

### 2025 Indian Army Day to be held in Pune, Maharashtra

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Pune, Maharashtra, will host the Indian Army's ceremonial annual 2025 Army Day on 15 January 2025. This was announced during the launch of the parade's promotional video, which features Bollywood stars R. Madhavan and Rakul Preet Singh, at the ongoing International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.



#### Why is Army Day celebrated?

- ❖ Army Day marks an important transition in the Indian Army, where the command was formally vested in an Indian. Even after independence on 15 August 1947, the Chief of the Army Staff was a British officer.
- ❖ On 15 January 1949, an Indian General, K M Cariappa, took over as the Chief of the Army Staff from the British General Sir Roy Butler. To commemorate this momentous event in the Indian Army, 15 January is observed as Army Day in India every year. On this day, the officers and Jawans of the Indian Army conduct an impressive parade.

#### Third Army Day Parade outside New Delhi

- ❖ Traditionally, the Army Day Parade was held in New Delhi, where the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force headquarters are located.
- ❖ In 2022, the Narendra Modi government decided to hold the annual Army Day, Air Force Day, and Indian Navy Day Parades outside New Delhi in other parts of the country.

- ❖ According to the government, the decision to hold the Armed Forces annual parade was made to involve the public in these celebrations, instil a sense of pride in the armed forces amongst the public, and promote national unity.

#### Rotation of the Army Day

- ❖ The government has decided to rotate the annual Army Day parade among the Indian Army's six operational commands.
- ❖ First time in 2023, the Army Day Parade was held outside New Delhi, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ❖ In 2024, it was held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

#### Command structure of the Indian Army

- ❖ Following is the list of the Indian Army's 6 operational commands and one Training command.

Command	Headquarters
Western Command	Chandimandir (Haryana)
Eastern Command	Kolkata (West Bengal)
Southern Command	Pune(Maharashtra)
Northern Command	Udhampur(Jammu )
Central Command	Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
South -Western Command	Jaipur (Rajasthan )
Army Training Command	Shimla(Himachal Pradesh)

#### Air Force Day

- ❖ The Indian Air Force celebrates its foundation day, October 8, as Indian Air Force Day. On this day in 1932, the British established the Royal Indian Air Force, which, after independence, was renamed the Indian Air Force.
- ❖ Till 2021, the Air Force Day has been celebrated at the Hindon Air Base, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ 2022- Chandigarh Air Base.
- ❖ 2023- Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ 2024 - Marina Beach Chennai, Tamil Nadu

### Command Structure of the Indian Air Force

- ❖ The Indian Air Force has 5 operational commands, one Training command and one Maintenance command.

Command	Headquarters
Western Air Command	Delhi
South-Western Air Command	Gandhinagar (Gujarat)
Central Air Command	Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh)
Eastern Air Command	Shillong (Meghalaya)
Southern Air Command	Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)
Training Command	Bengaluru (Karnataka)
Maintenance Command	Nagpur (Maharashtra)

### Navy Day

- ❖ The Indian Navy celebrates Navy Day on 4 December to commemorate the successful conclusion of Operation Trident of the Indian Navy during the 1971 India-Pakistan war, which crippled the Karachi port of Pakistan.
- ❖ 2022 Indian Navy Day - Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ 2023 Navy Day - Sindhudurg Fort off the Maharashtra coast. Maratha King Shivaji Maharaj built the Sindhudurg Fort in the 17th century.
- ❖ 2024 Indian Navy Day - Blue Flag Beach, Puri, Odisha

### Command Structure of the Indian Navy

- ❖ The Indian Navy has three operational commands

Command	Headquarters
Western Naval Command	Mumbai (Maharashtra)
Eastern Naval Command	Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
Southern Naval Command	Kochi (Kerala)

### Tri-Service Command

- ❖ The headquarters of the Tri-Service command of the Indian Air Force, Indian Navy, and Indian Army is in Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar.

### Center launches AbKoiBahanaNahi Campaign to end violence against women

- ❖ The government of India launched a nationwide “#AbKoiBahanaNahi” and “Nayi Chetna 3.0” campaign on 25 November

2024 in New Delhi on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The campaign, which will run until 10 December 2024, which is Human Rights Day, will focus on raising awareness against genderbased violence and the need to end it.



### Who inaugurated the Campaign?

- ❖ The “#AbKoiBahanaNahi” campaign was inaugurated by Annpurna Devi, Union Minister of Women and Child Development.
- ❖ On this occasion, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Union Minister for Rural Development, Kamlesh Paswan, and Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, the Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, were present.
- ❖ Women leaders from Self Help Groups across the country and service providers for redressal for survivors of violence against women and girls were also present during the launch of the campaigns.

### Aim of the “#AbKoiBahanaNahi” Campaign

- ❖ The main of the “#AbKoiBahanaNahi” Campaign are as follows:
- ❖ Advance the rights of women and individuals of diverse genders.
- ❖ Free their lives from fear and gender-based discrimination.
- ❖ Empower women to break free from shame and societal constraints, enabling them to report the atrocities they have faced and fight for their dignity.

- ❖ Sensitise the general public on ending gender-based violence.
- ❖ Send a message about women's safety as a fundamental and non-negotiable national growth and development priority.

### International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Since 1994, 25 November has been observed annually as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on 7 February 2000 to observe 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.
- ❖ The United Nations launched the UNITE to End Violence against Women initiative in 2008 to support the civil society-led 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign around the world. The campaign starts on 25 November and ends on Human Rights Day on 10 December.

#### Theme of the 2024 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

- ❖ The UN Women has chosen "Every 10 Minutes, a woman is killed. #NoExcuse. UNITE to End Violence against Women" as the theme of the campaign for 2024."

### What is the project, Why you need to upgrade your PAN card

#### Key Points:

- ❖ The 10-digit alphanumeric Permanent Account Number (PAN), issued by the Income Tax Department, is set for an upgrade, with a QR code to be incorporated in all new and old cards, a completely online application process, a merger of all existing identification numbers to make PAN as the common identifier for

businesses, in addition to a data vault system for data protection and cybersecurity purposes.

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the PAN 2.0 Project on Monday (November 25) for PAN to be made the "the common identifier for businesses" and to make PAN as the "single source of truth and data consistency".
- ❖ With the upgrade, PAN is expected to become a strong source of identification and information for the authorities, as it is already linked to the other identification number of Aadhaar.
- ❖ The existing PAN holders, which are around 78 crore in number, can upgrade their PAN cards. The number or PAN will remain the same for existing users, but the card will need to be upgraded, which the government said would be free of cost for the users.

#### PAN Card

- ❖ The tax department issues an individual's PAN on a physical card referred to as the PAN card. The PAN card includes information, such as the PAN number, photograph, name, and date of birth of the holder. PAN has a typical format of ABCTY1234D. The first three characters, i.e. 'ABC' in the above number is an alphabetic series ranging between AAA and ZZZ.
- ❖ The 4th character, i.e. 'T', represents the PAN holder's status. The alphabet 'T' represents Trust, 'F' for Firm, 'H' for HUF, 'P' for Individual, 'C' for Company etc.
- ❖ The 5th character, i.e. 'Y', represents the first alphabet and the PAN holder's last name. The next four characters are sequential digits ranging between 0001 and 9999. The 10th character, i.e. 'D', is an alphabetic check digit that runs from A to Z.

### Utility of PAN

- ❖ PAN enables the department to identify/link all transactions of the PAN holder with the department.
- ❖ These transactions include tax payments, TDS/TCS credits, returns of income, specified transactions correspondence etc, and so on.
- ❖ It facilitates easy retrieval of information of PAN holder and matching of various investments, borrowings and other business activities of PAN holder.

### What is the PAN 2.0 Project?

- ❖ The PAN 2.0 Project of the Income Tax Department, with a financial implication of Rs 1,435 crore, was approved by the Union Cabinet on Monday.
- ❖ Under the project, the existing PAN system will be upgraded completely, the IT backbone will be revamped and PAN will be made as a common business identifier for all digital systems of specified government agencies, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said during the Cabinet briefing on Monday.

### What are the features of PAN 2.0?

- ❖ Apart from the QR-code feature for all new and existing PAN cards, the PAN 2.0 project aims to set up a unified portal along with a “mandatory PAN data vault system” for all entities using PAN data.
- ❖ This is being done for data protection and cybersecurity purposes. “One of the most important features would be a PAN data vault system. The PAN related information is used by many entities such as banks, insurance companies.
- ❖ We give details of PAN at various places. So, those (entities) who take details of PAN, they will have to keep PAN data safely, mandatorily through the data vault system,” Vaishnaw said.

- ❖ There will also be a unified portal as the existing software is nearly 15-20 years old, Vaishnaw said. “It’ll be completely paperless, online. A lot of focus will be on the grievance redressal system,” he said.

### What does this mean for individuals and businesses?

- ❖ Existing users will have the option to upgrade for the PAN 2.0 card. The details about the application process and the timeline are yet to be released by the Income Tax Department. The QR-code feature on new and old PAN cards will mean an enhanced level of integration of financial transactions with the tax department. The QR code was introduced in PAN in 2017. The PAN 2.0 project intends to continue with this feature with enhancements, tax officials said.

### Indian Constitution in Sanskrit and Maithili language launched

#### Key Points:

- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu unveiled the Indian constitution's translation in Sanskrit and Maithili language in New Delhi on 26 November 2024 on the occasion of the Samvidhan Diwas. Maithili is mainly spoken in Bihar, Jharkhand, and Nepal. Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, and other dignitaries were present at the occasion.
- ❖ The government of India has undertaken a project to translate the Indian constitution into all 22 scheduled languages mentioned in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.





### The 75-year celebration of the Indian Constitution

- ❖ This year marks 75 years of the enactment of the Indian constitution. The Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Indian constitution on 26 November 1949, which was promulgated on 26 January 1950.
- ❖ Since 2015, 26 November has been observed in the country as the Samvidhan Diwas. A function was held in the Parliament's Samvidhan Sadan to observe the Samvidhan Diwas and the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the constitution. The old Parliament building has been renamed Samvidhan Sadan by the Modi government.
- ❖ On the occasion, President Droupadi Murmu addressed a joint sitting of both houses of Parliament, the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

### Main events of the function

- ❖ President Murmu led the members of the Parliament in reading the Constitution's preamble.
- ❖ A commemorative coin and stamp dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India was released.
- ❖ Release of Books titled "Making of the Constitution of India: A Glimpse" and "Making of the Constitution of India & its Glorious Journey"
- ❖ Release of Booklet dedicated to the Art of the Constitution of India.
- ❖ Release of the Constitution of India in Sanskrit.

- ❖ Release of the Constitution of India in Maithili.

### Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan Campaign launched

- ❖ To mark the 75th year of the adoption of the constitution, the President also launched the year-long campaign titled "Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan" on 25 November 2024. The year-long campaign will remember and honour the contributions of the Constitution's makers and reiterate the core values of our Constitution.

### History Teacher Yamandu Orsi elected new President of Uruguay

- ❖ A teacher of history, folk dancer and former mayor, the 57-year-old Yamandu Orsi has been elected as the new President of Uruguay.
- ❖ In the Presidential run-off election held on 24 November 2024, Yamandu Orsi secured 49.8 per cent of the votes, compared to Alvaro Delgado of the centre-right National Party, who secured 45.9 per cent votes.
- ❖ It was due to this reason the incumbent, President Luis Lacalle Pou, did not contest the election.



- ❖ Yamandu Orsi will succeed the current President, Luis Lacalle Pou, in March 2025. The Uruguayan President is elected for a term of five years and is not eligible for immediate reelection.

### Oriental Republic of Uruguay

- ❖ The Oriental Republic of Uruguay is the second smallest country in the South American Continent after Suriname, areawise.

- ❖ It is located on the Southeastern coast of South America along the Atlantic coast.
- ❖ It is considered to be one of the most prosperous countries in South America.
- ❖ Capital: Montevideo
- ❖ Currency: Peso Uruguayo
- ❖ President: Luis Lacalle Pou

### India to defend its Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup title in Muscat

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Indian men's junior hockey team coached by legendary former Indian goalkeeper PR Sreejesh will defend its title at the 11th Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup at Muscat Oman. India are the defending champions having won the 2023 edition played at Salalah, Oman, by defeating Pakistan 2-1 in the final. Players below 21 years are eligible to participate in the tournament.



- ❖ The 11th Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup organised by Asian Hockey Federation and hosted by Oman Hockey Association at Muscat from 27-November - 4 December 2024.

#### Amir Ali to lead the Indian Team

- ❖ Defender Amir Ali will captain the 20-member Indian hockey team with Rohit as vicecaptain. Amir Ali was part of the Indian Men's Hockey team which won the 8th Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 played in China.
- ❖ Amir Ali was also captain of the Indian hockey team that came at the third place and won the bronze medal at the U-21 Sultan of Johor Cup held in Malaysia in October 2024.

- ❖ The title was won by Great Britain by defeating Australia in the final.

#### About Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup

- ❖ The Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup is for the under 21 year players. It is organised by the Asian Hockey Federation. India has been the most successful team in the Championship with four title wins in 2004, 2015, 2008 and 2023. Pakistan has won it three times in 1987, 1992 and 1996.

Edition	Year of Championship	Host Country	Winner	Runners-Up
1	1988	Karachi, Pakistan	Pakistan	South Korea
2	1992	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Pakistan	Malaysia
3	1996	Singapore	Pakistan	India
4	2000	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	South Korea	India
5	2004	Karachi, Pakistan	India	Pakistan
6	2008	Hyderabad, India	India	South Korea
7	2012	Malacca, Malaysia	Malaysia	Pakistan
8	2015	Kuantan, Malaysia	India	Pakistan
9	2021	Dhaka, Bangladesh	Cancelled due to COVID -19	
10	2023	Salalah, Oman	India	Pakistan
11	2024	Muscat, Oman	-	-

#### Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Unveils The TeacherApp

- ❖ Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched The TeacherApp, developed by Bharti Airtel Foundation, to equip teachers with future-ready skills.
- ❖ The app offers over 260 hours of digital content, including courses, aimed at enhancing teaching practices and student engagement.
- ❖ Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, launched The TeacherApp, an innovative digital platform developed by Bharti Airtel Foundation to empower educators with the skills required to meet the evolving demands of 21st-century classrooms.



- ❖ The platform, unveiled at the India Habitat Centre, Delhi, aims to elevate the education sector by providing teachers with over 260 hours of high-quality digital content, including courses, videos, podcasts, live expert sessions, and more.
- ❖ This initiative aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and aims to ensure the continuous capacity building of teachers, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and innovation in classrooms nationwide.

### 13-Year-Old Vaibhav Suryavanshi Makes History as IPL's Youngest Signing

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- ❖ On Day 2 of the IPL 2025 Mega Auction in Jeddah, the Rajasthan Royals acquired Suryavanshi for a whopping ₹1.10 crore, defeating the Delhi Capitals in a heated bidding war.
- ❖ This incredible achievement has placed Suryavanshi firmly in the spotlight as a rising star in Indian cricket.

### India Appoints Dinesh Bhatia as Brazil Ambassador

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- ❖ Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Shri Dinesh Bhatia has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Brazil.
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### G. Balasubramanian Appointed as High Commissioner to Maldives

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- ❖ With extensive diplomatic experience spanning key global postings, his appointment underscores India's strategic emphasis on strengthening its ties with the Maldives, a crucial partner in the Indian Ocean Region.

### Samsung R&D Institute, Noida partners with IIT Bombay to Advance AI and Digital Health Research

#### Key Points:

- ❖ In a significant step towards industry-academia collaboration, Samsung R&D Institute, Noida (SRINoida) has signed an

MoU with the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay). The partnership aims to pioneer groundbreaking research in artificial intelligence (AI), digital health, and other emerging technologies over the next five years.

- ❖ This collaboration seeks to bridge the gap between academic research and industry practices, providing IIT Bombay students with practical experience and insights into cutting-edge technologies. It also enables Samsung engineers to receive specialized training and certifications in emerging fields, delivered by IIT Bombay faculty.

### India's first Constitution Museum inaugurated at OP Jindal University

#### Key Points:

- ❖ India's first Constitution Museum was inaugurated at the O P Jindal Global University by Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. This museum will acquaint present and coming generations with our constitution, how it was framed and what discussions and debates took place then.
- ❖ Notably, the museum is designed to provide a deep and engaging exploration of the Constitution's essential elements and key provisions for the citizens to know demonstrating how its values and ideals have shaped the nation.

- ❖ The visitor can immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of pre-independence India, through 360-degree visual spectacle. Through cutting-edge technology and multimedia storytelling, the exhibit unfolds the chronological tapestry of events leading to the drafting of the Indian Constitution.

### Upamanyu wins JCB Prize 2024 for 'Lorenzo Searches for the Meaning of Life'

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Writer Upamanyu Chatterjee has won the JCB Prize for Literature for his book "Lorenzo Searches for the Meaning of Life". Chatterjee's book, published by Speaking Tiger, follows the story of a young Italian man who starts leading a life of spirituality after an accident only to discover the banalities of the path. Chatterjee received a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh along with a trophy sculpted by Delhi artist duo, Thukral and Tagra, titled 'Mirror Melting'.

