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# Awards

The country which has conferred its highest one of its highest distinctions, Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III, upon the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Cyprus** 

## **Defence**

The attack launched by the USA on the nuclear facilities in Iran at Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan on 22 June 2025 was code named – **Operation Midnight Hammer** 

The operation launched by Govt of India to evacuate over 1700 Indians stranded in Iran and Israel is named – **Operation Sindhu** 

The 8th edition of the biennial India-French Joint Military Exercise conducted at Camp Larzac, La Cavalerie, France from 18th June 2025 to 1st July 2025 is named – **Exercise Shakti** 

The first ever independent Special Forces exercise between IAF and USAF conducted at various locations in North India from 26 May to 10 June 2025 was named – **Exercise Tiger Claw 2025** 

The military strikes launched by Israel on Iran targeting Iran's nuclear facilities, ballistic missile factories, and military commanders on 13 June 2025 were codenamed – **Operation Rising Lion** 

The Multinational Military Exercise conducted by Mongolia from 14th to 28th June 2025 at Ulaanbaatar with participation of India, United States, Mongolia and other countries is named – **Exercise Khaan Quest** 

## Persons

The new President of the Republic of South Korea who has been elected to succeed Yoon Suk Yeol who was impeached in December 2024 – **Lee Jae-myung** 

## **Places**

The place in Kerala at which India's first butterfly sanctuary named Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary has been announced by the Govt – **Kannur** 

The state which has become the third state to achieve fully functional literacy rate under ULLAS

- Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Programme) after Kerala and Mizoram

– Tripura

The place in Canada which was the venue of 51st Summit of G-7 countries held from 16 to 17 June 2025 – Kananaskis, Alberta

The place at which the largest ever gathering of people for yoga took place on the occasion of International Yoga Day with 3,00,105 participants – **Visakhapatnam** 

The place in Tamil Nadu at which the state government has notified the establishment of the Greater Flamingo Sanctuary – **Dhanushkodi in Ramanathapuram** 

## **Miscellaneous**

The theme of National Statistics Day observed on 29 June 2025 by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation – **75 Years of National Sample Survey** 

The year 2026 has been declared by the United Nations as the International Year of – **Woman** Farmer

The new motto of Lokpal of India which has been adopted by its full bench – **Empower Citizens**, **Expose Corruption** 

The Singapore-flagged cargo ship carrying hazardous chemicals, which caught fire in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Kerala is named – **M.V. Wan Hai** 

The wetlands in Rajasthan which have been added to the prestigious list of Ramsar Sites – Khichan in Phalodi and Menar in Udaipur

## **Sports**

The team which has won the 2023-25 World Test Championship defeating Australia in the finals at Lord's London – **South Africa** 

The former Indian cricket captain who has been inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame – MS Dhoni

The Pataudi Trophy given to the winner of each Test cricket series between England and India when matches happen in England has been renamed as – **Tendulkar-Anderson Trophy** 

The tournament at which five-time world chess champion Magnus Carlsen was defeated by Indian grandmaster D. Gukesh (the tournament was eventually won by Magnus Carlsen with D. Gukesh standing third) – **Norway Chess 2025** 

# French Open 2025

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Janik Sinner (Italy)
Women's Singles	Coco Gauff (USA)	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
Men's Doubles	Marcel Granollers (Spain) and	Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski
	Horacio Zeballos (Argentina)	(United Kingdom)
Women's Doubles	Sara Errani (Italy) and Jasmine	Anna Danilina (Kazakhstan) and
	Paolini (Italy)	Aleksandra Krunic (Serbia)
Mixed Doubles	Sara Errani (Italy) and Andrea	Taylor Townsend (USA) and Evan
	Vavassori (Italy)	King (USA)

# Chenab Rail Bridge

Opened for traffic: 06 June 2025

Special feature: highest rail bridge and arch bridge in the world.

**Location**: Over the Chenab River in Reasi district of the Indian union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. It is located between **Kauri and Bakkal** rail stations on the Jammu–Baramulla line.

**Dimensions**: It is a steel and concrete bridge spanning 1,315 m (4,314 ft) across the river gorge. The structure consists of an approach bridge which is 530 m (1,740 ft) long and a 785 m (2,575 ft) long deck arch bridge. It has a deck height of 359 m (1,178 ft) from the river bed.

## **Important Days of June 2025**

Global Day of Parents: 01 June 2025
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
First observed: 2012
Theme: Raising Parents
World Milk Day: 01 June 2025
Designated by: Food and Agricultural Organisation
First observed: 2001
International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression: 04 June 2025
Designated by: UN General Assembly
First observed: 1983
World Environment Day: 05 June 2025
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
First observed: 1974
Host Country: Republic of Korea
Theme: <b>#BeatPlasticPollution</b>

World Food Safety Day: 07 June 2025 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2019 Theme: Food safety: Science in Action World Ocean Day: 08 June 2025		
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Designated by: UN General Assembly		
First Observed in: 2009		
Theme: Wonder: Sustaining what sustains us		
International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations: 10 June 2025		
Designated by: UN General Assembly		
First Observed in: 2025		
World Day Against Child Labour: 12 June 2025		
Designated by: International Labour Organization		
First Observed in: 2002		
Theme: Progress is clear, but there's more to do: let's speed up efforts!		
World Blood Donor Day: 14 June 2025		
Designated by: World Health Organisation		
First Observed in: 2004		
Slogan: Give blood, give hope: together we save lives		
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: 15 June 2025		
Designated by: UN General Assembly		
First Observed in: 2012		
Theme: Addressing Abuse of Older Adults in Long Term Care Facilities: Through Data and		
Action		
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought: 17 June 2025		
Designated by: UN General Assembly		
First Observed in: 1995		
Theme: Restore the land. Unlock the opportunities		
nternational Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict: 19 June 2025		
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly		
First Observed in: 2015		
World Refugee Day: 20 June 2025		
Designated by: UN General Assembly		
Theme: Solidarity with refugees		
First Observed in: 2001		
nternational Day of Yoga: 21 June 2025		
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly		
First Observed in: 2015		
Theme: Yoga for One Earth, One Health		

Olympic Day: 23 June 2025 Designated by: International Olympic Committee First Observed in: 1948 Observed to: Celebrate the foundation of the International Olympic Committee at the Sorbonne, Paris, on 23 June 1894. International Widows Day: 23 June 2025 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First Observed in: 2011

**International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**: 26 June 2025 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1988

## **Axiom Mission 4**

Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) is a private spaceflight to the International Space Station (ISS) operated by Axiom Space in partnership with SpaceX and NASA.

Launcher: SpaceX Falcon 9 Block 5

Spacecraft: Crew Dragon Grace

Launched from: Kennedy, Launch Complex 39A

Launch date: 25 June 2025

Docked with ISS on: 26 June 2025

Crew Members: Peggy Whitson (USA), **Shubhanshu Shukla (India)**, Sławosz Uznański-Wiśniewski (Poland) and Tibor Kapu (Hungary)

Note: Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is the first Indian to reach the International Space Station.

## **Indian Premier League 2025**

Participants - 10

Matches - 74

Winners - Royal Challengers Bengaluru (1st title)

Runners-up - Punjab Kings

Most valuable player - Surya Kumar Yadav (Mumbai Indians)

Most runs (Orange Cap) - Sai Sudharsan (Gujarat Titans) (759)

Most wickets (Purple Cap) - Prasidh Krishna (Gujarat Titans) (25)

#### Air India Plane Crash

Date: 12 June 2025

Took off from: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport

Destination: London Gatwick Airport

Flight No.: **AI 171** 

Type of Aircraft: Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner

Number of people aboard: 230 passengers and 12 crew

Onboard fatalities: **241 out of 242** (1 survivor)

Note: The plane crashed into a medical college just 30 seconds after take-off killing several people in the college. Former Gujarat CM **Shri Vijay Rupani** was also one of the persons to die in the plane crash.