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1. PM Modi Inaugurates Centenary Celebrations of Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj in New Delhi.

In June 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the centenary celebrations of revered Jain saint Acharya 108 Vidyanand Ji Maharaj at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event was organized by the Ministry of Culture (MoC) in collaboration with the Bhagwan Mahaveer Ahimsa Bharti Trust, headquartered in New Delhi.

● **The celebrations also coincided with the 38th anniversary of Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj being conferred the title of "Acharya." The event served as a platform to honor his life of renunciation, scholarship, spiritual guidance, and national service, highlighting his significant role in promoting Indian philosophical traditions and ahimsa.**

● **The centenary celebrations span from June 28, 2025, to April 22, 2026, and will feature a diverse array of events including cultural programs, educational initiatives, spiritual discourses, and literary exhibitions across India. The objective is to spread awareness of Acharya Vidyanand Ji's contributions and encourage values of peace and discipline.**

Key Points:-

(i) During the event, Prime Minister Modi was bestowed the title "Dharma Chakravarti" by the Jain community. This honor was given in recognition of his unwavering commitment to Indian spiritual values, cultural heritage, and his leadership in upholding dharma, ethics, and social harmony.

(ii) As part of the celebrations, PM Modi launched a biographical volume chronicling Acharya Vidyanand Ji's life journey, including his ascetic practices, literary works, institutional contributions, and societal reforms. The book aims to document his impact on Jainism and his advocacy for non-violence, unity, and ethical governance.

(iii) To further mark the centenary, the Prime Minister and Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (MoC and Ministry of Tourism – MoT) released a commemorative postage stamp and a Rs. 100 coin in tribute to the saint's legacy. These philatelic and monetary releases symbolized national recognition of his enduring influence.

2. Bhupender Yadav Chairs 21st Project Elephant Meeting Focusing on Human Elephant Conflict and Conservation.

On June 26, 2025, Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav chaired the 21st Steering Committee Meeting of Project Elephant at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) in Dehradun. The high-level meeting convened officials, scientists, and experts to assess elephant conservation efforts and address human-elephant conflict across India.

● **In his opening remarks, the Minister stressed the urgency of mitigating human-elephant conflict, noting its toll on lives and livelihoods. He emphasised that conservation must be community-driven, urging inclusion of local populations in planning, monitoring, and implementation of protection initiatives.**

● **Bhupender Yadav also called for enhanced coordination with agencies such as Indian Railways, Ministry of Power, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), and mining developers. He highlighted efforts to reduce elephant deaths during train collisions through systematic railway stretch surveys and high-risk zone identification.**

● **The Committee reviewed significant scientific progress: Phase-I of the synchronized elephant population estimation in North-Eastern states was completed with over 16,500 dung samples analysed. Additionally, 1,911 captive elephant DNA profiles were recorded from 22 states, enhancing monitoring and welfare planning.**
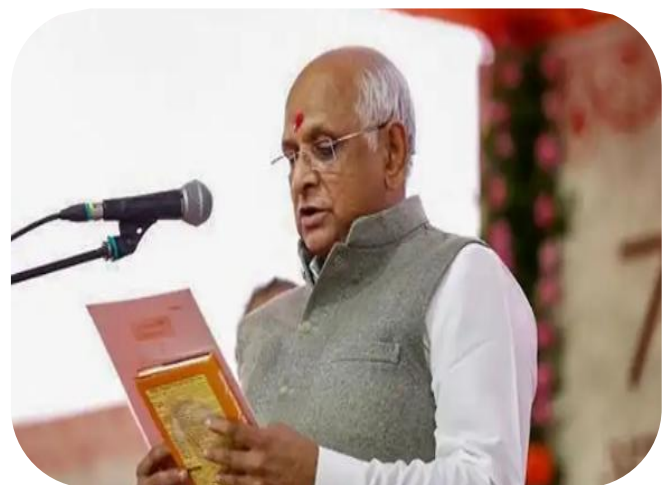
Key Points:-

(i) Another primary focus was railway-related fatalities, with 3,452.4 km of sensitive tracks surveyed and 77 high-risk areas identified. The meeting released several knowledge resources—a mitigation report for elephant-train collisions, a 23-year human-elephant conflict study (Assam, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh), an advisory on safe tusk trimming, and the latest Trumpet newsletter.

(ii) Looking ahead, organizers sketched an ambitious roadmap leading up to World Elephant Day (August 12, 2025) in Coimbatore, including Gaj Gaurav Awards. Key initiatives include finalizing the Nilgiri Elephant Conservation Plan by December 2025, launching a three-year elephant-tracking study in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, and evaluating reserve-level management performance with CAMPA support.

(iii) This meeting underlines India's commitment to elephant conservation through an integrated strategy combining community engagement, scientific research, institutional coordination, and policy implementation under Project Elephant, launched in 1992 to preserve habitats, corridors and mitigate conflict with a landscape-level focus.

3. Gujarat Launches Jan Suraksha Santrupti Abhiyan to Expand Social Security Reach.

On July 1, 2025, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched the Jan Suraksha Santrupti Abhiyan from Gandhinagar.

Running till September 30, this three-month statewide campaign aims to ensure no eligible citizen is left out of key social security schemes, bolstering financial inclusion and welfare delivery in line with PM Modi's "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" initiative.

● **This mission focuses on door-to-door identification and on-the-spot enrolment of underserved beneficiaries under major government schemes like PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY). It also emphasizes updating KYC details and opening Jan Dhan accounts to improve scheme coverage.**

● **At the campaign launch, CM Patel symbolized support by distributing ₹2 lakh cheques under PMSBY to three beneficiaries and issuing a Jan Dhan passbook, showcasing tangible financial empowerment through the initiative. Senior officials, including Finance Minister Kanubhai Desai and Principal Secretary T. Natarajan, were present to oversee the event.**

Key Points:-

(i) Gujarat leads in financial inclusion metrics, with nearly 1.93 crore Jan Dhan accounts, 90 lakh PMJJBY lives insured, and 1.92 crore PMSBY subscribers. So far, ₹21,409 crore has been transferred via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), underlining the state's effective welfare governance.

(ii) The programme employs a decentralized implementation model: district collectors, urban local bodies, banks, and field officers form district action plans. Remote areas will be connected via video-conferencing, ensuring campaign reach even in far-flung communities. Local accountability is central

to this grassroots push.

(iii) Aligned with the broader national goal of a financially inclusive India by 2047, the campaign addresses digital literacy and cyber fraud awareness. It supports PM Modi's vision, reinforcing that every eligible citizen should access social protection, receive benefits timely, and live with dignity.

4. UP CM Yogi Adityanath Lays Foundation Stone for India's First Green Data Centre in Ghaziabad.

On June 26, 2025, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, along with Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, laid the foundation stone for the country's first Green Data Centre—a ₹1,000 crore, 30 MW state-of-the-art facility built by Central Electronics Limited (CEL) in partnership with ESDS, located in Sahibabad, Ghaziabad.

● **The project, developed by CEL, a Mini-Ratna PSU under DSIR (Department of Scientific and Industrial Research), showcases a strong focus on renewable energy and energy-efficient architecture. Equipped with Tier-III certification, advanced cooling systems, reflective roofing, rainwater harvesting, and a 40 Gbps fibre backbone, it reflects India's commitment to sustainable ICT infrastructure .**

● Uttar Pradesh aims to generate 20,000 MW of renewable energy by 2027, with this data centre serving as a catalyst. The ₹1,000 crore investment marks UP's sixth major data centre since 2022 and signals increasing private–public partnerships in the state's growing digital ecosystem .

● CM Yogi Adityanath highlighted the state's transformation, citing a 2.5-fold increase in GDP and per-capita income since 2017, and a significant poverty reduction, lifting 6 crore people out of poverty. He praised CEL's revival from near-disinvestment to profitability, underlining its role in fulfilling the "Viksit Bharat @2047" vision.

Key Points:-

(i) The Green Data Centre is a collaboration between CEL and ESDS, featuring 200 high-density racks per floor, Tier-III uptime, and green building standards to ensure eco-friendly operations. It is expected to boost digital growth, innovation, and skilled employment in the region .

(ii) Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh noted CEL's historic innovation in establishing India's first solar cell in 1977, lauding the organisation's transition from modest beginnings to leading sustainable digital infrastructure. The project aligns with initiatives such as Quantum Unit in Noida and a planned biotech park in Lucknow.

(iii) By integrating advanced green technologies and high uptime standards, this centre positions UP as a key player in national digital transformation strategies like Digital India and Green India, while also supporting India's global ambitions for net-zero emissions by 2070.

5. CEA Conducts Nationwide Electrical Safety Awareness Drive on Electrical Safety Day 2025 in New Delhi.

On June 26, 2025, the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) under the Ministry of Power (MoP), in partnership with Bombay Suburban Electric Supply (BSES), organised a nationwide Electrical Safety Awareness Programme to mark Electrical Safety Day 2025. The event was held in New Delhi and focused on promoting safe electrical practices across India's energy sector.

● The programme served as a national initiative to reinforce India's commitment to building a no-harm, sustainable electrical ecosystem, particularly in alignment with the goals of Smart Energy transition and safety-first practices across power infrastructure.

● The theme of Electrical Safety Day 2025 was 'Smart Energy, Safe Nation', emphasizing the growing need to integrate safety mechanisms into emerging technologies such as Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure, and rooftop solar installations across the country.

● The event was inaugurated by Union Minister of State (MoS) Shripad Yesso Naik, representing both the Ministry of Power and the Ministry of

New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). He was joined by senior dignitaries including Pankaj Agarwal (Secretary, MoP), Ghanshyam Prasad (Chairperson, CEA), and Amal Sinha (Director & CEO, BSES), who collectively addressed the importance of electrical safety.

Key Points:-

(i) Over 300 delegates from utilities, regulatory authorities, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), and State Chief Electrical Inspectorate Offices participated in the event. Special highlights included the launch of the safety mascot 'Suraksha Shakti' and the 1st edition of the Electrical Safety Handbook, jointly developed by CEA and BSES to guide safe electricity practices for households, EV charging stations, and rooftop solar systems.

(ii) The Electrical Safety Handbook contains essential dos and don'ts for electrical utilities, consumers, prosumers, and field technicians. It acts as a reference manual for dealing with electrical hazards such as shocks, fires, and infrastructure faults, with special focus on next-generation energy systems.

(iii) The event also featured technical presentations, demonstrations, and panel interactions on grounding and earthing systems, delivered by CEA, BSES, NPTI (National Power Training Institute), and other experts from the energy sector.

INTERNATIONAL

1. India Climbs to 115th in Global Peace Index 2025 and Iceland Retains Top Spot.

GLOBAL PEACE INDEX 2025

INDIA
Rank 115
Score 2,229

ICELAND
Rank 1

Iceland retains top spot

In June 2025, the Sydney-based think tank Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP) released the 19th edition of the Global Peace Index (GPI). India improved from 116th to 115th position, scoring 2.229, while Iceland retained the top global rank with a score of 1.095.

● **The GPI 2025 assessed 163 countries, covering 99.7% of the world's population. It used 23 indicators across three domains: Societal Safety & Security, Ongoing Domestic/International Conflict, and Militarisation. Scores range from 1 (most peaceful) to 5 (least peaceful).**

● **Iceland once again ranked as the most peaceful nation with a score of 1.095, maintaining the top position for the 17th consecutive year. It led other high-ranking nations Ireland, New Zealand, Austria, and Switzerland.**

Key Points:-

(i) At 115th position, India slightly improved its GPI score to 2.229, up from 116th last year. This marks gradual progress from 126th in 2023 and 141st in 2019, reflecting better safety, security, and lower conflict. Within South Asia, India outperformed Bangladesh (123), Pakistan (144), and Afghanistan (158).

(ii) The 2025 index showed a 0.36% deterioration in global peace—the 13th decline in 17 years. While 74 countries improved, 87 nations saw worsening peace levels, highlighting ongoing geopolitical instability and rising global tensions.

(iii) At the bottom of the list, Russia ranked 163rd (least peaceful), Ukraine 162nd, followed by Sudan, DR Congo, and Yemen among the least peaceful nations.

2. Pakistan Assumes UN Security Council Presidency for July 2025 with Focus on Peace and Multilateralism.

On July 1, 2025, Pakistan officially assumed the rotating presidency of the UN Security Council for the month of July, during its two-year tenure as a non-permanent member. Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad took the helm, pledging transparent, inclusive leadership focused on peace, conflict resolution, and upholding the UN Charter.

● **During a press briefing at UN headquarters, Ambassador Ahmad emphasized Pakistan's commitment to "peaceful dispute resolution and international law." Highlighting issues like the Israel-Palestine situation and regional diplomacy, he assured that the Council under**

Pakistan's leadership would remain responsive to global crises.

● **Pakistani Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar reaffirmed the country's dedication to multilateral cooperation and the UN Charter. He announced two high-level sessions: one on promoting international peace and dispute settlement, and another on UN cooperation with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).**

Key Points:-

(i) Pakistan's presidency follows its eighth term on the Security Council, having been elected in June 2024 with 182 votes. The rotating presidency, while largely symbolic, empowers Islamabad to steer the agenda and tone, giving it a platform to influence deliberations on global peace and security.

(ii) The monthly presidency allows Pakistan to convene council meetings on pressing global matters. For July 2025, focus areas include raising the Israel-Palestine issue to ministerial level, addressing humanitarian crises, and strengthening UN-regional organization cooperation, especially with the OIC.

(iii) This development comes amid global turbulence—rising tensions in the Middle East, Ukraine, Africa, and South Asia. Pakistan's rotating presidency positions it to promote diplomatic engagement, dialogue, and multilateralism at a time when global institutions face challenges of trust and effectiveness.

3. Global Satellite Deployment 2025: USA Leads with 8,530 Satellites and India Secures 7th Position with 136.

A recent industry report for 2025 highlights a surge in satellite deployments worldwide. The United States leads the count with 8,530 satellites, while India ranks 7th, with 136 satellites launched. The drastic increase underscores rapid commercial expansion, small-satellite constellations, and growing national ambitions in global space infrastructure.

● **The expansion of satellite networks in early 2025 marked a record surge, with over 1,200 satellites launched between January and April— a 50% increase from the same period in 2024. This spike is largely driven by commercial mega-constellations from companies like SpaceX and Amazon's Project Kuiper.**

● **The United States, leading with 8,530 active satellites, remains the dominant spacefaring nation. Its satellites range from low-Earth observation and broadband systems to defense and navigation platforms. It also accounts for nearly half of all commercial launch activity globally.**

● **India, with 136 active satellites, secured its 7th position worldwide. While smaller than the U.S. or China, India's growth comes from a mix of ISRO, NSIL, and emerging private players contributing to communication, earth observation, and navigation systems like NavIC.**
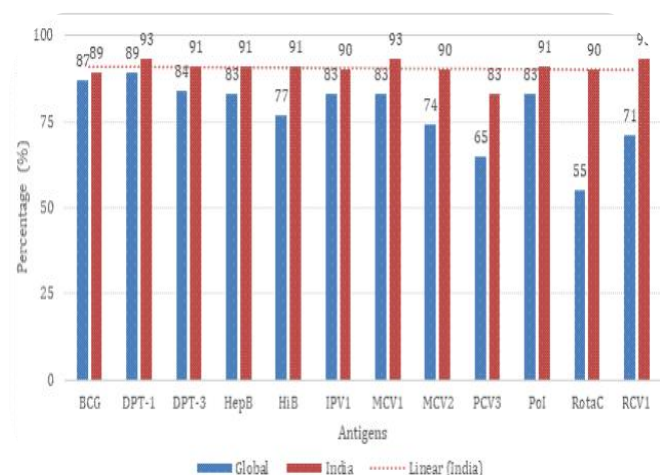
Key Points:-

(i) India's satellite ecosystem includes ISRO-led launches, private constellations, and defence deployments under programs like SBS-III, which plans 52 military surveillance satellites by 2029. The growth is part of a broader strategy to enhance national security and space capability.

(ii) SpaceX continues to dominate commercial launches, with 573 Starlink satellites deployed in early 2025 alone. Meanwhile, Amazon's Project Kuiper kicked off with initial batch successes, signaling competition in global Internet-from-space services.

(iii) This rapid scaling poses space debris and orbital congestion concerns. Experts urge stricter space traffic management, deorbit protocols, and sustainable operations. Global investment in satellite market is projected to hit USD 480 billion in 2025, highlighting commercialization trends and need for regulation.

4. India Achieves Drop in Children Missing All Routine Vaccines from 0.11 Percent to 0.06 Percent in 2024 as per UN IGME Report.

According to a recent UN IGME 2024 report and Ministry of Health data, the percentage of zero-dose children (those not receiving even one routine vaccine) in India fell significantly from 0.11% in 2023 to 0.06% in 2024—aided by intensified vaccination campaigns and targeted outreach.

● **India's Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) now covers 12 vaccine-preventable diseases, delivering services annually to approximately 2.6 crore infants and 2.9 crore pregnant women through over 1.3 crore immunisation sessions—an essential infrastructure for reducing vaccination gaps.**

● **A key push has been the Zero Dose Implementation Plan 2024, launched across 143 districts in 11 states, targeting unvaccinated children in urban slums, migratory, and hard-to-reach communities, supplemented by strong community engagement and digital tracking via platforms like U-WIN.**

● **The government also credited India's success to Mission Indradhanush, operational since 2014, which has vaccinated over 5.46 crore children and 1.32 crore pregnant women—reinforcing efforts to eliminate polio (2014) and neonatal tetanus (2015), and launching a new Measles-Rubella campaign in 2025.**

Key Points:-

(i) India's progress earned global recognition with the Measles and Rubella Champion Award, presented at the American Red Cross headquarters in March 2024, and established India as a "global exemplar" in child health.

(ii) Alongside vaccination, encouraging trends in child mortality—a 78% drop in under-five mortality and notable neonatal improvements—underscore the broader impact of immunisation and enhanced maternal-child healthcare systems.

(iii) Government sources emphasize that comparing raw numbers of zero-dose children internationally overlooks India's massive population base and high coverage, positioning India's 0.06% figure among the world's best.

5. 2025 Bonn Climate Conference Concludes with Divided Outcomes and Finance Roadmap Talks.

The 62nd Bonn Climate Change Conference was held from June 16 to 26, 2025, under the UNFCCC's Subsidiary Bodies in Bonn, Germany. While progress was made on adaptation finance and just-transition guidelines, the talks highlighted deep rifts over climate finance commitments, agenda disagreements, and emerging preparations for COP30 in Belém.

● **Negotiations began with a nearly two-day delay due to disputes over agenda items on Article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement and unilateral trade measures like the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). Developing countries, including India, insisted on formal inclusion before moving forward.**

● **Under the Just Transition Work Programme, delegates agreed on a "whole-of-economy" approach to shift away from fossil fuels. While some consensus was reached, the underlying tension between developed and developing countries on job protection and equity remained unresolved.**

<mark>Key Points:-</mark>

(i) On adaptation, a major achievement was consensus on Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) indicators, narrowing down from thousands to just under 500. However, debates continued around including climate finance mechanisms in these indicators.

(ii) Developing countries—supported by groups such as the G77+China, LMDC (Like-Minded Developing Countries), AOSIS (Alliance of Small Island States), LDCs (Least Developed Countries), and AGN (African Group of Negotiators)—demanded clarity on Article 9.1 obligations and transparent financial support for adaptation and loss-and-damage. This demand reflects a persistent lack of trust.

(iii) As Bonn concluded, parties acknowledged progress yet emphasized the need to escalate efforts ahead of COP30 in Belém, Brazil. Core concerns remain: finalizing financial roadmaps, amp'ing climate ambition, and ensuring equitable, science-based actions across mitigation, adaptation, and finance.

MOUs and Agreement

1. MYAS and DIC Sign MoU to Build Advanced "MY Bharat 2.0" Youth Platform.

On June 30, 2025, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) partnered with the Digital India Corporation (DIC) under MeitY, signing an MoU in New Delhi to upgrade the existing youth engagement portal into MY Bharat 2.0—a digitally empowered, AI-driven single-window platform aimed at strengthening youth empowerment.

● **The MoU was signed in the presence of Union Ministers Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (Youth Affairs & Sports, Labour & Employment) and Ashwini Vaishnaw (Electronics & IT, Railways, and I&B), emphasizing high-level commitment. Senior officials from DoYA, MeitY, and DIC participated, with Nitesh Kumar Mishra (DoYA) and Nand Kumarum (DIC) executing the agreement .**

● **MY Bharat 2.0 will be rebuilt on a modular architecture with an improved, fully functional mobile app for Android and iOS. It will integrate national digital infrastructure such as Aadhaar, DigiLocker, Bhashini, and MyGov, ensuring scalability, inclusivity, and interoperability.**

● **The upgraded portal will incorporate AI-powered features like a Smart CV Builder, personalized digital profiles, AI chatbots, geo-tagging, voice-assisted navigation, and speech-to-text tools. Backend support includes call centers, training modules, MIS dashboards, and**

cloud infrastructure—designed to support youth from remote and urban areas.

Key Points:-

(i) MYAS secretary Dr. Pallavi Jain Govil highlighted the portal's youth-focused offerings: National Career Services, mentorship hub, and a Fit India section, aiming at holistic development covering career, civic engagement, and wellness.

(ii) With over 1.76 crore youth users and 1.19 lakh organizations already onboarded, MY Bharat 2.0 aims to transform India's demographic advantage into a development dividend under the "Viksit Bharat 2047" vision. Dr. Mandaviya called it more than a digital tool—it's a movement driven by "Seva Bhav" and civic purpose.

App and Web Portal

1. Indian Railways Launches "RailOne" Super App to Unify Passenger Services.

On July 1, 2025, the Indian Railways, in collaboration with CRIS (Centre for Railway Information Systems), launched RailOne, a unified mobile app integrating all key passenger services under one platform. The app was unveiled by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw during CRIS's 40th Foundation Day celebrations in New Delhi.

● **The RailOne Super App consolidates nine essential services including IRCTC (Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation) ticketing, UTS (Unreserved Ticketing System), and NTES (National Train Enquiry System) into one seamless platform. Passengers can now book reserved and unreserved tickets, platform tickets, and season passes from a single interface.**

● **This app includes advanced features such as real-time PNR (Passenger Name Record) status updates, coach position locator, and live train tracking, enhancing passenger convenience and journey planning accuracy. These features eliminate the need to switch between multiple apps for tracking train-related updates.**

● **Food ordering is integrated via IRCTC e-catering, enabling travelers to book meals from approved vendors and receive them directly at their seats. Additionally, a simplified refund process with clear tracking improves user satisfaction and response time for failed transactions or cancellations.**

Key Points:-

(i) RailOne also provides biometric login and mPIN (Mobile Personal Identification Number) security through R-Wallet, supports multilingual access, and includes a built-in grievance redressal module through Rail Madad (Railway Mobile Application for Direct Aid & Assistance During Distress). It also supports Single Sign-On (SSO) functionality across IRCTC and UTS.

(ii) By merging multiple platforms—IRCTC Rail Connect, UTS Mobile App, NTES, Rail Madad, and e-Catering—into one app, RailOne aligns with the Digital India initiative

to improve service delivery and digital integration in public transport. It significantly reduces digital clutter for passengers.

(iii) During the launch, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw called RailOne a "revolutionary step" in public service modernization. He noted it as a key milestone in CRIS's journey toward transforming Indian Railways into a world-class, digitally empowered transport system committed to efficiency, convenience, and transparency.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. International Day of Parliamentarism Observed on 30 June 2025.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PARLIAMENTARISM
JUNE 30

The International Day of Parliamentarism is observed globally on June 30 to recognize the role of parliaments in democratic governance, accountability, and representation. It marks the anniversary of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), founded on 30 June 1889.

● **The day was officially designated by the United Nations General Assembly through resolution A/RES/72/278 in 2018 to highlight the importance of parliaments in upholding democratic principles, facilitating public voice,** and promoting legislative transparency worldwide.

● **In 2025, the theme is "Achieving Gender Equality: Action by Action", aligned with the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action. The focus is on how parliaments can drive legal reforms and institutional mechanisms to close gender gaps and empower women in politics.**

● **Parliaments play a critical role in lawmaking, budget approvals, policy oversight, and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They also ensure checks and balances in governance, protect civil liberties, and support climate and peace-related legislation.**

Key Points:-

(i) The International Day of Parliamentarism is observed globally on June 30 to recognize the role of parliaments in democratic governance, accountability, and representation. It marks the anniversary of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), founded on 30 June 1889.

(ii) The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, promotes cooperation among 179 national parliaments. It monitors progress on youth participation, gender parity, digital adaptation, and global parliamentary diplomacy.

(iii) This day serves to reinforce trust in democratic institutions amid rising authoritarian trends, encouraging greater public engagement and institutional reforms that make democracies more inclusive and accountable.

2. National Chartered Accountants Day 2025 – Observed on July 1.

India celebrates National Chartered Accountants Day every year on July 1 to mark the establishment of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in 1949. The day recognizes the vital contributions of Chartered Accountants (CAs) in strengthening India's financial, regulatory, and economic frameworks.

● **The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) was founded on 1st July 1949 through the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, passed by the Parliament of India. It functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.**

● **ICAI is the second-largest accounting body in the world, with over 2.5 lakh members and a network of over 165 branches in India and 44 overseas chapters. It regulates the CA profession, maintains professional standards, and conducts the CA examinations nationwide.**

Key Points:-

(i) Chartered Accountants play a critical role in auditing, financial reporting, tax consultancy, forensic accounting, and advising businesses on compliance and risk. They contribute significantly to government audits, policy implementation, and startup ecosystem development.

(ii) The first Indian Chartered Accountant was Gopaldas Padamsey Kapadia, who also became the first president of ICAI. The first Indian woman CA was R. Sivabhogam, who qualified in 1933 and joined ICAI after its formation in 1950.

(iii) The year 2025 marks the 77th CA Day, celebrated with national and regional events, seminars, startup mentorship drives, and ICAI award ceremonies to honour exceptional CAs contributing to the nation's financial growth.

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Ministry of Culture (MoC)	Union Minister : Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Headquarters: New Delhi
Gujarat	Chief minister: Bhupendra Patel	Governor: Acharya Devvrat
Uttar Pradesh	Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath	Governor: Anandiben Patel
MYAS	Cabinet Minister : Mansukh Mandaviya	Headquarters: New Delhi
Iceland	Capital: Reykjavík	Official language: Icelandic
Central Electricity Authority (CEA)	Chairperson : Ghanshyam Prasad	Headquarters: New Delhi
Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)	Chairman & MD : GVL Satya Kumar	Headquarters: New Delhi
Pakistan	Capital: Islamabad	President: Asif Ali Zardari
USA	Capital: Washington, D.C.	President: Donald Trump
Germany	President: Frank-Walter Steinmeier	Chancellor: Friedrich Merz