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The Year That Shaped Tomorrow

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History is rarely written in a single day, but it is often defined by a single year. 2025 was one such year—a period of decisive mandates, scientific frontiers, and global realignment.

For an aspirant preparing for competitive examinations, understanding the events of the past twelve months is not merely about memorizing dates and names; it is about connecting the dots. It is about understanding how a diplomatic handshake in Johannesburg during the G20 Summit impacts the economic policies of the Global South, or how a launch from Sriharikota aids climate scientists in Antarctica.

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EDITORIAL

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2026: A New Dawn Powered by Youth

As the calendar turns a new page and 2026 dawns with a fresh promise, it brings with it a moment of reflection, renewal, and responsibility. A new year is more than a change in numbers—it is an invitation to dream again, to learn from the past, and to move forward with hope and purpose. Coinciding with this spirit of new beginnings is National Youth Day, observed on January 12 in honour of Swami Vivekananda, whose life and

words continue to inspire generations of young minds to rise with confidence, courage, and character

The youth of today stand at a powerful crossroads. Living in an age of rapid technological growth, global challenges, and limitless opportunities, young people are not just the leaders of tomorrow—they are the changemakers of today. Swami Vivekananda believed that youth are the strongest pillars of a nation, capable of transforming society through discipline, self-belief, and service. His message feels especially relevant as we step into 2026, a year that calls for innovative thinking,

compassion, and a strong sense of responsibility toward the world around us.

In our schools, the new year inspires fresh goals—academic excellence, creative exploration, and personal growth. It encourages students to question, to innovate, and to build values that extend beyond textbooks. Outside the classroom, it challenges young minds to be socially aware, environmentally responsible, and emotionally resilient. True success in the coming year will not be measured only by achievements, but by integrity, empathy, and the willingness to

contribute positively to society.

As we welcome New Year 2026, let us also renew our commitment as young citizens of India. Let us carry forward the vision of Swami Vivekananda by nurturing strong minds, kind hearts, and fearless spirits. May this year empower us to turn dreams into actions, challenges into opportunities, and learning into leadership.

The future is not waiting somewhere ahead—it is being shaped today, by the energy, ideas, and determination of the youth. Let 2026 be a year where young minds rise, values shine, and hope leads the way.

knowledge. We have moved beyond the headlines to provide you with a structured, month-by-month analysis of the events that mattered most.

From the political resurgence seen in the Indian state elections to the geopolitical shifts following the US Presidential inauguration; from the roar of the crowd as India lifted the Champions Trophy to the silent, watchful eyes of the NISAR satellite in orbit—every significant moment has been captured, categorized, and contextualized.

As you navigate through these pages, remember that you are not just studying current affairs; you are studying the unfolding history of our times. We hope this document serves as a valuable companion in your journey toward success.

January 2025

National Level

- Republic Day (Jan 26): India celebrated its 76th Republic Day, marking the 75th anniversary of the Constitution coming into effect (1950).
- **Infrastructure & Economy:**

Sonamarg Tunnel: Inaugurated in Jammu and Kashmir to provide all-weather connectivity.



- **Scientific Coal Mining:** The Central Government signed agreements with local miners in Meghalaya to commence regulated scientific mining.
- **Digital Governance:** Andhra Pradesh launched the “Manा Mitra” initiative for governance via WhatsApp.
- **Defense & Security:** Bijapur Naxal Attack: A major IED blast in Chhattisgarh resulted in the loss of eight police personnel.

International Level

- **Political Transitions:** United States: Donald Trump was officially certified as President-elect by Congress (Jan 6) and inaugurated on January 20.
- Canada: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced his resignation

as leader of the Liberal Party.

- **Ghana:** John Mahama was sworn in for a second term as President.
- **Geopolitics & Alliances:** Schengen Area Expansion: Bulgaria and Romania officially joined the Schengen Area, lifting land border controls.
- **BRICS Expansion:** Indonesia joined the BRICS trade bloc as a full member.
- **Sports & Awards Tennis:** Madison Keys won the Australian Open women's singles title; the USA won the United Cup.
- **Darts:** 17-year-old Luke Littler became the youngest ever World Darts Champion.
- **Golden Globes:** The film The Brutalist and series Shōgun were among the top winners.



Luke Littler

February 2025

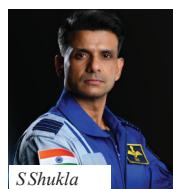
National Level

- Union Budget 2025-26 (Feb 1): The Finance Minister presented the annual budget focusing on urban

- infrastructure, agriculture via the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDKY), and an 87% fund increase for border security.
- Economic Survey 2024-25:** Projected India's real GDP growth at 6.4% for fiscal year 2025.
- Expansion of Ramsar Sites:** India added four new sites, bringing the total to 89: Sakkarakottai and Therthalangal (Tamil Nadu), Khecheopalri (Sikkim) and Udhwa Lake (Jharkhand).
- Indigenous Technology:** VoxelGrids developed India's first indigenous helium-free MRI scanner, deployed in Maharashtra.
- Legislative Reforms:** The government proposed the Income Tax Bill 2025 to replace the 60-year-old Income Tax Act, 1961, aiming for a simpler tax framework.

International Level

- Munich Security Conference (Feb 16):** The 61st edition highlighted shifts in Transatlantic and European geopolitical landscapes.
- Elimination of Disease:** Niger became the first African nation to officially eliminate onchocerciasis (river blindness).
- Geopolitics:** India and the European Union agreed to expedite their Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- Science & Space:** Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla was announced as the first Indian astronaut to visit the International Space Station (ISS) via the Axiom-4 mission.
- Japan activated Reimei, the world's first hybrid quantum supercomputer.
- The European Space Agency's Euclid telescope discovered an Einstein ring 590 million light-years away.



- Sports** 38th National Games (Jan 28–Feb 14): Held in Uttarakhand, featuring 36 sports. Maharashtra and Services were among the top performing units.
- ICC Champions Trophy 2025:** Commenced in February with Pakistan as the host; India's matches were scheduled in Dubai due to security concerns.
- Chess:** R. Praggnanandhaa won the Tata Steel Chessmasters 2025, becoming the first Indian winner since 2006.
- Tennis:** India played the Davis Cup World Group I play-offs (Feb 1–2).

March 2025

National Level

- Defense & Security:** Indigenous Frigate Tavasya: Launched by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), the second frigate under Project 1135.6 to boost naval self-reliance.



- Light Combat Helicopters:** The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed contracts worth ₹62,700 crore with HAL for 156 indigenous LCH "Prachand".
- Infrastructure & Development:** National Archives of India (NAI): Celebrated its 135th Foundation Day on March 11 with the exhibition "Indian Heritage through Architecture".
- Assam Urea Plant:** The government approved a new brownfield ammonia-urea complex in Namrup, Assam, costing ₹10,601 crore.
- Economy & Governance:** Digital Transformation: SEBI partnered

- with DigiLocker to resolve the issue of unclaimed financial assets.
- Trade Relations:** India and the Maldives agreed to settle bilateral trade in their local currencies (INR and Maldives Rufiyaa).

International Level

- Geopolitics & Aid:** Operation Brahma: India launched this humanitarian mission to provide urgent assistance to Myanmar following a catastrophic earthquake.
- Science & Environment:** SpaceX's Fram2 mission successfully launched private astronauts in March/April 2025, marking the first human flight directly over Earth's poles in a unique, steep 90-degree orbit aboard Crew Dragon for scientific research, including the first X-ray of a human in space and cultivating mushrooms, to gather data for long-duration missions like Mars, honoring historical polar exploration.
- Crew 9 Mission:** NASA astronauts, including Sunita Williams, returned to Earth on March 18 after docking with the ISS.
- Sports & Awards:** Khelo India Para Games 2025: Haryana topped the medal tally with 34 gold medals.
- India:** won the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy hosted in Pakistan/Dubai.
- Athletics:** PV Sindhu was elected as the Chair of the BWF Athletes Commission for 2026–29.

April 2025

National Level

- Defense & Geopolitics:** India-Pakistan Standoff: Following a terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22 that killed 26 tourists, tensions escalated. India announced retaliatory measures, including the suspension of the

Indus Waters Treaty (1960) and the closure of the Attari Integrated Check Post.

- **New Rafale Contract:** India signed a contract to purchase 26 Rafale fighter jets from France.
- **Exercise Tiger Triumph 2025:** The 4th edition of this India-US bilateral tri-service exercise was held, focusing on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR).
- **Indigenous Technology:** Successful trials of the Long Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) 'Gaurav' were conducted by DRDO using an IAF Su-30 MKI.
- **Infrastructure & Economy:** New Pamban Bridge: Inauguration of India's first vertical-lift sea bridge, connecting Rameswaram Island to mainland Mandapam.



New Pamban Bridge

- **Waqt (Amendment) Act, 2025:** The Act officially came into effect on April 5, replacing older legislation.
- **Science & Environment:** SpaDEX Mission: ISRO achieved its second satellite docking milestone, critical for future space station docking technology.

International Level

- **Expo 2025 Osaka (Apr 13 – Oct 13):** The World Expo officially opened in Osaka, Japan, under the theme "Designing Future Society for Our Lives".
- **UNESCO Recognition:** Two Indian manuscripts, the Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra were added to UNESCO's Memory of the World Register.
- **Global Aid:** India launched Operation Brahma to provide

earthquake relief to Myanmar.

- **Obituary:** Pope Francis, the first Latin American pope, passed away in April.
- **Sports & Awards:** Laureus World Sports Awards 2025: Mondo Duplantis (Sweden) and Simone Biles (USA) were named World Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year.
- **Boxing:** Hitesh Gulia became the first Indian boxer to win gold at the World Boxing Cup in Brazil.
- **IPL Milestone:** 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi (Rajasthan Royals) became the youngest to score a century in IPL history (in 35 balls).

MAY 2025

National Level (India)

- **Defense & Space:** Gaganyaan Mission: Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, one of the selected astronauts for India's first human space mission, was recalled to emergency service by the Indian Air Force, marking a shift in mission personnel management.



Gaganyaan Mission Team

- **Infrastructure & Innovation:** North India's First AI Digital PET-CT Scanner: Inaugurated in Gurugram to enhance early cancer detection.
- **First Geothermal Production Well:** Successfully drilled in Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh, opening new renewable energy possibilities in the Northeast.
- **Environment & Heritage:** Tapti River Project: An agreement between MP and Maharashtra was signed for the world's largest

underground water storage project.

- **Archaeological Discovery:** A historic 10th-century Nandi idol was discovered during excavations in Panna, Madhya Pradesh.
- **Statehood Days:** Maharashtra Day and Gujarat Day (May 1), Sikkim Statehood Day (May 16), and Goa Statehood Day (May 30) were celebrated.

International Level

- **Political Transitions:** New Pope Elected: Robert Francis Prevost was elected as Pope Leo XIV, making him the first-ever American Cardinal to lead the Catholic Church.



Pope Leo XIV

- **UNESCO Press Prize:** The UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize was awarded to the Nicaraguan newspaper La Prensa for its resilience under repression.
- **Science & Environment:** International Day for Biological Diversity (May 22): Celebrated with the theme "Harmony with nature and sustainable development".

JUNE 2025

National Level

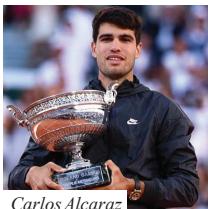
- **Space Milestone (Axiom Mission 4):** Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla made history as the first Indian astronaut of the modern era to board the International Space Station (ISS) via the Ax-4 mission.
- **Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme:** The Ministry of Education launched this scheme to provide digital textbooks in all 22

scheduled Indian languages to promote multilingual education.

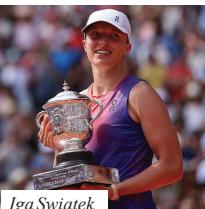
- **Environment:** India submitted its updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) report to the UNFCCC, highlighting that it had achieved 45% of its non-fossil fuel energy capacity target ahead of the 2030 deadline.

International Level

- 51st G7 Summit (June 12–14): Hosted by Canada in Kananaskis. Key discussions focused on global security, AI governance, and stabilizing supply chains amidst ongoing global conflicts.
- **Environment & Health:** World Environment Day (June 5): Hosted by Saudi Arabia; the 2025 theme focused on “Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience.”
- UN Oceans Conference: Held in Nice, France, leading to the “Nice Declaration” on protecting high-seas biodiversity.
- Geopolitics: The BRICS+ Foreign Ministers’ Meeting was held, discussing the implementation of the new partner country model and trade in local currencies.
- **Sports & Awards** Tennis (French Open 2025): Carlos Alcaraz won the Men’s Singles title (his second French Open), Iga Świątek secured her fourth consecutive Women’s Singles title at Roland Garros.



Carlos Alcaraz



Iga Świątek

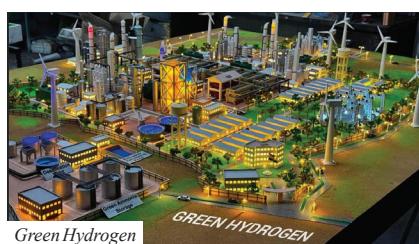
JULY 2025

National Level

- **Legislative Reforms:** The Monsoon Session of Parliament commenced on July 21. A major

focus was the deliberation on the Income Tax Bill 2025, intended to replace the 1961 Act with a simplified tax structure.

- **Infrastructure & Economy:** Green Hydrogen: India inaugurated its largest green hydrogen storage project in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, as part of the National Green Hydrogen Mission.



- Project “Digital Bharat”: The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) launched a new AI-driven grievance redressal portal to reduce pending public cases.
- NITI Aayog: Released the State Energy and Climate Index 2.0, with Gujarat and Kerala leading in energy efficiency and environmental sustainability.
- NISAR Launch: The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar, a dual-frequency imaging satellite, was launched into space.

International Level

- UN Global Compact: Celebrated its 25th anniversary in New York, reinforcing corporate responsibility toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **Geopolitics:** SCO Summit 2025: The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Heads of State Summit was held, focusing on regional security and the “Solidarity for Common Prosperity” initiative.
- NATO Summit: Held in The Hague, Netherlands, marking the 76th anniversary of the alliance with a focus on strengthening the

“Eastern Flank.”

- **Global Health:** The World Health Organization (WHO) declared Sri Lanka as the first country in South Asia to be officially free of Lymphatic Filariasis in 2025.
- **Sports & Awards** Wimbledon 2025: Jannik Sinner (Italy) won his first Wimbledon Men’s Singles title. Iga Świątek (Poland) won her first Wimbledon Women’s Singles title.
- Tour de France: The 112th edition of the world’s premier cycling race concluded in Paris, won by Tadej Pogačar.
- World Aquatics Championships: Held in Singapore, where China topped the medal tally followed by the USA.

AUGUST 2025

National Level

- Independence Day (Aug 15): India celebrated its 79th Independence Day with the Prime Minister delivering the annual address from the Red Fort, focusing on “Viksit Bharat 2047” and highlighting India’s economic growth of 7.8% (Q1 FY26).
- **Legislative & Economy:** PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (Aug 1): The government officially launched this major scheme with an outlay of ₹99,446 crore to boost formal employment generation for 3.5 crore people over two years.
- **Science & Defense:** DRDO Day (Aug 1): The Defence Research and Development Organisation marked its foundation day with a focus on achieving 100% atmanirbharta (self-reliance) in critical defense technologies by 2030.
- India’s First Hybrid Rocket Test: ISRO conducted the successful launch of India’s first hybrid-propulsion sounding rocket from

Sriharikota, testing new reusable engine technology.



- **Governance:** The Ministry of Culture launched the “Meri Mati Mera Desh” 2.0 campaign to honor freedom fighters and build Amrit Vatika (gardens) in urban areas.

International Level

- **Geopolitics:** The ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) was held, addressing security concerns in the South China Sea and enhancing cooperation against cyber threats.
- **Health:** The World Health Organization (WHO) launched a global initiative to eradicate Polio - Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in the two remaining endemic countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

SEPTEMBER 2025

National Level (India)

- **Legislative Milestone:** The Government of India officially notified the Rules for the Nari Shakti Vandhan Adhiniyam (Women's Reservation Act), moving toward its implementation for upcoming delimitation exercises.
- **Infrastructure:** National Green Hydrogen Mission: India achieved its interim target of 5 GW of electrolyzer manufacturing capacity.
- **Economy:** Unified Payment Interface (UPI): NPCI launched “UPI Circle,” a feature allowing primary users to authorize secondary users (like children or staff) to make payments within set

limits.

International Level

- **Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025:** Released by WIPO; India climbed to the 35th rank (up from 39th in 2024), driven by its booming startup ecosystem and digital infrastructure.
- **Geopolitics: QUAD Summit 2025:** Leaders of India, USA, Japan, and Australia met to strengthen the “Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness” (IPMDA).



- **G20 Transition:** South Africa officially took over the G20 Presidency from Brazil, focusing on the theme “Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability.”
- **Sports & Awards:** ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025: Hosted by India; the tournament commenced with a grand opening ceremony at the Eden Gardens, Kolkata.
- India achieved a historic first at the 45th Chess Olympiad in Budapest (2024), winning gold medals in both the Open and Women's sections, a rare feat accomplished by only China and the Soviet Union before them, with key players like D Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, Divya Deshmukh, and Vantika Agrawal earning individual board golds as India dominated the event.
- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2025 was bestowed upon legendary Malayalam superstar Mohanlal

OCTOBER 2025

National Level

- **Infrastructure & Defense:** Project

- **Seabird Phase II:** The Indian Navy inaugurated major infrastructure facilities at the Karwar Naval Base, making it one of the largest naval bases in the Eastern Hemisphere.
- **Agni-Prime Induction:** The Strategic Forces Command (SFC) began the formal induction of the Agni-P (Prime) new-generation ballistic missile following successful user trials.



- **Governance & Social Issues:** National Caste Census Pilot: Following the April announcement, pilot surveys for the Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) commenced in select states.

International Level

- **Nobel Prizes 2025:** The Nobel Committees announced winners in Medicine, Physics, Chemistry, Literature, Peace, and Economics. (For more, Please refer November Edition AVENIR).
- **Economy:** The IMF released the World Economic Outlook (WEO), projecting India to remain the fastest-growing major economy with a 6.5% growth rate for 2025-26.
- **Sports & Awards Cricket (ICC Women's World Cup):** The tournament hosted in India entered its knockout stages, drawing record-breaking viewership for women's cricket.
- **Athletics:** India's Neeraj Chopra won gold at the Diamond League Final 2025, maintaining his world #1 ranking.

NOVEMBER 2025

National Level

- **Judiciary (New CJI):** Justice Surya

Kant was sworn in as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI), succeeding Justice B. R. Gavai.

- **Space (Gaganyaan Progress):** ISRO successfully conducted the Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT) for the Gaganyaan crew module, a critical step before the 2026 manned mission.
- **Economy: Foreign Exchange Reserves:** India's forex reserves hit a new record high, crossing the \$720 billion mark.

International Level

- COP30 Climate Summit (Nov 10–21): Held in Belém, Brazil. This “Amazon COP” focused on the “Belém Pact”, where nations agreed to triple global renewable energy capacity and scale up the Loss and Damage Fund.
- G20 Johannesburg Summit (Nov 22–23): Hosted by South Africa, marking the first G20 summit on the African continent. The theme was “Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability”, with a major focus on reforming international financial institutions.
- **Geopolitics: UNESCO:** India was elected to the Executive Board of UNESCO for the 2025–2029 term with the highest number of votes.
- **Sports & Awards Cricket (ICC Women's World Cup):** India won its first-ever ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title, defeating Australia in the final held at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad.



- **Chess:** The World Chess Championship 2025 concluded, with India's Gukesh D defending his title as the youngest World

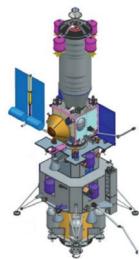
Champion in history.

- **Awards: Jnanpith Award:** The 60th Jnanpith Award was announced, honoring a prominent writer in Malayalam literature Vinod Kumar Shukla.

DECEMBER 2025

National Level

- **Legislative & Governance:** Winter Session of Parliament: The session concluded with the passage of the Data Protection (Amendment) Bill 2025, which streamlines cross-border data flows for Indian startups.
- **PESA Mahotsav (Dec 23–24):** A national-level celebration was held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, marking the 29th anniversary of the PESA Act (1996) and its role in tribal self-governance.
- **Good Governance Week (Dec 19–25):** The “Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore” campaign was conducted across all districts to resolve pending public grievances at the village level.
- **Infrastructure & Environment:** Renewable Energy: India officially surpassed 200 GW of installed renewable energy capacity, a significant milestone toward the 500 GW target for 2030.
- **Science & Tech:** ISRO's Chandrayaan-4: ISRO released the preliminary mission design and landing site details for its upcoming lunar sample return mission.



- **Quantum Mission:** The National Quantum Mission (NQM)

successfully demonstrated a 100-qubit quantum processor developed by Indian scientists.

International Level

- **Humanitarian:** The UN announced the Global Humanitarian Overview 2026, projecting a need for \$50 billion to assist 300 million people worldwide.
- **Sports & Awards**
- **Chess:** The Global Chess League (GCL) 2025 concluded in Mumbai, The Alpine SG Pipers won the League with key performances from Anish Giri, R. Praggnanandhaa, and Leon Luke Mendonca
- **Awards:** Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025: Announced for 24 Indian languages.
- TIME magazine announced its 2025 Person of the Year on December 11, 2025, naming a group of individuals described as the “Architects of AI” The recipients included several key figures in the AI field, such as: Mark Zuckerberg (Meta), Lisa Su (AMD), Elon Musk (xAI, Tesla), Jensen Huang (Nvidia), Sam Altman (OpenAI), Demis Hassabis (DeepMind), Dario Amodei (Anthropic), Fei-Fei Li (Stanford)

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Youth: The Power, The Promise, The Future

Youth Day is celebrated every year on January 12 in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, one of the greatest spiritual leaders, youth icons, intellectual reformers, and nation builders of the modern world. The Government of India declared his birthday as National Youth Day in 1984, recognizing his timeless message to awaken the power, dignity, and potential of young minds. Since then, Youth Day has stood as a reminder that youth are not merely a population group; they are the builders of tomorrow's civilization. The day encourages young people to reflect on their responsibilities, values, educational aspirations, and role in society.

Why Youth Day Matters Today

In the contemporary world, Youth Day holds deeper relevance than ever before. Today's youth live in a time of rapid technological change, globalization, cultural transformation, scientific advancement, and evolving educational systems. They are surrounded by opportunities as well as challenges. Youth Day serves as a guiding light, reminding them that their energy must be directed toward constructive development. It reinforces the belief that youth are capable of excellence, innovation, leadership, service, and positive change when guided by education, discipline, inspiration, and strong moral grounding.

Youth in Academic and Sociological Perspective

From an academic perspective,

youth represents a critical developmental stage characterized by curiosity, creativity, ambition, emotional intensity, identity formation, and intellectual exploration. Psychologists and educationists view youth as a decisive period where character, thinking patterns, decision-making ability, and learning foundations get firmly

Youth Day is not just a celebration; it is a commitment. A commitment to educate better, to mentor stronger, to support sincerely, and to inspire continuously. It is a reminder that the future of every nation lies in the classrooms, minds, and hearts of its young people.

shaped. Sociologists describe youth as a bridge between dependence and independence, between learning and leading, and between aspiration and achievement. Youth Day invites educators, parents, and institutions to understand youth scientifically and empathetically, ensuring they receive the right balance of freedom, responsibility, support, and guidance.

Generational Classification: Understanding Today's Youth

Modern educational studies categorise youth into generational groups to understand their learning behaviour and mindset. Earlier generations, such as Baby Boomers, Generation X, and Millennials, experienced gradual technological advancement. Generation Z and Generation Alpha, however, are

completely digital generations born into a world of smartphones, internet connectivity, artificial intelligence, global exposure, and endless information flow. Researchers also describe Generation C - the Connected Generation - characterised by high digital engagement, creativity, collaboration, communication, and online learning environments. Understanding these generational dynamics helps educators design learning systems that are relevant, engaging, and purposeful.

The Academic Role of Youth

Youth are not only learners; they are emerging thinkers, innovators, researchers, creators, and contributors to national development. Education empowers youth to think critically, analyze logically, solve meaningfully, lead confidently, and build responsibly. Academically prepared youth contribute to advancements in science, technology, healthcare, economy, governance, social harmony, environmental sustainability, and global development. Youth Day emphasizes that education should not only prepare students for examinations but also prepare them for life, leadership, ethics, innovation, and service.

Importance of Education in Youth Empowerment

Education is the strongest foundation of youth empowerment. It shapes intellect, strengthens character, builds confidence, and opens pathways of opportunity. Education teaches discipline, responsibility, perseverance, respect, and resilience.



Swami Vivekananda

Modern education must nurture critical thinking, creativity, research ability, scientific understanding, digital literacy, communication skills, emotional intelligence, and value-based judgment. Youth Day reminds us that when education is meaningful, purposeful, inclusive, and value-oriented, youth become national strength rather than confused wanderers.

Values, Morality, and Emotional Well-Being

Alongside academic brilliance, youth need emotional balance, moral strength, ethical values, and psychological stability. Today's youth face pressures of competition, social comparison, technology addiction, mental stress, and identity confusion. They need supportive families, caring teachers, inspiring role models, and nurturing institutions. Youth Day highlights the importance of emotional well-being, respect for cultural heritage, discipline in lifestyle, compassion for others, social responsibility, and strong moral grounding. A brilliant mind without values becomes directionless; a disciplined value-based youth becomes a blessing to society.

Youth, Technology, and Responsibility

Technology is the biggest companion of today's youth. It offers endless opportunities for learning, creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship, and global connection. But along with benefits come responsibilities. Youth must learn to use technology wisely—avoiding distractions, misinformation, negativity, and misuse. They must adopt responsible digital citizenship, cyber ethics, and meaningful online engagement. Youth Day encourages young people to transform technology from a tool of entertainment into a platform of enlightenment, empowerment, and excellence.

Youth as Nation Builders and Global Citizens

Youth are powerful agents of change. They hold the responsibility of strengthening national unity, promoting peace, supporting social justice, protecting the environment, and nurturing human values. The world looks to youth for solutions to climate challenges, scientific advancements, humanitarian needs, and future leadership. Youth Day inspires the younger generation to dream big, think globally, act responsibly, and contribute positively to their nation and humanity. They must understand that every achievement, every innovation, and every responsible action builds a better tomorrow.

Role of Parents, Teachers, and Institutions

Youth development is not an isolated process. Parents provide emotional security, moral grounding, and foundational discipline. Teachers shape intellect, confidence, curiosity, and academic excellence. Educational institutions provide platforms for growth, leadership, creativity, and skill development. Society must value

youth instead of criticizing them; support them instead of discouraging them. Youth Day reminds stakeholders that guiding youth is a shared duty. Encouragement, appreciation, understanding, and mentorship help youth shine to their fullest potential.

Inspiring Message to Youth

Dear Youth, you are the hope of the present and the promise of the future. Believe in your abilities, respect your values, and work with dedication. Use your mind to think wisely, your heart to feel compassion, your hands to work honestly, and your spirit to lead courageously. Dream fearlessly, but discipline your efforts. Embrace technology, but preserve humanity. Compete with excellence, but remain humble. Let education become your strength, character your identity, and service your mission. The world needs your ideas, your enthusiasm, your innovation, your kindness, and your leadership.

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“Arise! Awake! and stop not until the goal is reached.” by Swami Vivekananda

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- Where is India's first National Coral Reef Research Institute (NCRRI) being established?
Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- Which state will host the final round of the 79th Santosh Trophy Football (2025–26)? **Assam**
- Who received the World Athletics Federation's "Athlete of the Year" Award 2025? **Armand Duplantis (Swedish pole vaulter), McLaughlin Levrone (American track athlete)**
- Which organisation won the gold award for public relations and communication at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025? - **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs**
- Whose statue was unveiled at UNESCO headquarters in Paris to mark the 75th anniversary of the Constitution? - **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**
- India's first manned deep-sea submergence mission?
Samudrayaan
- Youngest player to score a century in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy?
Vaibhav Suryavanshi
- Which cricketer became the first woman brand ambassador of Punjab National Bank?
Harmanpreet Kaur
- Who was appointed as ambassador of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026? **Rohit Sharma**
- Names of major places in Kerala given to scientific craters on Mars?
Varkala, Thumba, Valiyamala, Bekal
- Name given to the galaxy



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- discovered by scientists of the Pune Institute of Astrophysics?
Alakananda
- India's third indigenously built nuclear ballistic missile submarine? - **INS Aridhaman**
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- Who was appointed Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)?
Vivek Chaturvedi
- Malayalis who received awards instituted by the Ministry of Textiles to honour handicraft experts:
 - B. Radhakrishnapillai** – for excellence in straw painting
 - K. Sulaiman Kutty** – straw handicrafts category
 - V. K. Jayan** – for excellence in terracotta sculpture
- Overall champions of the 2025 Khelo India University Games?
Chandigarh University
- Who was appointed as the new Executive Director of the RBI?
Usha Janakiraman
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- Button introduced in local body elections instead of NOTA?
End Button
- Mascots of the 2026 FIFA World Cup:
 - Maple the Moose** – Canada
 - Xavi the Jaguar** – Mexico
 - Clutch the Bald Eagle** – USA
- Winner of the AIFF Super Cup 2025?
FC Goa - Defeated East Bengal, First team to win three Super Cup titles
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- Novel written by T. D. Ramakrishnan based on a railway background?
Pacha Manja Chuvappu
- Who won the Formula One World Championship?
Lando Norris
- Indian-origin person selected as TIME Magazine CEO of the Year 2025?
Neal Mohan (YouTube CEO)
- According to the IMF report, the world's largest retail fast payment system?
UPI – India
- Portal launched by the central government for complete registration of Waqf properties?
UMEED (Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development)
- Winners of the Junior Hockey World Cup 2025?
Germany, Runners-up- Spain, India won bronze (third place), Venue of the final- Chennai
- New name given to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme?
Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Act, 2025
- New Central Information Commissioner?
P. R. Ramesh (first Malayali to hold this post)
- Who was appointed as the Chief

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Information Commissioner of India? **Rajkumar Goyal**

29. Place where the 70-foot-tall statue of football legend Lionel Messi was unveiled? **Lake Town, Kolkata**

30. Winner of the Squash World Cup 2025? **India, Runners-up – Hong Kong, Venue – Chennai**

31. Who was appointed as the new Managing Director of SBI? **Ravi Ranjan**

32. Autobiography titled “The One: Cricket, My Life and More”? **Shikhar Dhawan**

33. New President of Chile? **José Antonio Kast**

34. Winner of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2025? **Jharkhand**

35. State where India's first electric truck corridor is coming up? **Kerala (Under the PME-Drive scheme, along NH-66)**

36. Winner of the FIFA Arab Cup

2025? **Morocco**

37. First district hospital in India to perform a heart transplant surgery? **Ernakulam General Hospital**

38. Venue of the African Nations Cup Football Tournament 2025? **Morocco**

39. Youngest player to score a century in List A cricket? **Vaibhav Suryavanshi**

40. Who took charge as Mayor of Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation? **V. V. Rajesh**

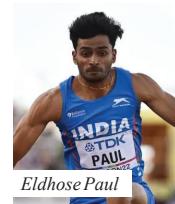
41. Winner of the Indian History Congress (IHC) 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award? **Irfan Habib**

42. India's first municipal chairperson from the Paniya community? **P. Vishwanathan (Kalpetta Municipality)**

43. Who was elected as Chairperson of the Badminton World Federation Athletes' Commission

(2026–2029)? **P. V. Sindhu**

44. Recipient of the 37th Jimmy George Award for Kerala's best sportsperson (Triple Jump)? **Eldhose Paul**



45. World's second-largest mobile phone manufacturing country? **India**

46. Recipient of India's highest civilian honour for children, the Prime Minister Rashtriya Bal Puraskar? **Vaibhav Suryavanshi**

47. Who became India's youngest municipal chairperson? **Diya Binu (Pala Municipality) - 21-year-old**

48. UN International Years for 2026: *International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development, International Year of the Woman Farmer*

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IAME Career Avenir Conclave Logo Unveiled

Kozhikode: The Ideal Association for Minority Education (IAME) has officially unveiled the logo of the Career Avenir Conclave cum Expo, an exclusive career-focused initiative designed for school students. The logo was released by Maldives Minister of Higher Education, Munir Anis, marking the formal launch of the much-anticipated programme.

The Career Avenir Conclave is scheduled to be held on March 31, 2026, in Kozhikode. The conclave aims to introduce students to the vast possibilities available in higher education and career pathways across high school, higher secondary, and graduation levels. It is envisioned as a comprehensive platform that connects students with academic

opportunities, career guidance, and professional insights.

Designed as a multi-session event, the conclave will feature seminars, career counselling, career-related support services, and dedicated stalls. Special focus will be given to addressing student queries through career clinics, scholarship guidance sessions, and detailed discussions on admission opportunities offered by premier institutions and universities within India and abroad.

International experts from the career and education sector will lead various sessions, including panel discussions headed by renowned professionals. The event will also host a book fair and

provide insights into overseas education opportunities across multiple countries, making it a holistic career exploration experience.

Organised for students, parents, and teachers alike, the Career Avenir Conclave is expected to emerge as one of the largest school-level career expos in the country. The programme reflects IAME's commitment to empowering young learners with informed academic and career choices.

The logo unveiling ceremony was attended by IAME General Secretary V. P. M. Ishaq, Executive Director Afsal Kolari, Academic Secretary Noufal Kodur, and Academics & Project Head Mashhood Mangalapuram, among others.