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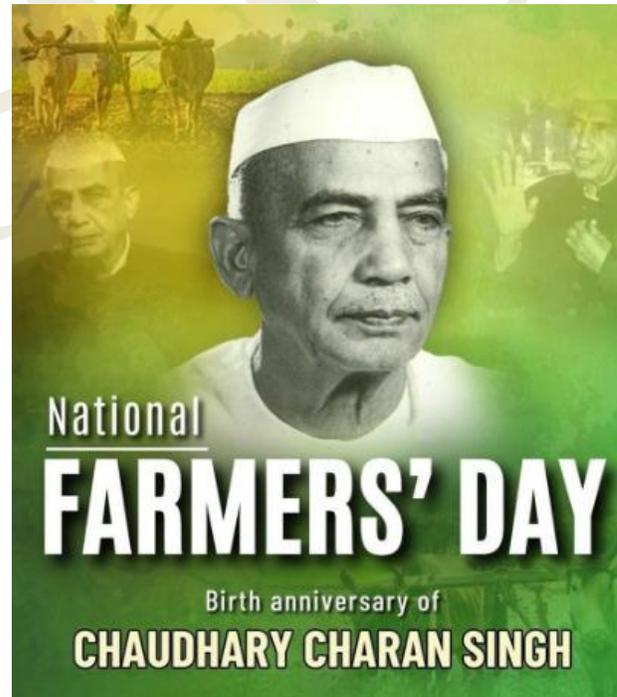
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## **Kisan Diwas 2025 is observed on December 23 to honour farmers and mark the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh**

- Kisan Diwas 2025 which is also known as National Farmers Day, is celebrated across India on December 23 every year.
- The date marks the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh.
- Chaudhary Charan Singh served as Prime Minister of India from 1979 to 1980. Though his tenure was brief his impact on agricultural policy was significant.
- The day recognises the enormous contribution of farmers to India's social and economic fabric and underlines the importance of agriculture in ensuring food security and rural prosperity.
- The Government of India officially declared December 23 as National Farmers Day in 2001 to honour his legacy and to remind the nation of the central role farmers play in sustaining India's economy.



## India, Netherlands Join Hands to Promote Lothal Maritime Heritage

- India and the Netherlands have signed an MoU to strengthen maritime heritage cooperation for the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, Gujarat.
- The partnership will enhance museum design, conservation, research, tourism, and global cultural exchange.
- The National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal is one of India's most ambitious cultural infrastructure projects.
- Lothal, part of the Indus Valley Civilisation, is believed to be among the world's oldest dockyards, dating back nearly 4,500 years.
- The NMHC is being developed under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to present India's long maritime history, ancient trade routes, shipbuilding traditions, and coastal culture in a modern, world-class format.
- The MoU was exchanged during a bilateral meeting between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Dutch Foreign Minister David van Weel.



## Indian Navy Receives New ASW Shallow Water Craft 'Anjadip'

- 'Anjadip', the third of eight ASW SWC (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft), indigenously designed and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- It was delivered to the Indian Navy on **22 Dec 2025** at Chennai.
- The ASW Shallow Water Craft programme is a key initiative aimed at strengthening India's ability to detect, track, and neutralise submarine threats in coastal and shallow waters.
- These regions are particularly sensitive as they are vulnerable to hostile submarine intrusions and asymmetric threats.



## **India Tops WADA's Global Doping List for Third Consecutive Year**

- India has topped the World Anti-Doping Agency's global doping list for the third straight year with 260 positive cases in 2024.
- The crisis reflects deep systemic failures and could seriously hurt India's bid to host the 2036 Olympic Games.
- According to the WADA report published on its official website Indian athletes were involved in 260 doping cases in 2024, the highest number recorded by any country worldwide.
- These cases were identified as Adverse Analytical Findings (AAFs) meaning banned substances were detected in samples.
- India's positivity rate stood at 3.6 per cent, which was the highest among all countries that conducted more than 5,000 doping tests during the year.
- This confirms India's continued position at the top of global doping charts for the third year in a row.
- India's doping record has raised concerns internationally.
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has warned India to clean up sports before bidding for the 2036 Olympics.
- Hosting the Olympics requires trust and transparency, which is compromised if doping is widespread.



## **DRDO, Rashtriya Raksha University Join Hands Through MoU for Defence and Security**

- To strengthen India's defence and internal security ecosystem the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 22 December 2025.
- The agreement which aims to foster collaboration in research, education, training, and technology support, aligning with India's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and enhanced national security during Amrit Kaal.
- The MoU was signed at South Block, New Delhi by Dr Chandrika Kaushik, Distinguished Scientist and Director General (Production Coordination & Services Interaction), DRDO, and Prof. (Dr) Bimal N Patel, Vice Chancellor of RRU.
- The signing took place in the presence of Rajnath Singh, Union Minister for Defence.
- The primary objective of the MoU is to strengthen India's self reliance in defense and internal security technologies.
- It seeks to integrate technology development, academic research, and operational insight to address present and future security challenges.
- Another key aim is to reinforce India's strategic autonomy, particularly in internal security domains handled by agencies under the Ministry of Home Affairs.



## **Sukhman Singh Triumphs at IGU 124th Amateur Championship**

- Indian amateur golf witnessed a major highlight as Sukhman Singh clinched the IGU 124th Amateur Golf Championship of India with a dominant performance.
- The championship was held at Tollygunge Club, Kolkata, one of the oldest golf courses in the country.
- The 36-hole matchplay final between Sukhman Singh and Harman Sachdeva was closely contested early on, but Sukhman steadily took control after the sixth hole.
- Sukhman dominated the later stages, building a decisive 7UP lead with seven holes to go, which ended the match after 29 holes.
- The Amateur Golf Championship of India is organised by the Indian Golf Union (IGU).
- First held in 1892 it is recognised as the world's longest running amateur matchplay golf tournament.
- The 124th edition of the championship once again highlighted the event's prestige and its importance in shaping India's top amateur golfers.



## **RBI's Board Approved Risk-based Deposit Insurance Framework for Banks**

- The Central Board of Directors (BoD) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted its approval for a risk-based deposit insurance framework for banks, transitioning from the existing premium charged to banks under the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) scheme.
- The decision was taken at the 620th meeting of the RBI's Central Board of Directors.
- The meeting was chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra and held in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The DICGC was set up under the DICGC Act, 1961. Since 1962, it has run a flat-rate deposit insurance scheme where banks pay 12 paise for every ₹100 of assessable deposits.
- The newly approved framework will replace the existing flat-rate premium followed by the banks with a risk-based structure which will enable banks with stronger capital adequacy, better asset quality to pay lower premia.



## PM Modi Releases Ashwagandha Stamp at WHO Summit

- At the second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine held in New Delhi, Narendra Modi released a commemorative postage stamp on Ashwagandha. It is one of India's most famous medicinal plants.
- On this occasion, the Prime Minister released the WHO technical report on training in yoga and the book "From Roots to Global Reach: 11 Years of Transformation in AYUSH"
- Jointly organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, this summit was held from December 17 to 19, 2025, under the theme "Restoring Balance: The Science and Practice of Health and Well-being" at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The first WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine was held on August 17 and 18, 2023, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India.

### About Ashwagandha:

- Ashwagandha (*Withania somnifera*) is a prominent medicinal herb that has been used in Ayurveda for centuries.
- It is known for its role in reducing stress, boosting immunity, vitality, and overall wellbeing.



## East Bengal FC Wins SAFF Women's Club Championship 2025

- East Bengal FC won the title of the first SAFF Women's Club Championship 2025 with a brilliant 3-0 victory against host Nepal's APF (Armed Police Force) final held on December 20, 2025, at Dashrath Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- With this victory, East Bengal has become the first Indian women's club to win an international tournament.

### About the SAFF Women's Club Championship

- The 2025 SAFF Women's Club Championship, known as the Vatsalya SAFF Women's Club Championship Nepal 2025 for sponsorship reasons, was the first edition of the SAFF Women's Club Championship.
- It is an international women's club football competition among leading clubs of South Asia. It is organized by the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF). Five teams from the region competed in Kathmandu from December 5 to December 20, 2025.



## **Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Inaugurate New Terminal at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati**



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the new terminal building of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati, Assam.
- The new integrated terminal has an annual passenger handling capacity of 13.1 million
- The terminal is being described as India's first nature themed airport terminal, setting a benchmark in sustainable and passenger friendly design.
- The architectural theme “Bamboo Orchids” unveiled an 80-foot statue of Assam's first Chief Minister, Gopinath Bardoloi.
- Design elements include the use of around 140 metric tonnes of locally sourced North East bamboo, orchid inspired columns symbolising the Kopou flower, japi motifs, and references to the one horned rhinoceros of Kaziranga National Park.
- A unique “Sky Forest” featuring nearly one lakh indigenous plants offers passengers an immersive nature experience.

## **About Assam:**

- Capital: Dispur
- Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Governor: Lakshman Prasad Acharya
- National Parks: Kaziranga National Park, Manas National Park, Dibru-Saikhowa National Park
- Wildlife Sanctuaries: Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, Orang National Park, Bura-Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary, Nameri Wildlife Sanctuary

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