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International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women 2026

- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is an annual event observed on 25th November every year and it aims to raise awareness of violence against women and girls and further efforts to uphold and protect their rights and ensure their safety and dignity.
- It was created by the United Nations General Assembly via Resolution 54/134 on 17th December 1999. The 2026 year's theme is '**Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, End Impunity'.**
- 25th November honours the Mirabal Sisters – Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa. They were Dominican Republic political activists who resisted the dictatorship of Rafael Leónidas Trujillo.
- Commonly referred to as Las Mariposas (The Butterflies), the Mirabal Sisters were murdered by members of the Trujillo regime on 25th November 1960. Their killing has since been used as a powerful symbol of resistance to political repression and violence.
- In 1981, women's rights activists in Latin America began to observe 25th November as a day which aimed to combat violence against women. The United Nations then officially acknowledged this observance.



Miss Universe 2026 Winner: Puerto Rico's Jennifer

- Puerto Rico's Jennifer Barreto won the 75th Miss Universe pageant which was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on November 24, 2026.
- The victory came during the pageant's diamond-anniversary edition, which also attracted attention because of an ongoing ownership dispute within the Miss Universe Organization.
- The announcement of **Costa Rica** as the host of the 2027 competition further highlighted the disagreement, as a rival group had earlier announced Vietnam as the next host.
- The final was held at the Coliseo de Puerto Rico José Miguel Agrelot in San Juan. Barreto received the crown from Mexico's Fátima Bosch, who won the 2025 edition. The competition brought together 116 contestants representing countries and territories.
- Barreto's victory was significant for Puerto Rico for two reasons,
- It was the Puerto Rico's sixth Miss Universe title.
- It brought the crown back to Puerto Rico for the first time since 2006, when Zuleyka Rivera won.



Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Creates History

- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi made history when he scored the quickest double century for India A in the ACC Men's Rising Stars Asia Cup 2026 in a game against the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 24th November 2026.
- The 15-year-old left hander bettered the previous List A record of 103 balls which had been held by Chad Bowes. His blistering score was compiled in a key

Group B encounter at the University of Doha for Science and Technology ground in Doha, Qatar.

- **List of Fastest Double Centurions in List-A Cricket**

Balls Faced	Batter	Team	Opposition	Venue	Year
52	Vaibhav Sooryavanshi	India-A	UAE-A	Doha	2026
103	Chad Bowes	Canterbury	Otago	Christchurch	2024
114	Travis Head	South Australia	Queensland	Adelaide	2021
114	Narayan Jagadeesan	Tamil Nadu	Arunachal Pradesh	Bengaluru	2022
114	Harry Brook (ODI)	England	Sri Lanka	Rawalpindi	2026
117	Shubman Gill (ODI)	India	West Indies	Guwahati	2026

Fastest Hundred in List-A Cricket

Balls	Batter	Match	Season
28	Vaibhav Sooryavanshi	India A vs UAE	2026
29	Jake Fraser-McGurk (125)	South Australia vs Tasmania	2023–24
31	AB de Villiers (149)	South Africa vs West Indies	2014–15
32	Sakibul Gani (128*)	Bihar vs Arunachal Pradesh	2025–26
33	Ishan Kishan (125)	Jharkhand vs Karnataka	2025–26



Solomon Islands Names Australia Its Primary Security Partner

- Australia and the Solomon Islands signed the new bilateral security treaty on 25 November 2026 which naming Australia as the island nation's primary security partner. The agreement was signed by Australian PM Anthony Albanese and Solomon Islands PM Matthew Wale.

- It also states that no foreign military or security base will be established in the Solomon Islands. The treaty strengthens Australia's role in Pacific regional security amid uncertainty over the future of the Solomon Islands' existing security agreement with China.
- In the year 2022 the Solomon Islands signed a security agreement with China under its then PM Manasseh Sogavare. The agreement allowed security cooperation, including the deployment of Chinese police personnel and trainers to Honiara.
- The Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) is a regional intergovernmental organisation that promotes cooperation among Pacific countries on economic, political, environmental and security issues.



Wayanad to Become India's First E-Waste-Free District

- Wayanad, Kerala, is scheduled to be declared India's first e-waste-free district by Chief Minister V. D. Satheesan in Kalpetta on November 27, 2026. Agriculture Minister T. Siddique announced the achievement on November 24.
- Three months of collection and scientific disposal removed 97.26 metric tonnes of e-waste: 38.46 tonnes from local institutions and 58.8 tonnes from government offices and schools.
- The District Suchitwa Mission and Clean Kerala Company coordinated the campaign, with participation from Local Self-Government Institutions, Haritha Karma Sena, sanitation workers, officials, traders, restaurant owners and residents.

- Wayanad's achievement is expected to support Nirmalam, the waste-free Kerala project launched on October 2. A campaign to make the district plastic-free, environment-friendly and carbon-neutral is due to begin on November 27.
- Noolpuzha village panchayat was declared India's first e-waste-free panchayat on October 27, 2026, after collecting about 5,423 kg of e-waste.



Shodhan Rai Wins Silver at Natural Olympia 2026

- Indian natural bodybuilder Shodhan Rai won silver at Natural Olympia 2026 in Las Vegas, USA, on 24 November. Based in Bengaluru, Rai has competed in the sport for more than three decades.
- The silver was Rai's ninth Natural Olympia medal: he has now won two silver and seven bronze medals at the championship. Natural Olympia is the flagship championship of the INBA/PNBA, which brings together drug-tested athletes in natural bodybuilding.
- Earlier in November, Rai won gold in both the Junior Masters and Masters categories at the Iron Man World Natural Bodybuilding World Cup. He prepared for Natural Olympia at Gold's Gym in Venice, California, and has represented India in 39 international competitions.



Javed Akhtar to Receive Mahatma Phule Samata Puruskar

- Javed Akhtar, lyricist, writer and poet, will receive the Mahatma Phule Samata Puruskar this year. Maharashtra Food and Civil Supplies Minister Chhagan Bhujbal announced the award on November 25, 2026.
- The award will be presented to Akhtar on November 28 in Pune, Maharashtra. It is given by the Akhil Bharatiya Mahatma Phule Samata Parishad.
- **Screenwriting partnership**: Javed Akhtar and Salim Khan formed the Salim–Javed partnership, whose writers were the first in Indian cinema to achieve star status.
- **Urdu poetry honour**: Akhtar received the Sahitya Akademi Award in Urdu in 2013 for his poetry collection “Lava”.
- **Parishad office-holder**: Tukaram Bidkar served as vice-president of the Akhil Bharatiya Mahatma Phule Samata Parishad in Maharashtra.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is observed every year on which date?

A) 10 December
B) 25 November
C) 8 March
D) 11 October

Answer: B) 25 November

Explanation: The United Nations General Assembly established this observance through Resolution 54/134 on 17 December 1999. The date honours the Mirabal Sisters of the Dominican Republic.

Q2. Who won the 75th Miss Universe title in 2026?

A) Melissa Núñez
B) Clara Vegas
C) Jennifer Barreto
D) Georgia Waddington

Answer: C) Jennifer Barreto

Explanation: Jennifer Barreto of Puerto Rico won Miss Universe 2026. The competition was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 24 November 2026.

Q3. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi created a record by scoring a List-A double century in how many balls?

A) 103 balls
B) 75 balls
C) 62 balls
D) 52 balls

Answer: D) 52 balls

Explanation: The 15-year-old Indian batter achieved this milestone while playing for India A against UAE A in the ACC Men's Rising Stars Asia Cup 2026 in Doha, Qatar.

Q4. Which country has been recognised as the primary security partner of the Solomon Islands under the new bilateral security treaty signed in November 2026?

A) China
B) Australia

C) New Zealand
D) Japan

Answer: B) Australia

Explanation: Australia and the Solomon Islands signed a bilateral security treaty on 25 November 2026. It was signed by Anthony Albanese and Matthew Wale.

Q5. Which Indian state is set to become home to India's first e-waste-free district?

A) Karnataka
B) Tamil Nadu
C) Kerala
D) Goa

Answer: C) Kerala

Explanation: Wayanad district in Kerala is scheduled to receive the distinction on 27 November 2026 after the collection and scientific disposal of 97.26 metric tonnes of e-waste.

Q6. Which organisation coordinates the Natural Olympia bodybuilding championship?

A) FIFA
B) INBA/PNBA
C) International Olympic Committee
D) World Athletics

Answer: B) INBA/PNBA

Explanation: Natural Olympia is the flagship championship of the International Natural Bodybuilding Association (INBA) and Professional Natural Bodybuilding Association (PNBA).

Q7. Indian bodybuilder Shodhan Rai won a silver medal at Natural Olympia 2026, held in which country?

A) United Kingdom
B) Australia
C) United States
D) Canada

Answer: C) United States

Explanation: Shodhan Rai secured silver at Natural Olympia 2026 in Las Vegas, USA, on 24 November 2026.

Q8. Who has been selected for the Mahatma Phule Samata Puruskar 2026?

A) Gulzar
B) Javed Akhtar
C) Prasoon Joshi
D) Kumar Vishwas

Answer: B) Javed Akhtar

Explanation: Javed Akhtar will receive the award on 28 November 2026 in Pune, Maharashtra. The announcement was made by Chhagan Bhujbal.

Q9. Javed Akhtar received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2013 for which poetry collection?

A) Tarkash
B) Lava
C) Sandesh
D) Khwab

Answer: B) Lava

Explanation: Javed Akhtar received the Sahitya Akademi Award in Urdu in 2013 for his poetry collection *Lava*.

Q10. Noolpuzha Gram Panchayat, which was declared India's first e-waste-free panchayat in October 2026, is in which state?

A) Kerala
B) Sikkim
C) Meghalaya
D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: A) Kerala

Explanation: Noolpuzha Gram Panchayat in Wayanad district was declared India's first e-waste-free panchayat on 27 October 2026 after collecting approximately 5,423 kg of electronic waste.