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Launch of Mission Watershed PUNARUTTHAN in Nagaland

- ✓ The mission Watershed PUNARUTTHAN launched in Nagaland to revive water bodies.
- ✓ Mission Watershed PUNARUTTHAN was launched along with the State-Level Watershed Mahotsav 2025 at Naga Solidarity Park in Kohima.
- ✓ The mission was initiated to revive traditional water bodies, restore degraded land and strengthen water-harvesting systems in Nagaland.
- ✓ The program is being implemented with community participation and convergence with schemes such as MGNREGA.
- ✓ The launch was addressed by Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar.
- ✓ The minister stated that water security has been recognized as a matter of national security.
- ✓ Nagaland's role in community-led watershed management was highlighted as a model for future generations.



- ✓ Under PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, 14 watershed projects have been approved in the state so far.
- ✓ An amount of ₹ 140 crore was sanctioned, of which ₹ 80 crore has been released.
- ✓ As part of watershed development, 555 water-harvesting structures were renovated, and 120 springs were restored.
- ✓ Dr. Chandrasekhar explained that Northeastern states receive 90% central assistance, while the typical center-state ratio is 60:40.
- ✓ He emphasized that India has only 4% of the world's renewable freshwater resources, yet it is home to 18% of the world's population.

Rajasthan Becomes the First State to Achieve 100% Digitisation of Voter Rolls under SIR

- ✓ Rajasthan became the first state to digitise 100% voter rolls under SIR.
- ✓ Complete digitisation of electoral rolls under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) was achieved by Rajasthan.
- ✓ The state was declared the first in the country to accomplish 100% digitisation of voter data.
- ✓ The achievement was attributed to coordinated efforts of BLOs, supervisors, and district election officials.
- ✓ Over 97% voter mapping has been completed, significantly reducing document requirements.
- ✓ As a result, only about 3% of voters will need to submit documents during claims and objections.
- ✓ High-quality voter mapping has made the SIR process simpler, more transparent and efficient.
- ✓ The dedication of grassroots-level staff was recognised as central to the success.



- ✓ The draft electoral roll will be published on December 16.
- ✓ Claims and objections can be filed from December 16 to January 15, 2026.
- ✓ The final electoral roll is scheduled to be published on February 14, 2026.

NMDC and IIT Kanpur Sign MoU to Strengthen Cybersecurity

- ✓ An MoU signed between NMDC and IIT Kanpur to strengthen cybersecurity.
- ✓ An MoU has been signed between India's largest iron ore producer, NMDC, and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur in a landmark move aimed at strengthening industry–academia collaboration.
- ✓ The agreement was aimed at promoting digital technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.
- ✓ The MoU was signed by senior officials of NMDC and IIT Kanpur in the presence of academic leadership.
- ✓ Collaboration will be undertaken in cybersecurity risk assessment and governance frameworks.
- ✓ Joint efforts will cover security operations, incident response and compliance support.
- ✓ Training programmes and capacity-building initiatives will be conducted jointly.
- ✓ Research projects and pilot studies will be carried out under the agreement.
- ✓ Proof-of-concept digital solutions will be co-developed by both institutions.
- ✓ The MoU reflects NMDC's commitment to becoming a future-ready and digitally robust mining organisation.



Squash World Cup is being hosted by India for the third consecutive time

- ✓ Squash World Cup is being hosted by India for the third consecutive time in Chennai at the SDAT Stadium from 9 December until the 14th December.
- ✓ Twelve nations will participate, including host India and defending champions Egypt.
- ✓ Each team has been composed of two men and two women players.
- ✓ Matches follow the format introduced at the 2023 Games, consisting of seven points with a sudden death tiebreak at 6-6.
- ✓ Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar will represent India in the men's category.
- ✓ Former World No.10 Joshna Chinappa has returned to strengthen the women's team.
- ✓ Anahat Singh will make her World Cup debut for India.
- ✓ India will aim to improve upon its third-place finish achieved in the 2023 edition.



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Lando Norris won his first Formula One World Championship

- ✓ Lando Norris finished third in controlled drive in Abu Dhabi that delivered the points he needed.
- ✓ His result secured McLaren's first drivers' crown in over ten years.
- ✓ Max Verstappen dominated the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix for his eighth win of the year. However, he could not overturn Norris' overall points lead.
- ✓ Oscar Piastri supported McLaren's title push with a solid second place.
- ✓ Ferrari's Charles Leclerc could not threaten Norris' secure championship position. George Russell finished a distant fifth.

The list of F1 World Championship wins since 2020:

- ✓ 2025 - Lando Norris (Britain), McLaren
- ✓ 2024 - Max Verstappen (Netherlands), Red Bull
- ✓ 2023 - Max Verstappen (Netherlands), Red Bull
- ✓ 2022 - Max Verstappen (Netherlands), Red Bull
- ✓ 2021 - Max Verstappen (Netherlands), Red Bull
- ✓ 2020 - Lewis Hamilton (Britain), Mercedes



A bill to amend the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act has been introduced by the state government

- ✓ Its aim is to standardise trust governance, reduce litigation, and ensure routine oversight among trust Board members.
- ✓ The bill inserts a new section 30A for the appointment of tenure trustees and perpetual trustees when instrument of trusts does not include any specific provision.
- ✓ The bill says the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act was made to regulate the administration of public, religious and charitable trusts in Maharashtra.
- ✓ According to the Bill, Maharashtra Public Trusts Act was also enacted to make provisions for the administration of public, religious and charitable trusts in Maharashtra.
- ✓ As per the bill, perpetual trustees (appointed for life) cannot be more than 25% of the total strength of the Board of Trustees.
- ✓ If term for the appointment of a trustee is not specified in the trust deed they will be deemed to be a tenure trustee, usually for up to five years.



- ✓ The Bill also amends subsection (6) of Section 18 of the Act.
- ✓ It also increases the penalties for violation of certain provisions of the Act.
- ✓ Public trusts, including major temples and charities, may invest up to half of their corpus in approved market-linked securities.
- ✓ They may do so without needing individual approvals from the Charity Commissioner.

Sanskar Saraswat Wins Men's Singles Title at the 2025 Guwahati Masters

- ✓ In badminton, Sanskar Saraswat won Men's Singles Title at 2025 Guwahati Masters.
- ✓ He won over his compatriot Mithun Manjunath 21-11, 17-21, 21-13 in the final.
- ✓ This victory marks first Super 100 title of Sanskar.
- ✓ In men's doubles, India's Pruthvi Krishnamurthy Roy and K. Sai Pratheek lost match against Malaysia's Aaron Tai and Kang Khai Xing.
- ✓ The Malaysian pair secured the title with a score of 21-13, 21-18.
- ✓ 2025 Guwahati Masters took place at the Sarju Sarai Indoor Sports Complex, Guwahati, Assam from 2 to 7 December 2025.
- ✓ It was also known as Yonex-Sunrise Guwahati Masters 2025. It was the third edition of Guwahati Masters championships.



The eighth Smart India Hackathon 2025 has started on 8 December across 60 nodal centres in India

- ✓ The 8th edition of the Smart India Hackathon was announced by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell and AICTE.
- ✓ The Software Grand Finale is being hosted by Prin. L. N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development & Research (WeSchool) in Mumbai on 8 December and 9 December.
- ✓ This year's hackathon received 72,165 idea submissions from 68,766 student teams.
- ✓ The submissions addressed 271 problem statements from ministries, government departments, PSUs, and industries.
- ✓ Out of these, 1,360 teams qualified for the Grand Finale. These teams comprised more than 8000 students and over 1300 mentors.
- ✓ Since 2017, Smart India Hackathon has expanded into the world's largest open innovation platform.
- ✓ It promotes design thinking, creative problem-solving, and entrepreneurship.
- ✓ The 2025 edition is focused on space technology, clean energy, cybersecurity, defence, MedTech, robotics, and smart education.



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- ✓ He was a veteran socialist leader and prominent activist in labour and social justice movements of Maharashtra.
- ✓ He is revered across the Maharashtra for his work for the deprived, unorganised and marginalised communities.
- ✓ He dedicated his life for rights and dignity for hamals, rickshaw drivers, construction workers, labourers and other informal-sector groups.
- ✓ He played instrumental roles in key worker-led initiatives, which include the Hamal Panchayat (a trade union of headloders).
- ✓ Through Hamal Panchayat, he organised the porters of Pune and Maharashtra.
- ✓ He led 'Ek Gaon Ek Panwatha' movement. This is a movement to fight against caste discrimination.
- ✓ He championed campaigns like 'One Village - One Water Source'.

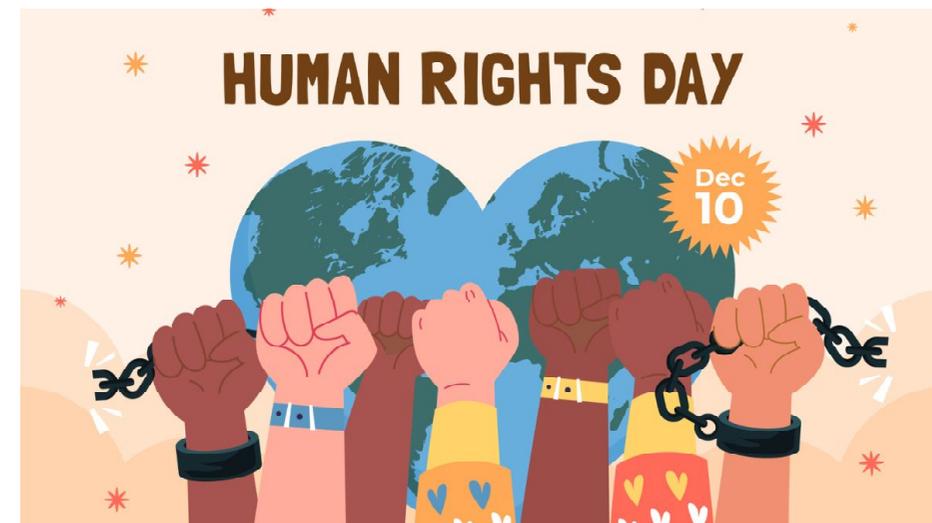


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World Human Rights Day 2025: December 10

- ✓ World Human Rights Day is observed annually around the world on 10 December.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 1948.
- ✓ “Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials” is the theme of the 2025 World Human Rights Day.
- ✓ This day advocates for a world where justice and equality prevail.
- ✓ Human Rights Day guarantees the rights of every individual everywhere, without distinction based on nationality, place of residence, gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, etc.
- ✓ The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India is organizing a Human Rights Day function in New Delhi on 10th December 2025.
- ✓ The President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.



India's UPI to Become Acceptable in Cambodia Through NPCI-ACLEDA Bank Partnership

- ✓ **NPCI International Payments (NIPL)** has **partnered with ACLEDA Bank of Cambodia**, enabling acceptance of India's UPI in Cambodia and allowing Cambodia's Bakong (KHQR) QR network to be accepted in India.
- ✓ Indian tourists visiting Cambodia will now be able to make payments using UPI apps at over 4.5 million KHQR-enabled merchant outlets across the country.
- ✓ NIPL is also helping countries like Namibia, Trinidad & Tobago, and Peru develop UPI-like digital payment systems; UPI in India processed 20.47 billion transactions worth Rs. 26.32 trillion in November.



India to Update National Accounts Base Year to 2022-23 from February 2026

- ✓ The **Government of India** will **revise the national accounts base year to 2022-23**, replacing the **outdated 2011-12 base year**, with the new system coming into effect from February 26-27 next year.
- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman clarified that the IMF's recent C grade for India's national accounts was due to the old base year, not the quality or credibility of the data.
- ✓ The update follows debate over data accuracy after the NSO released July-September GDP figures showing 8.2% growth, which some opposition leaders questioned in light of the IMF's grading.



Cristiano Ronaldo Becomes Investor and Global Brand Ambassador for AI Firm Perplexity

- ✓ **Cristiano Ronaldo** has invested in AI company Perplexity and **become its brand ambassador**.
- ✓ As part of the collaboration, Ronaldo launched a custom AI assistant, “Ronaldo Hub”, offering fans unseen personal images, curated life-stage questions, and interactive access to his iconic goals.
- ✓ CEO of Perplexity - Aravind Srinivas



Telangana Rising Global Summit: A Transformative Leap Toward Global Investment Leadership

- ✓ By organising the Telangana Rising Global Summit at Future City, Kandukur, the government clearly demonstrated its goal of positioning the state as a major destination for international investments.
- ✓ Future City was showcased as the “Fourth City”-a comprehensive urban model built with future-oriented standards such as net-zero carbon norms, skills development, healthcare, and sports.
- ✓ The participation of 2,000 guests, including 154 foreign delegates from 44 countries, highlighted the strong global investment confidence in Telangana.
- ✓ The summit emphasised the China Plus One strategy and showcased Telangana’s capability to emerge as a manufacturing hub that can serve as an alternative to China.
- ✓ The state’s Vision 2047 plan clearly outlined key goals such as industrial expansion, inclusive development, skill enhancement, and increased per-capita income.
- ✓ Through TS-iPASS, industries receive approvals within 15-30 days, demonstrating Telangana’s global reputation in ease of doing business.
- ✓ The summit resulted in unprecedented investment agreements worth Rs. 3,97,500 crore, giving a new direction to the state’s industrial growth.



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- ✓ Investments are coming into diverse sectors such as IT, pharma, biotech, semiconductors, robotics, green energy, EVs, battery manufacturing, education, and tourism, increasing industrial diversification.
- ✓ These investments have the potential to create lakhs of direct and indirect jobs, providing high-paying IT jobs for youth and manufacturing employment for rural workers.
- ✓ Expansion of electronics, pharma, and IT sectors will boost exports and foreign capital inflow, bringing significant changes to the state's economic structure.
- ✓ The government's goal of decentralising industries to districts is opening new development opportunities in backward regions such as Warangal, Khammam, Nizamabad, and Mahabubnagar.
- ✓ Large-scale investments have the potential to sustain long-term growth of over 10% in the state's GSDP and strengthen the economy steadily.
- ✓ Industrial expansion will increase revenues through GST, stamp duty, energy tariffs, and income taxes, enabling greater funding for infrastructure and welfare.
- ✓ World-class infrastructure, strong law and order, policy stability, and industry-friendly governance have strengthened investor confidence in Telangana.
- ✓ Along with attracting big investments, the government must effectively manage challenges such as land acquisition, environmental protection, local youth skill training, and monitoring the implementation of MoUs.
- ✓ Overall, this summit positions Telangana prominently on the national and global investment map and marks a historic turning point, paving the way for the state to emerge as a key centre for future technologies, renewable energy, and healthcare.