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#### Geography

##### Afghanistan

A devastating 6.0 magnitude earthquake struck eastern Afghanistan.

- It is also known as "Gateway to Asia".

- **Capital** - Kabul.

- **Political features** -

- It is a landlocked mountainous country in Southern Asia.

- **Bordering Countries** - Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Iran, Pakistan, India and China.

- **Geographical Features**

- **Major rivers** - Amu Darya, Helmand River, Kabul River.

- **Mountain ranges** - Hindu Kush, Pamir Mountains in the northeast and Safed Koh range in the south.

- Mt. Nowshak is the highest point in Afghanistan and the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest peak in the Hindu Kush Mountain range.

- **Climate** - Continental climate, categorized by hot summers and cold winters.

#### Social Issues

##### National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

NCERT celebrates its 65<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day and launched a host of initiatives including Diksha 2.0.

- It is an autonomous organisation.

- **Established in** - 1961, by Ministry of Education.

- **Aim** - To assist and advise the Central and State Governments on policies and programmes for qualitative improvement in school education.

### Swachhata Pakhwada 2025

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It is an annual *fortnight long cleanliness drive* conducted by various departments and ministries.

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**Started in** - 2016.

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**Umbrella scheme** - Swachh Bharat Mission.

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**Aim** - To promote cleanliness, hygiene, and sustainability across the nation.

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**Theme** - "Swachhata is Everyone's Business".

### Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award

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**Organised by** - Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

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**Aim** - To felicitate awards to the top 3 SC and ST students of each recognized category for secondary education Board and SC Students in senior secondary education Board.

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**Awards** -

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Highest marks Rs. 60,000/-

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2<sup>nd</sup> highest marks Rs. 50,000/-

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3<sup>rd</sup> highest marks Rs. 40,000/-

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**Special award to** - The highest-scoring girl student in cases where no girl featured among the top 3.

### Agriculture

#### World Coconut Day

*Coconut Development Board has celebrated the World Coconut Day by launching its newly revised schemes and presenting the Export Excellence Awards.*

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**Observed on** - 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

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**Commemorate to** - Formation of Asian Pacific Coconut Community (APCC).

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**Aim** - To raise awareness about the use and benefits of coconuts across various industries.

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**Theme** - "Uncovering Coconut's Power, Inspiring Global Action."

#### Asian Pacific Coconut Community (APCC)

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**Established in** - 1969, under United Nations-Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP).

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**Headquarter** - Jakarta, Indonesia.

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**Member** - 18 full members including *India*.

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**Aim** - To promote, coordinate and harmonize all activities of the coconut industry to achieve the maximum socio-economic development of the industry.

## Coconut Development Board

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**Established in** - 1981, under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

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**Headquarter** - Kochi, Kerala.

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**4 regional Offices** - Bangalore, Chennai, Guwahati and Patna.

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**Aim** - To boost productivity, diversify products, expand cultivation, and enhance the quality and global marketing of coconut goods.

## Coconut

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**Scientific name** - *Cocos nucifera*.

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**Family** - Arecaceae.

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**Climate** - Tropical & tropical coastal areas.

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**Benefits** - Rich source of electrolytes and lauric acid, coconuts contain many *antioxidants and antibacterial, anti-fungal, and antiviral*.

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**Top producer** - *Indonesia*, followed by the Philippines and India. Currently, *India is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest producer*.

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**Export** - 90% of the world's coconut production for exports, sources from the Asia-Pacific region.

## Security

### Yudh Abhyas 2025

*An Indian Army contingent has departed for Alaska to participate in the 21st edition of military exercise.*

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*It is an annual joint military drill with the United States.*

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**Indian contingent** - Battalion of the Madras Regiment.

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**Rehearse consist of** - Tactical drills including heliborne operations, use of surveillance assets and unmanned aerial systems.

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Rock craft, mountain warfare, casualty evacuation, combat medical aid, and the integrated employment of artillery, aviation, and electronic warfare systems.

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**Other military exercise** - Vajra Prahar (Army), MALABAR (Navy Multilateral), Cope India, Red Flag (Air Force Multilateral).

## Science

## **All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH)**

*All India Institute of Speech and Hearing celebrates its diamond jubilee.*

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It is an autonomous pioneer national organisation.

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**Established in** - 1966, by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

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**Objectives** - To impart professional training and render clinical services.

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To conduct research and educate on issues related to communication disorders such as hearing impairment, mental retardation, voice, fluency and phonological & language disorders.



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