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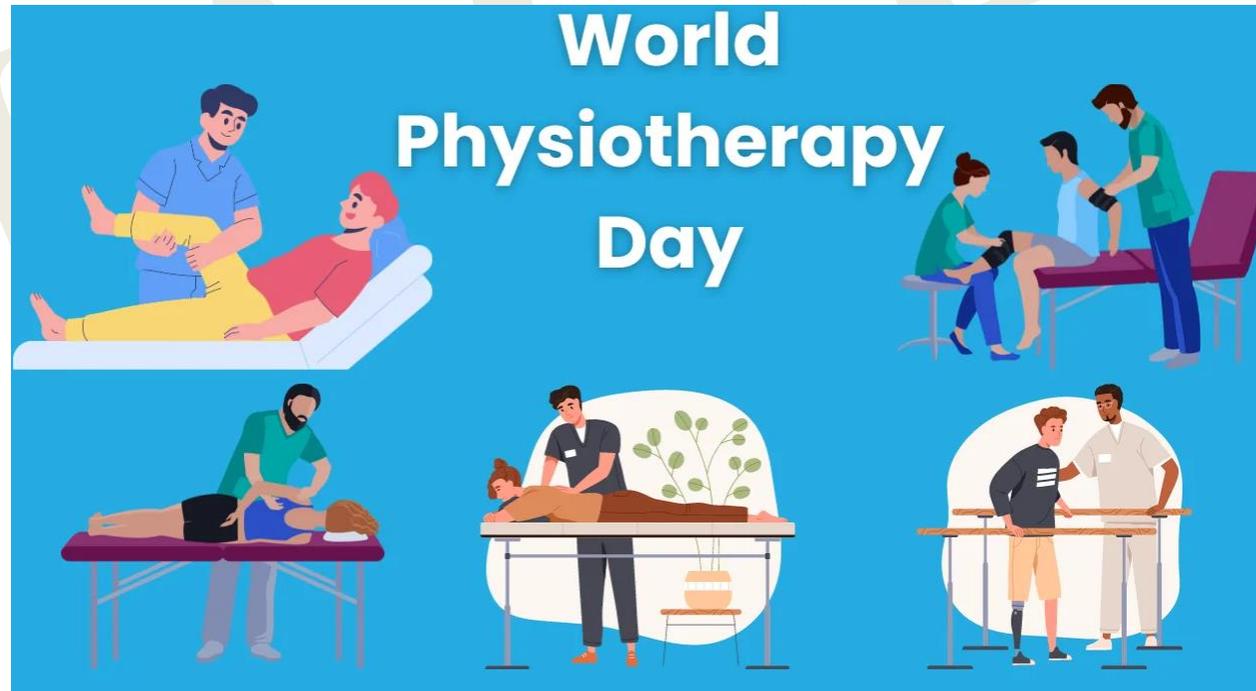
Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurates the International Conference on Space 2025

- On 8 September, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the International Conference on Space 2025, themed “Harnessing Space for Global Progress: Innovation, Policy, and Growth.”
- The minister announced India’s ambitious targets, including a Bharatiya Space Station by 2035 and landing an astronaut on the Moon by 2040.
- The success of Chandrayaan-3, which made India the first nation to land near the lunar south pole, was highlighted.
- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla’s journey to the International Space Station as the first IAF officer was recalled.
- Upcoming exploration missions to Mars, Venus, asteroids, and the human spaceflight program Gaganyaan were outlined.
- Over 300 startups in areas like launch vehicles, satellites, and ground systems were noted as the backbone of India’s space reforms.
- The value of space technologies in agriculture, health, education, urban development, and governance was emphasized.
- International collaborations such as the NASA–ISRO NISAR mission and Chandrayaan-5 with Japan were cited as examples of global engagement.
- The conference, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), brought together 500+ delegates from India and abroad, including policymakers, academia, industry leaders, and startups.



World Physiotherapy Day: 08 September

- World Physiotherapy Day is celebrated each year on 8 September.
- This day is celebrated to honour the contributions of physiotherapists.
- This day is also celebrated to increase awareness about role physiotherapy plays in health and rehabilitation.
- World Physiotherapy Day marks founding of World Confederation for Physical Therapy in 1951.
- This year, the theme for World Physiotherapy Day is "Healthy Ageing," with a specific focus on preventing frailty and falls.
- Per Henrik Ling is widely known as the "father of physiotherapy".



Kokichi Akuzawa has become the oldest person to reach the summit of Mount Fuji at 102 years old

- Kokichi Akuzawa completed the climb on August 5.
- His 70-year-old daughter, Motoe, accompanied him.
- His granddaughter, her husband, and four friends from a climbing club also joined him.
- The group camped for two nights on their way to the top.
- Mount Fuji is Japan's highest peak, standing at 3,776 meters (12,388 feet).
- Akuzawa had previously set the same record at the age of 96.
- This marks the second time he has become the oldest person to climb Mount Fuji.
- He followed a strict training schedule before the climb. He climbed one mountain per week.
- Most of these training climbs were in the Nagano region.
- Guinness World Records has officially recognized his achievement.
- He lives in Maebashi, about 150 miles (241 kilometers) northwest of Tokyo.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 2025 Combined Commanders' Conference in Kolkata on September 15



- The Conference will span three days and will be hosted by the Armed Forces.
- The Conference serves as a high-level platform for civil and military leaders to engage in strategic discussions.
- This year's theme of the conference is "Year of Reforms – Transforming for the Future."
- The focus will be on military reforms, modernization, and operational readiness.
- Leaders will deliberate on enhancing the Armed Forces' ability to respond to complex global challenges.
- The goal is to build a more agile, responsive, and future-ready military.
- The conference will bring together top military officials and key policymakers.
- They will exchange views on national security and long-term defence strategies.
- On September 17, Prime Minister Modi will also launch the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan.
- Union Health Minister J P Nadda shared details of the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan.

- Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan is designed to strengthen healthcare access for women and children.
- It will focus on improving service quality and raising health awareness.
- A total of 75,000 health camps will be organized across the country.
- These camps will be held at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Community Health Centres, and other facilities.
- They will offer essential health services specifically targeting women and children.
- The initiative is part of the government's push for inclusive and accessible healthcare.

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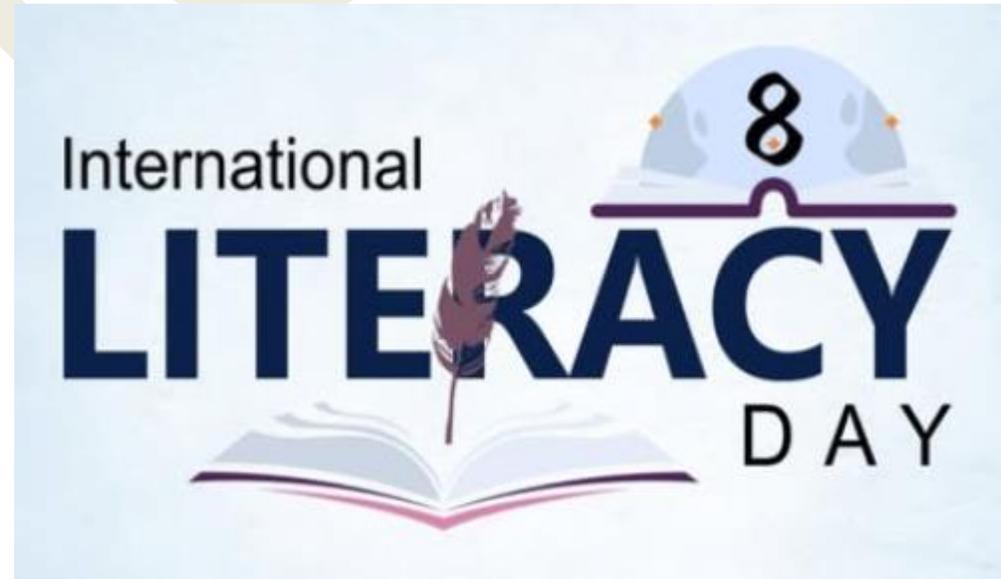
India will host the 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships

- 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships will take place in Bhubaneswar from October 11 to 15.
- The Table Tennis Federation of India announced this recently.
- The championships will include separate team events for men and women.
- It will also serve as a qualifier for the 2026 ITTF World Team Championships.
- Thirteen teams from each category will earn qualification for the 2026 event.
- This is the first time Odisha will host an Asian-level table tennis tournament.
- Odisha had earlier hosted the 2019 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships.
- Bhubaneswar is widely regarded as India's sports capital.
- The city has hosted several major sporting events in recent years.
- 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships will follow international standards.
- Top Asian teams such as China, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore are expected to participate in 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships.
- Emerging teams from South Asia and the Middle East will also compete in 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships.



International Literacy Day 2025: 8 September

- Every year on 8 September, International Literacy Day is observed.
- It is observed to raise awareness about literacy as a human right and to encourage the creation of a more literate society.
- The theme of the International Literacy Day 2025 is ‘Promoting literacy in the digital era.’
- This year marks the 58th anniversary of International Literacy Day, which aims to promote efforts to increase literacy in order to build more sustainable societies.
- On 26 October 1966, UNESCO declared September 8 as International Literacy Day. In 1967, first International Literacy Day was celebrated.
- This day was included under the UN’s program for achieving Sustainable Development Goals in 2015.
- This year, a global conference was held on 8 September at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, to discuss digitalisation and its impact on literacy.



India won maiden gold in Men's Compound at the World Archery Championships 2025

- On 7 September, India's men's compound team won its first-ever gold medal at the World Archery Championships in Gwangju, Korea.
- The trio of Rishabh Yadav, Aman Saini, and Prathamesh Fuge defeated France 235-233 in a thrilling final.
- After losing the first end, India fought back to level scores in the second.
- The contest stayed tight until the last round, when India produced three perfect 10s.
- France, under pressure, scored two 9s and a 10, sealing India's victory.
- Rishabh Yadav also paired with V. Jyothi Surekha to win silver in the mixed team event against the Netherlands.
- The win was Rishabh's fifth medal this year, including two golds in World Cup stages.
- The 2025 World Archery Championships is being held in Gwangju, South Korea, from 5 to 12 September 2025.



CP Radhakrishnan Elected as India's 17th Vice President

- CP Radhakrishnan was elected as the 17th Vice President of India on September 9, 2025.
- CP Radhakrishnan, NDA nominee, former Tamil Nadu BJP president, and Maharashtra Governor.
- **Runner-up** :Justice B. Sudershan Reddy, senior advocate and former Supreme Court judge, nominated by the Opposition
- Radhakrishnan secured 452 votes, while Sudershan Reddy received 300 votes.
- Out of **781 eligible MPs, 767 cast their votes**, recording a **98.20% turnout**.
- His victory margin was 152 votes, indicating NDA's strength and cross-voting within the Opposition.
- **13 MPs abstained**, including members of BJD, BRS, SAD, and one independent.
- He served as the Governor of Jharkhand, Telangana, Puducherry, and Maharashtra.
- He is popularly known as the “Vajpayee of Coimbatore” and has shown keen interest in sports and social service.



France Political Crisis

- French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal faced a no-confidence motion in Parliament.
- This no-confidence motion triggered a major political crisis in France.
- In the voting, 194 MPs supported the government, while 364 voted against it.
- Following this defeat, Prime Minister Attal resigned from his position.
- President Emmanuel Macron dissolved the National Assembly.
- This development clearly exposed the political instability in France.
- As per the French Constitution, the country follows a semi-presidential system, where both the President and Prime Minister share executive powers.
- After the defeat, there is a possibility of a minority government being formed in France.
- The current situation in France resembles a minority government scenario, further deepening political instability.



Indian Students Shine at IESO-2025 in China 7 Medals Mark Victory on the Global Stage



- Minister for Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh Felicitates Student Winners comprising the Indian team at “International Earth Sciences Olympiad” (IESO-2025) Held in China
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Minister of State for Prime Minister’s Office, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh felicitated the student winners comprising the Indian team at the 18th "International Earth Science Olympiad" (IESO-2025) held at Jining, China
- Team India put up a stellar performance by securing a total of seven medals – 1 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze – along with a 3rd Prize in the International Geoscience Youth Movement (I-GYM) Reporter category.

The winning students included:

- Rayansh Gupta (Sat Paul Mittal School, Ludhiana, Punjab) – Gold, Silver & I-GYM 3rd Prize
- Charuvrat Bains (M.G.N. Public School, Kapurthala, Punjab) – 2 Silver, 1 Bronze
- Apam Nidhi Pandey (PM Shri K.V. No.1, Jaipur, Rajasthan) – 1 Silver

- Priyanshi Ghanghas (MD Indraprastha Sr. Sec. Public School, Delhi) – 1 Bronze
- The students were guided by mentors Prof. Devesh Walia and Prof. Hema Achyuthan, with Dr. Jagvir Singh, Scientist-G, as observer.
- The International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO), established in 2003 by the International Geoscience Education Organization (IGEO), is an annual competition for secondary school students (Class IX–XII) worldwide.
- India has been participating since 2007 and hosted the 10th edition at Mysore in 2013.

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Voluntary Digital HUID-Based Hallmarking (2025 Reform)

- MOCAF&PD Introduces Voluntary Digital HUID-Based Hallmarking for Silver Jewellery and Articles from September 2025.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MOCAF&PD) has introduced voluntary hallmarking for silver jewellery and articles with a digital Hallmarking Unique Identification (HUID) system, effective from 1 September 2025.
- This reform is designed to ensure purity verification, quality assurance, and enhanced consumer protection.
- The HUID-based hallmarking system comprises three essential components: the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) standard mark with the word “SILVER,” a purity grade, and a 6-digit alphanumeric HUID code. Together, these ensure complete traceability of each silver article from registration to sale.
- Under the revised IS 2112:2025 standard, silver articles will now be certified under seven purity grades— 800, 835, 925, 958, 970, 990, and 999
- This replaces the earlier IS 2112:2014 standard, with the newly introduced 958 and 999 grades designed to better align with the hallmarking benchmarks already used for gold jewellery.



NPCI Increases UPI Transaction Limits: New Facilities for High-Value Payments

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) raised the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transaction limits for select merchant categories.
- The per-transaction limit was increased to ₹5 lakh, and the 24-hour cumulative limit to ₹10 lakh for Person-to-Merchant (P2M) payments.
- This applies to verified merchants in sectors like capital markets, insurance, government e-Marketplace (GeM), travel, collections, and credit card bill payments.
- Peer-to-Peer (P2P) transactions remain capped at ₹1 lakh per day.
- The changes aim to ease high-value digital payments and reduce the need for transaction splitting.
- Banks, apps, and Payment Service Providers (PSPs) must implement the framework by 15 September 2025.
- The move supports seamless, secure, and scalable digital commerce across key financial sectors.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), established in 2008 under the Payment and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act, 2007, operates as an umbrella organisation for retail payments.
- It was promoted by the RBI and the Indian Banks' Association (IBA), and has been the driving force behind innovations such as UPI, RuPay, Bharat BillPay, FASTag, and AePS (Aadhaar Enabled Payment System).

