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Bled Village of Slovenia Named Among World's Best Tourism Villages 2025

- The Slovenian town of Bled has been honored as one of the Best Tourism Villages 2025.
- UN Tourism agency has honored it for its sustainable and community-centered tourism model.
- It is known for its stunning lake, island church, and hilltop castle.
- Bled was recognized for preserving both natural beauty and cultural traditions while encouraging responsible travel.
- Bled became the fourth village in Slovenia to receive this distinction.
- Solcava, Radovljica, and Bohinj are also in the prestigious list.
- The award announcement took place in Huzhou, China, where 52 villages were chosen from a pool of over 270 candidates representing 65 countries.
- This UN initiative seeks to combat rural population decline by leveraging tourism to stimulate local economies and protect cultural identity.



Zoravar Singh Sandhu Wins Bronze in Men's Trap at ISSF World Championship 2025

- Zoravar Singh Sandhu earned a landmark bronze medal in men's trap event that was part of the 2025 ISSF World Championship Shotgun.
- It was held in Athens, Greece. Zoravar secured third place in the final.
- Croatia's Josip Glasnovic won the gold medal. Spain's Andres Garcia claimed the silver.
- Zoravar finished behind them to take the bronze. He hit 31 out of 50 targets.
- Kalikesh Singh Deo, President of the National Rifle Association of India, credited coach Peter Wilson and the support staff for their role.
- It is only the third time India has reached the men's trap podium at the Shotgun World Championships.
- Manavjeet Singh Sandhu won gold in Zagreb in 2006. Karni Singh took silver in Cairo in 1962. Zoravar now joins this elite list of Indian shooters.



Jyothi Surekha Vennam Creates History with Bronze at Archery World Cup Final 2025

- Jyothi Surekha Vennam became the first Indian woman to win an Archery World Cup Final medal.
- On October 18, 2025, Indian archer Jyothi Surekha Vennam became the first Indian woman compound archer to win a medal at the Archery World Cup Final 2025 in Nanjing, the People's Republic of China, by winning a bronze medal.
- The 29-year-old Asian Games champion defeated world No. 2 Ella Gibson of Great Britain, shooting 15 perfect arrows to secure a 150-145 victory.
- In the semifinals, she narrowly lost 143-145 to world No. 1 Andrea Becerra of Mexico, despite briefly leading by one point after the third end.
- This medal marks her maiden podium finish at the World Cup Final after earlier appearances in Tlaxcala (2022) and Hermosillo (2023), where she exited in the first round



Deepfake Check: UIDAI Launches 'SITA' System to Strengthen Aadhaar Security



- **Deepfake** refers to fake photos or videos created using *Deep Learning* technology based on *Artificial Intelligence (AI)* to manipulate facial or voice data.
- The **UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India)** is a statutory body responsible for managing the Aadhaar system across India. It was established under the **Aadhaar Act, 2016**, and functions under the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**.
- To counter threats such as **deepfakes, spoofing, and presentation attacks**, UIDAI has launched a new initiative called **SITA (Scheme for Innovation and Technology Association with Aadhaar)**.
- SITA is based on **advanced biometric technology** and **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** to enhance security and prevent misuse of Aadhaar data.
- The main objective of SITA is to detect and prevent fake videos, spoofing, and AI-generated biometric fraud, thereby strengthening the Aadhaar authentication system.

- UIDAI has invited collaboration from **startups, academic institutions, and industry players** for the development of secure Aadhaar-based technologies. **NASSCOM** is also a key partner in this initiative.
- The project focuses on three main areas **Advanced Biometric Technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Data Privacy**.
- The **SITA system** uses **Liveness Detection**, a technology that verifies whether a person's photo or video is real or manipulated.
- UIDAI aims to strengthen the **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** through secure Aadhaar authentication and fraud prevention systems.
- The project aligns with the **Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India)** vision by promoting indigenous technological solutions for Aadhaar security.
- UIDAI also introduced the concept of "**AI vs AI**", where one AI system detects fraudulent activities while another AI system prevents them.
- Overall, the SITA initiative aims to make Aadhaar-based **digital governance systems more secure and trustworthy** across India.

Sanae Takaichi becoming Japan's first woman Prime Minister

- On October 21, 2025, Sanae Takaichi was elected as Japan's first female Prime Minister, winning 237 votes in the 465-member Lower House and succeeding Shigeru Ishiba.
- She is a hardline conservative leader from the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), ideologically close to former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and inspired by Margaret Thatcher.
- Her victory was made possible through a coalition with the Japan Innovation Party (Ishin), which allowed her to form a government despite lacking a clear majority.
- Takaichi supports stricter immigration laws, traditional family values, stronger national security, and the reinterpretation of Japan's pacifist constitution.
- Following her election, investor confidence rose sharply, and the Nikkei index hit record highs a market response dubbed the "Takaichi Trade."
- Her election marks a historic milestone for women in Japan, which has long ranked low in global gender representation in politics.
- Despite breaking the gender barrier, her conservative stance on women's roles has sparked debate, representing a paradox of female leadership within a traditional framework.



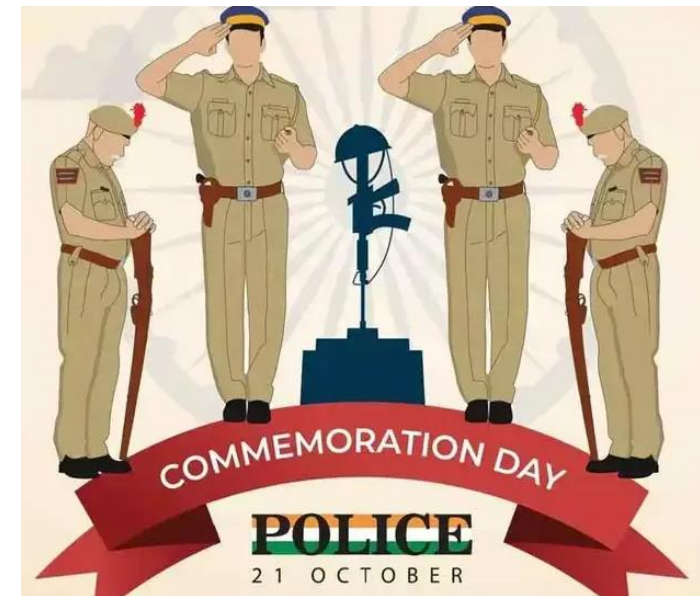
Akkai Padmashali Joins SC Committee as First Transgender Member from Karnataka

- Transgender rights activist **Akkai Padmashali** has been appointed as a member of a **Supreme Court-appointed committee** to frame an equal opportunity policy for transgender rights.
- She is the **first transgender person from Karnataka** to serve on such a panel, marking a **historic step for representation and inclusivity** in India.
- The committee's main goal is to **draft policies ensuring equality, protection, and social justice** for transgender persons nationwide.
- The committee is **headed by Justice Asha Menon**, a retired judge of the Delhi High Court.
- Other members include **Grace Banu, Vyjayanthi Vasanta Mogli, Sourav Mandal, Nithya Rajshekhar, and Sanjay Sharma**.
- The committee's foundation lies in landmark rulings like **NALSA v. Union of India (2014)**, which recognized transgender persons as the "third gender," and the **2018 judgment decriminalizing homosexuality**.
- Akkai Padmashali plans to **organize community consultations, ensure effective implementation** of Supreme Court judgments, and **expand representation** to include transmen and intersex individuals.
- Inspired by **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's ideals of equality and justice**, her appointment represents a **historic advancement for transgender inclusion** in India's policymaking process.

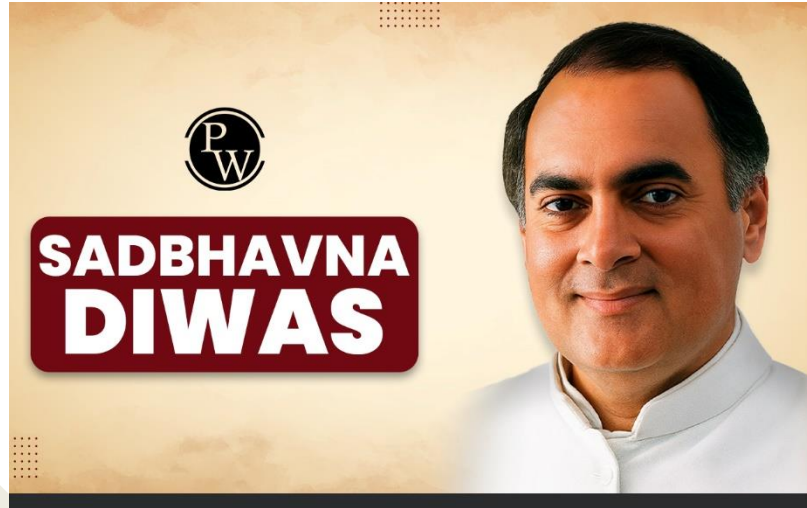


Police Commemoration Day 2025

- Every year on **October 21**, India observes **Police Commemoration Day** to remember and honour police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. The day symbolizes courage, sacrifice, and dedicated service.
- On **October 21, 1959**, at **Hot Springs in Ladakh**, Chinese troops ambushed an Indian police patrol team. In this attack, **ten Indian policemen were martyred**, and several others were captured.
- To honour their supreme sacrifice, the **Government of India officially declared October 21 as Police Commemoration Day in January 1960**.
- This day is dedicated not only to those who lost their lives in border conflicts but also to **thousands of police personnel** who have died combating **terrorism, insurgency, crime, and natural disasters**.
- The day helps strengthen **morale, pride, and national unity** among police personnel and reminds citizens of the **sacrifice and commitment** of the police force in maintaining internal security.
- The main national ceremony is held at the **National Police Memorial (NPM)** in **Chanakyapuri, New Delhi**, inaugurated in **2018**. It features a **30-foot-high granite monolith**, a **Wall of Valour** engraved with the names of **over 36,000 police martyrs**, and a **museum** depicting the history of Indian policing.
- From **October 22 to 30**, a **Commemoration Week** is observed across the country. Events include **police band performances, bike rallies, essay and painting competitions in schools, blood donation camps, short film screenings, and public visits to the National Police Memorial**.



Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award – 2025



- Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy presented the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award to senior Congress leader and former Union Minister Salman Khurshid.
- The event was held at Charminar, Hyderabad, during the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Yatra Commemoration.
- Salman Khurshid was honored for his services toward promoting national unity and social harmony.
- Rajiv Gandhi launched the Sadbhavana Yatra to preserve the unity of the nation.
- The Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award was instituted by the All India Congress Committee in 1992.
- The award commemorates Rajiv Gandhi's contribution toward peace, social harmony, and national integration.
- It is presented every year on August 20, the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, observed as Sadbhavana Diwas.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10 lakh and a citation.
- It is given to individuals or institutions for outstanding contributions to peace, unity, and communal harmony.
- Past recipients include Mother Teresa, Ustad Bismillah Khan, Lata Mangeshkar, and Sunil Dutt.

- Rajiv Gandhi is regarded as the architect of modern Digital India.
- He initiated the telecom revolution by establishing MTNL in 1986 and extending telephone facilities to rural areas.
- He introduced the National Policy on Education (NPE) in 1986.
- He established Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas to provide free residential education for talented rural students.
- During his tenure, the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18 years.
- To prevent political defections, he introduced the Anti-Defection Law through the 52nd Constitutional Amendment in 1985.

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Civil Registration System (CRS) 2023 & Comprehensive Overview of Telangana & Andhra Pradesh



- CRS 2023 data released on 21 October 2025
- The Civil Registration System (CRS) records all births, deaths, and stillbirths in India under the RBD Act, 1969.
- Every birth and death must be registered within 21 days of occurrence.
- The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2023 introduced digital registration and integration with Aadhaar, voter ID, and passport databases.
- At the national level, the system is supervised by the Registrar General of India (RGI).
- At the state level, the Chief Registrar (Director of Public Health) manages CRS implementation.
- Telangana recorded 6,52,688 births and 2,40,058 deaths in 2023.
- Andhra Pradesh recorded 7,62,093 births and 4,42,218 deaths in 2023.

- Hyderabad, Nizamabad, and Karimnagar had the highest births in Telangana, while Rajanna Siricilla, Vikarabad, and Mulugu had the lowest.
- Kadapa, Guntur, and East Godavari had the highest births in Andhra Pradesh, while Anakapalli, Krishna, and Parvathipuram Manyam had the lowest.
- CRS data helps calculate key health indicators like IMR, MMR, Crude Birth Rate, and Crude Death Rate.
- It acts as an annual supplement to census data, helping in population and health analysis.
- CRS information is essential for government policy planning, welfare schemes, and developmental assessments.

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Rodrigo Paz – New President of Bolivia: End of 20 Years of Socialist Rule

- Rodrigo Paz, a 58-year-old senator, has been elected President of Bolivia, securing 54.5 % of votes and ending 20 years of socialist rule begun by Evo Morales (2006).
- His win represents a move from state-controlled socialism to market-oriented economic liberalization, focusing on private investment and efficiency.
- The election followed a period of fuel shortages, 20 % + inflation, and falling foreign-exchange reserves, which fueled public frustration with the socialist model.
- Campaign Theme – “Capitalism for All” Paz promised to revive growth, attract investment, and create jobs while retaining basic social-welfare safety nets.
- Foreign-Policy Reorientation Paz is expected to shift toward Western nations rebuilding ties with the U.S. and Europe while reducing dependency on Venezuela, Cuba, and China.
- Plans include IMF/World Bank engagement and attracting Western investment in Bolivia’s lithium and natural-gas sectors, balancing reform with national interests.

