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Happy New Year 2026

Lets Remember Real Heroes

Living a very comfortable life, we often forget that this life doesn't come to us for free. There are some men in uniform giving their sweat and blood 24x7 for us to live that way. For their supreme acts of bravery, cold courage and devotion to duty, they were also decorated with the Param Vir Chakra, the highest Indian gallantry award.

Lt. Col. Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore

The Battle of Chawinda, fought under the command of Lt. Col. Tarapore, is till the date one of the largest tank battles fought in world's history since the Battle of Kursk in the World War 2. Despite being subjected to aircraft strafing, Lt. Col. Tarapore kept advancing deep inside the enemy territory on his Centurion tank. It was his impeccable leadership that fuelled Indian soldiers to demolish approximately sixty enemy tanks while losing only nine of their own. His blaze of glory came to an end when he and an intelligence officer, standing at tank's hatch, were enveloped by flames in an anti-tank assault.

Subedar Joginder Singh Sahnian

Outnumbered by twenty to one in perilous weather conditions, Subedar Joginder Singh's platoon of 30 soldiers repealed two waves of enemies (200 in each) and despite being reduced to half, once again set themselves up. Lacking everything but spirit, Subedar Singh and his handful of men fixed bayonets on their rifles and wreaked havoc on Chinese with their war cry everywhere in air: 'Jo Bole So Nihal, Sat Sri Akal'. With obvious superiority in strength, the enemy finally managed to capture the nearly-dead hero of the Indian Army who took his last breath as a Chinese POW.

National Events

Kaamya Karthikeyan Skis to South Pole

January 1, 2026

Eighteen-year-old Kaamya Karthikeyan has scripted history by becoming the youngest Indian and the second-youngest woman in the world to ski to the South Pole. Her feat marks another milestone in a remarkable mountaineering and polar exploration journey that has already placed her among India's most accomplished young adventurers. Kaamya reached the South Pole on December 27, 2025, after skiing and trekking nearly 115 kilometres across Antarctica.



Sand Artist Sudarsan Pattnaik Sets World Record with Giant Santa Claus

December 27, 2025

Renowned sand artist and Padma Shri awardee Sudarsan Pattnaik has created a world record breaking sand and apple sculpture of Santa Claus at Niladri Beach in Puri, Odisha. The artwork celebrates the Christmas spirit while promoting peace and harmony. Titled the "World's Biggest Apple and Sand Installation of Santa Claus" the sculpture was revealed on December 26, 2025 and officially recognised by the World Records Book of India.



It was made using 1.5 tons of apples and sand with dimensions 60 feet long, 45 feet wide and 22 feet high. Combines sand art with fruits, creating a one-of-a-kind installation. It was designed to spread a message of peace and harmony worldwide.

coast from the Karwar Naval Base in Karnataka. The rare experience underscores India's growing indigenous naval capabilities and the President's role as the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

Rashtra Prerna Sthal Inaugurated in Lucknow to Honour Atal Bihari Vajpayee

December 26, 2025

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Rashtra Prerna Sthal in Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, on 26 December 2025. The day marking the 101st birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna awardee Atal Bihari Vajpayee. At its core, the memorial features towering bronze statues, each 65 feet tall of three iconic leaders who played a decisive



role in shaping India's political and ideological discourse, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Deendayal Upadhyaya. Each statue represents the ideals, philosophy, and contribution of these leaders to India's governance, nationalism and social thought.

Republic Day Parade 2026 and Indian Army Animal Contingent Debut

January 2, 2026

Republic Day Parade 2026 on January 26 is set to present a distinctive chapter in India's ceremonial history. The parade on Kartavya Path will feature, for the first time, a dedicated animal contingent of the Indian Army, reflecting the armed forces' continued reliance on animals for operations in some of the world's most extreme terrains. This addition underscores both tradition and operational innovation within India's defence ecosystem. *Continued on page 2...*

President Murmu Joins Elite Club of Indian Leaders on Submarine Mission

December 29, 2025

In a significant moment for India's defence history, Droupadi Murmu became the second President of India to undertake an operational submarine sortie. She embarked on a voyage aboard INS Vaghsheer a frontline submarine of the Indian Navy, off the western



Quiz-18 Current Affairs

- Vijay Diwas is celebrated on which day every year to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war?
- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has introduced India's first wildlife-safe road on National Highway 45 (NH-45) in which state?
- Which All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) became the first in the country to host a Gen Z Post Office?
- Which state has been declared as the Ginger Capital of India by NITI Aayog?
- Which state is home to India's first Power Museum?
- Which institution has conducted India's first clinical trial of the Supernova Stent for stroke?
- Who has been named PETA India's Person of the Year 2025?
- Which Indian festival has been added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in December 2025?
- Where was the Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav 2025 organized?
- Haka is a traditional dance of the indigenous people of which country?

Quiz-17 Answers

- Ethiopia
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and L&T – Larsen & Toubro
- Visakhapatnam
- Jammu & Kashmir
- Meghalaya
- Thiruvananthapuram
- Nagaland
- December 2
- Tessy Thomas
- Odisha

Answers to Quiz-18 in the next issue.

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Science and Information Technology

Gaganyaan and Artemis-II: Landmark Human Space Missions of 2026

January 1, 2026

The year 2026 is emerging as a defining phase for global human spaceflight, with India and the United States preparing two landmark missions that could reshape the future of space exploration. India's Gaganyaan programme and NASA's Artemis-II mission together reflect a transition towards a more technologically ambitious and multipolar space era.



First Made-in-India MRI Scanner Developed with Zoho Support

December 27, 2025

In a major boost to Make in India and the medical technology sector, VoxelGrids a Zoho backed Indian startup, has developed India's first indigenous MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) scanner. This achievement reduces India's dependence on imported diagnostic equipment and strengthens domestic healthcare infrastructure. VoxelGrids has successfully designed and built a 1.5-tesla MRI scanner which has been deployed at the Chandrapur Cancer Care Foundation near Nagpur.



BlueBird Block-2 Satellite Takes Flight on ISRO's 'Baahubali' Rocket

December 24, 2025

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launches the BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite on December 24, 2025. The satellite will be carried by India's most powerful rocket, the LVM3, also known as the 'Baahubali' rocket, from Sriharikota. This launch is being seen as a major milestone in global satellite-based mobile connectivity and India's growing role in commercial space missions.



Indian AI Research Organization to Be Established in GIFT City, Gandhinagar

December 31, 2025

India is set to take a major leap in artificial intelligence research and innovation. At the start of 2026 Gujarat will host the Indian AI Research Organization (IAIRO) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar. Operational from January 1, 2026, IAIRO is marking a landmark step in strengthening the country's AI ecosystem through collaboration between government, industry and academia.



a power plant on the Moon by 2036 to support its future lunar missions. The announcement was made by Roscosmos which is Russia's state space agency, as global space powers accelerate efforts to explore and establish a long term presence on the Moon. The proposed plant will supply energy to rovers, scientific observatories, and infrastructure linked to a joint Russian-Chinese lunar base.



James Webb Discovers Lemon-Shaped Exoplanet, Shaking Up Planetary Science

December 22, 2025

In a groundbreaking discovery by astronomers using the James Webb Space Telescope have identified one of the most unusual planets ever observed. An exoplanet stretched into a lemon like shape due to intense gravitational forces. The discovery highlights the telescope's unparalleled ability to study extreme cosmic environments and expands our understanding of how diverse planetary systems can be.



ISRO Successfully Completes Drogue Parachute Tests for Gaganyaan Crew Module

December 22, 2025

India's first human spaceflight mission Gaganyaan has achieved another major milestone. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully completed a series of drogue parachute qualification tests for the Gaganyaan Crew Module. These tests are critical to ensuring the safe return of astronauts to Earth after spaceflight. The tests were conducted on December 18 and 19, 2025 at the Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) facility in Chandigarh.



India Plans New Antarctic Station Maitri II, Completion Target 2032

December 16, 2025

India is set to expand its polar research footprint with Maitri II, a next-generation research station in East Antarctica. The government has announced

Michaela Benthaus to Make History as First Wheelchair User in Space

December 20, 2025

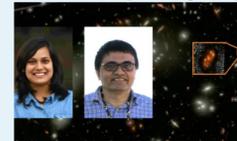
German aerospace engineer Michaela Benthaus is set to become the first wheelchair-bound person to travel to space. She will fly aboard Blue Origin's New Shepard rocket on the upcoming NS-37 suborbital mission, marking a major milestone in making human spaceflight more inclusive and accessible. The achievement highlights how space exploration is evolving beyond physical limitations to embrace diversity in all forms.



Indian Scientists Discover Alaknanda Galaxy Using James Webb Space Telescope

December 8, 2025

In a groundbreaking astronomical discovery, two Indian scientists, Rashi Jain and Yogesh Wadadekar, have detected a spiral galaxy named Alaknanda, using data from the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST). This galaxy, astonishingly well-organized and massive, existed when the universe was just 1.5 billion years old, offering fresh insights that could redefine how galaxies are believed to have formed in the early universe.



that the station is now expected to be completed by 2032, marking a revised timeline from earlier projections. The project reflects India's long-term commitment to scientific research, climate studies, and environmental monitoring in the polar regions.



India Launches Its First 1.0 GHz, 64-bit Dual-Core Indigenous Microprocessor 'DHRUV64'

December 16, 2025

India has marked a historic milestone in its journey towards technological self-reliance with the launch of DHRUV64, the country's first fully indigenous 1.0 GHz, 64-bit dual-core microprocessor. Developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) under the Microprocessor Development Programme (MDP), the processor represents a significant step in strengthening India's domestic semiconductor design ecosystem.



AIIMS Delhi Conducts India's First Dedicated Clinical Trial of Advanced Brain Stent

December 15, 2025

India has created a medical history by conducting the country's first-ever dedicated clinical trial of an advanced brain stent for severe stroke treatment at AIIMS Delhi. The trial, known as the GRASSROOT trial, was conducted to assess an indigenously developed medical device called the Supernova stent manufactured by Gravity Medical Technology. This success story assumes relevance both in public health and medical research, considering the prevalence of stroke conditions among about 1.7 million people in the country every year.

Veer Bal Diwas and Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar Observed Nationally

December 26, 2025

The Ministry of Women and Child Development observed Veer Bal Diwas at the national level on December 26 to honour the courage, sacrifice and exemplary values of India's young heroes. The day also marks the conferment of the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, one of the country's most prestigious honours for children, recognising outstanding achievements across diverse fields.



Veer Bal Diwas is observed annually to commemorate the bravery and supreme sacrifice of the younger Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh. The observance seeks to instil values of courage, resilience and moral strength among children and youth. The national-level programme for Veer Bal Diwas 2025 was organised at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, with wide participation from students, educators and dignitaries.

Surat Set to Become India's First Slum-Free City

January 2, 2026

Surat, widely known as India's "Diamond Capital", is on track to become the country's first fully slum-free city. Backed by sustained urban planning and efficient implementation of housing schemes, the Gujarat city is nearing the completion of a long-standing goal to ensure permanent housing for all its residents.



Vande Bharat Sleeper Train Cleared for Service: Know The First Route

January 2, 2026

Indian Railways is set to usher in a new era of long-distance rail travel with the successful trial and certification of the Vande Bharat Sleeper Train. The train has successfully completed trials, testing, and certification, and the Guwahati-Kolkata route has been selected as its first operational corridor, as announced by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. Designed for overnight journeys, this next-generation train promises high speed, modern amenities and affordable fares, marking a major leap in passenger comfort and rail technology.



Bharat Taxi to Roll Out in January 2026

December 18, 2025

India's ride hailing market is set to witness a significant shift with the upcoming rollout of Bharat Taxi in January 2026. Positioned as a home grown, driver owned mobility service, Bharat Taxi aims to challenge established players such as Ola, Uber, and Rapido. Operated by Sahkar Taxi Cooperative Limited, the platform is being promoted as an alternative model that prioritizes driver welfare and fair earnings.



Plan for Conducting Census of India 2027 Approved by Union Cabinet

December 13, 2025

Under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi Union Cabinet approved the proposal to conduct Census of India 2027. This will be India's 16th national census and the first completely digital census, bringing major changes in how data is collected, stored, and shared. Census 2027 aims to produce faster, cleaner, and more accessible data for policy-making.

International Events

China Opens World's Longest Expressway Tunnel in Xinjiang

December 27, 2025

China has opened the world's longest expressway tunnel, the Tianshan Shengli Tunnel which is in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. This mega infrastructure project significantly reduces travel time across the Tianshan Mountains and strengthens regional connectivity, trade and tourism. The 22.13 km long Tianshan Shengli Tunnel was officially opened to traffic on December 27, 2025. It is part of the G0711 Urumqi Yuli Expressway, which connects northern and southern Xinjiang. The tunnel reduces a difficult mountain journey that earlier took several hours to just about 20 minutes.



Elon Musk Becomes First Individual to Reach \$700 Billion Fortune

December 22, 2025

Tech billionaire Elon Musk has created history by becoming the first individual in the world to surpass a net worth of \$700 billion. According to the Forbes Billionaires Index, Musk's fortune surged to an estimated \$749 billion after a landmark ruling by the Delaware Supreme Court reinstated a massive Tesla stock options package.



December 2025, UNESCO officially inscribed Italian cooking on its List of Intangible Cultural Heritage, recognizing it as a living tradition that reflects culture, identity, and community life. The announcement was made during UNESCO's cultural assembly in Delhi, marking a landmark moment not only for Italy but also for how food traditions are viewed globally.



India Ranks Third in Global AI Index After US and China

December 15, 2025

India is a major milestone in the area of artificial intelligence with its current rankings as the third best globally, after the USA and China, revealed by the report of the Global AI Vibrancy Tool of Stanford University. It is noteworthy that India stood at the seventh position as of 2023, but enters 2024 with the current position of the third best in the global rankings. The Global AI Vibrancy Index, prepared by Stanford University, measures how competitive countries are in the AI domain. It evaluates nations across multiple pillars such as research and development (R&D), talent, economic activity, infrastructure, governance, and public opinion.

Indian-Origin Neal Mohan Named TIME's 2025 CEO of the Year

December 10, 2025

In a remarkable acknowledgment of innovation-driven leadership, TIME magazine has named Neal Mohan YouTube's Indian-origin CEO as the "2025 CEO of the Year." Mohan's rise from his early academic foundations in India to leading the world's largest video platform symbolizes a global success story shaped by technical excellence, empathy, and strategic foresight.

The vessel was formally delivered during an induction ceremony held at Goa Shipyard Limited, reinforcing India's commitment to indigenisation and marine pollution control.

Tamil Nadu Launches Smooth-Coated Otter Conservation Initiative

December 22, 2025

Tamil Nadu has launched a focused conservation initiative to protect the smooth-coated otter in the Cauvery Delta, responding to rising human-wildlife conflict and shrinking freshwater habitats. The programme reflects growing concern over the declining presence of this vulnerable species in the state's river systems.



Miyana Railway Station Receives National Energy Conservation Award 2025

December 16, 2025

A significant achievement for Indian Railways, Miyana Railway Station in Guna district of Madhya Pradesh has been honoured with the National Energy Conservation Award (NECA) 2025. The award was presented by the President

Global Food City Rankings 2025-26: Italy Leads, Mumbai Shines

December 24, 2025

Food is now one of the biggest drivers of global travel. According to recent travel trends, many tourists plan restaurant visits even before booking flights. Reflecting this shift, the World's 10 Best Food Cities of 2025-26 list highlights destinations where cuisine defines culture, identity, and experience. In the latest rankings released by TasteAtlas, Italian cities dominate the global food scene, while Mumbai proudly ranks 5th best food city in the world, putting India on the global culinary map.



Singapore Changi Airport Wins World's Best Airport Title 2025

December 18, 2025

Singapore's Changi Airport has once again reaffirmed its global leadership in aviation by being named the World's Best International Airport for 2025. The recognition came at the Travel + Leisure India's Best Awards 2025, where readers from across the world voted Changi as the top airport for overall travel experience, comfort, and facilities.



Leonardo DiCaprio Named TIME's 2025 Entertainer of the Year

December 10, 2025

Leonardo DiCaprio, one of Hollywood's most celebrated actors, has been honoured as TIME's Entertainer of the Year 2025, an accolade that reflects not just a single performance but an entire career defined by artistic courage and emotional depth. With more than three decades in the film industry, DiCaprio continues to reinvent screen acting, bringing nuance, risk-taking, and authenticity to each role.



Person in News

Neeraj Ghaywan's Homebound Enters Oscar 2026 Shortlist for Best International Feature

December 17, 2025

Indian cinema has achieved a major milestone as Neeraj Ghaywan's film Homebound has been shortlisted for the Best International Feature Film category at the 98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026). The film has advanced to the next round of voting, placing it among the final 15 shortlisted films selected from entries submitted by 86 countries and regions.



PM Modi Becomes First World Leader to Receive Ethiopia's Top Award

December 17, 2025

Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred Ethiopia's highest national honour, the Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia, during his official visit to Addis Ababa. With this, PM Modi became the first global Head of State or Head of Government to receive the prestigious award, underlining India's growing diplomatic stature, particularly in Africa and the Global South. This honour is the 28th top foreign State award given upon to PM Modi, reflecting sustained international recognition of India's leadership and its expanding global engagement.



Alia Bhatt Honoured with Golden Globe Horizon Award at Red Sea Film Festival

December 11, 2025

Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt recently made headlines at the Red Sea International Film Festival in Saudi Arabia. She received the prestigious Golden Globe Horizon Award, recognizing her incredible journey in Indian cinema. The festival highlighted her achievements on its official Instagram page. Alia's recognition marks a major milestone in her career, showing her growing international fame.



She received the award in the Inspiration and Action category, which recognises individuals creating measurable and transformative environmental benefits for people and the planet.

Anant Ambani Becomes Youngest Recipient of Global Humane Society's Animal Welfare Award

December 9, 2025

Anant Ambani, the founder of Vantara, has made history by becoming the youngest recipient and first Asian to be awarded the Global Humanitarian Award for Animal Welfare by the Global Humane Society. The award was presented at an international wildlife conservation event, recognizing Ambani's groundbreaking efforts in transforming animal care and conservation in India and beyond. The Global Humane Society—the international extension of the American Humane Society, the world's oldest animal welfare organisation—described Ambani's work as "a new global benchmark for compassion in action."



Save Environment

Gujarat Re-enters India's Tiger Map After Three Decades

December 27, 2025

More than thirty years after being removed from India's official tiger range, Gujarat has been formally recognised again as a state with tiger presence. The decision follows confirmed photographic evidence of a tiger residing in the Ratanmahal Sanctuary in Dahod district. Gujarat will now be included in the All-India Tiger Estimation (AITE) 2026, marking a significant milestone in the state's wildlife history.



Indian Coast Guard Inducts First Pollution Control Vessel Samudra Pratap

December 24, 2025

The Indian Coast Guard has inducted its first dedicated Pollution Control Vessel, Samudra Pratap, marking a major milestone in India's maritime environmental protection capabilities.



of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day, recognising the station's exemplary performance in energy efficiency and sustainable operations. This recognition highlights how even smaller railway stations can play a vital role in India's broader goals of energy conservation, cost efficiency, and environmental sustainability.



Supriya Sahu Wins UNEP Champions of the Earth 2025 Award for Climate Leadership

December 11, 2025

Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, has been honoured with the 2025 Champions of the Earth Award, the United Nations' highest environmental recognition. The award, announced by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) during the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) in Nairobi, celebrates her pioneering contributions to sustainable cooling, ecosystem restoration, and climate adaptation.





Smriti Mandhana Becomes Second Indian to Reach 10,000 International Runs

December 30, 2025

Smriti Mandhana became the second Indian woman and the fourth player globally to score 10,000 runs in international cricket. The landmark achievement came during the fourth T20I against Sri Lanka at the Greenfield International Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram, further cemented Mandhana's status as one of the finest batters of the modern era.



Sonam Yeshey Creates History with 8-Wicket Haul in Men's T20Is

December 30, 2025

In a landmark moment for associate nation cricket, Sonam Yeshey of Bhutan etched his name into the history books by becoming the first bowler ever to take eight wickets in a men's T20 International. The extraordinary feat came during the third T20I against Myanmar at Gelephu on December 29, 2025 which marking one of the most dominant bowling performances in the shortest format of the game.



WWE Icon John Cena Retires After 20-Year Career

December 15, 2025

The 2025 FIDE World Cup concluded with a thrilling finale as Uzbek prodigy Javokhir Sindarov clinched the championship title after a tense tiebreak battle against Chinese No.1 Wei Yi. This month-long event, featuring 206 players, delivered unforgettable drama, technical brilliance, and historical milestones. Sindarov's victory not only earned him the prestigious title but also carved his name in history as the youngest FIDE World Cup Champion.



Jasprit Bumrah Scripts History

December 10, 2025

Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah etched his name in cricketing history on 9 December 2025, becoming the first Indian bowler ever to take 100 wickets in all three international formats—Tests, ODIs, and T20Is. The milestone was reached during the 1st T20I against South Africa at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack, marking yet another peak in Bumrah's remarkable career.



The return of a familiar face is expected to strengthen team preparation and performance in upcoming global tournaments. This move comes at a crucial time as India prepares for important international qualifiers, aiming to build on past successes and secure a place on the world stage.

Carlsen's Golden Comeback, Erigaisi's Bronze Brilliance at Blitz Worlds

January 1, 2026

The World Blitz Chess Championship 2025 in Doha delivered high drama and elite level chess. While Magnus Carlsen reclaimed the blitz crown with a historic ninth title India's Arjun Erigaisi impressed with consistent brilliance but settled for bronze. The tournament highlighted resilience, nerves under pressure and India's rising stature in global chess.



Humpy, Erigaisi Win Bronze at FIDE World Rapid Chess Championships

December 30, 2025

India's chess contingent delivered an impressive performance at the FIDE World Rapid Chess Championships 2025 in Doha. Koneru Humpy and Arjun Erigaisi clinched bronze medals in the women's and open categories respectively. Their achievements highlighted India's growing strength on the global chess stage.



For Inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games Logo and Mascot Revealed in Bilaspur

December 25, 2025

For the India's inclusive sports development with the revealing of the logo, theme song, and mascot of the inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games in Bilaspur. The ceremony held at the Late B. R. Yadav Sports Stadium marked the formal countdown to the first-ever national-level sports event dedicated exclusively to tribal athletes, scheduled to begin on February 14, 2026. Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya described the Games as a critical platform to strengthen India's sports talent pipeline by bringing tribal youth into the national sports mainstream.



Indian Women's Hockey End 2025 With Asia Cup Silver

January 1, 2026

The Indian women's hockey team signed off 2025 with a silver medal at the Women's Asia Cup, reaffirming their status among Asia's leading teams even as the year exposed gaps against elite global opposition. The continental podium finish provided a timely boost after a demanding season marked by mixed results across tours and international competitions.



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

December 31, 2025

Indian women's cricket continues to scale new heights. Indian spinner Deepti Sharma has become the highest wicket-taker in Women's T20 Internationals, surpassing Megan Schutt. The milestone highlights her consistent all-round excellence, India's growing dominance in women's cricket, and recent movements in ICC rankings. It is also a proud moment for Indian cricket on the global stage.



R Praggnanandhaa and Anish Giri Clinch Global Chess League 2025 Title

December 26, 2025

India's growing dominance in global chess was once again on display as R Praggnanandhaa and Anish Giri guided Alpine SG Pipers to victory in the Global Chess League 2025 Season 3. The finals which was held in Mumbai saw the Pipers defeat defending champions Triveni Continental Kings, marking their first ever GCL title. This win is significant not only for the team but also for Indian chess which continues to produce world-



Sjoerd Marijne Returns as Coach of Indian Women's Hockey Team

January 3, 2026

The Indian women's hockey team has received a major boost with the appointment of an experienced international coach.



Tamiri Wins Women's Singles at National Badminton Championships

December 29, 2025

Surya Charishma Tamiri claimed the Women's Singles crown at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships in Vijayawada, producing a resilient comeback in the final. The championships witnessed strong performances across all categories, underlining the depth of domestic badminton talent in India.



Health and Fitness

International Mind-Body Wellness Day 2026: Simple Guide to Holistic Health

January 3, 2026

International Mind-Body Wellness Day reminds us that good health is not only about the body or the mind alone, but both working together. In today's fast-paced life, stress, poor sleep, and unhealthy habits affect overall well-being. This day encourages people to focus on balanced living, preventive healthcare, and simple lifestyle changes to stay healthy in the long run.

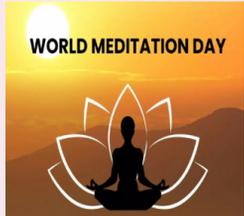


a decade ago, reflecting sustained reforms in drug regulation, reporting systems and quality standards.

UN Celebrates Second World Meditation Day to Promote Inner Peace Worldwide

December 21, 2025

The United Nations marked the second World Meditation Day on the 21st December with a high level event at its headquarters in New York, reaffirming the growing global recognition of meditation as a pathway to inner peace and global harmony. The observance brought together diplomats, spiritual leaders, scientists and civil society members, reflecting the universal relevance of mindfulness in today's fast-changing and conflict-prone world.



India Ranks Eighth Globally in Pharmacovigilance

January 3, 2026

India has made a significant leap in global drug safety monitoring, rising to the 8th position worldwide in pharmacovigilance contributions to the World Health Organization. This marks a sharp improvement from its 123rd rank



(UHC Day) — a global reminder that quality, affordable healthcare is a right, not a privilege. The day calls on leaders, governments, and communities to work together toward health systems that protect everyone, everywhere.

The theme for UHC Day 2025, "Unaffordable health costs? We're sick of it!", highlights the growing burden of high healthcare expenses on families worldwide. This theme brings attention to the human stories behind rising costs and urges governments to invest in stronger, fairer, and more affordable health systems.



Health Ministry Bans Nimesulide Above 100 mg

December 31, 2025

The Union Health Ministry has prohibited the manufacture, sale and distribution of all oral formulations of nimesulide containing more than 100 mg in immediate-release dosage form, citing potential risks to human health and the availability of safer alternatives.

The ban has been imposed through a Gazette notification dated 29 December 2025, issued

by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under Section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, after consultation with the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB).

BcozSheMatters: WHO & Health Ministry roll out campaign on women and girls health and well-being

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Dr Catharina Boehme, Officer-in-Charge, WHO South-East Asia, and Punya Salila Srivastava, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, flagged off a metro coach with the campaign Healthy Women = Healthy Nations, #BcozSheMatters. The World Health Organization rolled out a month-long campaign on women's and girl's health and well-being in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, at a metro station. The campaign aims to reach millions of commuters with messages displayed on metro trains and select stations, highlighting the importance of women's safety, health and well-being.

