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## 1. 8th Indian Ocean Conference 2025

India Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman organized the 8th Indian Ocean Conference on 16-17 February in Muscat, Oman. The theme of the conference was “Journey to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership”. The Indian Ocean Conference was launched in Singapore in 2016 when it was attended by 30 countries.



## 2. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti is celebrated every year on 19 February. It is celebrated on two dates—19 February according to the Gregorian calendar and Falgun Krishna Paksha Tritiya according to the Hindu calendar. In Maharashtra, the Jayanti is traditionally celebrated according to the Hindu calendar, while at the government level, the festival is celebrated on 19 February.



## 3. Manu Bhaker becomes BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year.

Olympian Manu Bhaker was declared the winner of the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year Award 2024. Her name was announced after international voting. The award was started in 2020 by BBC India, with the aim of highlighting and inspiring the achievements of Indian women sportspersons. The first award was given to badminton player PV Sindhu.



## 4. Gyanesh Kumar becomes new Chief Election Commissioner.

Current Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC). He is the first CEC to be appointed under the new law and his term will be till January 26, 2029. Current CEC Rajiv Kumar is retiring today. His appointment was decided in a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which also included Home Minister Amit Shah and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi.



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## 5. Charanjot Singh Nanda becomes President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).

Charanjot Singh Nanda has been appointed as the new President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). He has become the 73rd President of ICAI. He started his career as a chartered accountant in 1991 and has been a member of the Central Council of ICAI since 2004. He has been the Chairman of many important committees such as Internal Audit Standards Board and Management Accounting Committee.



## 6. 9 Years of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

On 18 February 2025, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) completed 9 years. This scheme was launched in 2016 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. It is a comprehensive scheme replacing the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme and Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme. Tenant and landholder farmers growing notified crops in notified areas are eligible for it.



## 7. Phagli Festival

The traditional 'Phagli' festival was organised at Yangpa village in Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh. This festival is particularly celebrated in Shimla, Kinnaur and Kullu districts. It marks the arrival of spring from winter in February or March and is also called 'Phaguli' or 'Phaag' as it falls in the month of Phalgun. In Phagli festival, men wear traditional attire and masks and dance in circles.



## 8. Project Waterworth

Meta launched the world's longest under-sea cable system 'Project Waterworth', which will have a total length of 50,000 kilometers. This cable will connect many countries including America, India, Brazil, South Africa and improve global connectivity. This cable will be laid at a depth of 7,000 meters in the sea and enhanced burial method will be used to keep it safe in high-risk areas like shallow coastal waters.



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## 1. Where was the 8th Indian Ocean Conference held?

- A - Oman  
B - Qatar  
C - Singapore  
D - Dubai

The 8th Indian Ocean Conference was held in Muscat on 16-17 February in collaboration with the India Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman. This conference, which started in Singapore in 2016, aims to promote regional cooperation and strengthen maritime partnerships under the SAGAR principle.



## 2. According to the Gregorian calendar, when is Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's birth anniversary celebrated?

- A - 15 February  
B - 26 January  
C - 19 February  
D - 6 June

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti is celebrated every year on 19 February, while in Maharashtra there is a tradition of celebrating it according to the Hindu calendar. He was born on 19 February 1630 in Shivneri Fort. He established Hindavi Swarajya and laid the foundation of the Maratha Empire by fighting against the Mughals, Adilshahi and Qutubshahi.



## 3. Manu Bhaker received the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year Award 2024 for excellence in which sport?

- A - Badminton  
B - Shooting  
C - Tennis  
D - Cricket

Olympian Manu Bhaker was awarded the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year Award 2024. The award was launched by BBC India in 2020, aimed at promoting the achievements of Indian women sportspersons. Manu Bhaker was born on 18 February 2002 in Haryana and is a 10m air pistol shooter. She won gold at the 2018 ISSF World Cup and Asian Games.



## 4. Who was recently appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)?

- A - Rajiv Kumar  
B - Gyanesh Kumar  
C - Vivek Joshi  
D - Sukhbir Singh Sandhu

Current Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC). He is the first CEC to be appointed under the new law, and his term will last till January 26, 2029. He was appointed after Rajiv Kumar retired. A meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Modi, which included Home Minister Amit Shah, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi.





**5. When was the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) established?**

- A - Year 1940
- C - Year 1945

- B - Year 1944
- D - Year 1949

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**6. When was the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana started?**

- A - Year 2015
- C - Year 2017

- B - Year 2016
- D - Year 2015

The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) completed 9 years on 18 February 2025. Launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in 2016, this scheme is a comprehensive scheme replacing the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme. It aims to provide insurance protection to farmers on crop losses due to natural disasters, keep their income stable and ensure agricultural credit flow.



**7. In which state of India is Fagli festival celebrated?**

- A - Himachal Pradesh
- C - Uttar Pradesh

- B - Uttarakhand
- D - Rajasthan

The traditional 'Fagli' festival was celebrated in Yangpa village of Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh, which is famous in Shimla, Kinnaur and Kullu districts. It marks the arrival of spring from winter in February or March and is also called 'Faguli' or 'Faag' due to being in the month of Phalgun.



**8. Recently, Meta has launched the world's longest under sea cable system under which name?**

- A - Project Waterworth
- C - New Info Mentors

- B - Project Underwater
- D - Project Depth

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## One Liner

1. What was the theme of the Eighth Indian Ocean Conference 2025? - **Journey to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership**
2. Under which ministry is the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana operated? - **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**
3. Which war policy was adopted by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj? - **Guerilla War Policy**
4. When did the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year start? - **Year 2020**
5. In which article of the Constitution is the provision for the Election Commission? - **Article 324**
6. Who has been appointed as the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) recently? - **Charanjot Singh Nanda**
7. Which traditional festival was organized in Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh recently? - **Fagli Utsav**
8. Who has started the world's longest undersea cable system Project Waterworth? - **Meta**
9. Who has been recently conferred with honorary knighthood in UK? - **N. Chandrasekaran**
10. With whom did TRIFED sign MoU to boost tribal economy? - **Tea Trunk**

