



# Career Strategists IAS

Helpline -: 011-49324938, 9990606400

Add -: B-1/44 Sector 18 Rohini Delhi  
110089

05-02-2025

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



SPORTS  
NEWS



NATIONAL  
AFFAIRS



BANKING  
NEWS



AWARDS  
NEWS



DEFENCE  
NEWS



INTERNATIONAL  
NEWS



SCI-TECH  
NEWS



## USEFUL FOR

- ★ UPSC
- ★ BPSC
- ★ UPPSC
- ★ MPPSC
- ★ SSC etc.

## 1. Chandrika Tandon wins Grammy Award.

Indian-American singer Chandrika Tandon won the Grammy Award for the album 'Triveni'. She shared the honour with South African flutist Wouter Kellerman and Japanese cellist Eru Matsumoto in the Best New Age, Ambient or Chant Album category. This was her second Grammy nomination; she was previously nominated in 2009 for the album 'Soul Call'. The album 'Triveni' was released on 30 August 2024 and includes seven tracks—



## 2. Sachin Tendulkar gets BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award.

BCCI recently honored its players with 'Naman Awards'. Sachin Tendulkar was given the Colonel CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award at a ceremony held in Mumbai. The award is named after India's first Test cricket captain Colonel CK Nayudu, and Sachin Tendulkar is the 31st recipient of this award. Earlier this award was given to Ravi Shastri and Farooq Engineer in 2023.



## 3. Indian Language Book Scheme.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the Indian Language Book Scheme while presenting Budget 2025-26 on 1 February 2025. The scheme aims to provide digital books in Indian languages for school and higher education students, so that they can understand their subjects in their own languages.



## 4. VSHORADS Missile System.

India has successfully developed its portable air defence system, the VSHORADS missile system. DRDO at Chandipur in Odisha tested the missile system, which is capable of destroying targets flying at low altitudes with pinpoint accuracy. The system will meet the needs of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force and strengthen the country's air security.



## 5. This mountain of New Zealand got the status of a human being.

On 30 January 2025, the Parliament of New Zealand passed a historic law giving legal personhood to Mount Taranaki. Under this decision, Mount Taranaki has been recognized as a living being, giving it the same rights as humans. This step has been taken with the aim of honoring the cultural and spiritual beliefs of the Māori people, correcting past injustices against them and promoting environmental conservation.



## 6. Odisha to set up special industrial park for women entrepreneurs.

The Odisha government has launched the Subhadra Yojana, which aims to provide women with access to financial assistance, digital literacy and social security schemes. The scheme provides direct financial assistance to make women self-reliant and its effectiveness is being enhanced through a partnership with the Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur (IIM Sambalpur).



## 7. World Interreligious Harmony Week 2025: 1-7 February.

World Interreligious Harmony Week (WIHW) is observed every year from 1-7 February with the aim of promoting mutual understanding, dialogue and cooperation among different religious communities. The theme for 2025 is “Solidarity for Peace”, which highlights contemporary issues that promote religious harmony and global peace. The week was first celebrated in 2011, when it was approved by the United Nations General Assembly.



## 8. 13th edition of 'Ekuverin' military exercise held in Maldives.

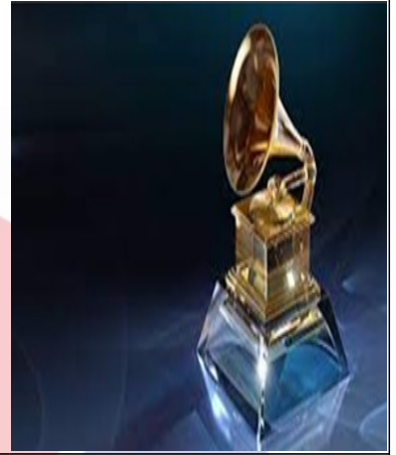
The 13th edition of the joint India-Maldives military exercise 'Ekuverin' is being held in Maldives from 2-15 February 2025. The opening ceremony took place on 2 February 2025 at the official training centre of MNDF in Mafilafushi, Maldives, in the presence of Chief of Maldives National Defence Force Major General Ibrahim Hilmy and Indian High Commissioner G Balasubramanian.



**1. Indian-American singer Chandrika Tandon has won the prestigious Grammy Award for which album?**

- A - Triveni  
B - Sangam  
C - Trimurti  
D - Trilok

Indian-American singer Chandrika Tandon won the Grammy Award in the Best New Age, Ambient or Chant Album category for the album 'Triveni'. This was her second Grammy nomination, and she shares it with Wouter Kellermans and Eru Matsumoto. The album 'Triveni' was released in 2024 and has seven tracks.



**2. Which player has recently been awarded the Colonel CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award?**

- A - Jaspreet Bumrah  
B - Virat Kohli  
C - Sachin Tendulkar  
D - Rohit Sharma

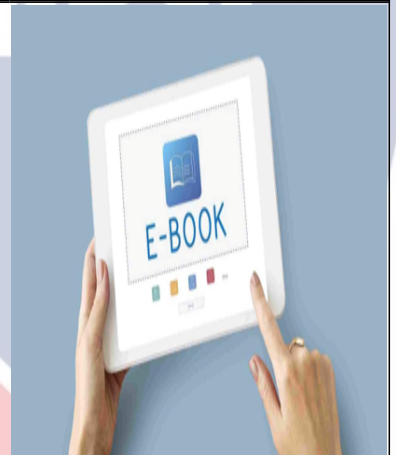
BCCI honoured Sachin Tendulkar with the Colonel CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award at the 'Naman Awards'. The award is named after India's first Test captain Colonel CK Nayudu. Jaspreet Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana were chosen as the best cricketers, while Sarfaraz Khan and Asha Shobhana received the Best Debut awards.



**3. Who announced the Indian Language Book Scheme?**

- A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi  
B - Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman  
C - Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan  
D - Home Minister Amit Shah

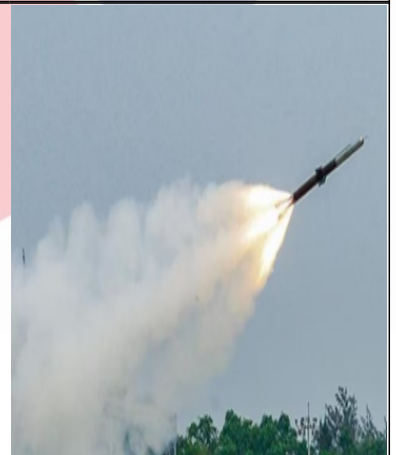
Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the Indian Language Book Scheme in Budget 2025-26 on February 1, 2025. The scheme aims to provide digital books for school and higher education students in Indian languages. It aims to help students understand subjects in their own languages, and is in line with the New Education Policy (NEP 2020).



**4. VSHORADS missile system has been developed by which organisation?**

- A - DRDO  
B - ISRO  
C - BARC  
D - HAL

India has successfully developed its own portable air defence system, the VSHORADS missile system. The system is capable of destroying low-flying targets with pinpoint accuracy and will meet the needs of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force. The VSHORADS missile is a man portable system that can be operated by a single person.



5. Which country has recently given the mountain the status of a human being?

A - New Zealand

B - Australia

C - Canada

D - Mexico

On 30 January 2025, the New Zealand Parliament passed a historic law granting Mount Taranaki legal personality, giving the mountain human-like rights. The decision aims to honor the cultural beliefs of the Māori people, correct injustices against them, and promote environmental protection.



6. Which state has recently announced to set up a special industrial park for women entrepreneurs

A - Odisha

B - Rajasthan

C - Chhattisgarh

D - Jharkhand

The Odisha government's Subhadra Yojana aims to provide financial assistance, digital literacy and social security to women. Under this scheme, women will be given financial assistance of ₹ 50,000 in five years, as well as incentives to promote digital transactions. The effectiveness of the scheme is being increased through partnership with IIM Sambalpur.



7. World Inter-Religious Cooperation Week is celebrated?

A - 1 to 7 February

B - 10 to 17 February

C - 1 to 7 March

D - 10 to 17 March

The World Week of Inter-Religious Harmony (WIHW) is observed from 1-7 February, with the aim of promoting understanding, dialogue and cooperation among different religious communities. The theme for 2025 is "Solidarity for Peace", which encourages global peace and religious harmony.



8. Indian Navy conducts 'Katha' exercise with the Navy of which country?

A - Sri Lanka

B - Maldives

C - Russia

D - Canada

The 13th edition of the joint India-Maldives military exercise 'Ekuverin' is being held in Maldives from 2-15 February 2025. The exercise was started in 2009 to strengthen military ties between India and Maldives. 'Ekuverin' means 'friend' in the Dhivehi language.





## One Liner

1. Recently, which Indian American singer has received the Grammy Award? - **Chandrika Tandon**
2. Which player was the first to receive the C K Naidu Lifetime Achievement Award? - **Lala Amarnath 1994**
3. What is the main objective of the Indian Language Book Scheme? - **To promote regional languages and make students understand in the language of their interest**
4. DRDO headquarters is located in - **New Delhi**
5. Recently, New Zealand has given the status of a human being to a mountain. It is associated with the spiritual culture of which caste people? - **Maori**
6. Recently, which initiative has been started by the Odisha government to promote women entrepreneurs? - **Special industrial parks that will work only for women entrepreneurs**
7. What is the theme of World Inter-religious Harmony Week 2025? - **Solidarity for Peace**
8. Aku Verin military exercise is being conducted between which countries? - **India Maldives military exercise**
9. What is the maximum height limit of the VSHORAD system? - **12,000 feet**
10. Who recently created a new national record in the 60 meter hurdle race? - **Tejas Shirse**

