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International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists 2026

- The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is observed every year on November 2nd. It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2013 and encourages Governments to stop attacks, investigate and hold criminals accountable for crimes committed.
- The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists in 2026 emphasizes how new technologies and weapons are causing changes to how journalists are threatened.
- The theme for the year 2026 is "**Threats evolve, Impunity persists**." This shows that whilst the ways people are targeting journalists is evolving, those committing crimes of killing and attacks often get away with it.
- In 2013 the United Nations General Assembly declared November 2nd as the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists with resolution A/RES/68/163.
- This is to commemorate the assassination of two French journalists in Mali on November 2nd, 2013. The resolution expresses that attacks and violence against journalists and media workers should not be acceptable.



Andhra Pradesh Formation Day 2026

- Andhra Pradesh celebrates Formation Day every year on the 1st of November. This commemorates the creation of Andhra Pradesh when the Andhra State was merged with the Telugu-speaking Telangana region from the former Hyderabad State.
- This was a key milestone when Andhra Pradesh was created due to sustained campaigning from groups wanting a separate administrative region for Telugu-speaking people. However, Andhra Pradesh was split into two in 2014, creating Telangana.
- Prior to Independence, there were several areas with Telugu speakers. A large portion of Telugu speakers were part of the Madras Presidency. Other parts of Telugu speakers were part of the princely state of Hyderabad.
- Potti Sriramulu was key to the Andhra movement.
- He was an Indian freedom fighter and social reformer who campaigned for the creation of a separate Andhra State.
- On the 19th of October 1952 he went on a hunger strike.
- After 58 days he died on the 15th of December 1952.
- This led to large protests throughout Telugu-speaking regions.

- The public reaction to this put a lot of pressure on the Indian Government to recognise the demand.
- The Indian Government recognised the demands and created Andhra State by passing the ‘Andhra State Act 1953’.
- Andhra State was formed by separating the Telugu-speaking regions from the former Madras State on the 1st of October 1953. This was the first post-independence state in India based on language.
- Kurnool was chosen as the capital, and Tanguturi Prakasam Pantulu became the first Chief Minister. This increased demands for linguistic reorganisation throughout the rest of India.
- The creation of Andhra State led to increasing demands for other areas of India to be reorganised into states based on language. To address this, the Indian Government created the State Reorganisation Commission in December 1953.
- The commission consisted of Fazl Ali as chairman, K.M. Panikkar and H.N. Kunzru as members. They looked at several factors, including linguistic, administrative, geographical, economic, and national.
- The recommendations made by the commission were vital for the reorganisation of states in India in 1956.



Haryana Day 2026

- Haryana Day is a celebration held every year on 1st November to celebrate the creation of the state of Haryana in 1966. The 60th anniversary will be celebrated in 2026. It was created from the previous state of Punjab after linguistic, cultural and regional demands were made.

- Haryana Day is a day that celebrates the creation of Haryana as a new state on the 1st November 1966. Before this date the region was part of Punjab. During the 1950's and 1960's people began to demand Haryana be a new state.
- In April 1966 the Government of India set up a commission led by Justice J.C. Shah to investigate how Punjab should be reorganised and make recommendations on where the borders of Haryana should be.
- The Shah Commission presented their findings in May 1966. The Punjab Reorganisation Act 1966 was then passed in Parliament. This came into effect on the 1st November 1966.



President's Colour to Chandigarh Police

- President's Colour award was presented to the Chandigarh Police by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah on their 60th Raising Day and Diamond Jubilee celebrations at Chandigarh.
- It is an award for the services rendered by the police in ensuring law and order, protection of the people, and handling security threats, including terrorism. The event took place at Police Lines, Chandigarh in the year 2026.
- The Chandigarh Police were restructured on 1st November 1966 after the restructuring of Punjab and the creation of Haryana. On the same date, Chandigarh became a Union Territory and the shared capital of Punjab and Haryana.
- President's Colours is an honor that is bestowed on a disciplined force in appreciation of its distinguished service, courage, and dedication.
- For a police force, getting honor is a reflection of the institution's contribution to the maintenance of law and order and citizens' services.



World Wrestling Championships 2026

- Manisha Bhanwala made history at the 2026 World Wrestling Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan. In the women's freestyle 59kg weight category, Bhanwala defeated reigning pan- American champion Abigail Nette from the USA 8-6 after overcoming a 6-0 deficit.
- This was the first ever gold medal won by India in the women's freestyle division. This made Manisha only the second Indian wrestler to win a senior world championship title joining Sushil Kumar who won gold in 2010.
- Wrestler: Manisha Bhanwala
- Weight: Women's 59kg Freestyle
- Opponent: Abigail Nette (USA)
- Score: 8-6
- Location: Astana, Kazakhstan
- Achievement: First gold ever won by India in women's freestyle world championship.



Kimi Antonelli Becomes Youngest F1 World Champion

- Italian Kimi Antonelli has become the youngest ever Formula One Drivers' World Champion. Driving for Mercedes, Antonelli claimed the 2026 Drivers' Championship at the Mexico City Grand Prix on November 1st after finishing third in the race.

Position	Driver	Team	Points
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	25
2	Lewis Hamilton	Ferrari	18
3	Kimi Antonelli	Mercedes	15
4	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	12
5	Lando Norris	McLaren	10

- **List of Youngest Championship Winner in F1 Drivers**

Rank	Driver	Country	Team	Championship Year	Age at that Time
1	Kimi Antonelli	Italy	Mercedes	2026	20 years, 68 days
2	Sebastian Vettel	Germany	Red Bull	2010	23 years, 134 days
3	Lewis Hamilton	Great Britain	McLaren	2008	23 years, 300 days
4	Fernando Alonso	Spain	Renault	2005	24 years, 58 days
5	Max Verstappen	Netherlands	Red Bull	2021	24 years, 73 days



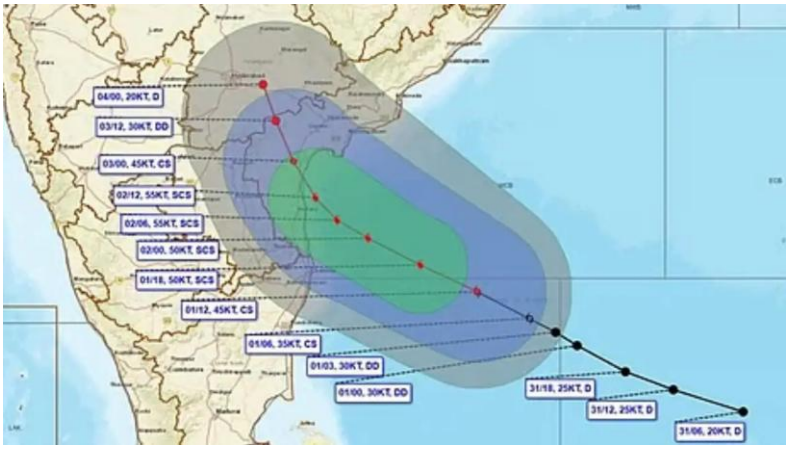
Dinesh V. Ganvir Appointed 55th DG of GSI

- Shri Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir took charge as the 55th Director General (DG) of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) on November 1, 2026. GSI is an attached department of the Ministry of Mines under the Government of India.
- GSI is Geoscientific body within India that deals with geological mapping and assessing mineral resources.
- Full Name: Geological Survey of India
- Abbreviation: GSI
- Date Established: 1851
- Founder of GSI: Sir Thomas Oldham
- Head Office: Kolkata, West Bengal



Cyclone Murasu 2026

- A severe cyclonic storm, Murasu, formed in the west-central Bay of Bengal and is now approaching the south coast of Andhra Pradesh.
- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted the storm will hit the south coasts of Andhra Pradesh between Nellore and Narsapur near Ongole, around midnight to early morning on 3rd November 2026.
- The cyclone has been named ‘Murasu’. This name was submitted by India as part of the naming system for tropical cyclones in the North Indian Ocean. ‘Murasu’ translates to ‘drum’.
- Names for cyclones in the North Indian Ocean are chosen from lists submitted by countries in the region. These names are used by the India Meteorological Department’s Regional Specialized Meteorological Center in New Delhi.



India’s First Public-Sector Proton Therapy Centre

- Assam government signed a MoU with Belgium-based Ion Beam Applications (IBA) Particles to establish India’s first public-sector proton beam therapy centre at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital in Guwahati.
- The project is estimated to cost ₹600 crore. Funding includes a ₹315 crore World Bank loan and a ₹285 crore contribution from the Assam government. The centre is expected to become operational in at least three years.
- It will be India’s third proton beam therapy facility, after private centres at **Tata Cancer Hospital in Mumbai and Apollo Hospital in Chennai**. The initiative aims to make advanced cancer treatment, particularly for children, more accessible and affordable; private proton therapy can cost up to ₹50 lakh.
- The state cabinet approved the centre in August 2026 under the Assam State Secondary Healthcare Initiative for Service Delivery Transformation (ASSIST).

Assam has 12 of its 17 planned cancer hospitals functional and is seeking to expand its cancer-care infrastructure.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. When is the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists observed?

A) 1 November
B) 2 November
C) 3 November
D) 10 November

Correct Answer: B) 2 November

Q2. What is the theme of the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists 2026?

A) Journalism Without Fear
B) Protecting Press Freedom
C) Threats Evolve, Impunity Persists
D) Freedom of Expression for All

Correct Answer: C) Threats Evolve, Impunity Persists

Q3. Who played a significant role in the movement for a separate Andhra State through a hunger strike?

A) Tanguturi Prakasam Pantulu
B) Potti Sriramulu
C) Fazl Ali
D) K. M. Panikkar

Correct Answer: B) Potti Sriramulu

Q4. Haryana was established as a separate state on which date?

A) 1 November 1956
B) 1 October 1953
C) 1 November 1966
D) 15 August 1966

Correct Answer: C) 1 November 1966

Q5. Which police force received the President's Colour award from Union Home Minister Amit Shah in 2026?

A) Delhi Police
B) Punjab Police
C) Chandigarh Police
D) Haryana Police

Correct Answer: C) Chandigarh Police

Q6. Manisha Bhanwala won the gold medal at the 2026 World Wrestling Championships in which category?

A) Women's 53 kg Freestyle
B) Women's 57 kg Freestyle
C) Women's 59 kg Freestyle
D) Women's 62 kg Freestyle

Correct Answer: C) Women's 59 kg Freestyle

Q7. Who became the youngest-ever Formula One Drivers' World Champion in 2026?

A) Max Verstappen
B) Lewis Hamilton
C) Kimi Antonelli
D) Charles Leclerc

Correct Answer: C) Kimi Antonelli

Q8. Who assumed charge as the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India on 1 November 2026?

A) Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir
B) Sir Thomas Oldham
C) Fazl Ali
D) K. M. Panikkar

Correct Answer: A) Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir

Q9. The name of Cyclone Murasu was contributed by which country?

A) Bangladesh
B) India
C) Sri Lanka
D) Thailand

Correct Answer: B) India

Q10. India's first public-sector proton beam therapy centre is being established in which city?

A) Mumbai
B) Chennai
C) Guwahati
D) New Delhi

Correct Answer: C) Guwahati