

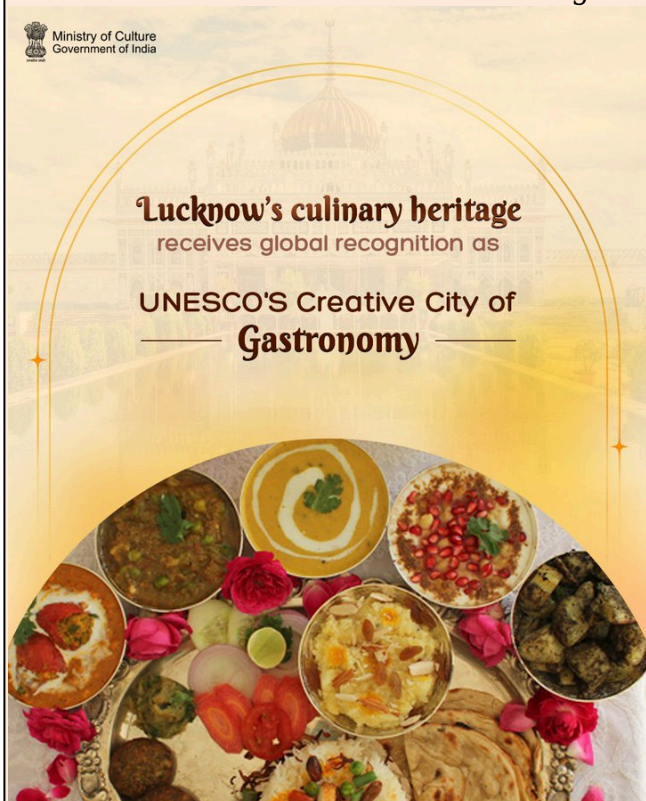
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History, Art and Culture

UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy - Lucknow

- **Declared during** - The 43rd Session of the UNESCO General Conference, currently under way in Uzbekistan.
- **Global recognition celebrates** - The city's centuries-old Awadhi cuisine, living food traditions and inclusive cultural heritage.



Polity & Governance

National Voter Helpline

Election Commission of India (ECI) has activated the National Voter Helpline and all 36 State and District-level helplines with an aim to address all queries/grievances of citizens.

- The National Contact Centre (NCC) will serve as the central helpline for all States and Union Territories.
- **Toll-free number** - 1800-11-1950.
- **SCC & DCC** - ECI has issued instructions to each State/UT and District to set up its own State Contact Centre (SCC) and District Contact Centre (DCC) respectively
 - **Aim** - To ensure timely and localized responses, available in regional languages.
 - **Operate during** - Office hours on all working days throughout the year.
- **Recorded and tracked through** - National Grievance Service Portal (NGSP 2.0).
- **Launched** - 'Book-a-Call with BLO' facility using which citizens can directly contact their respective Booth Level Officer (BLO) through the feature available on the ECINET platform.
- Citizens can also connect with Election Officials using the ECINet App.
- **Speedy disposal within** - 48 hours.
- **Existing Email service** - complaints@eci.gov.in

International Relations and Issues

International Round Table on Global Genomic Collaborations for Pandemic Preparedness

- **Hosted by** - International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB).
- **Title** - "Investigating and translating Genomic Evidence for Public Health Response to SARS=Cov-2".
- **Objectives** - To bring together leading researchers, science administrators, and institutional representatives from India and Italy.
- To deliberate on the role of genomic evidence in strengthening global public health preparedness.
- **Significance** - It underscored the importance of pan-global scientific collaborations in developing coordinated and data-driven responses to emerging infectious diseases.

Economy

India Post Business Meet 2025-26 (Q2)

- It is a strategic gathering brought together Heads of Circles from across the country to deliberate on India Post's evolving roadmap for business transformation and its expanding role as a premium logistics and citizen-centric service provider.
- **Convened by** - Department of posts, Ministry of Communications.
- **Aim** - To transform into a large-scale, future-ready logistics organisation, driven by technology, innovation, and inclusivity.
- **Significance** - It aligned with Prime Minister's vision of a Viksit Bharat and an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Places in News

Mount Chimborazo (a volcano) - A Closest Point to Space

- **Located in** - Ecuador, home to Mount Chimborazo, a dormant volcano near the equator.
- **Reason** - Even though Mount Everest is taller above sea level, the peak of Chimborazo is actually farther from the center of the Earth.
- Mount Chimborazo in Ecuador is 2,000 metres closer to space than Mount Everest.
- Because Earth bulges at the equator, this makes Chimborazo the closest point on Earth to outer space.

Geography

Kármán line

- **Located at** - 100 km above sea level.
- It is an imaginary line that demarcates the earth's atmosphere from space.
- **Established in** - 1960s by a record-keeping body called Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI).
- **Earth isn't a perfect sphere** — It's slightly flattened at the poles and bulged at the equator.
 - Because of this shape, the distance from the centre of the Earth to the surface isn't the same everywhere.
- **Closest to space** - Doesn't just depend on a mountain's height, it depends on where it's located on the planet.
- **Regulate airspace** - It marks, roughly, the altitude beyond which a traditional aircraft can't fly.
 - Any aircraft flying beyond it needs a propulsion system to pull away from the earth's tug.
 - It also acts as a legal reference that separates airspace that a country can claim to own from space itself.
- **Facts** -
 - Astronauts at the International Space Station orbit Earth about 400 km above that's just four times higher than where space officially begins.
 - Planes fly at around 10-12 km, far below the Kármán line.

Science

MoU between NCA and IIMC

- **MoU between** - National Communications Academy (NCA), Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIMC).
- **Objectives** - To promote joint initiatives in capacity building, research, consulting, policy formulation, and training in emerging domains such as Information and Communication Technologies, Mobile Communication, and Cyberspace.
- To strengthen human resource development in the telecommunication sector.

National Communications Academy (NCA)

- **NCA** - It is a training institution under Department of Telecommunications.
- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Communications.
- **Objectives** - To engage in capacity building of officers/officials belonging to Indian Trade Service (ITS), Indian Radio Regulatory Service (IRRS) cadres and civil service - Indian Post & Telecommunication Accounts and Finance Service (IP&TAFS).
- To contribute to policy development and human resource capacity for India's digital growth.

Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIMC)

- **IIMC** - It is one of India's premier business schools and is renowned for its excellence in management education, research, and entrepreneurship.
- It is a triple-accredited institution and the only Indian member of the prestigious global CEMS alliance.
- **Established in** - 1961, as the 1st national institute for post-graduate studies and Research in Management by Government of India.
- **Functions under** - Ministry of Education.

Sports

ICC Women's World Cup 2025

The Indian women's cricket team won by 52 runs and celebrated their 1st-ever ICC Women's ODI World Cup victory.

- **Match between** - India and South Africa.
- **Held in** - DY Patil Stadium, in Navi Mumbai.
- **Conducted by** - International Cricket Council.
- **Format** - Each team has 1 inning of 50 overs.



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