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History, Art and Culture

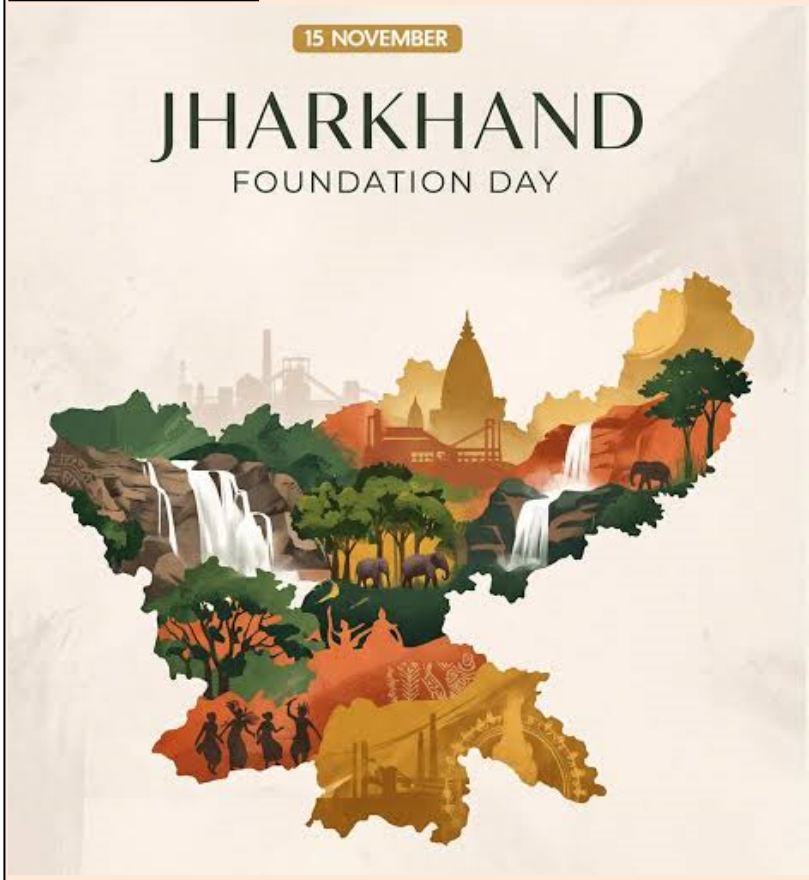
Jharkhand Foundation Day

President Droupadi Murmu and PM Narendra Modi extended greetings on the Jharkhand State Foundation Day.

• **Observed annually on –** 15th November.

• **Formation** – Jharkhand was carved out of southern Bihar on 15 November 2000, under the *Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000*, to become India's 28th state.

• **Tribal Heritage –** The State is associated with tribal leaders *Birsa Munda (Dharti Aba) and Sidho-Kanhu*.



Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

• **Celebrated annually on** – 15th November, marking the birth anniversary of ***Birsa Munda (1875).***

• **Key Features –** Rich in forests, waterfalls, minerals and energy resources; known for tribal culture, folk traditions and handicrafts.

• **Significance –** It promotes recognition of tribal heritage and inclusive development.

International Relations and Issues

1st BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting



• **Held in** – Colombo, Sri Lanka (November 2026), unanimously adopting a Joint Ministerial Statement.
• **Indian Representative –** Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda.
• **7 Participating Countries –** Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
• **Key Outcome –** Adoption of the Revised BIMSTEC Plan of Action on Public Health (2026–2030).
• **Priority Areas –** Disease surveillance, pandemic preparedness, AMR management, digital health, traditional medicine, One Health and healthcare workforce development.
• **Digital Health –** Proposed BIMSTEC Digital Health Framework covering telemedicine, interoperable electronic health records and AI applications.
• **India's Initiative –** BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence in Traditional Medicine at ITRA, Jamnagar, Gujarat.
• **India–Sri Lanka Cooperation**
  - 100 additional ambulances under Rs.5.28 million USD Indian grant assistance.
  - Support for 50 Medical Kiosks/Health ATMs.
• **Future Meetings –** Every 2 years; Thailand to host the 2nd meeting in 2028.

Economy

India's 1st Price Reporting Agency (PRA)-based steel scrap futures contract

• **Launched by –** National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX).
• **Aim –** To improve price transparency and manage price volatility.
• **MoU** – NCDEX partnered with BigMint Technologies Pvt. Ltd., which will act as the Price Reporting Agency.
• **Benchmark Grade** – HMS 80:20 – comprising 80% Heavy Melting Scrap Grade 1 and 20% Grade 2; an internationally recognised scrap benchmark.
• **Significance**
  - Enhances price discovery and transparency.
  - Provides hedging against steel scrap price volatility.
  - Promotes circular economy and resource-efficient steelmaking.
  - Supports steelmakers, traders, billet/wire rod manufacturers and sponge iron producers.

Key Data (2025-26) – *India produced 168.4 million tonnes of crude steel; domestic steel scrap generation rose 22% to 32 million tonnes, while ferrous scrap imports declined 20%.*

Kutch Copper Secures Veramark Assurance (Copper Mark) Certification

• Adani Enterprises' subsidiary Kutch Copper Ltd. (KCL) became the *1st Indian copper producer to receive Veramark Assurance (formerly Copper Mark certification).*
• **Location –** Kutch, Gujarat; operates one of the world's largest single-location copper smelters.
• **Certification Framework**
  - Assesses responsible production practices through independent third-party audits.
  - Based on the Copper Mark Responsible Production Framework and Joint Due Diligence Standard.
  - Covers copper, nickel and zinc supply chains.
  - Requires periodic reassessments.
• **Significance**
  - Ensures environmental, social and governance (ESG) compliance.
  - Aligns with international responsible production standards and UN SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production.
  - Enhances transparency and global competitiveness of India's copper industry.
• **Importance of Copper –** Essential for electrification, renewable energy, electric mobility, power transmission and digital infrastructure.

Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU)

*Union Cabinet approved the continuation of **CGFMU for 5 years, up to 31 March 2031**, to support collateral-free lending under PMMY.*

• **Launch –** January 2016.
• **Implementing Agency –** National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd. (NCGTC).
• **Objective –** To provides credit guarantee coverage to lending institutions against default risks on eligible loans.
• **Corpus –** Rs.5,000 crore; expected to facilitate PMMY loans worth Rs.12.6 lakh crore over the next five years.
• **Key Features**
• **Eligible Credit Facilities**
  - PMMY loans to micro enterprises up to Rs.20 lakh.
  - Overdraft up to Rs.10,000 under PMJDY accounts.
  - SHG loans with portfolio size of Rs.10–20 lakh.
• **Guarantee Fee**
  - **PMMY** – Reduced from 1% to 0.75% per annum.
  - **SHGs –** 0.25% in the 1st year and 0.50% subsequently.
• **Duration –** FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31 (XVI Finance Commission cycle).
• **Significance** – It promotes financial inclusion, entrepreneurship and access to formal credit for micro enterprises.

Environment

Maharashtra's Three Beaches Receive International Blue Flag Certification (2026-27)

• Recently, 3 beaches in Maharashtra received the prestigious International Blue Flag Certification for the 2026–27 season, marking the State's first recognition under the programme.



• **Blue Flag Certification**
  - An international eco-label recognising environmentally sustainable and tourist-friendly beaches.
  - Evaluates environmental conservation, beach cleanliness, bathing water quality, biodiversity protection, tourist safety, infrastructure and sustainable tourism management.
• **Season Commencement –** 15 November 2026.
• **Significance**
  - 1st international Blue Flag recognition for Maharashtra.
  - It promotes sustainable tourism and environmental conservation.
  - It boosts local employment and economic activities along the Konkan coast.

Security

5th edition of Sea Vigil-26

• It is a *National Coastal Defence Exercise.*
• **Commenced on –** November 11, 2026, and will continue until November 19.
• **Coordinated by –** Indian Navy.
• **Background** – Launched in 2018, in the aftermath of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.
• **Coverage –** Entire Indian coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
• **Objectives**
  - Evaluate India's coastal defence and security preparedness.
  - Strengthen inter-agency coordination and maritime surveillance.
  - Enhance operational readiness against maritime threats.
• **Participating Agencies –** Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Coastal Security Police, Customs and other maritime stakeholders.
• **Two Phases**
  - Coastal Defence and Security Readiness Evaluation
  - Sea Phase
• **Significance –** It contributes to the Indian Navy's biennial *Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise (TROPEX)* and strengthens India's maritime security.

8th India–Myanmar Naval Exercise (IMNEX-26)

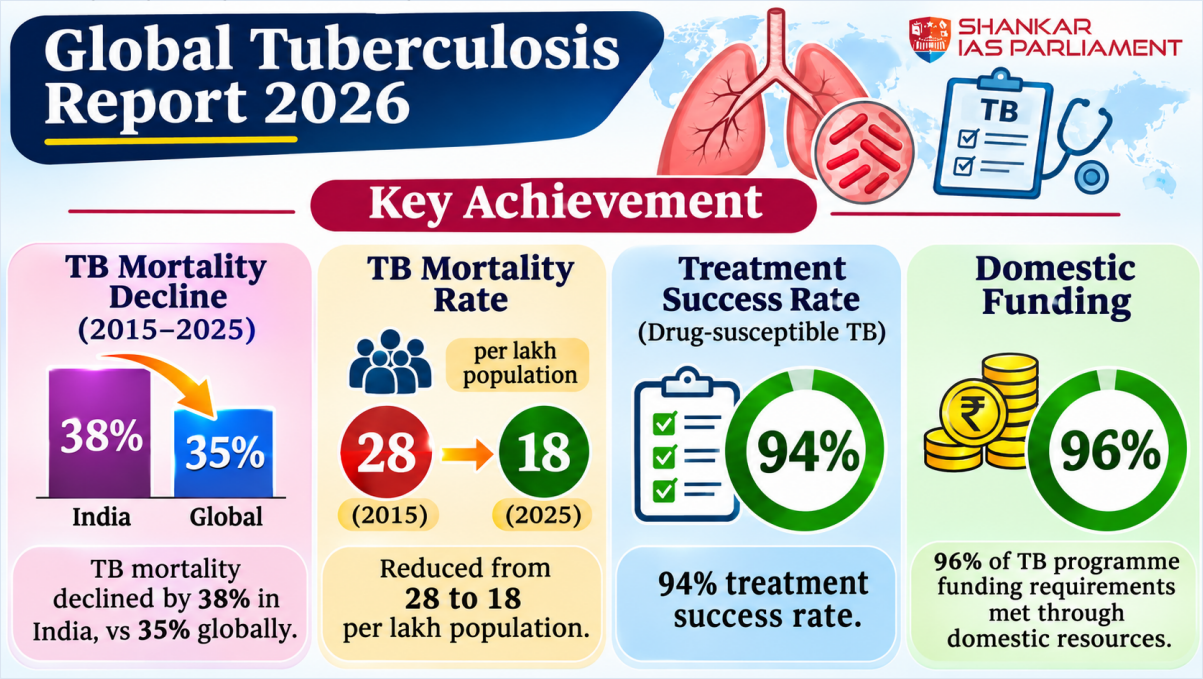


• **Conducted at –** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, from 10–14 November 2026.
• **Participating Ships**
  - **India –** INS Rana and INS Sumedha.
  - **Myanmar –** UMS King Sin Phyu Shin.
• **Phases of Exercise**
  - **Harbour Phase –** Professional interactions, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs), cross-deck visits and sporting engagements.
  - **Sea Phase –** Coordinated maritime operations, tactical manoeuvres and interoperability exercises.
• **Objectives**
  - Enhance maritime cooperation and mutual understanding.
  - Exchange professional expertise and operational experiences.
  - Strengthen interoperability between the two navies.
• **Significance –** It reflects India's MAHASAGAR vision and promotes regional maritime security and stability.

Science

Global Tuberculosis Report 2026

• **Released by –** World Health Organization.
• It highlighting India's progress in TB elimination.

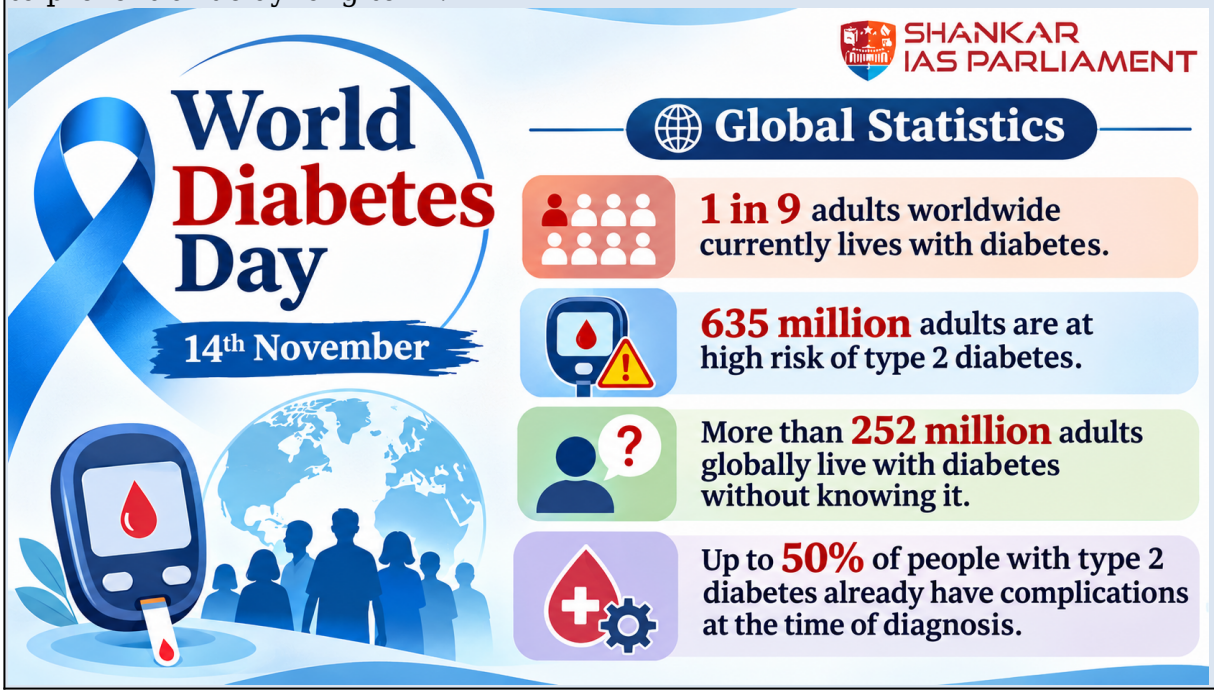


• **TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan**
  - Over 25 crore people screened.
  - 67,933 Panchayats declared TB-free in 2025.
• **Technology & Initiatives**
  - AI-enabled portable digital X-rays and NAAT for early diagnosis.
  - **Ni-kshay Portal –** Patient tracking and treatment monitoring.
  - **Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana –** Nutritional financial assistance to TB patients.
  - **Ni-kshay Mitra –** Community-based nutritional and psychosocial support.
  - **JOSH Teams –** Youth participation through NCC cadets and MY Bharat volunteers.
• **Institutional Framework –** National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP); ICMR–National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT).

Miscellaneous

World Diabetes Day 2026

• **Observed annually on** – 14th November
• It marks the birthday of ***Sir Frederick Banting***, who co-discovered insulin alongside Charles Best in 1921.
• **Created in –** 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the World Health Organization (WHO), it became an official United Nations Day in 2006.
• **2026-2027 campaign theme –** "Early action on diabetes".
• **Official Hashtag –** #ActEarlyOnDiabetes.
• **Objective –** To stress on early diagnosis, risk reduction, and timely access to quality care to prevent or delay long-term.



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