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2025 Nobel Prize in Economics

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2025 has been awarded to Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt for their groundbreaking contributions to understanding innovation-driven economic growth. Their work explains how technological progress and creative destruction have transformed economies from stagnation to sustained prosperity over the past two centuries.

Nobel Prize In Economics 2025 Winners

Sr.No	Name	Affiliation	Research Topic
1	Joel Mokyr	Northwestern University, USA	Prerequisites for sustained growth through technological progress
2	Philippe Aghion	Collège de France, INSEAD (France), London School of Economics (UK)	Theory of sustained growth through creative destruction
3	Peter Howitt	Brown University, USA	Theory of sustained growth through creative destruction (jointly with Aghion)

Joel Mokyr's Insights On Historical Growth

- Mokyr used historical evidence to explain why innovation became self-sustaining after the Industrial Revolution.
- He emphasized the need for scientific understanding, cultural openness to new ideas, and societal acceptance of change as foundations for continual progress.
- His research highlighted that before the modern era, stagnation was the norm, as discoveries did not consistently lead to further innovation.



Aghion and Howitt's Theory of Creative Destruction

- In their landmark 1992 paper, Aghion and Howitt developed a mathematical model of creative destruction, showing how new innovations displace old technologies.
- This process fuels productivity and prosperity but also creates economic conflicts, as older firms and workers face displacement.
- They emphasized that societies must manage these transitions constructively to prevent innovation from being blocked by vested interests.

Broader Impact on Economic Thought

- The laureates' combined work has redefined how economists understand long-term growth mechanisms.
- Their findings underline the importance of innovation policy, education, and institutional support to maintain economic dynamism.
- Committee Chair John Hassler noted that "economic growth cannot be taken for granted; we must uphold the mechanisms of creative destruction to avoid stagnation."

Prize Details

- **Announced by:** The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
- **Date:** October 13, 2025
- **Prize Amount:** 11 million Swedish kronor
- **Distribution:** Half to Joel Mokyr; half jointly to Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt.

About the Laureates

- **Joel Mokyr:** Born 1946, Leiden, Netherlands; Ph.D., Yale University (1974).
- **Philippe Aghion:** Born 1956, Paris, France; Ph.D., Harvard University (1987).
- **Peter Howitt:** Born 1946, Canada; Ph.D., Northwestern University (1973).

Filmfare Awards 2025: Full Winners List, Highlights & Key Moments

The **70th Filmfare Awards 2025** celebrated the best of Hindi cinema at a glittering event held at **EKA Arena, Kankaria Lake, Ahmedabad**. The grand evening was hosted by **Shah Rukh Khan**, along with **Karan Johar** and **Maniesh Paul**.

The ceremony saw breathtaking performances by **Shah Rukh Khan, Kriti Sanon, and Kajol**, among others. The highlight of the night was **Kiran Rao's Laapataa Ladies**, which swept **13 awards**, equalling the record set by **Gully Boy** in 2020.

Full Winners List Filmfare Awards 2025

Category	Winner(s)	Film
Best Film	–	Laapataa Ladies
Best Director	Kiran Rao	Laapataa Ladies
Best Actor in Leading Role (Male)	Abhishek Bachchan, Kartik Aaryan	I Want To Talk, Chandu Champion
Best Actor in Leading Role (Female)	Alia Bhatt	Jigra
Critics' Best Actor (Male)	Rajkummar Rao	Srikanth
Critics' Best Actor (Female)	Pratibha Rannta	Laapataa Ladies
Best Supporting Actor (Male)	Ravi Kishan	Laapataa Ladies
Best Supporting Actor (Female)	Chhaya Kadam	Laapataa Ladies
Critics' Award for Best Film	Shoojit Sircar	I Want To Talk
Best Debut Actor (Male)	Lakshya	Kill
Best Debut Actor (Female)	Nitanshi Goel	Laapataa Ladies
Best Debut Director	Kunal Kemmu, Aditya Suhas Jambhale	Madgaon Express, Article 370
Best Story	Aditya Dhar, Monal Thakkar	Article 370
Best Screenplay	Sneha Desai	Laapataa Ladies
Best Dialogue	Sneha Desai	Laapataa Ladies
Best Music Album	Ram Sampath	Laapataa Ladies
Best Lyrics	Prashant Pandey	Laapataa Ladies
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Arijit Singh	Laapataa Ladies
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Madhubanti Bagchi	Stree 2
Best Adapted Screenplay	Ritesh Shah, Tushar Sheetal Jain	I Want To Talk
Best Sound Design	Subash Sahoo	Kill
Best Background Score	Ram Sampath	Laapataa Ladies
Best Action	Seayoung Oh, Parvez Shaikh	Kill

Category	Winner(s)	Film
Best Editing	Shivkumar V. Panicker	Kill
Best Cinematography	Rafey Mehmood	Kill
Best Production Design	Mayur Sharma	Kill
Best Costume Design	Darshan Jalan	Laapataa Ladies
Best VFX	Redefine	Munjya
Best Choreography	Bosco–Caesar	Tauba Tauba (Bad Newz)
Lifetime Achievement Award	Zeenat Aman, Shyam Benegal (Posthumous)	–
RD Burman Award for Upcoming Music Talent	Achint Thakkar	Jigra, Mr & Mrs Mahi

Important Points of Filmfare Awards 2025

- **Laapataa Ladies** became the night's biggest winner with **13 awards**, including Best Film and Best Director.
- **Abhishek Bachchan's** emotional performance in I Want To Talk and **Kartik Aaryan's** inspiring portrayal in Chandu Champion earned them a shared **Best Actor (Male)** trophy.
- **Alia Bhatt** added another feather to her cap with Best Actress for Jigra.
- **Kill** impressed in the technical categories, winning awards for **Action, Editing, and Cinematography**.
- **Veteran icons Zeenat Aman and Shyam Benegal** were honoured with the **Lifetime Achievement Award**.

ICC Player of the Month October 2025

Indian cricket celebrated a proud moment in September 2025 as Abhishek Sharma and Smriti Mandhana were named ICC Players of the Month for their exceptional performances in international cricket. Both left-handed openers, they stood out with match-winning knocks and career milestones that resonated across global rankings and fan votes.

Abhishek Sharma: Dominating the Asia Cup

Performance Highlights

- Abhishek Sharma, 25, emerged as one of the brightest stars in the Asia Cup T20I tournament, scoring 314 runs in 7 matches at an average of 44.85 and a phenomenal strike rate of 200.
- His dynamic batting not only won him the Player of the Tournament title but also saw him reach a record-breaking 931 rating points in the ICC Men's T20I Batting Rankings—the highest ever by any player in the format at the end of the Super Fours stage.

Competitors & Selection

- He edged out contenders like Kuldeep Yadav (India) and Brian Bennett (Zimbabwe) for the ICC monthly honour, winning both expert panel and fan votes.
- Abhishek's ability to perform under pressure has made him a rising figure in India's T20 setup.

Smriti Mandhana: Leading from the Front

ODI Brilliance vs Australia

- Vice-captain Smriti Mandhana showcased elite form in India's ODI series against Australia, scoring 58, 117, and 125 in three innings.
- She totaled 308 runs in four matches during the month, averaging 77 with a strike rate of 135.68.
- In the third ODI, Mandhana achieved the fastest century by an Indian batter in women's ODIs, reaching the milestone in just 50 balls, underlining her aggressive and impactful style at the top of the order.

Nominees & Voting

- Mandhana triumphed over Tazmin Brits (South Africa) and Sidra Amin (Pakistan) to win the ICC Women's Player of the Month award.
- Her contributions were pivotal during India's ongoing ICC Women's World Cup 2025 campaign.

National Affairs

- **Siddi Tribal Community Achieves Historic Literacy Milestone:** The Indo-African Siddi tribal community, recognized as a PVTG since 2003, has achieved a remarkable 72% literacy rate, earning appreciation from the President of India.
- **Sugamya Bharat App Relaunched with AI Support:** The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's revamped accessibility app now features AI-powered chatbot assistance, supports 10 Indian languages, and provides centralized access to government schemes for persons with disabilities and the elderly.
- **India Unveils \$77 Billion Hydro Plan Amid China's Dam Push:** India announced a ₹6.4 trillion (\$77 billion) hydroelectric transmission plan to harness over 76 GW of power from the Brahmaputra basin by 2047, including 208 large hydro projects in northeastern states to address electricity demand and strategic concerns over China's upstream dam.
- **Vaishnav Endorses Mappls as India's Answer to Google Maps:** Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav endorsed Mappls navigation app, leading to a tenfold spike in downloads and pushing it to #2 on Apple's App Store with over 1 crore downloads on Google Play, reinforcing the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

- **India Post Resumes US Services:** International postal services to the United States resumed on October 15, 2025, after a two-month suspension, adopting a Delivery Duty Paid (DDP) mechanism with flat 50% duty on FOB value to expedite customs clearance.
- **LIMBS Live Cases Dashboard Activated:** Legal Information Management and Briefing System launched a real-time dashboard on October 14, 2025, monitoring 7 lakh+ active government litigation cases across 53 ministries to improve coordination and reduce delays.
- **Female Labour Force Participation Surges:** India's Female Labour Force Participation Rate rose from 23% (2017-18) to 42% (2023-24), marking the largest increase among BRICS nations driven by skilling programs, digital platforms, and women-centric policies including 730 days child care leave.
- **Finance Commission Deadline Extended:** Government extended the 16th Finance Commission's report deadline to November 30, 2025, chaired by Arvind Panagariya, to allow more deliberation on tax-sharing recommendations for 2026-31 amid post-pandemic fiscal uncertainties.
- **NHAI Targets 100% Waste Utilization:** National Highways Authority of India aims to use 100% municipal waste in road construction by 2027, having already utilized 80 lakh tonnes including bio-bitumen from livestock waste on major highway projects.
- **Railways Launches Door-to-Door Services:** Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnav inaugurated three new freight services including Assured Transit Container and Door-to-Door Parcel services, claiming 7.5% cost savings and 30% speed gains over road-only transportation.
- **PM Narendra Modi inaugurated projects worth ₹13,430 crore in Kurnool, covering industry, power, defence, and roads.** He praised clean energy progress and announced plans for **Visakhapatnam as an AI & Connectivity Hub**.
- **India celebrates FAO's 80 years partnership;** Agriculture Secretary highlights India's journey from **food deficiency to self-sufficiency**.



- Government launched ₹600 crore **Kapas Kranti Mission** to boost **long-staple cotton cultivation** using **HDP techniques** and **digital tools** like **Kapas Kisan App**.
- NITI Aayog's **Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)** and **DP World** launched '**We Rise**' to mentor **100 women-led MSMEs** for export readiness.
- AIIA marks **9 years** of excellence in **Ayurvedic education, research, and patient care**. Treated **30 lakh+** patients, launched **Health & Wellness Centres**, and signed **73 MoUs** to promote global Ayurveda.
- UIDAI invites designs for an **Aadhaar mascot** with a prize of **₹1 lakh**. Contest open till **31 October 2025** on **MyGov portal**. Mascot to symbolize **trust, inclusivity, and digital innovation**.
- IISF 2025 to be held **6–9 December** in **Chandigarh**, theme: "**Vigyan se Samruddhi: For Atma Nirbhar Bharat**". Focus on **science & technology, societal impact, and traditional-modern integration**.

States in the News

- **India's First Semiconductor Innovation Museum Opens in Hyderabad**: The T-Chip program inaugurated the museum on October 12, 2025, showcasing India's first indigenous AI chip, AI-powered humanoid robots, and reusable rocket engine prototypes to boost innovation and investment in the semiconductor sector.
- **Telangana Leads UPI Transaction Intensity**: Reserve Bank of India's September 2025 study using PhonePe data revealed Telangana tops per-capita UPI transaction intensity, followed by Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Delhi, driven by urban centers, migration, and smartphone penetration with rising peer-to-merchant payments under ₹500.
- **Harsh Sanghavi sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat** in major cabinet reshuffle by CM Bhupendra Patel, strengthening BJP leadership.
- **Telangana tops in recovering 1 lakh+ lost/stolen phones** through **CEIR portal**, with **Hyderabad commissionerate** recovering nearly 15,000 devices.

International Affairs

- **Palau President Conducts World's First Live Underwater Interview**: President Surangel Whipps Jr. made history using Li-Fi technology beneath the Pacific Ocean with marine activist Merle Liivand, highlighting ocean conservation, coral bleaching, and climate threats facing small island nations.
- **IMF Revises India Growth Forecast**: International Monetary Fund raised India's 2025–26 GDP growth forecast to 6.6% from 6.4% due to strong early-quarter activity but trimmed 2026–27 projection to 6.2%, citing U.S. tariff headwinds while maintaining global growth at 3.2% for 2025 and 3.1% for 2026.

- Uruguay becomes the first **Latin American country** to legalize **euthanasia**, allowing terminally ill patients to seek medically assisted death under strict conditions.
- India elected as **Co-Chair** of **UN Global Geospatial Information Management (Asia-Pacific)** for three years, highlighting its leadership in **geospatial technology**.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **DRDO-SECI Solar Partnership Launched**: Defence Research & Development Organisation and Solar Energy Corporation of India signed an MoU to develop 300 MW solar capacity across DRDO establishments by 2027, strengthening energy security and defence sustainability goals.

Books and Authors

- **The Book titled "Mahatma Gandhi and the Environment: Analysing Gandhian Environmental Thought"** by **T.N. Khoshoo** explores Mahatma Gandhi's views on environmentalism and their contemporary relevance, particularly in the context of climate change and resource depletion.
- In October 2025, **Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence(MoD)**, released the book "**Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II: Shaping a Future Ready Force**", written by Chief of Defense Staff (CDS), **General Anil Chauhan**.
- In October 2025, Malayalam poet and lyricist **B.K. Harinarayanan** authored the biography titled '**Sivam Subham: The Biography of a Couple**', featuring M.S. Subba Lakshmi and her husband T. Sadasivam. The book was published by **Current Books**.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **HSBC Commits \$1 Billion to Support Indian Startups**: HSBC's Innovation Banking platform will provide non-dilutive debt capital to early and growth-stage startups, making India the 13th market to access this service and supporting the nation's \$1 trillion startup economy goal by 2030.
- **Private Sector Professionals Now Eligible for SBI MD and PSU ED Positions**: The government has opened one of SBI's four Managing Director positions and select Executive Director roles in public sector banks to private sector candidates with 21 years (MD) and 18 years (ED) banking experience.
- **Sonali Sen Gupta Appointed as RBI Executive Director**: With over 30 years of experience and an MBA in Banking and Finance, Sen Gupta will lead Consumer Education and Protection, Financial Inclusion and Development, and Inspection departments effective October 9, 2025.

- **RBI Launches Unified Markets Interface for Tokenized Finance:** The next-generation infrastructure enables tokenization of financial assets and settlements using wholesale CBDC, while Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced new fintech products including AI-based UPI HELP and IoT Payments with UPI.
- **RBI Eases Rupee Lending to Boost Trade with Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka:** RBI allowed Indian banks and their overseas branches to lend in Indian Rupees to residents and banks in Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, and extended the repatriation period for unutilized foreign currency account balances from one month to three months.
- **India's Net Direct Tax Collection Rises 6.33% to ₹11.89 Lakh Crore:** India's net direct tax collection increased by 6.33% to over ₹11.89 lakh crore till October 12, driven by strong corporate tax collections and a 16% decline in refund payouts, with the government targeting ₹25.20 lakh crore for fiscal year 2025-26.
- **Retail Inflation Falls to 1.54% in September, 8-Year Low:** India's retail inflation dropped to an eight-year low of 1.54% in September 2025, down from 2.07% in August, with food inflation remaining in deflation at -2.28% for the fourth consecutive month due to falling prices of vegetables, oil, fruits, pulses, and cereals.
- **AdaniConnex-Google Mega Data Centre Announced:** AdaniConnex and Google unveiled a \$15 billion project to build India's largest data-centre campus in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, with 1 gigawatt initial capacity scalable to multiple GW, featuring subsea cable gateway and clean-energy investments to position India as an AI infrastructure hub.
- **Bajaj Finserv AMC launched 'Pay with Mutual Fund',** enabling UPI payments directly from mutual fund investments (up to ₹50,000). Developed with Curie Money, it combines investment growth with instant liquidity.
- **BLS International got a 3-year contract** from the MEA to operate Indian Visa Centres in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, reopening tourism ties after 2020.
- **Adani Group** to build a ₹4,081 crore ropeway from Sonprayag to Kedarnath, reducing the 9-hour trek to 36 minutes.
- **Ola Electric** launched 'Ola Shakti', a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) based on 4680 Bharat Cell tech, made at Ola Gigafactory.
- India's trade deficit widened to \$32.15 billion, the highest in 11 months, due to higher imports after US tariff hikes. Exports stood at \$36.38 bn, imports at \$68.53 bn.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Tarun Garg** becomes the first Indian to lead Hyundai Motor India Ltd, effective Jan 1, 2026.
- **Nirmal Kumar Minda** named President of Assocham, with Axis Bank CEO Amitabh Chaudhry as Senior Vice-President

- **IMF Appoints Dan Katz as First Deputy MD:** International Monetary Fund confirmed Dan Katz as First Deputy Managing Director effective October 6, 2025, bringing experience from U.S. Treasury, Manhattan Institute, and Goldman Sachs to handle multilateral economic strategy amid trade and inflation challenges.
- The **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** has appointed **Anant Goenka**, Vice Chairperson of the RPG Group, as its President-Elect for 2025-26. This announcement was made on Tuesday and marks a key leadership transition in one of India's oldest and most influential business chambers.
- Activist **Akkai Padmashali** appointed to Supreme Court panel on transgender rights, enhancing LGBTQIA+ representation at the national level.

Defence News

- **India to Host UN Peacekeeping Chiefs' Conclave in Delhi:** The Indian Army will host senior military leaders from 32 troop-contributing nations from October 14 for a three-day conclave focusing on peacekeeping challenges, with addresses from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr. Jaishankar.
- **India-Australia Joint Military Exercise AUSTRALIND 2025 Begins:** The fourth edition commenced on October 13 in Perth with a 120-member Indian contingent led by a Gorkha Rifles Battalion, focusing on joint operations, interoperability, and sub-conventional warfare in urban and semi-desert terrains.
- India and South Korea began their first bilateral naval exercise at Busan Naval Base, featuring INS Sahyadri and ROKS Gyeongnam.
- The 5th Samudra Shakti 2025 was held in Visakhapatnam, enhancing maritime cooperation under Act East Policy.

Awards and Recognitions

- **13 Forest Rangers Honored with 2025 International Ranger Awards:** The IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas recognized rangers and teams from 13 countries for their bravery in protecting wildlife and forests, with India's Minister Kirti Vardhan Singh praising them as unsung heroes.
- **Filmfare Awards 2025: Laapataa Ladies Dominates with 13 Wins:** The 70th Filmfare Awards held at EKA Arena, Ahmedabad, saw Kiran Rao's film winning Best Film and Best Director, matching Gully Boy's 2020 record, while Alia Bhatt won Best Actress and Abhishek Bachchan and Kartik Aaryan shared Best Actor honors.

- **Kaziranga Director Sonali Ghosh Wins Global Sustainability Award:** Sonali Ghosh, Director of Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, became the first Indian to receive the prestigious Kenton R. Miller Award from IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas in Abu Dhabi for her community-driven conservation model blending traditional knowledge with modern science.
- **Shah Rukh Khan Becomes 1st Actor To Billionaire Club:** Shah Rukh Khan became the world's first Bollywood billionaire actor with a net worth of \$1.4 billion (₹12,490 crore), surpassing global stars like Taylor Swift and Tom Cruise, as highlighted in the M3M Hurun India Rich List 2025 through his film success and business ventures.

Summits and Conferences News

- **Three Landmark Accessibility Initiatives Launched at Purple Fest 2025:** The International Purple Fest in Goa unveiled the IELTS Training Handbook by BITI, Certification in ISL Interpretation for SODA and CODA by ISLRTC, and Specialized Training in American and British Sign Languages to boost inclusive education for persons with disabilities.
- **45th GITEX Global Opens in Dubai with 6,800+ Exhibitors:** The 45th GITEX Global, the world's largest technology and AI showcase, kicked off in Dubai with over 6,800 exhibitors from 180+ countries running till October 17, featuring India's largest-ever participation with 237 exhibitors showcasing AI, cloud, and emerging tech.
- **At IUCN Congress (Abu Dhabi),** India announced its **national Red List of 11,000 species** and recognition of **Dugong Conservation Reserve in Tamil Nadu.**
- **India-Mongolia Strategic Summit:** PM Narendra Modi hosted Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa on October 14, 2025, signing 10 MoUs covering digital cooperation, heritage restoration, and cultural exchanges while announcing free e-visas for Mongolians and reaffirming support for a \$1.7 billion oil refinery project.



- **Uttarakhand AI Impact Summit 2025** held as a pre-event to **India-AI Summit 2026.** Minister Jitin Prasada highlighted **affordable world-class computing power** and AI's role in **governance and education.**
- **Sharm El-Sheikh Gaza Summit:** Donald Trump joined leaders of Egypt, Qatar, and Turkey on October 13, 2025, to sign the "Trump Declaration for Enduring Peace and Prosperity," proposing a ceasefire and rehabilitation plan for Gaza with security, humanitarian access, and reconstruction commitments, though Israel and Hamas were absent.

Ranks and Reports

- **Climate Change Threatens 43% of Natural World Heritage Sites:** The IUCN World Heritage Outlook 4 report reveals declining conservation status due to climate change, invasive species, and wildlife diseases, urging urgent climate adaptation and Indigenous Peoples' leadership for protection.
- **Singapore Tops Henley Passport Index 2025:** Singapore secured the top position with visa-free access to 193 destinations while India slipped to rank 85, reflecting changing visa policies and diplomatic reciprocity, with China at 64, Bhutan at 89, Pakistan at 106, and Afghanistan at 110.

Sports News

- **Srihari Nataraj Shines at Asian Aquatics:** Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj emerged as the standout performer at the 11th Asian Aquatics Championships, winning 7 medals, while Bhavya Sachdeva clinched India's first women's medal with a bronze in 400m freestyle as the meet also served as a qualifier for the 2026 Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan.
- **Cape Verde becomes the second smallest country** to qualify for FIFA World Cup. India lost to Singapore, missing out on 2027 Asian Cup.
- **India Hosts Asian Aquatics Championships:** India hosted its first-ever Asian Aquatics Championships at Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad (Sept 28–Oct 11, 2025), with 1,100+ participants from 29 countries competing across 65 events, achieving its best-ever medal haul of 13 medals (4 silver, 9 bronze).
- In October 2025, Australian swimmer **Ariarne Elizabeth Titmus**, a specialist in middle-distance freestyle, officially announced her retirement from competitive swimming, citing a combination of personal and health-related reasons.

- In October 2025, Union Minister **Amit Shah**, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) announced that Commonwealth Association has approved India's bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games (**CWG 2030**). The centenary edition of the CWG will be held in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**, marking India's second time hosting the Games after the 2010 Delhi edition.
- In October 2025, Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), announced that the 5th edition of the Khelo India University Games (**KIUG 2025**) will be held across seven cities in Rajasthan from November 24 to December 5, 2025.
- On 10th October 2025, former Indian cricketer and Bharat Ratna **Sachin Tendulkar** launched his first sportswear and athleisure brand "**TEN x You**", to promote fitness and sports in India.
- In October 2025, the second and final Test of the India-West Indies series took place at Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi, where **India** secured a **7-wicket victory** to clinch the series 2-0 against West Indies.
- **The 2025 International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) World Weightlifting Championships** held in Fjorde, Norway, from October 2–11, 2025. **Mirabai Chanu**: (India) – In the Women's 48 kg, lifted 84 kg in the Snatch (winning bronze) and 115 kg in the Clean & Jerk (winning silver), achieving a total of 199 kg, earning the silver medal overall and setting **two** new National Records (**NRs**).

Schemes and Committees News

- **PM Modi Launches ₹24,000 Crore Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana**: The Prime Minister launched the agricultural productivity scheme along with the ₹11,440 crore Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, inaugurating projects worth over ₹42,000 crore to promote sustainable farming and pulses self-reliance.
- **Labour Minister Unveils "Vishwas" Scheme to End EPF Litigation**: Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched the Vishwas Scheme at the 238th Central Board of Trustees meeting to curb EPF litigation through rationalized penal damages, along with new digital tools and simplified partial withdrawal norms.
- **PM GatiShakti Completes 4 Years of Infrastructure Integration**: The PM GatiShakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity celebrates its fourth anniversary, integrating 44 Central Ministries and 36 States/UTs to ensure seamless infrastructure coordination since its launch on October 13, 2021.
- **Assam CM Launches "CM Flight" for Global Careers**: The Assam Chief Minister launched the "CM Flight" initiative to empower youth for global careers through world-class training, international exposure, job placements, and mentorship, targeting unemployment, brain drain, and skill gaps.

- **LIC launched Jan Suraksha (880) for low-income groups and Bima Lakshmi (881) for women**, offering life cover, maturity, and guaranteed returns.

Science and Technology News

- **EY, Microsoft Launch Free AI Skills Training in India**: EY India and Microsoft launched the AI Skills Passport, a free online program in English and Hindi offering 10 hours of self-paced AI fundamentals training for students and early-career professionals aged 16+, with verifiable digital badges upon completion.
- **GalaxEye to Launch World's First Multi-Sensor EO Satellite in 2026**: Indian space-tech startup GalaxEye will launch Mission Drishti, the world's first multi-sensor Earth Observation satellite in early 2026, combining SAR and optical sensors offering 1.5-meter resolution imagery for defense, disaster management, agriculture, and infrastructure sectors.
- **Google to Invest \$15 Billion in AI Data Centre in Andhra Pradesh**: Google announced a \$15 billion investment to establish a world-class AI Data Centre in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, marking its biggest investment in India and creating about 188,000 jobs between 2025-2030 under the Digital India and AI Mission Bharat vision.
- **AR Rahman and Google Cloud launched Secret Mountain**, creating **AI-powered music avatars** using **Gemini 2.5 Pro** and **Veo 3** technologies.

Important Days News

- **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction Observed on October 13**: The day highlights global efforts to reduce vulnerability to natural hazards through prevention, preparedness, and resilience-building, promoting a shift from post-disaster response to pre-disaster action with UNESCO's support.
- **World Standards Day 2025 Celebrates Global Collaboration for a Better Future**: World Standards Day is celebrated on October 14 annually to honor experts and organizations like IEC, ISO, and ITU who develop international standards promoting interoperability, safety, trade, and sustainable development, with the 2025 theme "A Shared Vision for a Better World."
- **International Day for Eradication of Poverty – 17 Oct 2025 which is Observed every 17 October**, the day promotes **dialogue, dignity, and justice**. India's **extreme poverty** fell from **16.2% (2011-12)** to **2.3% (2022-23)** — lifting **171 million people**.
- On **World Menopause Day**, Ayurveda offers **holistic care** for menopausal symptoms through **natural remedies**. Focus on **emotional resilience, healthy aging, and quality of life**.

Obituaries News

- Veteran Actor Pankaj Dheer Passes Away:** Legendary actor Pankaj Dheer, best known for his iconic portrayal of Karna in B.R. Chopra's Mahabharat, passed away in Mumbai on October 15, 2025, at age 68 after battling cancer, leaving behind a landmark legacy in Indian television mythology and films including Baadshah (1999) and Zameen (2003).
- Renowned Actress and Oscar Award Winner **Diane Keaton** passed away at the age of 79 in California, the United States of America (USA). She was born on January 5, 1946, in Los Angeles in California.
- Goa's Agriculture Minister and former Chief Minister (CM) **Ravi Sitaram Naik** passed away at the age of 79 in Ponda, Goa. He was born on 2nd September 1946.

Static Takeaways

Organizations and Countries

Country	Leader & Position	Capital	Currency	Additional Information
Qatar	Mohammad bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani (PM)	Doha	Qatari Riyal (QAR)	-
France	Emmanuel Macron (President)	Paris	Euro (EUR)	-
Australia	Anthony Albanese (PM)	Canberra	Australian Dollar (AUD)	-
Maldives	Mohamed Muizzu (President)	Male	Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)	-
Barbados	Mia Amor Mottley (PM)	Bridgetown	Barbados Dollar (BBD)	-
Indonesia	Prabowo Subianto Djojohadikusumo (President)	Jakarta	Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)	-
Madagascar	Ruphin Zafisambo (PM)	Antananarivo	Malagasy Ariary (MGA)	Gained independence from France in 1960; Located in Indian Ocean off Africa's east coast
Mongolia	Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh (President)	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolian Turk (MNT)	-

Indian States and Union Territories

State/UT	Chief Minister	Governor/Lt. Governor	Capital	Other Details
Andhra Pradesh	Nara Chandrababu Naidu	Justice (Rtd.) Syed Abdul Nazeer	Amaravati	Zoological Parks: Indira Gandhi ZP, Sri Venkateswara ZP; National Parks: Rajiv Gandhi NP, Papikonda NP
Puducherry (UT)	N. Rangaswamy	K. Kailashnathan (Lt. Governor)	-	Stadium: Indira Gandhi Sports Complex (outdoor)

International Organizations

Organization	Head & Position	Headquarters	Established	Additional Information
Amnesty International	Agnès Callamard (Secretary-General)	London, UK	1961	-
World Egg Organisation (WEO)	Juan Felipe Montoya Muñoz (Chairman)	London, UK	1964	Formerly International Egg Commission (IEC); Rebranded in January 2025
UNICEF	Catherine Russell (ED)	New York, USA	1946	United Nations Children's Fund
Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)	Daniel Schaffer (CEO)	Copenhagen, Denmark	1981	World's largest environmental education organization; 110+ member organizations in 85 countries

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United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)	Kamal Kishore (Head)	Geneva, Switzerland	1999	-
International Organization for Standardization (ISO)	Dr. Sung Hwan Cho (President)	Geneva, Switzerland	1947	-
United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)	Volker Turk (UN High Commissioner for Human Rights)	Geneva, Switzerland	2006	-
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Kristalina Georgieva (MD)	Washington DC, USA	1944	191 member nations
International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)	Mohamed Hassan (President)	Lausanne, Switzerland	1905	-
UN Women	Sima Sami Bahous (ED)	New York, USA	2010	UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
WHO SEARO	Saima Wazed (Regional Director)	New Delhi, Delhi	1948	10 member nations: Bangladesh, Bhutan, DPRK, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste
Henley & Partners	Dr. Juerg Steffen (CEO)	London, UK	1997	-
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Grethel Aguilar (DG)	Gland, Switzerland	1948	-
United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)	-	New York, USA	2011	Established by UN's ECOSOC
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Qu Dongyu (DG)	Rome, Italy	1945	-
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Inger Anderson (ED)	Nairobi, Kenya	1972	UN's leading global authority on environment; Focuses on climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution and waste

Indian Organizations

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PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)	-	New Delhi, Delhi	1905	Leading industry association; International office in Bahrain serving 6 GCC countries
Indian Army (IA)	General Upendra Dwivedi (CoAS)	New Delhi, Delhi	1895	Motto: Seva Paramo Dharma (Service Before Self)
Bank of India (BoI)	Rajneesh Karnatak (MD & CEO)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1906	-
GalaxEye Space	Suyash Singh (CEO)	Bengaluru, Karnataka	2021	-
Swimming Federation of India (SFI)	R.N. Jayprakash (President)	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	1948	-
National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog	Narendra Modi (Chairman - PM of India); Sumant K Bery (Vice Chairperson)	New Delhi, Delhi	2015	-
Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)	Ramesh Krishnamurthi (CPFC)	New Delhi, Delhi	1952	-

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Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)	Dr. Samir Vankatpati Kamat (Chairman)	New Delhi, Delhi	1958	R&D wing of Ministry of Defence
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)	Dr. V. Narayanan (Chairman)	Bengaluru, Karnataka	1969	-
New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA)	Dr. Venkata Ramana Akkaraju (Chairperson)	Panambur, Mangalore, Karnataka	1975	-
Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)	R. Doraiswamy (CEO & MD)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1956	-

Indian Ministries

Ministry	Union Minister	Minister of State	Additional Information
Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I)	Piyush Goyal (Mumbai North, Maharashtra)	Jitin Prasada (Pilibhit, UP)	-
Ministry of Mines (MoM)	G. Kishan Reddy (Secunderabad, Telangana)	Satish Chandra Dubey (Rajya Sabha - Bihar)	-
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Rajnath Singh (Lucknow, UP)	Sanjay Seth (Ranchi, Jharkhand)	-

