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1. Country's first PPP green waste processing plant

The country's first Public-Private Partnership (PPP) based green waste processing plant has been set up in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Its objective is to improve urban waste management by converting green waste into valuable resources. The project has been started in collaboration with Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) and Astronomical Industries Limited.



2. Gayatri Chakravarty Spivak awarded the Holberg Prize 2025

Gayatri Spivak has been awarded the Holberg Prize 2025. The award has been given to her for her critique of structures of power and knowledge in an unequal world, efforts to tackle illiteracy in rural communities, and influential work on postcolonial studies, feminism and colonialism. The Holberg Prize is awarded by the Holberg Committee established by the Norwegian government.



3. Quad workshop organized

The Quad workshop on pandemic preparedness for the Indo-Pacific region was held in New Delhi from 17 to 19 March. It was attended by Quad members India, the US, Japan and Australia, as well as 36 representatives from 15 other countries and international health organizations in the Indo-Pacific region.



4. Campaign to build model village in Ayodhya

The campaign to make 1,147 villages of Ayodhya district into model villages has started. This initiative was launched from Mahan Mau village of Tarun block. This scheme covers villages spread across 772 gram panchayats. The main objective of this campaign is to increase the connectivity of villages with main roads, freedom from open defecation, encourage cleanliness campaign and implement waste management.





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5. WaveX 2025

The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) has launched WaveX 2025, an initiative to provide funding and national recognition to startups in the media and entertainment sector. The event will be held from May 1 to 4, 2025 at the Jio World Convention Center, Mumbai in collaboration with the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).



6. World Poetry Day 2025

World Poetry Day is celebrated every year on March 21, an occasion to honor poetry and its importance in life. It is considered as the highest and most sublime expression of emotions. The purpose of this day is to encourage new writers to write, read, publish and teach poetry. Also, to support the efforts of small publishers who publish literature related to poetry.



7. Global Index - India's Free Speech Ranking

India was ranked 24th among 33 countries in a global survey conducted by US-based think tank 'The Future of Free Speech'. India's score in the Free Speech Index was 62.6, which is between South Africa (66.9) and Lebanon (61.8). The survey was conducted in October 2024 and the report was published under the title "Who in the World Supports Free Speech".

FREE SPEECH INDEX



8. Mridulika Jha wins Ramnath Goenka Award in Journalism 2025

Mridulika Jha of 'Aaj Tak' was awarded the 2025 Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism. She received this honor for her coverage of the "donkey route" adopted by the youth of Haryana to enter the United States illegally. The award was established by the 'Indian Express Group' on the birth centenary year of its founder Ramnath Goenka and is run by the Ramnath Goenka Foundation.



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1. India's first PPP based green waste processing plant has been set up in which city?

- A - Indore
B - Jaipur
C - Lucknow
D - Bangalore

The country's first PPP based green waste processing plant has been set up in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, which aims to convert green waste into valuable resources. This project has started in collaboration with Indore Municipal Corporation and Astronomical Industries Limited. Eco-friendly fuel, sustainable packaging and organic fertilizers will be made from green waste in the plant.



2. Who was recently awarded the Holvar Prize?

- A - Mahasweta Devi
B - Gayatri Chakravarty Spivak
C - Priyanka Chaturvedi
D - Swati Maliwal

Gayatri Spivak has been awarded the 2025 Holberg Prize for her influential work on critiquing structures of power and knowledge, eradicating illiteracy, and postcolonial studies, feminism and colonialism. Established by the Norwegian government, this award is considered equivalent to the Nobel in the academic field and carries an amount of \$5,40,000.



3. Where was the workshop of the QUAD group organized recently?

- A - Bangalore
B - Bhubaneswar
C - New Delhi
D - Jaipur

The Quad workshop was held in New Delhi from 17-19 March, in which representatives from India, the US, Japan, Australia and 15 other countries participated. Its aim was to strengthen pandemic preparedness, ensure coordinated response and implement the concept of "One Health".



4. Recently, in which district has the Uttar Pradesh government started a campaign to build model villages?

- A - Agra district
B - Firozabad district
C - Mathura district
D - Ayodhya district

A campaign to make 1,147 villages of Ayodhya district into model villages started, which started from Mahan Mau village of Tarun block. The scheme covers 772 gram panchayats and focuses on improving connectivity, sanitation, waste management and infrastructure of villages.



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5. WaveX - 2025 has been launched by which ministry?

A - Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

B - Ministry of Home Affairs

C - Ministry of Finance

D - Ministry of Panchayati Raj

The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting launched WaveX 2025, an initiative to provide financial support and national recognition to media and entertainment startups. The event will be held from 1-4 May 2025 at Jio World Convention Center, Mumbai in collaboration with IAMAI.

WAVEX 2025

Media &
Entertainment
Startups

6. When is World Poetry Day celebrated?

A - 21 March

B - 29 March

C - 23 March

D - 25 March

World Poetry Day is celebrated every year on 21 March to honour the importance of poetry. It aims to encourage new writers, promote poetry writing, reading and publishing, and support small publishers. On this day, government institutions, teachers and poets organize various events.



7. What is India's ranking globally in the "Free Speech Index"?

A - 23rd

B - 24th

C - 25th

D - 29th

India ranked 24th out of 33 countries in a global survey by US think tank 'The Future of Free Speech', with a Free Speech Index score of 62.6. The survey was conducted in October 2024 and the report was published under the title "Who in the World Supports Free Speech". Norway (87.1) and Denmark (87.0) topped the list, while India was found to have high public support but weak legal protection.



8. Who presented awards to the winners of the 19th Ramnath Goenka Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2025?

A - President Draupadi Murmu

B - Prime Minister Narendra Modi

C - Home Minister Amit Shah

D - Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

Mridulika Jha of Aaj Tak received the 2025 Ramnath Goenka Award for reporting on illegal entry of Haryana youth into the US through the "Dunky Route". The award was instituted in 2005 by the Indian Express Group and is given for excellence in digital, print and broadcast journalism. President Draupadi Murmu presented the winners with a citation, trophy and a cash prize of ₹1 lakh.



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One Liner

1. The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh is - **Mohan Yadav**
2. Why was Gayatri Chakravarty Spivak awarded the Holberg Prize - **For "criticism of structures of power and knowledge in an unequal world".**
3. Who gives the Holberg Prize - **Holberg Committee established by the Government of Norway**
4. Which countries are included in the QUAD group - **India, America, Japan and Australia.**
5. From which village of Ayodhya district was the campaign to build a model village started - **Mahan Mau village**
6. When will WAVEX-2025 be started - **1 May to 4 May 2025**
7. When is the celebration of World Poetry Day considered to have started - **From the year 1999**
8. Who releases the "Free Speech Index" globally - **US based think tank "The Future of Free Speech"**
9. Who won the Ramnath Goenka Award in Hindi language in Journalism 2025 - **"Mridulika Jha"**
10. Which state government has recently planned to develop heritage buildings as hotels - **Uttar Pradesh Government**

