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1. Indore and Udaipur included in UNESCO's Wetland City.

Under UNESCO's Ramsar Convention, Indore and Udaipur have been given international recognition as wetland cities. Both these cities have now joined the select 31 wetland cities of the world. Indore is known for its excellent performance in the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' and has taken important initiatives in the conservation and rehabilitation of water bodies.



2. Padma Awards 2025

The Padma Awards for the year 2025 were announced, in which a total of 139 people have been honored. These include 7 Padma Vibhushan, 19 Padma Bhushan, and 113 Padma Shri awards. This year 23 women have been honored, while 10 awards have been given to persons from foreign, NRI, PIO and OCI categories. Apart from this, 13 personalities have been honored posthumously. The Padma Awards are the highest civilian honors of the country, given to those who do exceptional and outstanding work.



3. Rakesh Kadian's name registered in London Book of World Records.

Rakesh Kadian, working in Nuh District Jail Department of Haryana, registered his name in the London Book of World Records by successfully climbing Mount Everest (8848 meters) and Mount Lhotse (8516 meters) in two days. Kadian is also a national and state level athlete, who has 42 gold and 30 silver medals to his name so far.



4. Gallantry Awards 2025

On Republic Day 2025, the President approved the Gallantry Awards, which include 2 Kirti Chakras (1 posthumous), 14 Shaurya Chakras (3 posthumous), and 1 Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry), a total of 66 Sena Medals (7 posthumous), 2 Nao Sena Medals, and 8 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).



5. Global Plastic Action Partnership (GPAP).

Seven new countries, including Angola, Bangladesh, Gabon, Guatemala, Kenya, Senegal and Tanzania, joined the Global Plastic Action Partnership (GPAP) at the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2025 Annual Meeting. Now a total of 25 countries have joined this initiative. These countries aim to reduce plastic waste, promote sustainable materials and strengthen recycling systems.



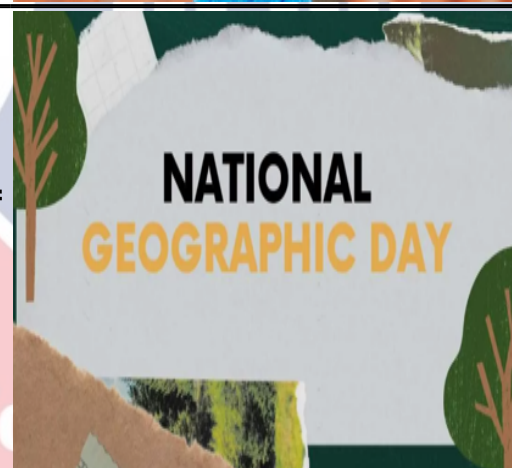
6. Smriti Mandhana named ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year.

Smriti Mandhana performed exceptionally well in Women's One Day International (WODI) cricket in 2024 and established herself as a leading batsman. She scored 747 runs in 13 matches and became the top run-scorer of the year. She averaged 57.86 and struck a strike rate of 95.15, reflecting her balanced and aggressive style of play. Mandhana scored four centuries during the year, a new record in women's ODI cricket.



7. National Geographic Day.

National Geographic Day 2024 is celebrated every year on January 27. It began on January 27, 1888, to commemorate the founding of the National Geographic Society, which aimed to promote and share knowledge of geography, science, and exploration. The Society is one of the world's largest non-profit scientific and educational organizations and is known for its iconic magazine, research, conservation efforts, and expeditions.



8. Vrindavan's Banke Bihari temple gets FCRA licence.

The Union Home Ministry has granted a licence to the Banke Bihari temple in Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), making it eligible to accept foreign funds. The approval came after court intervention, which formed a committee to manage the temple. The committee had applied for the FCRA licence keeping in mind the need for international donations.



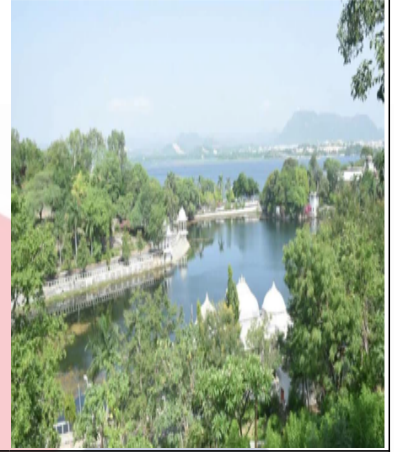


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1. Indore and Udaipur have been awarded which status in UNESCO's Ramsar Convention?

- A - Smart City
C - Cultural Heritage City
B - Wetland City
D - Green City

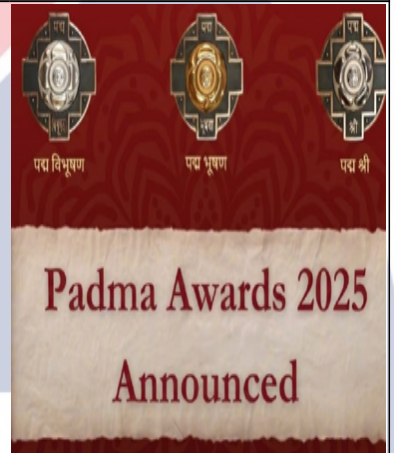
Indore and Udaipur have received international status of Wetland City under UNESCO's Ramsar Convention, which have now joined the 31 wetland cities of the world. Indore has excelled in the conservation and cleanliness of water bodies, while Udaipur has revived its lakes with traditional and modern techniques.



2. What is the number of Padma Vibhushan awards in the year 2025?

- A - 5
C - 8
B - 7
D - 3

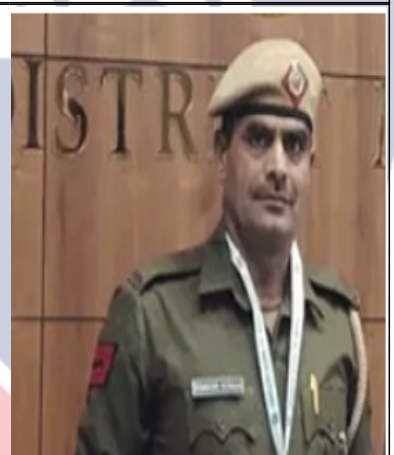
A total of 139 people were honored in the Padma Awards announced in the year 2025, including 7 Padma Vibhushan, 19 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri. These include 23 women, 10 foreigners/NRIs/PIOs/OCIs and 13 posthumously honored personalities. contri



3. Recently, which Indian's name was recorded in the London Book of World Records for climbing Mount Everest and Mount Lhotse.

- A - Narendra Kumar
C - Vishal Sehgal
B - Rakesh Batra
D - Rakesh Kadian

Rakesh Kadian of Nuh District Jail Department of Haryana entered the London Book of World Records by climbing Mount Everest and Mount Lhotse in two days. National and state level athlete Kadian has won 42 gold and 30 silver medals so far, including two golds in the 2024 Haryana Master Athletics.



4. Which of the following is not a peacetime bravery award?

- A - Kirti Chakra
C - Ashok Chakra
B - Vir Chakra
D - Shaurya Chakra

On Republic Day 2025, the President approved several gallantry awards including 2 Kirti Chakras (1 posthumous), 14 Shaurya Chakras (3 posthumous), 66 Sena Medals (7 posthumous), 2 Nao Sena Medals, and 8 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry). Also, 30 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, 5 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals, 57 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals, and other honours were also awarded.



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5. How many new countries joined the Global Plastics Action Partnership (GPAP) at the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2025 Annual Meeting?

- A - 5
B - 7
C - 10
D - 12

Seven new countries, including Angola, Bangladesh, Gabon, Guatemala, Kenya, Senegal and Tanzania, joined the Global Plastics Action Partnership (GPAP) at the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2025 Annual Meeting, taking the total number of countries in the initiative to 25. GPAP aims to reduce plastic waste, promote sustainable materials and strengthen recycling systems.



6. Which Indian women cricketer has been recently selected as ODI Cricketer of the Year by ICC?

- A - Smriti Mandhana
B - Shreyanka Patil
C - Shefali Verma
D - Mithali Raj

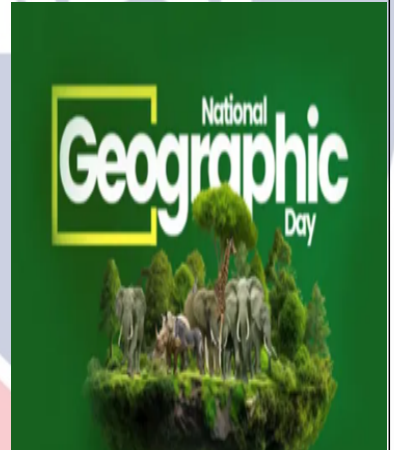
Smriti Mandhana performed brilliantly in women's ODI cricket in 2024, scoring 747 runs in 13 matches, averaging 57.86 and strike rate 95.15. She scored four centuries, which is a new record in women's ODIs. India won the series 3-0 with consecutive centuries against South Africa. Played a winning century against New Zealand and a century against Australia.



7. When is National Geographic Day celebrated?

- A - 27 January
B - 26 January
C - 14 February
D - 16 February

National Geographic Day 2024 is celebrated every year on 27 January to commemorate the founding of the National Geographic Society (27 January, 1888). The Society is known for promoting the knowledge of geography, science and exploration. One of the world's largest non-profit organizations, it is famous for its prestigious magazine, research, conservation efforts and expeditions.



8. Recently, which temple has been granted a license by the Union Home Ministry under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA)? Under which it has been allowed to receive foreign funds?

- A - Banke Bihari Temple located in Vrindavan
B - Kailadevi (Karauli)
C - Ram Mandir (Ayodhya)
D - Hanuman Ji Temple (Prayagraj)

The Union Home Ministry has granted FCRA license to Banke Bihari Temple in Vrindavan, making it eligible to accept foreign funds. After court intervention, a committee was formed to manage the temple, which obtained this license. This license will enable the temple to support religious and cultural activities with foreign contributions.





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1. Which award has Justice (Retd.) Jagdish Khehar received? - **Padma Vibhushan**
2. Recently, Rakesh Kadian's name has been recorded in the London Book of World Records. He belongs to which state of India? - **Haryana**
3. On which occasion are gallantry awards given by the Government of India? - **It is given to the soldiers of the country for their bravery**
4. When was the World Economic Forum (WEF) established? - **In the year 1971**
5. When did UNESCO's Ramsar Convention come into force? - **Since December 1975**
6. Recently, ICC has honoured Smriti Mandhana with which award? - **"ODI Cricketer of the Year"**
7. When was the National Geographic Society established? - **27 January 1888**
8. When was the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) enacted? - **In 1976**
9. Who was recently appointed as the brand ambassador of FICCI Frames? - **Ayushmann Khurrana**
10. Who has been selected as the captain of the ICC Men's T20 Team of the Year 2024? - **Rohit Sharma**

