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National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025

- **Context:** The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025 rankings were announced by the Ministry of Education.

Key Highlights

- For the seventh straight year, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, claimed the top overall position.
- IISc Bengaluru retains its position as the top-ranked university. JNU holds the 2nd spot, followed by Manipal Academy of Higher Education at 3rd, making it the first private institution to enter the top three in this category.
- Hindu College of Delhi University continues ranking 1st among all colleges for at least the second consecutive year followed by Miranda House and Hans Raj College.
- **Other top ranked by category:**
 - IIM Ahmedabad leads in Management category.
 - AIIMS Delhi maintains the top rank in the medical field.
 - National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru remains the leading law institution.

About National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)

- NIRF was launched in 2015 by the Ministry of Education, to rank institutions of higher education in India.
- Five broad categories of parameters identified in the NIRF;
 - Teaching, Learning and Resources
 - Research and Professional Practice
 - Graduation Outcome
 - Outreach and Inclusivity
 - Perception

- Each of these five parameters have 2 to 5 sub-parameters and a total number of 18 parameters are used for ranking of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The overall score is computed based on the weightage allotted to each parameter and sub-parameter.

SAMHiTA Conference

- **Context:** The Minister of External Affairs of India inaugurated the SAMHiTA Conference on South Asia's Manuscript Traditions and Mathematical Contributions in New Delhi.

About SAMHiTA (South Asian Manuscript Histories and Textual Archive)

- SAMHiTA is an initiative to create a relational database and digital archive of Indian and broadly South Asian manuscripts housed in libraries, archives and other repositories outside India, through collaboration with institutional partners.
- **Focus areas:** Mathematics, astronomy, linguistics, philosophy, medicine, literature in manuscripts.
- It will help reclaim India's intellectual traditions, prevents cultural erasure, and strengthens research in history of science.

Other Initiatives to safeguard the Manuscripts

- The Ministry of Culture established the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) in 2003 to document, conserve, and promote access to Indian manuscripts.
- The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) is a premier Indian institution and autonomous trust under the Ministry of Culture, functions as a vast repository for manuscripts and other cultural resources, and as a hub for academic research.
- The National Digital Library of India (NDLI), the Bharatavani Project, and the Indian Culture Portal are all digital archives initiated by the Government of India.
- UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme (global preservation of documentary heritage).

National Teachers Awards

- **Context:** The President of India conferred National Awards on 81 teachers from across the country at a function held in New Delhi on Teachers' Day (5th September).

About National Teachers Awards

- **Selection Process:** Teachers are chosen through a three-stage transparent, online process at the District, State, and National levels, coordinated by the Department of School Education and Literacy.
- **Organiser:** Ministry of Education and It was Instituted in 1958.
 - They are given away by The President of India (or) The Vice President of India on 5th September (Teacher's Day) every year to give public recognition to meritorious teachers working in primary, middle and secondary schools.
- **Purpose:**
 - To celebrate the unique contribution of outstanding teachers.
 - To recognize those who, through commitment and innovation, have improved school education and enriched the lives of their students.
- **Occasion:** Awards are conferred every year on Teachers' Day, observed on the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India and a great philosopher-educationist.
- **Exclusion:**
 - Retired teachers who have not served at least a part of the calendar year – at least for four months i.e., up to 30th April in the year to which the National Award relates.
 - Teacher/Headmasters who have indulged in tuitions.
 - Contractual Teachers and Shiksha Mitras are also not eligible.

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National Education Day is observed on 11th November in honour of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister.

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HealthAI Global Regulatory Network (GRN)

- **Context:** India has joined the HealthAI Global Regulatory Network (GRN) to strengthen oversight of Artificial Intelligence in healthcare.

Key Facts

- India will work with HealthAI, alongside members such as the UK and Singapore, to share safety protocols and monitor AI performance in clinical settings.
- The move supports making India a global hub of skilled AI workforce, while using AI in public services, startups, and job creation.

About HealthAI and GRN

- HealthAI is a Geneva-based, independent nonprofit organization that promotes equitable access to AI-powered health innovations.
- It works with governments, international organizations, and global health leaders.
- Its major focus is on AI governance and regulation to make healthcare safe, secure, and inclusive.
- Global Regulatory Network (GRN) is a platform for regulators to share safety standards, best practices, and oversight mechanisms.
- Members get access to the Global Public Repository of AI-related Registered Solutions for Health.

Significance for India

- **Global Leadership:** Advances India's role in shaping ethical and responsible AI in healthcare.
- **Public Health Benefits:** Stronger use of AI in disease surveillance, telemedicine, and affordable diagnostics.
- **Collaboration Gains:** Access to global best practices, standards, and expertise.
- **Regulatory Strengthening:** Aligns India's AI oversight with advanced international norms.
- **Startup and Innovation Push:** Enhances credibility for Indian health-tech startups in global markets.

Angikaar 2025

- **Context:** The Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, launched “Angikaar 2025”, under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0), in New Delhi.

About Angikaar 2025

- It is an outreach campaign to accelerate the implementation of PMAY-U 2.0 by creating widespread awareness about the scheme across the country.
- **Duration and Coverage:** The campaign will run from 4th September 2025 to 31st October 2025 across 5,000+ Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the country.
- It will also fast-track verification of applications under the scheme and expedite the completion of already sanctioned houses under PMAY-U.
- It includes promoting the Credit Risk Guarantee Fund Trust for Low Income Housing (CRGFTLIH), integrating benefits from schemes like PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, and prioritizing housing for Special Focus Groups.

Kuki-Zo Groups

- **Context:** The revised Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement was signed between the Ministry of Home Affairs, Manipur government and 24 Kuki-Zo insurgent groups which is valid for one year.

Key Facts

- Among other provisions, the revised ground rules reiterated:
 - The territorial integrity of Manipur.
 - Need for a negotiated solution to bring lasting peace and stability to the State of Manipur.
- Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and United People's Front (UPF) have also agreed to:
 - Relocate seven designated camps away from areas vulnerable to conflict.
 - Reduce the number of designated camps.
 - Relocate the weapons with nearest CRPF/BSF camps.

- Stringent physical verification of cadres by Security Forces to de-list foreign nationals, if any.
- **2008 SoO Pact:**
 - It was signed in the aftermath of the Kuki-Naga clashes in the 1990s.
 - Under the umbrella of the Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and United People's Front (UPF) were entitled to a stipend of ₹6,000 per month, which was stopped since ethnic violence erupted in the State in 2023.
- **Other provisions of the Revised SoO Agreement:**
 - The pact bars groups from having association with any other armed group, within the country or outside; from recruiting new cadres; and carrying out offensive operations.
 - The Army, Assam Rifles, Central Armed Police Forces and the State Police shall not launch operations against the groups “as long as they abide” by the agreement.



About Kuki-Zo Groups

- The Kuki-Zo people are an ethnic community spread across Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Assam, and Myanmar.
- They share close ethnic and cultural ties with other Chin-Mizo groups of Myanmar and Mizoram.
- Since the 1980s–90s, various Kuki-Zo insurgent groups have taken up arms, mostly demanding:
 - Greater autonomy/self-determination.
 - Protection of tribal rights and land.
 - In some cases, separate statehood.

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1st Interpol Silver Notices

- **Context:** The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has got its first Interpol silver notice issued, against the recovery of around 82 kg of cocaine in Delhi.

Key Facts

- A silver notice is issued by Interpol to identify, locate, and trace assets acquired through criminal proceeds by a fugitive.
- Aim: Helping trace and recover criminal assets for combating transnational organised crime through enhanced international police cooperation.
- The Interpol launched 'Silver Notice', the newest addition to the organisation's list of colour-coded notices and diffusions, as part of a pilot project involving 52 countries and territories. The pilot project will run at least till November 2025. India is one of the participating countries.
- Through Silver Notices and Diffusions, member countries can request information on assets linked to a person's criminal activities such as fraud, corruption, drug trafficking, environmental crime and other serious offences.

About INTERPOL

- **Full Form:** International Criminal Police Organization.
- **Founded:** 1923 (Vienna, Austria)
- **Motto:** "Connecting police for a safer world".
- **HQ:** Lyon, France
- **Members:** 196 countries. India has been a member since 1949.
- **Governing Body:** The General Assembly, it brings all countries together annually to make decisions.
- **Legal Status:**
 - INTERPOL does not have its own police force.
 - It cannot make arrests; it only assists member countries.
 - All actions depend on national laws and cooperation of member states.

Papua New Guinea

- **Context:** Recently, the Indian Navy's indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, INS Kadmatt, led the Fleet Review during Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence Day celebrations.

Key Facts

- India emphasized that INS Kadmatt's participation reflects its strategic outreach under the Act East Policy, aimed at strengthening ties with Pacific Island nations.
- It highlighted the Indian Navy's rising stature as a Preferred Security Partner in the Indo-Pacific.

About Papua New Guinea

- It is the largest Pacific Island nation by land mass and population, located at the crossroads of Southeast Asia and Oceania. The region falls under the seismic 'Ring of Fire'.
- **Capital:** Port Moresby
- **Official Languages:** English, Tok Pisin (a creole), and Hiri Motu.
- **Government:** Parliamentary democracy, part of the Commonwealth.
- It serves as a key partner in regional forums like the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC).

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India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement

- **Context:** India and Israel signed a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA).

Key Highlights

- Israel has become the first OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) member state to sign an investment pact under India's new model treaty framework.
- The BIA replaces the earlier investment treaty signed in 1996, which was terminated in 2017 as part of India's policy overhaul on such agreements.

- The Agreement will increase bilateral investments, which presently stands at a total of USD 800 million.
- The new agreement provides protection for investors while promoting cross-border investments in key sectors: innovation, infrastructure development, financial regulation, and digital services.
- The signing of the Agreement reflects both nations' shared commitment towards enhancing economic cooperation.

About OECD

- It is an international organisation of 38 countries committed to democracy and the market economy.
- **Founded:** In 1961 (evolved from the OEEC – Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, 1948, which was created to administer the Marshall Plan after WWII).
- **Headquarters:** Paris, France.
- **Motto:** "Better Policies for Better Lives".
- **Official Languages:** English and French.

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C.P. Radhakrishnan:

The 15th Vice-President of India

- **Context:** C.P. Radhakrishnan was elected as the 15th Vice-President of India.

About Vice-President of India

- The Vice-President of India, the post established under Article 63 of the Constitution, holds the second-highest constitutional office after the President.
- As per Article 64, the Vice-President serves as the ex officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
- Under Article 65, the Vice-President assumes the role of Acting President in case of a vacancy due to death, resignation, removal, or other reasons, and also discharges presidential functions during the President's temporary inability. During such



periods, the Vice-President enjoys all powers, immunities, and privileges of the President, including emoluments and allowances.

- Article 66 lays down the process of the election of the Vice-President. Under the Constitution, the Vice-President cannot be a member of Parliament or any State Legislature. If elected while holding such a position, the person is deemed to have vacated their seat upon assuming office as Vice-President.
- **Eligibility and term of office:**
 - To be eligible for Vice-President, a person must be an Indian citizen, at least 35 years old, and qualified to be a Rajya Sabha member.
 - They must not hold any office of profit under the government.
 - The Vice-President serves a five-year term but continues until a successor takes over.
 - They may resign to the President or be removed by a Rajya Sabha resolution approved by the Lok Sabha.

Key Facts about Vice-Presidential Election

- The Vice-President is elected by an Electoral College comprising members of both Houses of Parliament, including nominated members. State legislatures play no role in this election.
- As per Rule 8 of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974, the poll for the election will be taken in the Parliament House.
- The election is conducted through the system of proportional representation using the single transferable vote, as prescribed under Article 66 of the Constitution.
- The election is conducted by secret ballot, using the single transferable vote (STV) system of proportional representation. Each MP ranks the candidates in order of preference (1, 2, 3, etc.).
- **Declaration of winner:** A candidate must secure a majority of valid votes to win; if no one achieves this initially, the lowest-ranked candidate is eliminated and votes are redistributed until a winner emerges.

- **Disputes:**

- Article 71 of the Constitution assigns the Supreme Court the authority to resolve disputes related to the election of the President or Vice-President, with its decisions being final.
- If an election is declared void, actions taken during the term remain valid. Parliament can also legislate on matters related to these elections.

- **Salary, Pension and other perks:**

- In 2018, the salary of the Vice President was raised to ₹4 lakh, up from ₹1.25 lakh, and the President's to ₹5 lakh from ₹1.5 lakh.
- The provisions under the Vice-President's Pension Act, 1997 ensure 50% of the salary as lifetime pension, and half of that to the spouse after their death.
- Former Vice-Presidents also receive a rent-free residence, medical and travel benefits, and secretarial staff support.

Himachal Pradesh becomes Fully Literate State

- **Context:** On International Literacy Day, observed on 8th September, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister declared the state fully literate, achieving a 99.30% literacy rate which is higher than the national benchmark of 95%.

Key Facts

- India has made significant progress in literacy, with Himachal Pradesh becoming the fourth state — after Tripura, Mizoram, and Goa — to achieve full functional literacy. Ladakh is the first fully literate Union Territory.
- The national literacy rate rose from 74% in 2011 to 80.9% in 2023–24.
- The ULLAS Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram enrolled over 3 crore learners with a 90% success rate.
- India's digital public infrastructure has played a key role, setting an example for the Global South in advancing education and inclusion.

About International Literacy Day (ILD)

- International Literacy Day (ILD) is observed annually on September 8 and was proclaimed by UNESCO during the 14th General Conference in October 1966, following the landmark World Conference of Ministers of Education on the Eradication of Illiteracy held in Tehran in 1965.
- It has become a global occasion recognised by nearly every country, serving as a moment to reflect on the importance of literacy, assess progress, and confront ongoing challenges.
- 2025, International Literacy Day's theme: "Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era," emphasizing the need to integrate digital skills with traditional literacy to bridge the digital divide.

■ DO YOU KNOW:

According to the 2011 Census, literacy is defined as the ability to both read and write with understanding in any language for individuals aged seven and above.

Generation-Z led Deadly Protests in Nepal

- **Context:** Mass protests led by Nepal's Generation Z erupted prompting widespread violence, including the burning of government buildings and attacks on politicians. The protests caused PM K.P. Sharma Oli to resign.

Major Reasons for Crisis in Nepal

- **Gen Z Discontent:** Frustration over corruption, the luxurious lifestyles of leaders, lack of accountability, and youth unemployment (above 20%) fueled mass discontent, especially as remittances form a major part of the economy but job prospects in Nepal remain bleak.
- **Suppression of Dissent:** The government banned 26 major social media platforms, citing regulatory reasons, but this was widely seen as an attempt at censorship. Social media is a main channel of expression for young Nepalis, and its removal triggered immediate nationwide demonstrations.

- **Extreme State Response:** Protesters faced excessive force — police fired live rounds, rubber bullets, and enforced harsh curfews, resulting in over 20 deaths and hundreds wounded.

Possible Impacts for India

- **Security Threats:** Instability and the rise of extremist ideologies in neighboring countries directly threaten India's internal security. The porous border with Nepal, for example, is a concern for the movement of radical groups.
- **Diplomatic Challenges:** India's foreign policy bandwidth is often consumed by managing crises in its immediate vicinity, leaving less room to focus on its "extended neighborhood" and its aspiration to be a global power.
- **Economic Consequences:** Instability can disrupt trade routes and tourism, as seen in the recent Nepal crisis which affected flights and border movements. Additionally, India may face the burden of economic support and humanitarian aid.
- **Domestic Political Spillover:** Issues from neighboring countries, such as ethnic or communal conflicts, can sometimes influence domestic politics in India, especially in border states with shared populations and cultural ties.

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National Annual Report & Index on Women's Safety (NARI) 2025

- **Context:** The National Annual Report and Index on Women's Safety (NARI) 2025, released by the National Commission for Women (NCW), provides a city-wise ranking of women's safety in India.

Key Highlights

- **Safest cities:** Kohima, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Aizawl, Gangtok, Itanagar, Mumbai.
- **Least safe cities:** Patna, Jaipur, Faridabad, Delhi, Kolkata, Srinagar, Ranchi.

- The national safety score was pegged at 65 per cent, serving as the benchmark for assessing city performance.
- In 2024, 7% of women experienced harassment in public spaces, while the figure rose to 14 per cent among women under the age of 24, indicating greater vulnerability in younger demographics.
- Neighbourhoods (38 per cent) and public transport (29 per cent) emerged as the most reported hotspots of harassment for women.
- Only 25% of women expressed confidence that authorities would act effectively on complaints related to safety and harassment.

Government Initiatives for Women Safety

- **Nirbhaya Fund:** Ministry of Women and Child Development has established the fund for financing safety projects across the country.
- **SHe-Box Portal:** Launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Sexual Harassment Electronic Box (SHe-Box) is an initiative to provide a single-window platform for women to register workplace sexual harassment complaints. It is accessible to all women, regardless of their work sector (organized/unorganized, public/private).
- **Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013,** applies to all women, regardless of age, job type, or work sector. It mandates employers to create an Internal Committee (IC) in workplaces with over 10 employees, while the Appropriate Government sets up Local Committees (LCs) for smaller organizations or cases against employers.

EnteroMix

- **Context:** Russia has unveiled EnteroMix, a new vaccine reported to show 100% efficacy in early clinical trials for cancer treatment.

About The Vaccine

- As per the Russian Federal Medical and Biological Agency (FMBA), the Russian EnteroMix cancer vaccine is now ready for clinical use.

- The oncolytic vaccine was developed by the Ministry of Health's National Medical Research Radiology Centre (NMRRRC) in collaboration with the Engelhardt Institute of Molecular Biology under the Russian Academy of Sciences.
- The mRNA-based vaccine had successfully passed preclinical trials, demonstrating both safety and high effectiveness. It is to shrink aggressive tumours, slow their growth, and do so without the harsh side effects of chemotherapy or radiation.
- The vaccine will be tailored to each patient's RNA, making it a fully personalised therapy.
- EnteroMix uses a combination of four harmless viruses to target and destroy cancer cells while simultaneously activating the body's immune defences.

Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD)

- **Context:** Ethiopia has inaugurated the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), Africa's largest hydro power project.

About GERD

- **Location:** Guba, Ethiopia, on the Blue Nile (a major tributary of the Nile).
- **Installed capacity:** 6,450 MW, placing it among the world's top 20 hydroelectric dams.
- The dam remains contentious among downstream nations including Egypt and Sudan.

About Blue Nile

- The Blue Nile originates in Lake Tana, located in the Ethiopian Highlands of eastern Africa.
- It joins the White Nile at Al-Muqrin in Khartoum (the capital of Sudan). From this confluence, the river flows north through Sudan and Egypt, eventually emptying into the Mediterranean Sea as the Nile.
- The Nile River is the longest river in the world, flowing through 11 countries: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Rwanda, Tanzania, Sudan and Egypt.

Universal Postal Union (UPU)

- **Context:** The 28th Universal Postal Congress, the supreme decision-making body of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), opened in Dubai.

About Universal Postal Union (UPU)

- **Established:** 9 October 1874 (Treaty of Bern).
- **UN Agency:** Became a specialized UN agency in 1948.
- **Purposes:**
 - Coordinates international postal policies and operations.
 - Created a "single postal territory" for uniform international mail rates and equal treatment for domestic and foreign mail.
 - Sets technical standards and rules for cross-border mail, parcels, and financial services.
- **Members:** 192 member countries, making it one of the oldest and largest global organizations. India joined UPU in 1876.

11th SEPTEMBER 2025

Charlie Kirk

- **Context:** Charlie Kirk, one of US President Donald Trump's closest allies who campaigned hard for Republicans during the 47th presidential election, was shot dead.



Key Highlights

- The conservative activist was gunned down while delivering a speech on his American Comeback, in an incident strikingly similar to the one Trump faced in Pennsylvania, though he was able to dodge the bullet.
- The founder of Turning Point USA, Kirk's death has jolted the US political scene.
- More than just a right-wing influencer, he was known for liberal campuses' "Prove me wrong" debates on abortion, transgender rights, and race theory.

- He supported Trump through the 2020 election fraud claims and into Trump's White House comeback. Along the way, he made headlines with controversial takes, dismissing the Russia-Ukraine war as a "border issue," opposing gay marriage, rejecting diversity programs, and other issues.

Chagos Archipelago

- **Context:** Mauritius Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam revealed that after the UK handed over the sovereignty of the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, to Mauritius, a vessel was offered by the British Government to hoist its national flag there but Mauritius declined, opting instead for an Indian vessel due to its symbolic significance.

Key Facts

- Earlier in May 2025, the United Kingdom and Mauritius agreed that Mauritius has sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago in its entirety, including Diego Garcia.
- India has consistently supported Mauritius's claim over Chagos in line with its principles of territorial integrity, sovereignty, and international law.



About Chagos Archipelago

- **Location:**
 - The Chagos Archipelago consists of over 60 small islands located in the central Indian Ocean, south of the Maldives, and east of Seychelles.
 - The largest island, Diego Garcia, hosts a key US-UK military base.
- **Previous Control:**
 - The islands were under British rule since 1814, ceded by France.
 - In 1965, the UK separated Chagos from Mauritius, forming the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) before Mauritius gained independence in 1968.
- **Strategic Significance:**
 - Diego Garcia has served as a critical logistics and intelligence base for US military operations in West Asia, South Asia, and East Africa.
 - It has hosted over 2,500 personnel, nuclear-capable aircraft, and surveillance systems.

About UK-Mauritius Chagos Sovereignty Deal (2025)

- After a UK High Court ruling, England Prime Minister signed a treaty handing sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius.
- The deal includes a 99-year lease of Diego Garcia to the UK and US for continued military use.
- The UK will pay Mauritius approximately £101 million/year, totalling billions over the lease period.