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1. National Maritime Varuna Award

Rajesh Unni has been awarded the National Maritime Varun Award for his outstanding contribution to India's maritime industry. The award is the highest individual honour for excellence in the maritime sector in India, conferred by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS). The award aims to recognise individuals who have played a key role in shaping and bringing about positive change in India's maritime landscape.



2. Heart Lamp' shortlisted for International Booker Prize 2025

Kannada language short story collection 'Heart Lamp' has been shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2025, becoming the first Kannada book to make it to the race for this award. The collection is written by Karnataka writer, activist and lawyer Banu Mushtaq and translated into English by Deepa Bhashti. The collection includes 12 stories written between 1990 and 2023, whose style is witty, frank and deals with community tensions.



3. World's first 3D printed railway station

Japan has recently achieved an important milestone by building the world's first 3D printed train station. This station is located in Arida City of Wakayama Prefecture and is named Hatsushima Station. This station has been built by West Japan Railway Company (JR West), while 3D construction technology firm Serendix assisted in the construction. The special thing is that the construction of the station was completed in less than 6 hours.



4. BIMSTEC's 3rd Agriculture Meeting in Kathmandu

The 3rd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministerial Meeting was held in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, on 10 April 2025. India signed an MoU to enhance agriculture cooperation with Nepal. The meeting focused on agriculture and food security, out of BIMSTEC's 7 key cooperation areas, which included fisheries, livestock, and food security. The meeting was attended by agriculture ministers and senior officials of member countries.



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5. Panchayat Advancement Index

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI), a multi-domain index to assess progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the local level. It aims to identify development gaps of panchayats and enable them to undertake evidence-based planning. The index is based on 9 key themes, including poverty, health, child development, water, sanitation, infrastructure, good governance, women empowerment, and social justice.



6. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti 2025

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Smriti Diwas, celebrated as Ambedkar Jayanti, is observed on 14 April to honour the contributions and life of Dr. Ambedkar. Dr. Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, was a social reformer and human rights activist who fought for the rights of Dalits and backward classes. The first celebration of his birth anniversary was held in Pune in 1928.



7. James Anderson was awarded the Knighthood

England's legendary fast bowler James Anderson was conferred knighthood in former Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's resignation honours list on 11 April 2025. He will now be known as "Sir Jimmy Anderson". Anderson made his Test debut in 2003 and became England's highest Test wicket-taker with 704 wickets in 188 Tests. He is the highest Test wicket-taker by any seam bowler and the third-highest wicket-taker in Test history, behind Muttiah Muralitharan and Shane Warne.



8. Razorpay launches Turbo UPI plugin to revolutionise digital payments

Fintech company Razorpay on 9 April 2025 unveiled Turbo UPI plugin, developed in partnership with NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL) and Axis Bank. This new UPI solution is based on the BHIM Vega platform and allows users to make payments directly within the app, eliminating the need for external redirections. It aims to increase transaction speed, reduce payment failures, and provide a seamless user experience.



1. Who was awarded the National Maritime Varun Award 2025 for his outstanding contribution in promoting innovation and sustainability in the Indian maritime industry?

A - R. K. Singh
C - Vijay Kumar

B - Rajesh Unni
D - Ashok Mehta

Rajesh Unni has been awarded the National Maritime Varun Award, the highest individual honour in the sector, for his outstanding contribution to India's maritime sector. The award is given by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS).



2. The book 'Heart Lamp', which has been shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2025, is written by whom?

A - Deepa Bhashti
C - K. Shivaram Karanth

B - Banu Mushtaq
D - V. K. Madhavan Kutty

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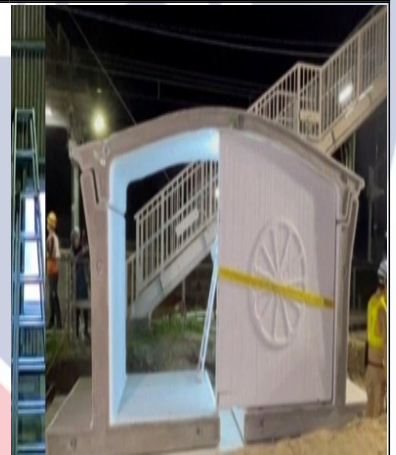


3. Which country has recently built the world's first 3D printed train station in record time?

A - China
C - Japan

B - US
D - South Korea

Japan has built the world's first 3D printed train station, Hatsushima Station, located in Arida City, Wakayama Prefecture. It was built by West Japan Railway Company (JR West) and 3D construction technology firm Serendix. The station was built in just 6 hours, from 11:57 pm to 5:45 am.



4. Where was the 3rd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministerial Meeting held?

A - India
C - Nepal (Kathmandu)

B - Myanmar
D - Bangladesh

The 3rd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministerial Meeting was held on 10 April 2025 in Kathmandu, Nepal, where an MoU was signed to enhance agricultural cooperation between India and Nepal. The meeting focused on agriculture, food security, fisheries and livestock. India was led by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who proposed to set up a 'BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence for Agricultural Cooperation in India'.



5. Which ministry has launched the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI)?

- A - Ministry of Finance
C - Ministry of Home Affairs
B - Ministry of Panchayati Raj
D - Ministry of Agriculture

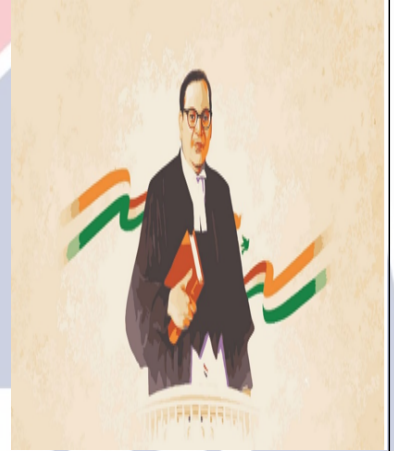
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6. When is Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti celebrated?

- A - 15 August
C - 14 April
B - 1 January
D - 26 January

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Smriti Diwas, celebrated on 14 April as Ambedkar Jayanti, is to honour the contributions and life of Dr. Ambedkar. He was the architect of the Indian Constitution, a social reformer and a human rights activist. His birth anniversary was first celebrated in Pune in 1928, and he was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1990.



7. England fast bowler James Anderson was awarded which honour on 11 April 2025?

- A - Bharat Ratna
C - Padma Shri
B - Knighthood
D - Olympic Gold Medal

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8. Which new UPI service was unveiled by Razorpay on 9 April 2025?

- A - Razorpay UPI
C - UPI Boost
B - Turbo UPI
D - FastPay UPI

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One Liner

1. Who was awarded the National Maritime Varun Award 2025, who made a remarkable contribution in promoting innovation and sustainability in the Indian maritime industry. - **Rajesh Unni**
2. The book 'Heart Lamp', which got shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2025, is written by whom. - **Banu Mushtaq**
3. Which country has recently built the world's first 3D printed train station in record time. - **Japan**
4. Where was the third BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministerial Meeting held. - **Nepal (Kathmandu)**
5. Which ministry has launched the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI). - **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**
6. When is Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti celebrated. - **14 April**
7. England fast bowler James Anderson was awarded which honor on 11 April 2025. - **Knighthood**
8. Razorpay unveiled which new UPI service on 9 April 2025. - **Turbo UPI**
9. In which year Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna Award - **1990**
10. Who led India in the third agriculture ministerial meeting of BIMSTEC - **Shivraj Singh Chauhan**

