Perry as presidents.

8. Nicholas Pooran Tops the Run-Scorers List with the Orange Cap in IPL 2025

Nicholas Pooran leads the IPL 2025 run-scorer list with 145 runs for Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), boasting a strike rate of 258. Ishan Kishan (SRH) is the only centurion so far, scoring 106. Mitchell Marsh (LSG), Travis Head (SRH), Shreyas Iyer (PBKS), and other explosive players like Quinton de Kock (KKR) and Dhruv Jurel (RR) have also contributed significantly. As the tournament continues, the competition for the Orange Cap is heating up with top batsmen pushing for victory.

Ranks/Reports/Indices

1. India Secures 36th Position in the Network Readiness Index

India has secured the 36th position out of 170 nations in the UNCTAD's Frontier Technologies Readiness Index, improving from 48th in 2022. The index assesses ICT deployment, skills, Research and Development, industrial capacity, and financial access. India excels in AI talent and cloud services, ranking 3rd in Research and Development and 10th in industrial capacity. The report highlights India's policy-driven tech growth and its role in AI development. However, AI's rise poses challenges like automation-driven job displacement and economic inequality.

2. UNESCO has released the report titled 'Education and Nutrition: Learn to Eat Well'

UNESCO's report, "Education and Nutrition: Learn to Eat Well," released during the 'Nutrition for Growth' event in March 2025, highlights concerns about the poor nutritional quality of school meals worldwide. It urges governments to improve food standards, noting that only 65% of countries have food regulations for school meals. UNESCO recommends prioritizing fresh, locally sourced produce, reducing processed

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foods, and integrating food education into school curricula. Successful initiatives in countries like Brazil, China, and India showcase the potential for improving nutrition in schools.

3. ILO Report 2024-26: India's Social Security Coverage Sees Significant Growth

India's social protection coverage has doubled from 24.4 percent in 2021 to 48.8 percent in 2024, benefiting 920 million people. Government schemes like Ayushman Bharat, PMGKAY, eShram, and Atal Pension Yojana have significantly reduced poverty. Over 24.8 crore people escaped multidimensional poverty in the last decade. India launched a Social Protection Data Pooling Exercise to improve coverage accuracy. The Ministry of Labour & Employment collaborates with the ILO to include housing and food security in global welfare indicators.

Summits/MoUs/Conferences/Agreement

1. PM Modi's Visit to Thailand and Sri Lanka for the BIMSTEC Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok, emphasizing the forum's role in promoting global good. He proposed a 21-point Action Plan, announced the BIMSTEC Chamber of Commerce, and supported a feasibility study on trade in local currencies. He welcomed key agreements, including the BIMSTEC Maritime Transport Agreement. Modi also met leaders from Bangladesh and Bhutan. Following the summit, he will visit Sri Lanka for bilateral talks with President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, reinforcing India's Neighbourhood First Policy.



2. Aditya Birla Capital Merges with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd

Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. (ABCL) has merged its NBFC subsidiary, Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. (ABFL), effective April 1, 2025, after regulatory approvals from SEBI, RBI, and NCLT. This move simplifies the corporate structure, enhances financial strength, and improves operational efficiency. Vishakha Mulye is appointed MD & CEO, while Rakesh Singh becomes Executive Director & CEO (NBFC). The merger strengthens ABCL's market position, enables direct capital access, and fosters long-term growth, aligning with India's economic expansion and financial inclusion goals.

3. DARPG and Bhashini Partner to Create a Multimodal, Multilingual Grievance Redressal System

The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) has partnered with Digital India Bhashini to launch an AI-powered, multilingual grievance redressal system for CPGRAMS. This initiative allows citizens to file complaints in 22 regional languages using voice and text inputs, enhancing accessibility and efficiency. The AI-driven system, expected to launch in July 2025, aims to improve grievance processing, remove language barriers, and strengthen digital governance, aligning with India's Digital India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives.

4. CDS Gen Anil Chauhan officially inaugurates Techkriti 2025 at IIT Kanpur

Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Anil Chauhan inaugurated Techkriti 2025 at IIT Kanpur, Asia's largest intercollegiate technical and entrepreneurial festival. The event focused on future warfare technologies, highlighting advancements in Cybersecurity, AI, Quantum Computing, and Cognitive Warfare. Gen. Chauhan urged young innovators to contribute to India's technological growth and national security. The event featured the Rakshakriti Defence Expo, showcasing AI-driven systems, autonomous drones, and indigenous

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innovations, reinforcing India's commitment to self-reliance. It emphasized collaboration between the armed forces, academia, and industry to bridge research with practical defence applications, with IIT Kanpur playing a key role.



Science and tech/Space/Defence

1. Exercise Tiger Triumph 2025

The fourth edition of Exercise Tiger Triumph 2025, a bilateral India-US Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise, will take place from April 1-13, 2025, on the Eastern Seaboard. The exercise aims to enhance interoperability and develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for joint coordination during crises. The Indian and US forces will conduct maritime, amphibious, and HADR operations. The Harbour Phase will be held at Visakhapatnam, followed by a Sea Phase off Kakinada. The exercise concludes on April 13 with a ceremony on the US Navy Ship Comstock.

2. The Indian Air Force will take part in INIOCHOS-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in Exercise INIOCHOS-25, hosted by Greece's Hellenic Air Force at Andravida Air Base from March 31 to April 11, 2025. The IAF will deploy Su-30 MKI fighters, IL-78 aerial refuelers, and C-17 transport aircraft. The biennial exercise aims to enhance interoperability, tactical expertise, and combat readiness with 15 participating nations. The IAF's involvement will strengthen global defense ties, improve joint planning, and refine tactics in complex air warfare scenarios.

3. Prachand Pahaar – The Joint Tri-Service Multi-Domain Warfare Exercise

The Indian Army conducted the 'Prachand Pahaar' exercise in Arunachal Pradesh from March 25-27, 2025, integrating the Army, Navy, and Air Force for multi-domain warfare. The exercise focused on advanced surveillance, command and control, precision firepower, and joint operations in high-altitude terrain. It showcased technological superiority, including UAVs, space assets, and advanced weaponry. The exercise strengthened inter-service coordination, validated combat readiness, and sent a strategic message about India's preparedness near the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

4. India and Russia hold the 14th edition of their bilateral maritime exercise INDRA 2025

India and Russia will hold the 14th edition of their bilateral naval exercise, INDRA 2025, from March 28 to April 2, 2025, off Chennai and in the Bay of Bengal. The exercise will consist of two phases: the Harbour Phase (March 28-30) in Chennai, with ship visits, exchanges, and briefings, and the Sea Phase (March 31- April 2) in the Bay of Bengal, featuring live weapon firings, tactical manoeuvres, and anti-air operations. Participating assets include Indian ships INS Rana and INS Kuthar, along with Russian vessels RFS Pechanga and RFS Reziy. INDRA 2025 aims to strengthen bilateral ties and regional maritime security.

Miscellaneous

1. Veteran actor Manoj Kumar has passed away at the age of 87

Veteran Bollywood actor and director Manoj Kumar passed away at 87 in Mumbai due to age-related health issues. Known for his patriotic films like Shaheed and Roti Kapada Aur Makaan, Kumar became a national icon, earning the nickname 'Bharat Kumar.' His films resonated with themes of love for the motherland and freedom struggles. Tributes from celebrities and

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politicians poured in, with Prime Minister Modi calling him an 'icon of Indian cinema.' Kumar received numerous awards, including the Padma Shri and Dadasaheb Phalke Award.



2. Observance of World Health Day 2025

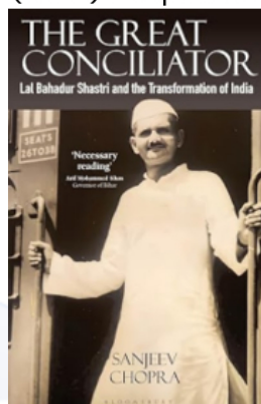
World Health Day 2025 emphasizes workplace health. To stay healthy while working, experts recommend maintaining good posture, taking frequent breaks to move, staying hydrated, and eating healthy snacks. Managing screen time and practicing deep breathing or meditation can also reduce stress and improve focus. A clean and organized workspace boosts efficiency and reduces distractions. These practical tips, along with the 20-20-20 rule for eye strain, help ensure better physical and mental well-being, even for those working at desks.

3. Jammu & Kashmir Launches Free Bus Service for Women

On April 1, 2025, the Jammu and Kashmir government launched a free bus service for women, enhancing gender-inclusive mobility. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah flagged off the initiative, which covers smart city e-buses and JKRTC buses across the UT. With 200 e-buses and 235 JKRTC buses, the scheme aims to empower women by ensuring safe, accessible, and affordable transport. The initiative is expected to boost women's workforce participation and encourage greater public engagement, receiving widespread appreciation from beneficiaries.

4. Hollywood Legend Val Kilmer Dies at 65

Renowned American actor Val Kilmer, known for Top Gun, The Doors, Tombstone, and Batman Forever, passed away at 65 due to pneumonia. A Juilliard graduate, he rose to fame as Iceman in Top Gun (1986) and later portrayed Jim Morrison in The Doors (1991). His career highlights include Heat (1995) and Batman Forever (1995). Despite his talent, Kilmer's reputation for being difficult impacted his later career. He reprised his Top Gun role in Maverick (2022) despite health struggles.



5. Andhra Pradesh Launches 'Zero Poverty – P4 Policy' Initiative

The Andhra Pradesh government will launch the 'Zero Poverty – P4 Policy' on Ugadi (March 30, 2025) under the Swarna Andhra-2047 vision. The 'P4' model (Public, Private, People Partnership) aims to eradicate poverty by 2047 through housing, sanitation, entrepreneurship, and digital access. Wealthy individuals (Margadarsis) will support underprivileged families (Bangaru Kutumbams) via financial aid, mentorship, and resources. A transparent P4 platform will oversee transactions, while a P4 Society will coordinate efforts across districts, ensuring sustainable socio-economic development.

6. The Finance Minister launched the NITI NCAER States Economic Forum Portal

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the 'NITI NCAER States Economic Forum' portal in New Delhi, developed by NITI Aayog in

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collaboration with NCAER. The portal serves as a comprehensive data repository on social, economic, and fiscal parameters for the period 1990-2023. Sitharaman highlighted its role in providing authentic data to help states make informed decisions on revenue, debt management, and fiscal policies. The forum aims to foster data-driven research and learning across states, contributing to informed policy making.

7. World Autism Awareness Day 2025 Recently Commemorated

World Autism Awareness Day 2025, observed on April 2, focused on the theme 'Advancing Neurodiversity and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).' The event highlighted the intersection of neurodiversity and global sustainability efforts, emphasizing the importance of inclusive policies and practices for autistic individuals. Key discussions covered areas like healthcare, education, employment, and urban development, aiming to promote accessibility, equality, and innovation. The observance brought together global experts, policymakers, and autistic voices to drive positive change and contribute to the SDGs.

8. Uttarakhand Government Renames 15 Places to Honor Indian Heritage

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced the renaming of 15 places across Haridwar, Dehradun, Nainital, and Udham Singh Nagar districts to honor Indian culture and heritage. The decision aims to inspire people by recognizing great personalities who contributed to preserving Indian culture. The renaming reflects public sentiment and will help strengthen cultural identity in the state. BJP supports the move, while Congress criticizes it as a distraction from real work. The renaming list includes areas like Aurangzebpur, Miyanwala, and Nawabi Road.

9. The Great Conciliator, A Biography of Lal

Bahadur Shastri

Sanjeev Chopra's book *The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India* explores Shastri's leadership, from his humble beginnings to his impactful tenure as India's second Prime Minister. It highlights his consensus-driven approach, major contributions like forming the BSF and coining Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, and why he remains underrated. Shastri's governance focused on stability, integrity, and problem-solving, offering lessons relevant today. The book sheds light on his underappreciated legacy in shaping modern India.

10. Wage Increase for MGNREGS in 2025-26

The Government of India has announced a wage increase under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) for the 2025-26 financial year, with hikes ranging from Rs 7 to Rs 26 per day. Haryana records the highest increase, reaching Rs 400 per day. The new rates, effective from April 1, 2025, are based on the Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL). In the 2024-25 fiscal year, 5.66 crore households benefited from the scheme.

11. Richard Chamberlain, the star of *Dr. Kildare*, passed away at the age of 90

Richard Chamberlain, the iconic actor known for his role in *Dr. Kildare* and as the 'king of the miniseries,' passed away on March 30, 2024, at age 90. He gained fame in the 1960s, later becoming renowned for *Shogun*, *The Thorn Birds*, and *Centennial*. Chamberlain also had a successful film and theater career, starring in *The Three Musketeers* and *My Fair Lady*. He came out as gay in 2003, sharing his struggles in his autobiography *Shattered Love*.

12. Punjab plans to develop Nangal as a tourist hub

The Punjab Government, led by CM Bhagwant Singh Mann, has launched initiatives to boost tourism and wildlife conservation. Nangal will be developed as a major tourist hub with a Rs. 10

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crore budget, while Jhajjar Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary will become Punjab's first leopard safari destination. These projects are part of the 'Badalda Punjab' Budget 2025-26, which also allocates funds for the 350th Martyrdom Anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji. The initiatives aim to promote tourism, create jobs, and preserve cultural and natural heritage.

13. PM Modi has unveiled the theme for the 2025 International Day of Yoga

Prime Minister Modi announced the theme for International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025 as 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health,' promoting global wellness. The Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) is leading the celebrations with a 100-day countdown. Key events include mass yoga demonstrations, global collaborations, yoga parks, and programs for marginalized groups. Past IDYs have seen growing global participation, with notable milestones like Guinness World Records and virtual events during the pandemic. The 2025 theme aligns with sustainability and health goals.

14. The Sagarmala Programme marks its 10th anniversary since its implementation

Launched in March 2015, the Sagarmala Programme aims to transform India's maritime sector by modernizing ports, enhancing connectivity, and promoting industrial development. With 839 projects worth Rs. 5.79 lakh crore, it has already completed 272 projects. Key achievements include a 118 percent increase in coastal shipping and a 700 percent rise in inland waterway cargo movement. Sagarmala 2.0 and the Sagarmala Startup Innovation Initiative (S2I2) focus on shipbuilding, innovation, and sustainable growth, supporting India's goal of becoming a global maritime leader by 2047.



15. Roshni Nadar Becomes the First Indian Woman to Enter the World's Top 10 Richest Women List

Roshni Nadar, Chairperson of HCL Technologies, has become the first Indian woman to enter the top 10 richest women list, ranking 5th with a net worth of Rs. 3.5 lakh crore (USD40 billion) in the Hurun Global Rich List 2025. She inherited a 47 percent stake in HCL from her father, Shiv Nadar. Roshni is also India's richest woman and the third-richest person in the country. She leads HCL's philanthropic initiatives and has been recognized globally for her contributions.

16. International Day of Zero Waste 2025

The United Nations General Assembly declared March 30 as the International Day of Zero Waste to address the global waste crisis, particularly in the fashion and textile industry. The fashion sector, responsible for 92 million tonnes of waste annually, is a major environmental polluter due to its rapid production and fast fashion. This year's theme, "Towards Zero Waste in Fashion and Textiles," promotes sustainable practices like recycling, eco-friendly materials, and circular economy solutions. Governments, businesses, and consumers are urged to adopt sustainable practices to reduce waste and align with the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 12 on responsible consumption.

