



## CURRENT AFFAIRS OF DECEMBER 2025

### Awards

The two countries which have conferred their highest national awards on the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Ethiopia and Oman**

The Bollywood actress who has been chosen to the 2025 PETA Person of the Year for her dedication to animal rights, wildlife protection, vegan advocacy, and humane education – **Ms. Raveen Tandon**

### Persons

The first female Prime Minister of Bangladesh who passed away on 30 December 2025 – **Begum Khaleda Zia**

The noted Hindi writer, recipient of Sahitya Akademi and Jnanpith Award, who passed away on 23 December 2025 – **Shri Vinod Kumar Shukla**

The Indian sculptor known for designing the Statue of Unity, who passed on 18 December 2025 – **Shri Ram V. Sutar**

The TIME magazine's Person of the Year 2025 – **Architects of AI**

The former Minister of Home Affairs of India, former Speaker of the Lok Sabha and former Governor of Punjab who passed away on 12 December 2025 – **Shri Shivraj Patil**

The former Governor of Mizoram and also the former Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) who passed away on 04 December 2025 – **Shri Swaraj Kaushal**

### Defence

The second edition of the India-UAE Joint Military Exercise conducted at Abu Dhabi, UAE, from 18 to 30 December 2025 is named – **DESERT CYCLONE-II**

The annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) held in Maldives from 15 to 17 December 2025 is named – **Exercise Ekatha 2025**

The fifth edition of Joint Military exercise conducted by the armies of India and Malaysia in Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan from 05 to 18 December 2025 is named – **Exercise Harimau Shakti 2025**

The 10th edition of the India–Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise conducted at the Special Forces Training School, Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh from 03 to 12 December 2025 is named – **Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI**

The 14th edition of the Joint Military between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) held at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from 02 to 15 December 2025 is named – **Exercise EKUVERIN**

### **Sports**

The team which has won the Squash World Cup 2025 defeating Hong Kong in the finals at Chennai – **India**

The Indian city in which a 70-feet tall iron statue of Argentinian footballer Lionel Messi has been unveiled prior to the 2026 FIFA World Cup – **Kolkata**

The three-year old chess prodigy from Madhya Pradesh who has become the youngest FIDE rated chess player in the world – **Sarwagya Singh Kushwaha**

The American professional basketball player who has been chosen to be the TIME's Athlete of the Year 2025 – **Ms. A'ja Wilson**

The American sprinter and hurdler who has been named the World Athlete of the Year 2025 (female) – **Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone**

The pole vaulter from Sweden who has been named the World Athlete of the Year 2025 (male) – **Armand Duplantis**

The country which has won the 2025 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup (Hockey) defeating India in the finals at Ipoh, Malaysia – **Belgium**

### **Miscellaneous**

The Indian port from which the indigenously built traditional stitched sailing vessel, INSV Kaundinya, embarked on its maiden overseas voyage to Muscat on December 29, 2025 – **Porbandar**

The heaviest satellite ever carried by Indian launch vehicle which was placed into its designated orbit aboard the rocket LVM33-M6 ON 24 Dec 2025 – **Bluebird Block-2**

The Australian city in which two gunmen killed about 15 people during a Hanukkah celebration at a beach – **Sydney**

The Indian festival which has been inscribed on UNESCO's List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, at the 20th UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee session at New Delhi's Red Fort becoming the 16th Indian element on this list – **Deepavali**

### **Best FIFA Football Awards 2025**

Awarded by: FIFA

FIFA Men's Player of the Year: Ousmane Dembélé (France / PSG)

FIFA Women's Player of the Year: Aitana Bonmatí (Spain / Barcelona)

### **Sites added to Ramsar List**

The following two site have been added to the List of Wetlands of International Importance (the “Ramsar List”).

- Siliserh Lake in Paitpur, Alwar District, Rajasthan.
- Kopra Jalashay in Bilaspur District, Chhattisgarh.

### **Important Days of December**

**World AIDS Day:** 01 December 2025

Designated by: World Health Organisation

Theme: **Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response**

First Observed in: 1988

**International Day of Persons with Disabilities:** 03 December 2025

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

Theme: **Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress**

First Observed in: 1992

**International Volunteer Day:** 05 December 2025

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First Observed in: 1986

**World Soil Day:** 05 December 2025

First launched by: International Union of Soil Sciences (2002)

Endorsed by: Food and Agricultural Organisation (Jun 2013)

Accepted by: United Nations General Assembly (Dec 2013)

Theme: **Healthy Soils for Healthy Cities**

<p><b>International Civil Aviation Day:</b> 07 December 2025          Established by: International Civil Aviation Organisation (1994)          Adopted by: United Nations General Assembly (1996)          Theme: <b>Safe Skies. Sustainable Future: Together for the next 80 years</b></p>
<p><b>International Anti Corruption Day:</b> 09 December 2025          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          First Observed in: 2003          Theme: <b>Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow's Integrity</b></p>
<p><b>United Nations Human Rights Day:</b> 10 December 2025          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          Theme: <b>Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials</b>          First Observed in: 1948</p>
<p><b>International Mountains Day:</b> 11 December 2025          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          First Observed in: 2003          Theme: <b>Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond</b></p>
<p><b>International Universal Health Coverage Day:</b> 12 December 2025          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          Theme: <b>Unaffordable health costs? We're sick of it!</b>          First Observed in: 2017</p>
<p><b>International Migrants Day:</b> 18 December 2025          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          First Observed in: 2000          Theme: <b>My Great Story: Cultures and Development</b></p>
<p><b>International Human Solidarity Day:</b> 20 December 2025          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          First Observed in: 2006</p>
<p><b>World Meditation Day:</b> 21 December 2025          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          First Observed in: 2025</p>

### **Viksit Bharat - G RAM G Act, 2025**

The following are the salient features of the G RAM C Act, 2025.

1. Replaces MGNREGA
2. Enhanced Employment Guarantee: 125 days of wage employment per rural household.
3. Focused Nature of Works: Four priority areas covering water security, rural infrastructure, livelihood infrastructure and climate resilience.
4. Support to Agriculture: Pause in work for aggregate 60 days during peak sowing and harvesting seasons.
5. Shared Centre-State responsibility with calibrated cost sharing.