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## 1. 7th meeting of National Wildlife Board

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 7th meeting of the National Wildlife Board (NWB) in Gir, which discussed wildlife conservation, ecological balance and use of technology. Several important announcements were made in the meeting, including the release of the first estimate report on river dolphin conservation, according to which 6,327 dolphins were recorded in India.



## 2. Oscars 2025

The 97th Oscar Awards were held on 2 March 2025 at the Dolby Theater in Los Angeles, where the winners were announced. This year, 'Anora' got the most awards, which won in 5 categories. 'The Brutalist' got 3 Oscars, while 'Emilia Perez' and 'Dune Part 2' got 2 Oscars each. Mickey Madison was chosen as the Best Actress for 'Anora' and Adrien Brody was chosen as the Best Actor for 'The Brutalist'.



## 3. Vidarbha won the Ranji Trophy for the third time

Vidarbha won the Ranji Trophy title for the third time by defeating Kerala in the final played in Nagpur. The final match ended in a draw on the fifth day, but Vidarbha won the trophy on the basis of first innings lead. Earlier, Vidarbha won the Ranji Trophy in the 2017–18 and 2018–19 seasons. The Ranji Trophy is a first-class cricket competition in India, in which teams of state cricket associations participate.



## 4. International Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day 2025

International Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day is observed every year on March 5, with the aim of raising global awareness of disarmament issues, especially among youth. The day commemorates the dangers posed by weapons of mass destruction and collective efforts to ensure global peace and security.





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## 5. IRCTC and IRFC got Navratna status

The Government of India has granted Navratna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) status to Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC). With this decision, now all the seven listed railway PSUs have got Navratna status, which will give them greater financial and operational autonomy.



## 6. Christian Stocker sworn in as Chancellor of Austria

Christian Stocker of the Austrian People's Party (OVP) was sworn in as Chancellor of Austria five months after the parliamentary election. No party or coalition got a clear mandate in the election held in September 2024. Christian Stocker will lead the first-ever three-party coalition government, which includes the OVP, Social Democrats and Neos Party.



## 7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Rescue Center 'Vantara'.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Vantara, a wildlife rescue, conservation and rehabilitation center in Jamnagar, Gujarat on 4 March 2025. Recently, Vantara's "Radhe Krishna Mandir Elephant Welfare Trust" was awarded the 2025 Praani Mitra Award (Corporate Category) by the Government of India. Vantara is set up by Reliance Industries and Reliance Foundation.



## 8. President confers Visitors' Awards of Visitors' Conference 2024-25

President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the two-day Visitors' Conference 2024-25 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on 3 March 2025. This conference was first started by the then President Pranab Mukherjee in November 2015. The President conferred the 8th Visitors' Awards 2023 to academicians for outstanding work in innovation, research and technology development.



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**1. When was the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) formed?**

**A - Year - 2003**

**B - Year - 2004**

**C - Year - 2005**

**D - Year - 2006**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 7th meeting of the National Board for Wildlife (NWB) in Gir, which discussed wildlife conservation and ecological balance. 6,327 dolphins were recorded in India, the highest in Uttar Pradesh. The 16th cycle of lion census will begin in 2025.



**2. When did the Oscar Award start?**

**A - Year - 1928**

**B - Year - 1929**

**C - Year - 1930**

**D - Year - 1932**

On March 2, 2025, the 97th Academy Awards (Oscars) ceremony was held at the Dolby Theater in Los Angeles, in which the winners were announced. This year the film 'Anora' won awards in five categories including the best film. Mikey Madison received the Best Actress Award for 'Anora', while Adrian Brody was chosen as the Best Actor for 'The Brutalist'.



**3. Which team has recently won the Ranji Trophy 2024-25 final?**

**A - Rajasthan**

**B - Uttar Pradesh**

**C - Tamil Nadu**

**D - Vidarbha**

Vidarbha won the Ranji Trophy for the third time by defeating Kerala in the final played in Nagpur. Despite the match being a draw, Vidarbha won the title on the basis of first innings lead. Earlier, the team had also won the trophy in 2017-18 and 2018-19. The Ranji Trophy is India's premier first-class cricket competition, in which teams from state cricket associations participate.



**4. When is International Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day observed?**

**A - March 5**

**B - March 6**

**C - March 1**

**D - March 3**

International Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day is observed on March 5, which aims to raise awareness of disarmament issues, especially among youth. The United Nations General Assembly established it in 2021 and officially declared it as March 5 in 2022. The first event was held in 2023.



**5. Recently, which two corporations have been given the status of Navratna by the Government of India?**

- A - JDA and ADA  
C - Rail Tail and RVNL  
B - IRCTC and IRFC  
D - RIL and Vodafone

The Government of India gave the status of Navratna PSU to IRCTC and IRFC, due to which now all the seven listed railway PSUs have become Navratna. These include CONCOR, RVNL, IRCON, RITES, RailTel, IRCTC and IRFC. By getting the status of Navratna, they will get more financial and operational autonomy.



**6. Who has recently taken oath as the Chancellor of Austria?**

- A - Christian Stocker  
C - Gary Christian  
B - Steven Stim  
D - Glenn Darbon

Christian Stocker became the new Chancellor of Austria, leading a coalition government of the OVP, Social Democrats and Neos Party. No party got a clear majority in the September 2024 election. The Freedom Party won 57, the OVP 51, the Social Democrats 41 and Neos 18 seats.



**7. Where is Vantara, the world's largest wildlife rescue, conservation and rehabilitation center located?**

- A - Jamnagar (Gujarat)  
C - Agra (Uttar Pradesh)  
B - Jaipur (Rajasthan)  
D - Morena (Madhya Pradesh)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Vantara, a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre, in Jamnagar, Gujarat on 4 March 2025. Established by Reliance Industries and Reliance Foundation, the centre is spread over 3000 acres. Vantara's "Radhe Krishna Mandir Elephant Welfare Trust" received the 2025 Praani Mitra Award (Corporate Category).



**8. Where was the Visitors Conference 2024-25 held?**

- A - New Delhi  
C - Bhopal  
B - Bangalore  
D - Chandigarh

President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the two-day Visitors Conference 2024-25 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on 3 March 2025. The conference was first started in 2015. The President presented the 8th Visitors Awards 2023, which are given in the innovation, research and technology development categories.





## One Liner

1. Who is the chairman of the National Wildlife Board Committee - **Prime Minister**
2. Which actress has won the Best Actress Award in the 97th Oscar Awards 2025 - **Mickey Madison (Anora Film)**
3. Vidarbha recently defeated which team in the final of Ranji Trophy 2024-25 - **Kerala**
4. When is the United Nations Disarmament Week celebrated every year by the United Nations - **24 to 30 October**
5. At present, how many PSUs of Railways have the status of Navratna - **7**
6. What is the capital of Austria - **Vienna**
7. Where is the world's largest hospital for elephants - **Vantara, Jamnagar (Gujarat)**
8. Who inaugurated the Visitors Conference 2024-25 - **President Draupadi Murmu**
9. In how many categories are the Visitors Awards given - **Three - Innovation, Research, Technology Development**
10. Who was awarded the Visitors Award for Innovation for the year 2023 - **Prof. Saripella Srikrishna of BHU**

