

CURRENT AFFAIRS 2025-26 (NATIONAL)



January 2025

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath along with state Deputy CMs Brajesh Pathak and Keshav Prasad Maurya and others take a dip at the Triveni Sangam during the ongoing Mahakumbh Mela 2025, in Prayagraj on Wednesday (January 22, 2025).
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in the early hours of Thursday (January 16, 2025) successfully executed the SpaDeX docking experiment making India the fourth country after the USA, Russia and China this historic feat.



February 2025

- DMK president and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Thursday (February 27, 2025) charged that the push for a monolithic Hindi identity "killed ancient mother tongues." Languages that gave space for Hindi eventually got lost without any trace, he claimed.



March 2025

- The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, inaugurated the National Conference on 'Environment – 2025' in New Delhi on March 29, 2025. In her address, she emphasized that environmental protection should be a continuous effort integrated into daily life.
- On March 30, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced a unique summer vacation calendar for children, encouraging them to develop new hobbies and enhance their skills. During his monthly Mann Ki Baat address, he reminisced about his childhood summer activities and highlighted various learning opportunities available today, from technology camps to environmental and leadership courses.



April 2025

- The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 (also known as the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, or UMEED Act) received Presidential assent on April 5, 2025. The act officially came into force on April 8, 2025, through a government notification.
- The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA) on Wednesday approved the inclusion of caste data in the upcoming population census. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw made the announcement, underscoring the constitutional framework that makes Census a Union subject.
- The 2025 India–Pakistan conflict was a brief armed conflict between India and Pakistan that began on 7 May 2025, after India launched missile strikes on Pakistan, in a military campaign codenamed Operation Sindoor. India said that the operation was in response to the Pahalgam attack in Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir on 22 April 2025 in which 26 civilians were killed.
- Air India Flight 171 was a scheduled international passenger flight from Ahmedabad Airport in India to London Gatwick Airport in the United Kingdom. On 12 June 2025, at 13:39 IST, the Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner operating the flight, crashed just 32 seconds after takeoff into the hostel block of B. J. Medical College in Ahmedabad, 1.7 kilometres from the runway.
- Tesla launches the Model Y in India which is imported from China and the first Tesla first showroom in India was opened at the Bandra-Kurla Complex in Mumbai. 15 July
- Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday, July 21 tendered his resignation from his post "to prioritise health care and abide by medical advice." The resignation is effective immediately and was submitted in accordance with Article 67(a) of the Constitution.



May 2025

- India's economy is now the fourth largest globally, surpassing Japan. NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam shares this news. Only the US, China, and Germany are ahead. India aims to be the third largest in 2.5-3 years. The IMF projects India's 2025 GDP to exceed Japan's. India's per capita income has doubled since 2014. (26 May 2025)
- The world community has shown solidarity with India after the Indian Armed Forces carried out 'Operation Sindoor' against nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir.



June 2025

- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla of the Indian Air Force created history on Thursday afternoon (June 26, 2025) by becoming the first Indian to enter the International Space Station.



August 2025

- Amarnath Yatra suspended to carry out 'maintenance of urgent nature' after heavy rain. (1st Aug)
- On June 6, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a monumental project—the Chenab Railway Bridge in Jammu and Kashmir. It is now the highest railway arch bridge in the world, towering at 359 meters, even higher than the Eiffel Tower. The bridge marks the final link in the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL), a dream that took 42 years to complete.
- GST in India follows a simplified structure with four standard rates: 0% and 5% for essential goods and services, 18% as the standard rate, and 40% for luxury and sin goods. These changes were introduced by the Indian government on 3 September 2025 to boost consumption and mitigate the impact of tariffs imposed by Trump administration, and came into effect later 22 September, onwards.



October 2025

- A major counter-terrorism operation involving precision strikes on militant camps across the Line of Control (LoC) following attacks in Pahalgam. (12 Oct 2025)
- India's first fully indigenous hydrogen fuel cell passenger vessel started commercial operations in Varanasi Thursday. An official statement said this is the first vessel in the country to demonstrate hydrogen fuel cell propulsion in a maritime setting and features fully indigenous technology.



November 2025

- The Indian Space Research Organisation launches its heaviest communications satellite, the CMS-03, which weighs 4,410 kg (9,720 lb), from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh.
- India reaffirms commitment to equitable climate action at UN Climate Summit in Brazil, India has reiterated its commitment to equitable and inclusive climate action based on the principles of equity and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC) at the Leaders' Summit of the UNFCCC COP30 being held in Belém, Brazil.



December 2025

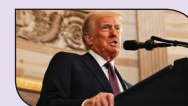
- At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, President of the Russian Federation H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin will pay a State visit to India from 04-05 December 2025 for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit.
- PM Modi gifts Russian edition of Bhagavad Gita to Putin, calls it a text that inspires millions Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday presented a Russian translation of the Bhagavad Gita to President Vladimir Putin, who is in India for a two-day state visit.



CURRENT AFFAIRS 2025-26 (INTERNATIONAL)

January 2025

- Donald Trump hailed the dawn of a "golden age" for the United States as he was sworn in as the country's 47th President on Monday (January 20, 2025). "The golden age of America begins right now. From this day forward our country will flourish and be respected again all over the world".



February 2025

- Sri Lanka is celebrating its 77th National Day today. The official celebrations were held at Independence Square in Colombo featuring a military parade, cultural performances, and a special address by President Anura Kumara Disسانayake. The President urged the nation to focus on building a brighter future rather than looking back at past challenges.



- At the AI Action Summit in Paris, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised the need for global cooperation to ensure AI benefits all of humanity. Co-chairing the summit alongside French President Emmanuel Macron, he highlighted AI's transformative power while cautioning against inherent biases in AI models.



March 2025

- US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order designating English as the official language of the United States. The order overturned a mandate from former President Bill Clinton, which required federal agencies and recipients of federal funding to assist non-English speakers.
- The Italian government approved a draft law that, for the first time, introduces the legal definition of femicide in the country's criminal law and punishes it with life imprisonment. Announced on the eve of International Women's Day, the move aims to combat rising violence against women in Italy by strengthening measures against gender-based crimes.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed his gratitude to several world leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump, for their continued attention to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.



April 2025

- World Health Day is being celebrated across the globe today to raise awareness about health and good health practices. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared healthy beginnings, hopeful futures as the theme this year to end preventable maternal and new born deaths and to prioritize women's longer-term health and well-being.
- Pope Francis passed away on April 21, 2025, at the age of 88 in Vatican City. The Central Government of India declared a three-day period of state mourning as a mark of respect.



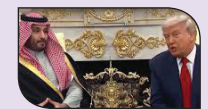
May 2025

- The WHO declared a global health crisis related to solid waste and mental health, adopting a landmark declaration to treat noncommunicable diseases and mental health concurrently. (5 May 2025)



June 2025

- The U.S. officially designated Saudi Arabia as a "Major Non-NATO Ally." (3 Jun 2025) A Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA) is a U.S. designation given to countries that have close strategic and military cooperation with the United States, but are not members of the NATO.



July 2025

- Russia launched a record 728 drones and hypersonic missiles at Ukraine overnight, targeting cities including Lutsk near the Polish border. While Ukrainian defenses downed most drones, some missiles caused damage. This attack prompted renewed calls from President Zelenskiy for stronger sanctions on Russia and its oil revenue.
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- 27 October – Flights between China and India resume for the first time since 2020 following a suspension caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2020–2021 China–India skirmishes.



September 2025

- Bangladesh's deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina has been sentenced to death in absentia by a court in Dhaka for crimes against humanity over a deadly crackdown on a student-led uprising last year.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi departed for India on Monday after a "productive" visit to China, where he attended the 25th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Tianjin. During the visit, he also held bilateral meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping.



October 2025

- A major counter-terrorism operation involving precision strikes on militant camps across the Line of Control (LoC) following attacks in Pahalgam. (12 Oct 2025)
- PM Modi greets Vladimir Putin on his birthday; reaffirms India-Russia strategic partnership, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin to extend warm greetings on his 73rd birthday, reaffirming the special and privileged strategic partnership between India and Russia.
- PM Modi, Starmer discuss trade, technology, and security during UK PM's first India visit Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday welcomed UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer on his first official visit to India, describing the trip as a reflection of renewed energy and strengthened bilateral partnership.
- PM Modi meets Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand, calls for renewed momentum in bilateral ties Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday met Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand in New Delhi and said her visit would help infuse fresh momentum into India–Canada ties.
- Thai, Cambodia leaders sign expanded ceasefire deal with Trump present the leaders of Thailand and Cambodia signed an enhanced ceasefire deal on Sunday in the presence of U.S. President Donald Trump, who intervened in July to bring an end to their deadly five-day border conflict.



November 2025

- The Iran-Israel conflict intensified, though a fragile ceasefire was mediated late in the year. (Late Nov 2025 – Dec 2025) Iran and Israel have been hostile rivals for decades, even though they do not share a border
- India's Deepavali festival was officially added to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. (29 Nov 2025) India now has 16 elements on UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage, with Deepavali being the latest addition.
- Hungarian-British author David Szalay wins Booker Prize for 'Flesh' David Szalay won the 2025 Booker Prize for his novel 'Flesh' on Monday, becoming the first Hungarian-British author to win one of top awards in the English-speaking world.



SPORTS 2025-26 (NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL)

January-February 2025

- 38th National Games held in Uttarakhand with over 10,000 athletes from across the country — states, union territories, and institutional teams — competing in numerous sports, similar to a national Olympics



- England tour of India in January 2025 for 5 T20Is and 3 ODIs (January 22- feb 12). The series showcased India's strong white-ball depth and provided both teams preparation for future global tournaments.
- U-19 Men's World Cup hosted by Zimbabwe & Namibia in January 2026 (Jan 15 – Feb 6). The ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup is held roughly every two years and features 16 national teams competing for the title.



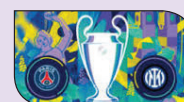
February-March 2025

- India won the title (ICC Champions Trophy 2025) by defeating New Zealand in the final held in Dubai, becoming the first team to win the trophy three times. Rohit Sharma was awarded the Man of the Match for his crucial contribution in the final.
- India won the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy held in Dubai, defeating Pakistan in a high-stakes final. (9 March 2025)



May 2025

- UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) Champions League Final (Munich, Germany). Désiré Doué (Paris Saint-Germain) was awarded Man of the Match for his stellar performance, including a double goal contribution and major influence on PSG's dominant win.



June-July 2025

- FIFA Club World Cup (USA): The first edition of the expanded 32-team quadrennial format (June–July 2025).
- India Women's team secured their first T20I series win in England; Rohit Sharma crossed 20,000 ODI runs. This victory was especially notable because it was India's first T20I series win against England in England, showcasing the team's growing strength and depth in women's cricket.
- ICC World Test Championship Final: Scheduled to take place at Lord's, London in June. "Temba Bavuma's captaincy led South Africa to a 5-wicket victory in the final, earning them their first World Test Championship title."
- RCB (Royal Challengers Bengaluru) on their first title in IPL on 3rd June 2025. Royal Challengers Bengaluru finally ended an 18-year wait to win the Indian Premier League (IPL) title by defeating Punjab Kings (PBKS) in a thrilling final at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad.
- WTC Final and England tour (India tour of England) in June 2025 for 5 Test matches (started on 20 June 2025). Part of the ICC World Test Championship (2025–27 cycle) and played for the new Anderson–Tendulkar Trophy (replacing the old Pataudi/Anthony de Mello trophies).
- Miss Thailand Opal Suchata Chuangsri has been crowned Miss World 2025 at the 72nd Miss World Pageant held in Hyderabad last evening. Miss World 2024 Krystyna Pyszková crowned Miss Thailand Opal Suchata Chuangsri, marking the culmination of month-long cultural exchange and competition.



August 2025

- Women's Rugby World Cup: Hosted by England in August–September. The 2025 Women's Rugby World Cup wasn't just about the trophy — it boosted the visibility of women's rugby worldwide with massive ticket sales, strong TV audiences, and expanding grassroots participation.
- Albania made history by appointing the world's first AI Cabinet Minister to oversee digital transformation. (22 Aug 2025)



September 2025

- World Athletics Championships: Held in Tokyo, Japan in September. It's one of the most prestigious athletics events in the world. Tokyo's National Stadium provided a world-class stage shortly after hosting the Olympics.
- India won Asia Cup 2025 on 28 September 2025. Hosted by UAE in T20 format. India remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, defeating Pakistan three times (group match, Super Four, and final) on the way.



November 2025

- India Women made history on November 2, winning their first-ever ICC Women's World Cup with a 52-run victory over South Africa at the DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai.



December 2025

- Indian Swimmer's Double Gold (50m Butterfly and 50m Backstroke) at Asian Youth Para Games. Abdul Quadir Indori created a big impact at the 2025 Asian Youth Para Games in Dubai, clinching two gold medals in para swimming — a fantastic achievement for young Indian para sport!
- India won the WSF (World Squash Federation) World Cup for the first time. The Indian team defeated top-seeded Hong Kong 3-0 in the final, held at the Express Avenue Mall in Chennai.



ELECTION (INTERNATIONAL)

February 2025

- Tulsi Gabbard has been confirmed as America's new Director of National Intelligence (DNI) under the Trump administration. Gabbard, President Donald Trump's pick got the much-awaited final Senate vote yesterday on her nomination to oversee and coordinate the work of America's different intelligence agencies.



March 2025

- **Mark Joseph** Carney is elected as the 24th Prime Minister of Canada. He is a highly respected economist, former Governor of the Bank of Canada, and Governor of the Bank of England — one of only a few people worldwide to have led two major central banks.



May 2025

- Australia's Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, has won with a larger majority in the federal election. The Labour Party has secured at least 84 seats in the 150-seat House of Representatives. The Liberal-National Party has locked about 33, with votes still being counted.



April 2025

- Kamla Persad-Bissessar will be the next Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago. Her party United National Congress has won the parliamentary election of the twin-island Caribbean nation.



October 2025

- PM Modi congratulates Japan's newly-elected Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday extended congratulations to Sanae Takaichi, Japan's newly-elected and first woman Prime Minister. He emphasized that the ever-strengthening partnership between India and Japan plays a vital role in ensuring peace, stability, and prosperity across the nations.



AWARDS AND HONOURS (NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL)



Nobel Awards

John Clarke

Their discoveries in macroscopic quantum phenomena using the Josephson effect earned them the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2025. John Clarke was born on 10 February 1942 in Cambridge, England.



Michel H. Devoret

“for the discovery of macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit”. Michel H. Devoret was born on 5 March 1953 in Paris, France.



John M. Martinis

“for the discovery of macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit”. John Matthew Martinis was born in 1958 and raised in San Pedro, California.



Susumu Kitagawa

“for the development of metal–organic frameworks”. Susumu Kitagawa was born on 4 July 1951, Kyoto, Japan. “These porous crystalline materials act like tiny sponges, storing gases, capturing carbon, and aiding clean energy solutions.”



Richard Robson

metal–organic frameworks. Richard Robson was born on 4 June 1937 Glusburn, England, UK. These are crystalline materials built from metal ions and organic molecules that create vast internal cavities capable of holding other molecules.



Omar M. Yaghi

Omar M. Yaghi is a pioneering chemist who developed reticular chemistry, known for creating metal-organic and covalent organic frameworks (MOFs and COFs). was born in 9 February 1965, Amman, Jordan.



Mary E. Brunkow

She is an American molecular biologist who won the 2025 Nobel Prize for discovering how regulatory T cells and the FOXP3 gene control immune tolerance. She was born in 1961 in Portland, Oregon.



Fred Ramsdell

He is an American immunologist who won the 2025 Nobel Prize for discovering how regulatory T cells and the FOXP3 gene control immune tolerance. His work advanced understanding of autoimmune diseases. He was born on December 4, 1960, in Illinois, USA.



Shimon Sakaguchi

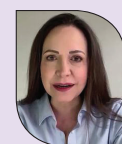
László Krasznahorkai is a Japanese immunologist born on January 19, 1951, in Nagahama, Japan. He is renowned for discovering regulatory T cells and their role in immune tolerance. In 2025, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for this groundbreaking work.



László Krasznahorkai is a novelist known for his dense, philosophical prose. He won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Literature for his visionary works exploring human experience and existential themes. László Krasznahorkai was born in 5 January 1954, Gyula, Hungary.



Maria Corina Machado is a Venezuelan industrial engineer, politician, and pro-democracy activist. She was awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize for her tireless work defending democratic rights and pushing for a peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy in Venezuela.



Joel Mokyr won awards for Economic Sciences for his research on how technological innovation and useful knowledge have driven sustained economic growth since the Industrial Revolution. He was born in 26 July 1946 Leiden, Netherlands.



Philippe Aghion won awards for his research on how innovation drives long-term economic growth. Beyond economics, Philippe Aghion is active in public debates on education and economic policy in Europe. He was born in 17 August 1956) Paris, France.



- Bihar's teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi has been conferred with the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP), India's highest civilian honour for children, capping a remarkable rise for the 14-year-old just days after a sensational Vijay Hazare Trophy performance.



Oscar Awards

- **Saw Anora** (Best Picture)—Anora is the central character in the movie Anora, a romance-thriller directed by Sean Baker. Anora won Oscars mainly because it was critically acclaimed and well-received by the Academy for its direction, acting, screenplay, and editing.
- **Sean Baker** (Best Director)-He is the first person to individually win four Oscars for the same film in a single ceremony. Sean Baker, born in 1971, is an American filmmaker known for movies about marginalized communities like Tangerine and The Florida Project.
- **Mikey Madison** (Best Actress)-She was won the Oscar for Best Actress for her role in Anora because her performance was widely praised for its depth, emotional intensity, and authenticity. She is born in 1999. She is an American actress known for Better Things and Anora.
- **Adrien Brody** (Best Actor)-He was born in April 14, 1973, won the 2025 Oscar for his performance in *The Brutalist*. He is an American actor recognized for his work in films such as The Pianist, The Grand Budapest Hotel, and King Kong.



IPL 2025 Award Winners

- **Champions&—Royal Challengers Bengaluru** won their first title in 2025. Royal Challengers Bangalore is an IPL team from Bangalore, known for its passionate fans, star players like Virat Kohli and AB de Villiers, and exciting, aggressive cricket.
- **Runners-Up**—Punjab Kings never won the IPL title so far. They've come close a few times but haven't lifted the trophy yet. Punjab Kings, from Mohali, is an IPL team celebrated for its powerful batting, spirited play, and star players like KL Rahul and Chris Gayle.
- **Super Striker Of The Season—Vaibhav Suryavanshi (RR)**: Strike-rate of 207, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, from Bihar, is a teenage cricket sensation who became the youngest IPL player and set records with explosive batting in domestic and T20 cricket.



IIFA Awards

- **Best Direction—Kiran Rao** (Laapataa Ladies): She is an Indian filmmaker, producer, and screenwriter known for directing Dhobi Ghat and Laapataa Ladies, and producing several acclaimed Hindi films.
- **Best Performance In A Negative Role&—Raghav Juyal** (Kill): He is from Dehradun, is an Indian dancer, choreographer, and actor known as the "King of Slow Motion" for his unique dance style on shows like Dance India Dance 3 and in films like ABCD 2.
- **Best Performance In A Supporting Role (Female)—Janki Bodiwala** (Shaitaan): She made her Hindi film debut with Shaitaan in 2024 and has become one of the rising stars bridging regional and mainstream cinema.
- **Best Performance In A Supporting Role (Male)&—Ravi Kishan** (Laapataa Ladies): He is an Indian actor, TV personality, and politician, famous for Bhojpuri, Hindi, and South Indian films, and serves as MP for Gorakhpur.

