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Award

Oscars 2025



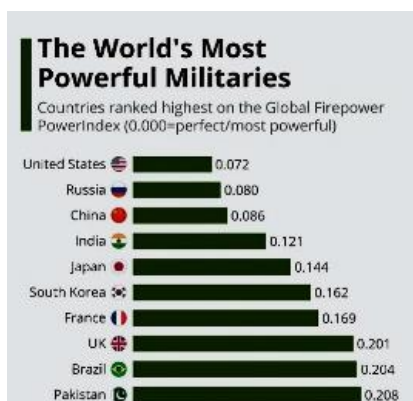
Indian short film *Anuja* has achieved a significant milestone by securing a nomination in the Best Short Film (Live Action) category for the *Oscars 2025*.

Key point

- ❖ *Anuja* is directed by Adam J. Graves and Suchitra Mattai.
- ❖ The film is backed by two-time Academy Award winner Guneet Monga and actors Priyanka Chopra and Mindy Kaling.
- ❖ *Anuja* follows a nine-year-old girl who, alongside her sister Palak, faces a life-changing opportunity that tests their bond and mirrors the struggles of girls worldwide.

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Global Firepower Index 2025



India has been ranked as having the **4th most powerful** military in the world after the **United States of America, Russia and China** by the *Global Firepower Index 2025*.

Key point

- ❖ Bhutan was ranked at the bottom of the index at 145th position. Pakistan which was ranked 9th in 2024 dropped to 12th position in the 2025 ranking.
- ❖ There has been no change in the ranking of the top four countries in the world as compared to 2024 Global Firepower Index.
- ❖ The Global Firepower Index has been released by a website *Globalfirepower.com* annually since 2006.

- ❖ The Global Firepower Index compares 145 countries' military power based on their war-making capabilities across land, sea and air. It doesn't include a country's nuclear weapon capability but only includes conventional military capabilities.
- ❖ India was ranked number 1 in the world in the Population Reaching Military age annually.
- ❖ India was ranked second in the world in population, available manpower, vehicles, roadways etc.
- ❖ India secured poor rank in oil consumption, natural gas consumption, coal consumption, external borders and external debts.
- ❖ India was ranked 145th in the world in terms of Helicopter Carrier strength and Mine warfare capability in sea.

Summit/Conference

85th All India Presiding Officers' Conference



Lok Sabha speaker Shri Om Birla inaugurated the 85th All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) in Patna, Bihar on the 20th January, 2025.

Key Point

- ❖ **'One Nation, One Legislative Platform' Mission:** There is a resolution of integrating all legislative bodies by this year (2025).
- ❖ This mission brings all legislative bodies of India—Parliament, state legislatures, and local government bodies—onto a single digital platform.
- ❖ It uses E-Vidhan and Digital Sansad platforms to provide the proceedings of all legislatures on a single digital platform.
- ❖ Nodal agency: Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

Aim:

- ❖ To share legislative data and practices in real time.
- ❖ To promote transparency, accountability, and public participation in legislative work

Sport

Khelo India Winter Games 2025



The Khelo India Winter Games 2025 commenced with great enthusiasm on 23 January at the iconic NDS Stadium in Leh, Ladakh.

Key Point

- ❖ The first phase of the event is being hosted by the Union Territory of Ladakh and will run until January 27th, 2025.
- ❖ The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will host the snow games from February 22nd to 25th.
- ❖ Under the Khelo India Scheme, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) organizes National-level competitions, i.e., Khelo India Youth Games, Khelo India University Games, Khelo India Para Games and Khelo India Winter Games to provide a platform for talented athletes to showcase their sporting and competitive skills.
- ❖ Starting in 2020, so far four editions of the Khelo India Winter Games have been successfully conducted with the participation of 36 States/UTs.

Miscellaneous

India to deploy 1st human-operated underwater submersible

India is gearing up to deploy its first human-operated underwater submersible as part of the Deep Ocean Mission.



Key Point

- ❖ The submersible, designed for a depth of up to 500 meters, is expected to launch this year, with plans to extend its reach to 6,000 meters by next year.
- ❖ The announcement was made during the second meeting of the Mission Steering Committee at Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- ❖ The Deep Ocean Mission aims to explore underwater resources, improve knowledge of deep-sea ecosystems, and advance India's blue economy.
- ❖ The mission's objectives include identifying critical minerals, rare metals, and undiscovered marine biodiversity, which have economic and environmental implications.
- ❖ This alignment represents India's advancements in both marine and space technology.

About Deep Ocean Mission

- ❖ DOM is India's ambitious programme, chiefly implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- ❖ DOM was approved by the Union Cabinet in 2021 over a five-year period in a phased manner.
- ❖ The mission will require technologies to access and transport tonnes of valuable minerals from the ocean-bed in an environmentally safe manner.
- ❖ DOM is one of nine missions under the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PMSTIAC).

Short News

- ❖ The 2025 edition of the World Book Fair will be held from February 1 to February 9, 2025, at the Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- ❖ The Brand Finance Global 500 report for 2025 highlights Tata Group as India's most valuable brand with a record \$31.6 billion valuation, marking a 10% growth.

- ❖ At the 55th World Economic Forum in Davos, David Beckham, Diane von Furstenberg, and Riken Yamamoto received the Crystal Award for their impactful contributions to social and environmental change.
- ❖ The 15th National Voters' Day is observed on January 25. This year's theme is "Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure."
- ❖ Neeraj Parakh has been appointed as the Executive Director and CEO of Reliance Power for a three-year term, starting January 20, 2025.
- ❖ Professor Urbasi Sinha of the Raman Research Institute has received the Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025 for her pioneering work in quantum communication, computing, and optics.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. What is the rank of India in the Global Firepower Index 2025.

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th

Answer - D

2. The 5th Khelo India Winter Games began in which of the following states/union territories?

- A. Ladakh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Delhi
- D. None of the above

Answer-A

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