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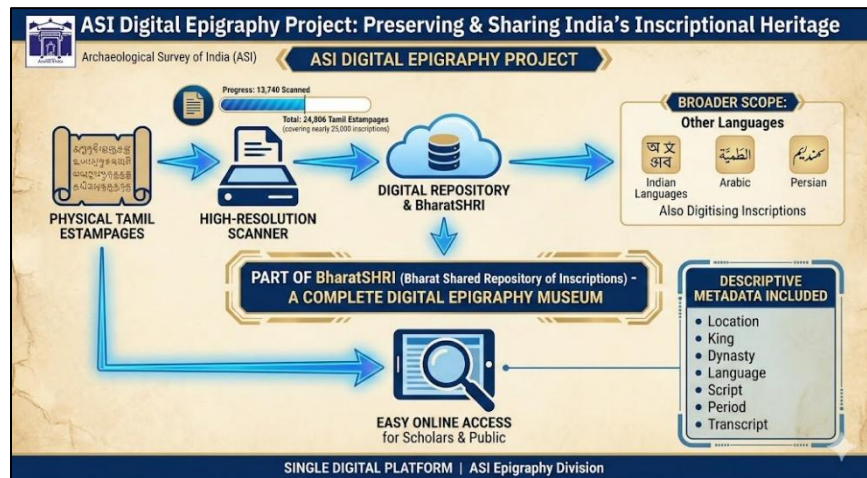
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has formed a high-level expert committee to develop a comprehensive Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the capture, translocation, release, and post-release monitoring of wild elephants and other wildlife species.
- ❖ The Indian Army successfully completed the first-ever ascent of Mount Kangto (7042 m / 23,103 ft) in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The Adani Group is setting up a 48-megawatt AI green data centre in Telangana at an outlay of Rs 2,500 crores.
- ❖ The Veteran socialist leader and prominent activist in Maharashtra's labour and social justice movements, Dr Baba Adhav, passed away recently.
- ❖ China's trade surplus exceeded \$1 trillion for the first time in 2025 due to growth in exports to non-U.S. markets.
- ❖ The 920-metre Shyok Tunnel, built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), was inaugurated recently by the defence minister in Ladakh to provide all-weather connectivity in a high-altitude border region.
- ❖ India is hosting the 20th session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) 2025 in New Delhi.
- ❖ Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes, produced new lava fountains as part of its ongoing eruptive phase within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.
- ❖ Rajasthan became the first state in India to complete 100% digitisation of electoral rolls under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme.
 - The state has also completed 97% voter mapping, the highest in India.
- ❖ A new damselfly species named Kodagu Shadowdamsel (*Protosticta Soorya Prakashii*) was discovered in the Western Ghats.
 - The species is named in honour of Dr. Soorya Prakash Shenoy for his contributions to Western Ghats conservation.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

ASI Digital Epigraphy Project

- ❖ The Epigraphy Division of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has begun digitising all Tamil estampages by scanning them and uploading them to a dedicated online repository for easy access.

- ❖ ASI holds 24,806 Tamil estampages, and scanning has been completed for 13,740, covering nearly 25,000 Tamil inscriptions.
- ❖ The division is also digitising estampages of inscriptions in other Indian languages as well as Arabic and Persian.
- ❖ The work is part of the Bharat Shared Repository of Inscriptions (Bharat SHRI).
- ❖ Bharat SHRI is a digital epigraphy museum that aims to create a complete digital archive of all recorded inscriptions.
- ❖ Each scanned estampage includes descriptive metadata mentioning its location, king, dynasty, language, script, period and transcript.
- ❖ The project helps scholars and the public access inscription data easily through a single digital platform.



Impeachment motion against Justice Swaminathan

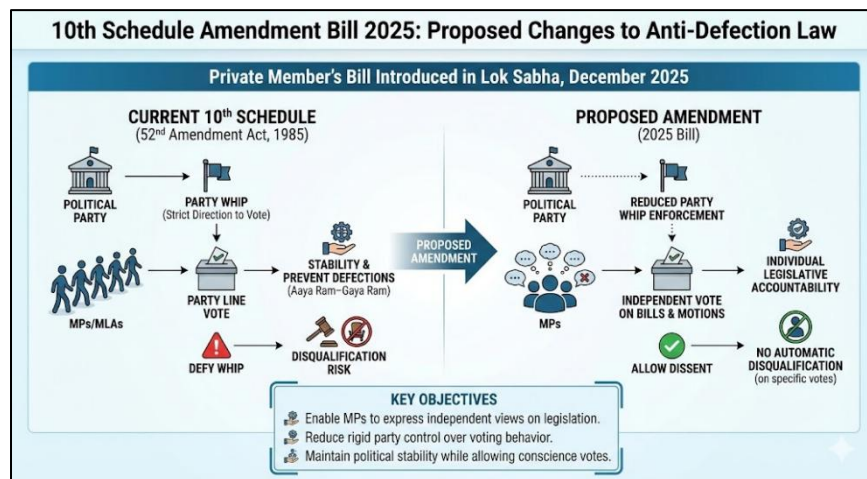
- ❖ INDIA bloc MPs submit letter to LS Speaker to move impeachment motion against Justice Swaminathan.
- ❖ They sought to move a motion for his removal under Article 217, read with Article 124, of the Constitution of India.
- ❖ They stated that the conduct of Justice Swaminathan raised serious questions regarding impartiality, transparency, and the secular functioning of the judiciary.
- ❖ The MPs submitted copies of letters written by members of the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha to the President of India and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- ❖ One hundred members of the Lok Sabha or 50 members of the Rajya Sabha have to sign an impeachment motion against a High Court judge.
- ❖ If the motion is accepted, a three-member committee will investigate it.

- ❖ Thereafter, both Houses must pass the motion by a special majority (two-thirds present and voting, plus absolute majority of total membership).
- ❖ Finally, the President will issue the removal order.
- ❖ However, no judge has been successfully impeached in India.



NATIONAL NEWS

10th Schedule Amendment Bill 2025

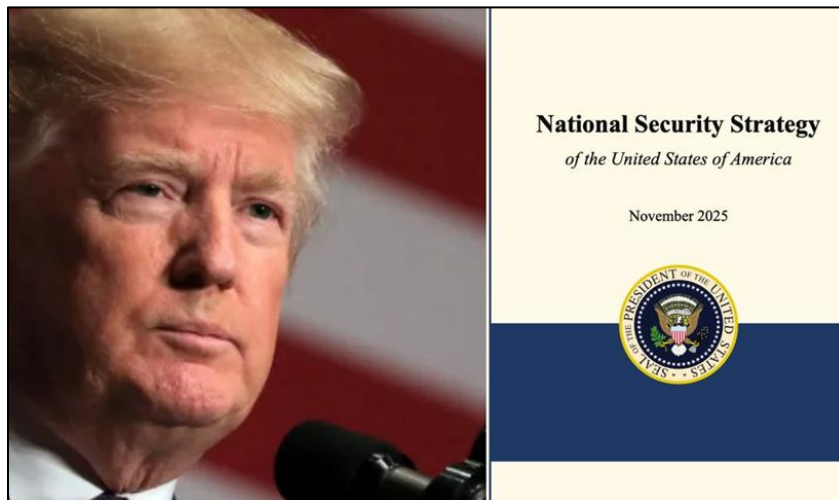


- ❖ A Private Member's Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha in December 2025 to amend the 10th Schedule of the Constitution.

- ❖ The Bill seeks to allow Members of Parliament (MPs) to vote independently on Bills and Motions, reducing strict party whip enforcement.
- ❖ The 10th Schedule was added by the 52nd Amendment Act, 1985.
- ❖ It was designed to prevent unprincipled defections and ensure political stability.
- ❖ Whips are the directions issued by the political parties to MPs/MLAs to vote in a particular manner; defying a whip can lead to disqualification under the 10th Schedule.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

USA national security strategy 2025



- ❖ The Trump administration finally released its much-anticipated National Security Strategy (NSS).
- ❖ U.S. Presidents usually release a National Security Strategy in each White House term.
- ❖ The last, released by Joe Biden in 2022, prioritized winning a competitive edge over China while constraining a "dangerous" Russia.
- ❖ Compared to the first-term NSS issued in December 2017, the new document is noticeably shorter and far more focused on MAGA-oriented.
- ❖ "America First" priorities that significantly narrow the scope of what the US defines as its core national interests.
- ❖ It laid out a radical realignment of U.S. foreign policy.
- ❖ It is shifting the longtime superpower's focus from global to regional.
- ❖ It is criticising Europe as facing "civilizational erasure" and putting a top priority on eliminating mass migration.

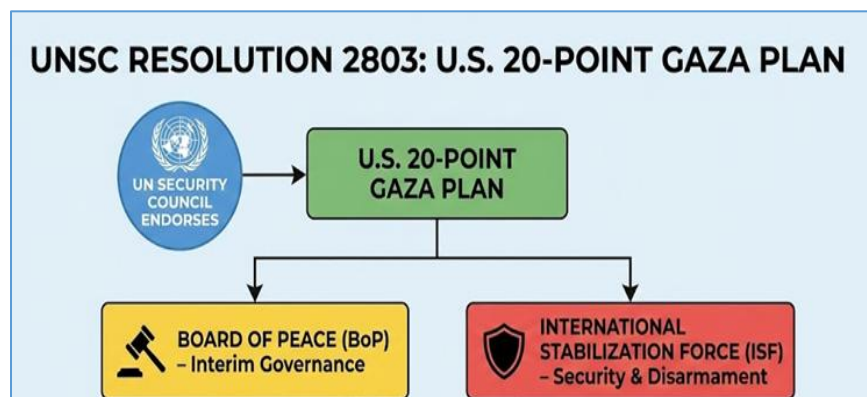


- ❖ It elevates Latin America to the top of the US agenda in a sharp reorientation from longstanding US calls to focus on Asia to face a rising China.
- ❖ It was breaking with decades of attempts to be the sole superpower.
- ❖ The strategy said that the "United States rejects the ill-fated concept of global domination for itself."
- ❖ It said that the United States would also prevent other powers, namely China, from dominating.
- ❖ But it added "This does not mean wasting blood and treasure to curtail the influence of all the world's great and middle powers."
- ❖ The strategy called for a "readjustment of our global military presence to address urgent threats in our Hemisphere," starting with migration.
- ❖ "The era of mass migration must end," the strategy said.
- ❖ The strategy made clear that the United States under Mr. Trump would aggressively pursue similar objectives in Europe, in line with far-right parties' agendas.
- ❖ It seeks an end to the Ukraine war.
- ❖ The strategy accused Europeans of weakness.
- ❖ The strategy speaks in bold terms of pressing US dominance in Latin America, where the Trump administration has been striking alleged drug traffickers at sea, intervening to bring down leftist leaders including in Venezuela, and loudly seeking to take charge of key resources such as the Panama Canal.
- ❖ The strategy cast Mr. Trump as modernizing the two-century-old Monroe Doctrine, in which the then young United States declared Latin America off-limits to rival powers.
- ❖ The strategy paid comparatively little attention to the Middle East, which has long consumed Washington.
- ❖ It was a U.S. priority for Israel to be secure, but stopped short of the fulsome language on Israel used even in the first Trump administration.
- ❖ On China, the strategy repeated calls for a "free and open" Asia-Pacific region but focused more on the nation as an economic competitor.
- ❖ After much speculation on whether Trump would budge on Taiwan, the self-ruling democracy claimed by Beijing, the strategy made clear that the United States supports the decades-old status quo, but called on allies Japan and South Korea to contribute more to ensure Taiwan's defense from China.
- ❖ The strategy predictably puts little focus on Africa, saying the United States should transition away from "liberal ideology" and an "aid-focused relationship" and emphasize goals such as securing critical minerals.

- ❖ It set out Trump's foreign policy vision as one of "flexible realism" and said U.S. policy would be driven above all by "what works for America".
- ❖ It is also noting New Delhi's strategic importance to Washington and identifying India as a key partner in global security and strategic initiatives.
- ❖ The intent is to deepen cooperation with New Delhi across economic, technological and defence sectors.
- ❖ It has dropped any reference to denuclearising North Korea as a goal.
- ❖ It was fuelling speculation that Washington may be angling to boost the chances of a diplomatic breakthrough with Pyongyang (North Korea) in 2026.

UNSC Resolution 2803

- ❖ The UN Security Council passed Resolution 2803 endorsing a 20-point Gaza plan by the U.S. President.
- ❖ The plan proposes a Board of Peace (BoP) to govern Gaza as an interim administration.
- ❖ It also creates an International Stabilization Force (ISF) to ensure security and disarm armed groups.
- ❖ The plan was made without consent from key Palestinian groups, including Hamas.
- ❖ But Hamas has rejected disarmament and the BoP, calling them external control mechanisms.



Washington Accords for Peace and Prosperity 2025

- ❖ The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda signed the Washington Accords for Peace and Prosperity to end years of conflict.
- ❖ The accord includes a peace agreement, an economic cooperation framework, and security arrangements between the two nations.

- ❖ It aims to stop hostilities in eastern DRC, neutralise armed groups, and ensure humanitarian access.
- ❖ The agreement emphasises respect for sovereignty, disarmament, and long-term regional stability.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Lab-Grown Milk



- ❖ Israel-based startup Remilk will commercially launch lab-grown “cow-free” milk from January 2026.
- ❖ Lab-grown milk is real dairy made without cows using biotechnological methods.

- ❖ It contains casein and whey proteins, identical to cow's milk, suitable for cheese, curd, and yogurt.
- ❖ Produced through precision fermentation, where milk-producing genes are inserted into microbes that secrete milk proteins.
- ❖ The milk is lactose-free, cholesterol-free, hormone-free, nutritionally similar to traditional milk, and customizable for fat or lactose content.
- ❖ Lab-grown milk is ethical and climate-friendly, reducing animal use, methane emissions, and environmental impact.

BharatGen AI System initiative

- ❖ The BharatGen Technology Foundation was registered at IIT Bombay.
- ❖ The initiative aims to develop a Large Language Model tailored to India's multilingual and multicultural environment.
- ❖ The project will support over 22 Indian languages in both text and speech.



ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Inter-State Tiger Shift

- ❖ Rajasthan is carrying out its first inter-state tiger translocation by bringing a tigress (Tigress PN-224) from Pench Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ This is the India's second tiger translocation.
- ❖ The tigress will be airlifted to Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (RVTR) to help increase tiger numbers and improve genetic diversity.

- ❖ RVTR is in the Bundi district of Rajasthan, notified in May 2022, and covers 1,501.89 sq km with a core and buffer zone.
- ❖ The reserve forms a natural corridor between the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve, helping tiger movement.
- ❖ The translocation aims to strengthen the new habitat and support long-term conservation under Project Tiger.
- ❖ The donor site, Pench Tiger Reserve, is known for its teak forests and rich wildlife, including tigers, leopards and wild dogs.
- ❖ India's first major inter-state tiger translocation happened in 2018, moving a male tiger (Mahavir from Kanha) and a female (Sundari from Bandhavgarh) from Madhya Pradesh to Odisha's Satkosia Tiger Reserve.

Rajasthan's First Interstate Tiger Translocation Begins



Tigress from Pench Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh) is being airlifted by helicopter to Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (RVTR).


UN Environment Assembly 2025

- ❖ The Seventh UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) was held under the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ❖ UNEA is the highest global environmental decision-making forum and was created in 2012 after the Rio+20 Conference.
- ❖ The theme of UNEA-7 (2025) was “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet.”
- ❖ The assembly approved UNEP’s Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) for 2026–2030 to align global environmental policies.


- ❖ UNEP's MTS focuses on the climate stability, biodiversity conservation, zero pollution, resilient ecosystems, sustainable resource use, and stronger environmental governance.


SEVENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY (UNEA-7)

"ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR A RESILIENT PLANET"

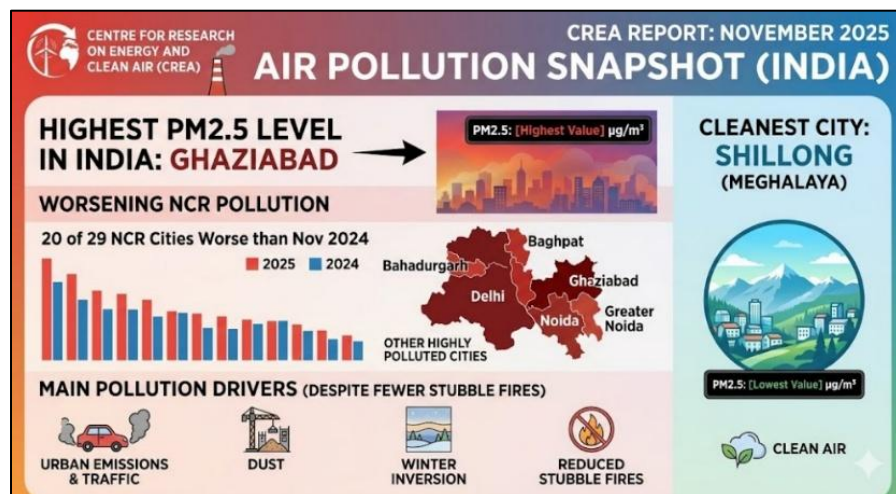


UNEA-7 will be preceded by the seventh meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-7) which will be held from 1 to 5 December 2025.

**DATE**
8th - 12th December, 2025

**Venue**
UNEP headquarters, Nairobi Kenya

India's Most Polluted City - Ghaziabad



- ❖ This report was released by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).
- ❖ Ghaziabad recorded the highest PM_{2.5} level in India in November 2025.

- ❖ The report noted that 20 of 29 National Capital Region (NCR) cities had worse pollution than in November 2024.
- ❖ Other highly polluted NCR cities included Delhi, Noida, Bahadurgarh, Greater Noida and Baghpat.
- ❖ The pollution increase was mainly due to urban emissions, traffic, dust and winter inversion, despite fewer stubble fires.
- ❖ Shillong (Meghalaya) emerged as the cleanest city, with PM2.5.

STATES' NEWS

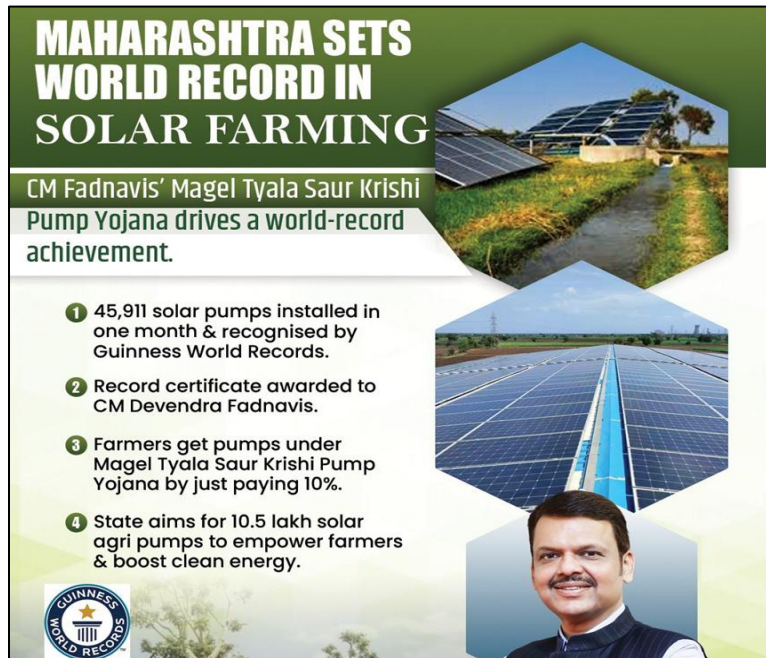
Project Mahadeva



- ❖ The Government of Maharashtra launched Project Mahadeva to find and train boys and girls under 13 years of age in football.
- ❖ The selection was done through district-level, regional and state-level trials across Maharashtra.
- ❖ A total of 30 boys and 30 girls were chosen, and each will receive a full five-year scholarship that includes coaching, academics, nutrition, fitness and training support.
- ❖ As part of the programme, all 60 selected players will train with football legend Lionel Messi at the GOAT Football Clinic in Mumbai.

- ❖ The scheme aims to build a strong grassroots football system by supporting young talent in a long-term manner.

World Record in Solar Pumps installation



- ❖ Maharashtra installed 45,911 off-grid solar agricultural pumps in 30 days, setting a Guinness World Record.
- ❖ The installations were carried out under PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan) Component B and Magel Tyala Saur Krushi Pump Yojana.
- ❖ The state has installed over 7.47 lakh solar pumps so far, aiming for 10.45 lakh.

SPORTS NEWS

ISSF World Cup 2025

- ❖ India won six medals at the 2025 ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) World Cup Final in Doha, Qatar.
- ❖ The medal tally included two golds, three silvers, and one bronze.
- ❖ India finished second in the overall medals table behind China.
- ❖ Gold medals were won by Simranpreet Kaur Brar (women's 25m pistol) and Suruchi Phogat (women's 10m air pistol).

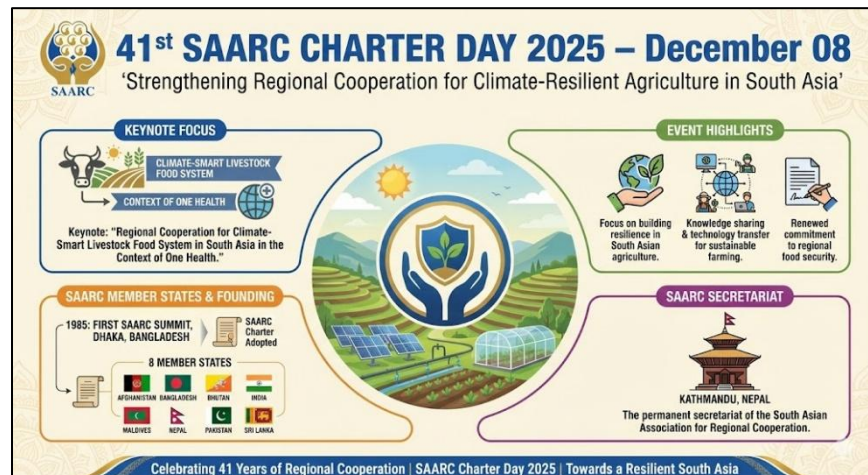
- ❖ Silver medals were won by Sainyam, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar (men's 50m rifle 3 positions), and Anish Bhanwala (men's 25m rapid-fire pistol).
- ❖ Bronze medal was won by Samrat Rana (men's 10m air pistol).

MEDAL TALLY - ISSF WORLD CUP DOHA 2025

RANK	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOT
1	CHN	4	2	3	9
2	IND	2	3	1	6
3	USA	2	2	2	6
4	CZE	1	0	0	1
4	ITA	1	0	0	1

IMPORTANT DAYS

41st SAARC Charter Day 2025 – December 08

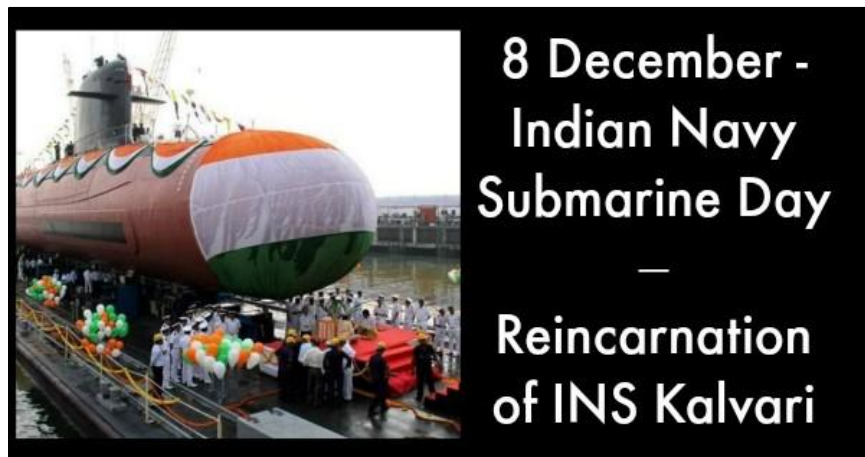


- ❖ This day marks the adoption of the SAARC Charter (1985) at the first SAARC Summit in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- ❖ The 2025 event was aimed to strengthen regional cooperation in climate-resilient agriculture in South Asia.
- ❖ The keynote focused on “Regional Cooperation for Climate-Smart Livestock Food System in South Asia in the Context of One Health”.
- ❖ SAARC is an 8-member regional bloc: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- ❖ The SAARC Secretariat is located in Kathmandu, Nepal.

58th Submarine Day – December 08

- ❖ The day aims to commemorate the induction of INS Kalvari, the first submarine of the Indian Navy, on 8 December 1967.
- ❖ The first observance of Submarine Day was held in 1968.
- ❖ The Navy headquarters is located in New Delhi.

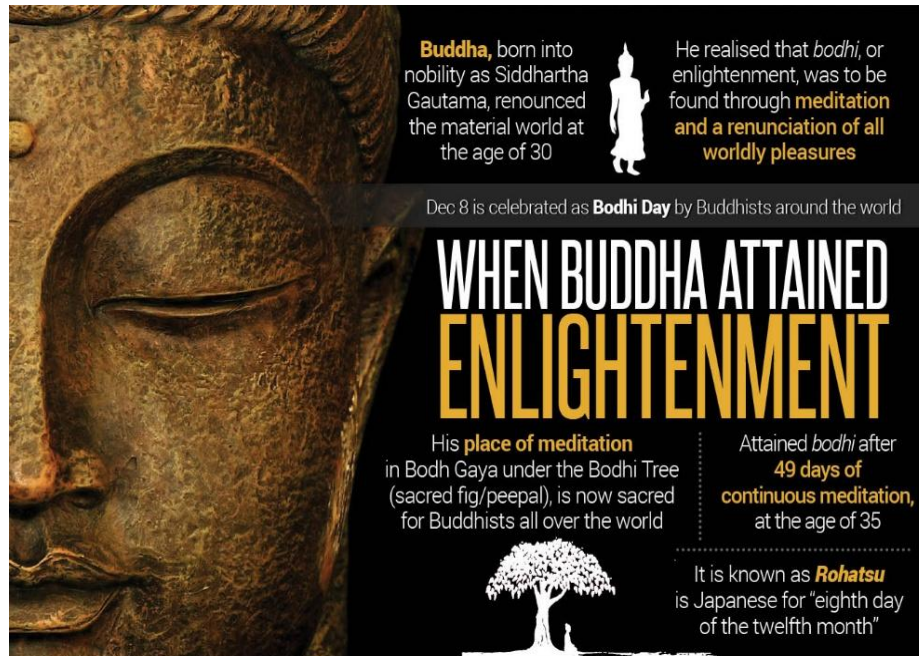


MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Bodhi Day 2025

- ❖ The day is observed to mark Lord Buddha’s enlightenment under the Bodhi tree.
- ❖ It commemorates the awakening of Siddhartha Gautama, who became the Buddha (The Awakened One).
- ❖ This day aims to promote the wisdom, compassion and self-realization through peaceful reflection.
- ❖ The day highlights the core teachings like the Four Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold Path.

- ❖ Bodh Gaya, a UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) site, is the main pilgrimage centre.



200th Birth anniversary of Dadabhai Naoroji

- ❖ India celebrated the 200th birth anniversary of Dadabhai Naoroji (1825–1917) in 2025.
- ❖ It honours his legacy as a nationalist leader, economic thinker, and social reformer.
- ❖ He was born on 4 September 1825 in Bombay and studied at Elphinstone Institute, later becoming the first Indian professor at Elphinstone College.
- ❖ Naoroji developed the Drain of Wealth Theory, showing how British rule drained India's resources through salaries, pensions, remittances, and unequal trade.
- ❖ He was a founding member of the Indian National Congress (INC), served as its president in 1886, 1893, and 1906.
- ❖ He was the first Indian Member of the British Parliament (MP) elected in 1892.
- ❖ He advocated self-government, constitutional methods, and parliamentary democracy, and mentored leaders like Tilak, Gokhale, and Mahatma Gandhi.
- ❖ Naoroji co-founded institutions such as the London Indian Society (1865) and East India Association (1866).
- ❖ He is remembered as the "Grand Old Man of India" and the "Unofficial Ambassador of India".



- ❖ His 1906 INC presidential address was the first to adopt Swaraj as the national goal.

Dadabhai Naoroji, who laid the foundation of India's freedom struggle, died on June 30, 1917

THE GRAND OLD MAN OF INDIA

Was a **professor of mathematics** at Mumbai's Elphinstone College before entering political fray

Played a **key role** in establishing **Indian National Congress in 1885**; was elected to the post of its president thrice

Was **first** to raise the demand for Swaraj in his **presidential address** in 1906

Was **elected** to the **British parliament** in 1892

Authored the book *Poverty and Un-British Rule in India*, which focused on draining of India's wealth

"If we twenty eight crore of Indians were entitled to send only one member to the British parliament, there is no doubt that we would have elected Dadabhai Naoroji unanimously to grace that post"
—Bal Gangadhar Tilak

