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1. Stockholm Water Prize 2025

Renowned hydrologist Günter Blöschl has been awarded the 2025 Stockholm Water Prize. He is a professor at the Vienna University of Technology and is globally recognised for his pioneering research on flood risk and the impacts of climate change. His work revolutionised flood risk assessment and contributed to understanding the relationship between climate and flooding.



2. Biosaarathi Initiative

The Government of India has launched the "Biosaarathi" initiative to support biotech startups. The initiative was unveiled by Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh in New Delhi on 21 March 2025. The initiative was launched on the occasion of the 13th Foundation Day of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC). "Biosaarathi" will be a six-month program that will promote mentor-mentee engagement.



3. Sign language in Punjab Assembly

Punjab has become the first state in India to broadcast its assembly proceedings in sign language. The initiative has been taken to make deaf persons aware of legislative discussions and government policies. Governor Gulab Chand Kataria's address at the start of the budget session was broadcast in sign language.



4. Ajay Seth appointed as new Finance Secretary

The Government of India has appointed senior IAS officer Ajay Seth as the next Finance Secretary. He will replace Tuhin Kanta Pandey. Currently Ajay Seth is the Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. Ajay Seth is also India's alternate governor on the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Board of Governors, while Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman represents India. He is a 1987 batch IAS officer of Karnataka cadre.



5. Jal Shakti Abhiyan 2025 "Catch the Rain" launched in Panchkula, Haryana

The sixth edition of Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Catch the Rain - 2025, was launched on 22 March 2025 on the occasion of World Water Day in Panchkula, Haryana. In this campaign, special focus will be given to 148 water-stressed districts of the country. The Government of India launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan in 2019, which was renamed as Jal Shakti Abhiyan 'Catch the Rain' in 2021.



6. Delhi Assembly is the 28th assembly of India to join the National e-Vidhan Application (NEVA)

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7. Kerala becomes the first state to establish a Senior Citizens Commission

Kerala has become the first state in India to establish a Senior Citizens Commission by passing the "Kerala State Senior Citizens Commission Act - 2025". It is a statutory body aimed at protecting the rights and welfare of the elderly and advising in policy making. This initiative reflects the commitment of the Kerala government towards the protection, rehabilitation and empowerment of senior citizens.



8. India and Tanzania to jointly host first India-Africa naval exercise "Aikeme".

India will co-host a maritime exercise called Aikeme with the African country Tanzania in the Indian Ocean in April 2025. Aikeme means "unity" in Sanskrit, and 10 African countries including Tanzania will participate in it. It is an initiative to strengthen India's military reach in the African region. The first edition of the Aikeme maritime exercise will be held in the open sea near the Dar es Salaam port of Tanzania from 13-18 April 2025.



5. Where was the sixth edition of Jal Shakti Abhiyan - Catch the Rain Campaign 2025 launched?

A - Panchkula (Haryana)

B - Agra (Uttar Pradesh)

C - Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)

D - Dhar (Madhya Pradesh)

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6. Which is the 28th legislature of India to join the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)?

A - Punjab

B - Haryana

C - Tamil Nadu

D - Delhi

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7. Which state government has recently announced the establishment of a "Senior Citizens Commission"?

A - Karnataka

B - Kerala Strategists

C - Punjab

D - Rajasthan

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A - Aikeme

B - Burundi

C - Prayas

D - Sarathi

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One Liner

1. Who is the winner of Stockholm Water Prize 2025 - **Gunter Bloschl (Hydrologist)**
2. Recently, the Government of India has launched which initiative to help Indian biotech startups in their domestic and global reach and business expansion - **"Biosaarathi"**
3. When is Sign Language Day celebrated - **23 September**
4. Who signs the one rupee note in India - **Finance Secretary (Union Finance Ministry)**
5. When is World Water Day celebrated - **22 March**
6. Which was the first state legislature to implement the National e-Vidhan Application - **Nagaland - 2022**
7. Which is the first state in India to establish a Senior Citizens Commission - **Kerala**
8. Under the initiative of the Indian Navy, which Indian ship will be deployed by the Indian Navy under its Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) Sagar - **"INS Sunayana"**
9. Recently, the Central Government has imposed what percentage tariff to stop the import of poor quality steel flowing into the country from countries like China, South Korea - **12%**
10. Recently, in which city of India, the event was organized Commonwealth Games 2030 has been bid to host - **Ahmedabad**

