

## **NATIONAL**

### ▪ **Maharashtra Declares DPS Flamingo Lake as Conservation Reserve**

In a major boost to urban wildlife conservation, Maharashtra has designated DPS Flamingo Lake in Navi Mumbai as a conservation reserve, the first wetland linked to the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary to receive such protection.

### ▪ **Amaravati Set to Become World's First Fully Renewable Energy-Powered City**

Amaravati—the planned capital of Andhra Pradesh—is poised to become the world's first city powered entirely by renewable energy. Spearheaded by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the project supports India's clean energy goals and aims to create an eco-friendly “people's capital” between Vijayawada and Guntur, setting a global example in climate-conscious city planning.

### ▪ **Telangana CM Revanth Reddy Launches Bhu Bharathi Portal to Streamline Land Governance**

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy officially launched the Bhu Bharathi revenue portal in Hyderabad, aiming to enhance land security and ensure transparency in land records. Highlighting its potential to resolve longstanding land disputes, he announced that landowners will receive Bhudhar cards containing complete land details. The portal is being piloted in four mandals—Khammam, Mulugu, Kodangal, and Kamareddy—where Mandal Revenue Officers will address all pending land issues by May 1.

### ▪ **Maharashtra to Introduce Hindi as Mandatory Third Language in Schools Under NEP 2020**

In line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Maharashtra's school education department will implement a new curriculum from the 2025–26 academic year, making Hindi a compulsory third language for students in Classes 1 to 5 in English and Marathi-medium schools.

### ▪ **India's Largest Cruise Terminal MICT Begins Operations in Mumbai**

The Mumbai International Cruise Terminal (MICT), inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, has officially started operations. With capacity for 1 million passengers and five ships annually is set to boost India's cruise tourism.

### ▪ **India's First Quantum Computing Village to Rise in Amaravati**

India has launched plans for its first Quantum Computing Village in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh. The initiative aims to establish a global hub for quantum research, innovation, and ecosystem development, positioning India at the forefront of next-gen computational technologies.

- **Similipal Declared 107th National Park of India**

The Odisha government officially declared Similipal as a national park, making it India's 107th and Odisha's second national park after Bhitarkanika.

- **Hubballi Airport Wins Top Green Award for Sustainable Energy Initiatives**

Hubballi Airport in Karnataka has received the Platinum Recognition—the highest honour—under the ACI Green Airports Recognition 2025 for its exceptional sustainable energy efforts.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

- **Earth Day 2025 to Focus on Collective Climate Action with Theme “Our Power, Our Planet”**

World Earth Day 2025 observed globally on, April 22, with the theme “Our Power, Our Planet.” The theme highlights the shared responsibility of individuals, communities, and nations to protect the environment.

- **World Book and Copyright Day 2025 Highlights Literature's Role in Achieving Global Goals**

Observed annually on April 23, World Book and Copyright Day 2025 celebrates books, authors, and copyright awareness. This year's theme, “The Role of Literature in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”, underscores how storytelling can inspire action against global issues like poverty, hunger, and inequality while promoting education and literacy worldwide.

- **World Malaria Day 2025 Urges Global Action to End Malaria**

World Malaria Day 2025, observed on April 25, focuses on the theme “Malaria Ends With Us: Reinvest, Reimagine, Reignite.” highlighting the urgent need for renewed investment, innovation, and grassroots efforts.

- **World Immunization Week 2025 Highlights Vaccine Access for All**

Observed from April 24 to 30, World Immunization Week 2025, led by the World Health Organization (WHO), promotes vaccine awareness. The theme, “Immunization for All is Humanly Possible.” stresses the importance of universal vaccine access to prevent deadly diseases and enhance health for all age groups.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

- **World's First Humanoid Robot Half-Marathon Held in Beijing**

Beijing hosted the world's first Humanoid Robot Half-Marathon, where robots ran alongside humans in a symbolic fusion of sport and technology. The event highlighted major advancements in robotics and AI, sparking global curiosity and debate on the future role of machines in society.

- **UNESCO Adds 16 New Global Geoparks, Total Now 229 Across 50 Countries**

UNESCO added 16 new Global Geoparks, bringing the global total to 229 across 50 countries. Spanning Asia, Europe, Africa, and Latin America, these geoparks showcase remarkable geological heritage such as volcanoes, fjords, fossils, and ancient landscapes. The initiative supports conservation, education, and sustainable development. India still has no recognized UNESCO Global Geopark.

## **SPORTS**

- **Haryana's Nishchay Wins Silver in Shot Put at Asian U-18 Athletics Championship**

At the Asian U-18 Athletics Championship in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, 16-year-old Nishchay from Haryana clinched the silver medal in the boys' shot put event with a personal best of 19.59 meters.

- **Jaspri Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana Named Wisden's Leading Cricketers of 2025**

Jaspri Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana were honored as Wisden's Leading Cricketers in the World for 2025, recognizing their exceptional performances across formats in the sports.

- **India Finishes Third at 2025 ISSF World Cup in Lima with 7 Medals**

India's 42-member shooting squad delivered a strong performance at the 2025 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Lima, Peru, winning 2 gold, 4 silver, and 1 bronze to secure third place in the medal tally. Top performers like Suruchi Singh and Saurabh Chaudhary also qualified for the ISSF World Cup Final 2025 in Doha, Qatar.

## **AWARDS**

- **Duplantis and Biles Shine at 2025 Laureus World Sports Awards in Madrid**

The 25th Laureus World Sports Awards, held in Madrid, celebrated exceptional athletic achievements from the past year. Swedish-American pole vaulter Mondo Duplantis won the World Sportsman of the Year award after an outstanding 2024, including an Olympic gold and a world record. Gymnast Simone Biles was named World Sportswoman of the Year for her

triumphant return at the Paris Olympics, matching Serena Williams with four Laureus wins. The ceremony honored both legends and rising stars, marking a milestone in global sports recognition.

- **PoshanTracker App Wins PM's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024**

The Ministry of Women and Child Development's PoshanTracker Application received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024 in the Innovation (Centre) category, the award recognizes the app's role in enhancing nutrition outcomes through data-driven governance under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0.

- **Achyuta Samanta Honoured with Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award 2025**

Achyuta Samanta, founder of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), was awarded the Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award 2025 in Kokrajhar, Assam, for his remarkable work in education and social upliftment.

- **Yashraj Bharti Samman 2025 Honours Grassroots Excellence in Healthcare, Education, and Governance**

Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan presented the 3rd Yashraj Bharti Samman in Mumbai to Jan Swasthya Sahayog (Chhattisgarh), Pratham Education Foundation, and the Services Plus platform (NIC) for their impactful grassroots work in healthcare, education, and governance.

- **Payal Kapadia Honoured with French Civilian Award for Contribution to Cinema**

Filmmaker Payal Kapadia has been conferred the 'Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters' by the French Government for her outstanding cinematic work.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- **Justice Dinesh Maheshwari Appointed Chairperson of 23rd Law Commission of India**

Former Supreme Court Judge Justice (Retd.) Dinesh Maheshwari was appointed as the Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India.

- **Judges Kaveri Baweja and Arun Bhardwaj Appointed to Key Roles in Delhi High Court**

Special Judge Kaveri Baweja has been appointed as the news Registrar (Vigilance), and Special Judge Arun Bhardwaj will take over as Registrar General of the Delhi High Court from May 1, 2025.

## **OBITUARIES**

- **Pope Francis Passes Away at 88, Leaving Legacy of Reform and Compassion**

In a somber announcement, the Vatican confirmed the passing of Pope Francis, the first Latin American and Jesuit pope, at the age of 88. He died following a prolonged illness, including a recent battle with double pneumonia.

- **Former ISRO Chief Dr. K. Kasturirangan Passes Away at 84**

Renowned space scientist and former ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Kasturirangan passed away at 84 on April 25, 2025, in Bengaluru. He was a pivotal figure in shaping India's space and education sectors, remembered for his visionary leadership and lasting contributions.



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