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## 1. World Meteorological Day 2025

World Meteorological Day will be celebrated on 23 March 2025, which marks the 75th anniversary of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). This year's theme is "Together Bridging the Early Warning Gap", which emphasizes the role of early warning systems in mitigating the impact of extreme weather events and climate change.



## 2. Vijay Shankar awarded Knight's Cross of Denmark

Vijay Shankar, who is the Honorary Consul General of Denmark for South India and Chairman of the Sanmar Group, has been awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog by the King of Denmark. The honour was conferred on him for his outstanding consular services and contribution to strengthening India-Denmark relations. The award was presented by the Ambassador of Denmark to India, Rasmus Abilgaard Christensen, at a special ceremony in Chennai on 18 March 2025.



## 3. Japan becomes first non-host nation to qualify for FIFA World Cup 2026

Japan qualified for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, becoming the first team to do so after the host nations (USA, Canada, and Mexico). A 2-0 win against Bahrain at Saitama Stadium on 20 March 2025 secured Japan a place in the World Cup for the eighth consecutive time. Daichi Kamada and Takefusa Kubo scored in the second half.



## 4. Book 'March of Glory' released to celebrate India's 1975 Hockey World Cup win.

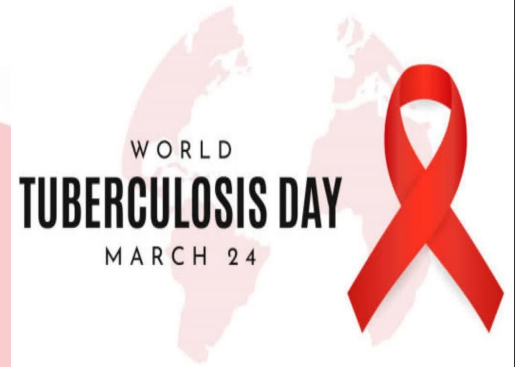
The book 'March of Glory' was released on 18 March 2025 at Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi to mark the golden jubilee of India's 1975 Hockey World Cup win. It has been authored by hockey historian K. Arumugam and journalist Errol D'Cruz. The book covers India's historic triumphs, details of key matches, quotes from players and over 250 rare photographs.





## 5. World Tuberculosis (TB) Day 2025

The World Health Organization (WHO) observes World Tuberculosis (TB) Day every year on March 24 to raise awareness about the health, social and economic impacts of this deadly infectious disease. The day marks the anniversary of the discovery of the causative bacterium of TB by Dr. Robert Koch in 1882, which opened new avenues in its diagnosis and treatment. TB is one of the deadliest infectious diseases in the world.



## 6. Maharashtra government to honour sculptor Ram Sutar with Maharashtra Bhushan

Senior sculptor Ram Sutar will be honoured with the Maharashtra Bhushan Award, the highest civilian honour of the Maharashtra government. The award was announced by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in the state assembly. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh and a memento. Ram Sutar is best known as the creator of the Statue of Unity, the world's tallest statue. He is a recipient of the Padma Bhushan and is renowned for his artistic excellence.



## 7. Anuj Kumar Singh appointed Joint Secretary in UPSC

Anuj Kumar Singh, a 2009 batch officer of the Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE), has been appointed as Joint Secretary (Director level) in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Delhi. The appointment has been made under the Central Staffing Scheme and he will hold the post for a period of five years or until further orders.



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## 8. X challenges new sections of IT Act

Social media platform X (formerly Twitter) has challenged Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act, 2000 against the Central Government in the Karnataka High Court. The company alleges that blocking orders issued under this section are creating a parallel and illegal censorship regime. X claims that the government is issuing content removal notices to social media companies, which is in violation of the procedures of Section 69A of the IT Act.



## 1. What is the theme of World Meteorological Day 2025?

A - Climate change and adaptation

**B - Bridging the early warning gap together**

C - New technologies in meteorology

D - Sustainable development and environmental protection

World Meteorological Day will be celebrated on 23 March 2025, which marks the 75th anniversary of WMO. This year's theme is "Bridging the early warning gap together", which emphasizes the role of early warning systems in mitigating the impact of extreme weather events and climate change. WMO was established in 1950 and the first World Meteorological Day was celebrated in 1961.

"World Meteorological Day"



## 2. Vijay Shankar was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog by the King of which country?

A - Sweden

B - Norway

**C - Denmark**

D - Finland

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## 3. Who became the first team after the host countries to qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup?

A - South Korea

**B - Japan**

C - Australia

D - Iran

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## 4. Who are the authors of the book 'March of Glory'?

A - Dilip Tirkey and Zafar Iqbal

**B - Harbinder Singh and Ashok Kumar**

**C - K. Arumugam and Errol D'Cruz**

D - Vinita Kumar and H.J.S. Chimni

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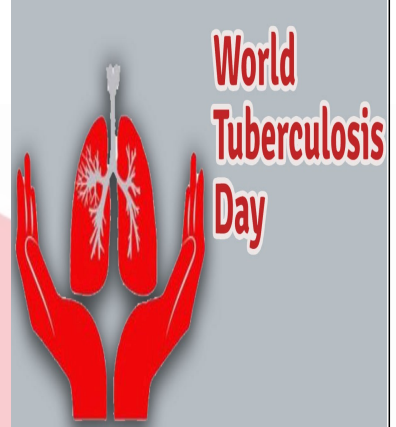




5. On which date the World Health Organization (WHO) observes World Tuberculosis (TB) Day every year?

- A - 22 March  
B - 24 March  
C - 26 March  
D - 28 March

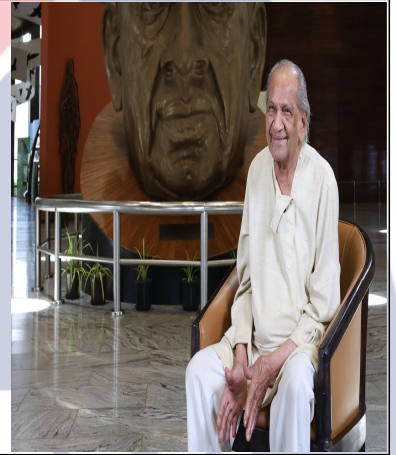
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6. Which award will be conferred on Ram Sutar?

- A - Bharat Ratna  
B - Maharashtra Bhushan Award  
C - Padma Vibhushan  
D - Kaladevi Award

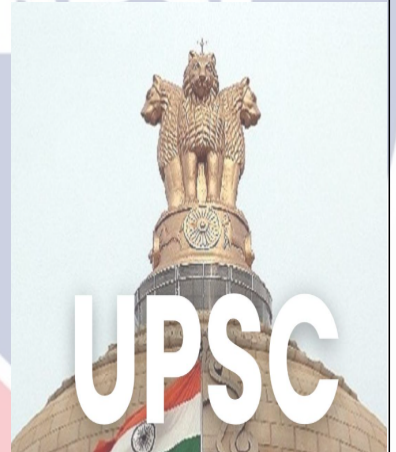
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7. Anuj Kumar Singh has been appointed to which post in UPSC?

- A - Assistant Secretary  
B - Joint Secretary (Director level)  
C - Chief Secretary  
D - Member Secretary

Anuj Kumar Singh (IRSEE, 2009) has been appointed Joint Secretary (Director level) in UPSC, Delhi. This will be effective for five years or until further orders under the Central Staffing Scheme. Singh, selected on the recommendation of the Ministry of Railways, will strengthen the efficiency and strategy of UPSC with his technical and administrative experience.



8. Social media platform X (formerly Twitter) has challenged Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act, 2000 against the Government of India in which court?

- A - Supreme Court  
B - Delhi High Court  
C - Karnataka High Court  
D - Bombay High Court

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## One Liner

1. What is the theme of World Meteorological Day 2025? - **Bridging the early warning gap together**
2. Vijay Shankar was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog by the King of which country? - **Denmark**
3. Who became the first team after the host countries to qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup? - **Japan**
4. Who is the author of the book 'March of Glory'? - **K. Arumugam and Errol D'Cruz**
5. The World Health Organization (WHO) celebrates World Tuberculosis (TB) Day every year on which date. - **24 March**
6. Which award will be conferred on Ram Sutar. - **Maharashtra Bhushan Award**
7. Anuj Kumar Singh has been appointed to which post in UPSC. - **Joint Secretary (Director level)**
8. Media platform X (formerly Twitter) has challenged Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act, 2000 against the Government of India in which court. - **Karnataka High Court**
9. When and where was the book 'March of Glory' released. - **18 March 2025, New Delhi**
10. What is the theme of World TB Day 2025. - **"Yes! We can end TB: Commit, Invest, Result"**

