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1. Sunita Williams set the record for the longest spacewalk.

Indian-born American astronaut Sunita Williams set the record for the longest spacewalk ever. According to NASA, she did a spacewalk for 62 hours and 6 minutes, making her the top in the total spacewalk time done by a female astronaut. Earlier this record was in the name of former astronaut Peggy Whitson, who did a spacewalk for 60 hours and 21 minutes.



2. Foundation Day of National Commission for Women.

The National Commission for Women (NCW) recently celebrated its 33rd Foundation Day. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar was present as the chief guest on the occasion. The theme of this year's Foundation Day was "Nari Tu Narayani", inspired by the valor and leadership of Ahilyadevi Holkar. Women para athletes were also honored at the ceremony, whose achievements were appreciated.



3. New Ramsar sites in India.

India added 4 new wetlands to the Ramsar list, taking the total number of Ramsar sites in the country to 89. Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Ramsar sites at 20 and Uttar Pradesh has 10. The four new Ramsar sites are Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary and Theerthangal Bird Sanctuary, located in Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu.



4. Number of Kisan Credit Cards in the country is 7.75 crores.

According to the Economic Survey 2024-25, the number of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) in India has increased to 7.75 crores, disbursing loans worth Rs 9.81 lakh crore to farmers. Under this scheme, 1.24 lakh KCCs have been issued to farmers engaged in fisheries and 44.40 lakh KCCs to farmers engaged in animal husbandry. Currently 5.9 crore farmers are benefiting from this scheme.



5. India won the Women's Under-19 T20 World Cup title.

The Indian Under-19 women's cricket team managed to win their second consecutive title by defeating South Africa by 9 wickets in the final of the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025. The win further cements the global dominance of Indian women's cricket. South Africa, batting first, struggled against India's bowlers and were all-out for 82 after being reduced to 45/5.



6. 5 Income Tax Relief Measures Announced by Nirmala Sitharaman in Budget 2025.

In the Union Budget 2025, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced several income tax relief measures to provide relief to taxpayers. These measures are aimed at reducing the tax burden, simplifying the filing process and promoting savings. Now there will be no tax on income up to ₹12 lakh, which will benefit the middle class and low-income groups.



7. Indian Railways launches 'SwaRail' superapp for seamless travel.

The Ministry of Railways has launched the 'SwaRail' superapp on 31 January 2025, which aims to provide various services of Indian Railways on a single platform. The app is currently in beta version and is available for download on Google Play Store and Apple App Store. The 'SwaRail' app includes many important services, such as ticket booking, platform and parcel booking, train and PNR enquiry, food ordering, and filing complaints for rail help.



8. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar Chief Guest of First Raisina Middle East Conference.

The first Raisina Middle East Conference was held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 28-29 January 2025, with External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar as the Chief Guest. This was Dr. Jaishankar's third visit to the UAE. The aim of the conference was to strengthen India-UAE relations, discuss geopolitical and geo-economic issues, and promote trade, investment and strategic partnership.



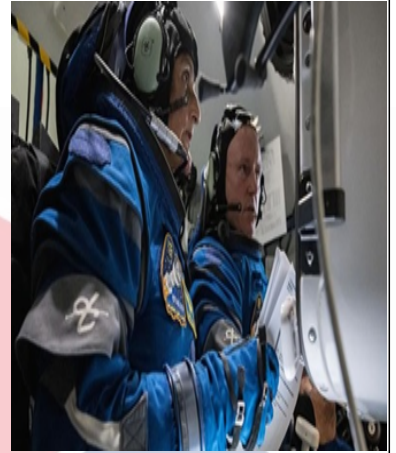


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1. Sunita Williams has set the record for the longest spacewalk ever; how long did she do the spacewalk in total?

- A - 60 hours 21 minutes** **B - 62 hours 6 minutes**
C - 58 hours 45 minutes **D - 64 hours 10 minutes**

Indian-origin American astronaut Sunita Williams set the record for the longest spacewalk by female astronauts by doing a spacewalk for 62 hours and 6 minutes. Earlier this record was in the name of Peggy Whitson, who did a spacewalk for 60 hours and 21 minutes. Sunita's name is now recorded at fourth place in NASA's all-time list.



2. When was the National Commission for Women (NCW) established?

- A - Year 1990** **B - Year 1992**
C - Year 1995 **D - Year 1998**

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3. How many countries of the world are included in the Ramsar Convention?

- A - 172** **B - 110**
C - 73 **D - 106**

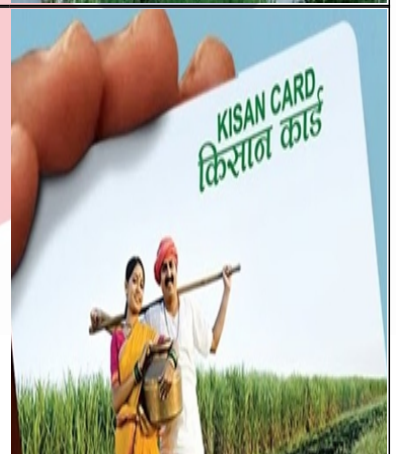
India added 4 new wetlands to the Ramsar list, taking the total number to 89. These include Sakkarakottai and Theerthangal Bird Sanctuaries in Tamil Nadu, Khecheopalri Wetland in Sikkim, and Udhwa Lake Bird Sanctuary in Jharkhand. These sites are important for waterfowl breeding and ecological balance.



4. The government has directed banks to allocate what percentage of total loans to priority sectors, such as agriculture and small farmers?

- A - At least 20%** **B - At least 25%**
C - At least 40% **D - At least 60%**

According to the Economic Survey 2024-25, the number of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) in India has increased to 7.75 crore, providing loans worth Rs 9.81 lakh crore to farmers. 5.9 crore farmers are benefiting from this scheme. The loan process has become faster and transparent through the Kisan Loan Portal (KRP), and claims worth more than Rs 1 lakh crore have been settled by December 31, 2024.



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5. Who won the Women's Under-19 T20 World Cup title?

- A - India
B - Australia
C - Bangladesh
D - New Zealand

The Indian Under-19 women's cricket team won their second consecutive title by defeating South Africa by 9 wickets in the final of the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025. South Africa were all-out for 82 runs, where Gongadi Trisha bowled brilliantly with figures of 3/15. Trisha received the Player of the Tournament award, scoring 309 runs in 7 innings and taking 9 wickets.



6. Recently, the central government has increased the income tax limit to how much?

- A - 12 lakh
B - 14 lakh
C - 15 lakh
D - 17 lakh

In the Union Budget 2025, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced income tax exemption measures to provide relief to taxpayers. Now there will be no tax on income up to ₹ 12 lakh. Under the new tax slab, there will be no tax on ₹0 to ₹4 lakh, 5% on ₹4 lakh to ₹8 lakh, 10% on ₹8 lakh to ₹12 lakh, 15% on ₹12 lakh to ₹16 lakh, 20% on ₹16 lakh to ₹20 lakh, 25% on ₹20 lakh to ₹24 lakh, and 30% on more than ₹24 lakh.



7. Recently, which super app has been launched by the Railways for passenger convenience?

- A - SwaRail
B - Sugamrail
C - Sunder rail
D - Surksha rail

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8. Who was the chief guest of the first Raisina Middle East Conference

- A - Amit Shah
B - Narendra Modi
C - S. Jaishankar
D - Ajit Doval

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One Liner

1. The current chairperson of the National Commission for Women is - **Vijaya Rahatkar**
2. Recently, Sunita Williams has made the record of the longest spacewalk, before this this record was in the name of which astronaut. - **Peggy Whitson**
3. When is World Adra Bhoomi Day celebrated. - **2 February**
4. According to the Economic Survey 2024-25, what is the total number of Kisan Credit Cards in the country. - **7.75 crores**
5. Recently, India has won the Under 19 World Cup title by defeating which team. - **South Africa**
6. Who is the Union Finance Minister. - **Nirmala Sitharaman**
7. SwaRail Super App has been launched by whom. - **By Railways**
8. Where was the first Raisina Middle East Conference held. - **Abu Dhabi**
9. According to the Economic Survey 2025, at what rate is the real Gross Value Added (GVA) also estimated to grow in FY25. - **6.4%**
10. Recently, which state approved a pilot study for controlled cannabis cultivation. - **Himachal Pradesh**

