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#### Agence France Presse

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# Nine Pakistan sites hit during **Operation Sindoor, says Doval**

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### The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI

ational Security Adviser Ajit Doval said on Friday that India hit nine terrorist targets across Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. "We missed none," he said at the 62nd convocation of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

### Precise to point

"We hit nowhere else except that. It was precise to the point where we knew who was where. The entire operation started at five minutes past one and was over at 28 minutes past one - 23 minutes," he said to

stock At IIT-Madras, the NSA urges youth to pursue indigenous technology and knowledge systems

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On claims of damage to India in Pakistan attacks, Doval dares anyone to show any pictures of damage

loud applause from the audience.

"Thereafter, the foreign press had carried several reports saying Pakistan did this or that. You show me any photograph, any imagery - you know, these days



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these imageries are from satellites all over the world - which show any Indian damage being done, even a glass pane having been broken," he said.

"Mention was made here of Operation Sindoor.

We are really proud of it, not necessarily for what people perceive, [but] how much of indigenous content was there ... whether it was our BrahMos systems... our integrated aircontrol and command systems, the radars... [or] all that was being done as battlefield surveillance," he said.

### 'Focus on AI'

Mr. Doval urged the graduands to work towards developing indigenous technology and knowledge systems that could take the country forward in various fields like communication and defence.

"By the time we celebrate 100 years of Independence, you will be at the peak of your careers," he said, urging the audience to focus on emerging fields such as artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum computing.

- 1. Operation Sindoor Details:
  - Conducted by India under the direction of National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval.
  - Targeted **nine terrorist sites** across Pakistan.
  - Entire operation lasted only 23 minutes (from 1:05 AM to 1:28 AM).
  - All targets were hit with precision: "We missed none."
- 2. Use of Indigenous Systems:
  - Emphasis on indigenous defense technologies:
    - BrahMos missiles
    - Integrated air control and command systems
    - Advanced radars and battlefield surveillance systems
  - Doval highlighted India's self-reliance and technological advancements.

- 3. Refuting Foreign Propaganda:
  - Doval challenged foreign reports alleging Indian damage.
  - Urged the audience to verify any satellite imagery to counter false claims.
- 4. Call for Indigenous Innovation:
  - At the IIT Madras convocation, Doval motivated youth to work on:
    - Indigenous technology
    - AI (Artificial Intelligence)
    - Quantum Computing
  - Linked the progress in defense to broader goals of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Perspective	Key Insights
Strategic/Defense	Demonstrates India's evolving <b>precision strike capability</b> , highlighting indigenous missile systems like BrahMos.
Political	Reflects India's assertive counter-terrorism doctrine and use of <b>surgical operations</b> to neutralize threats.
Technological	Showcases advancement in AI-driven surveillance, radar systems, and command-control networks.
Geopolitical	Reinforces India's <b>zero-tolerance policy on terrorism</b> and strong <b>strategic signaling</b> to Pakistan.
Educational/Motivational	Focus on skill-building in AI, quantum computing, and defense R&D aligns with India's future tech roadmap.

- Operation Sindoor was executed by India and lasted only 23 minutes, successfully targeting nine terrorist bases in Pakistan.
- The operation showcased India's dependence on foreign surveillance and missile systems like Tomahawk.
- **3.** NSA Ajit Doval emphasized the use of indigenous systems like BrahMos and radars during the operation.

### Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
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Saturday, July 12, 2025

#### THE HINDU News

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Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan's tenure has been extended till August 23, 2026, a UBB-back huban Administrative hervice that officer, was to retire on neptember 30. The Sikkim cafes officer was appointed Home Secretary hub year, and he assumed office on August 23, 2024. He was serving as Guban More Secretary before his present assignment. A Home Secretary before his present assignment. A Home Secretary before his present assignment. A Home

#### DRDO, IAF successfully test indigenous Astra missile

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Air Force tIAP) successfully conducted the flight-test of the indigenous beyond visual range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) 'Asirs', equipped with indigenous radio frequency sector, from an Su-30 fighter let off the coast of Odisha on Friday. According to the Union Ministry of Defence, two launches were carried out against high-speed unmanned aerial targets at different ranges, target aspects and launch platform conditions. In both cases, the missiles destroyed the taracts with niccosin accuracy. All subsystems performed as expected, the Miniatry said.

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#### Initial probe points to 'pedestal and articulation crushing' toll rises to 20, search to continue to locate one missing person, officials take steps to prevent leakage from sunken chemical tanker Abhinay Deshpande IT NOT THE CONTRACT OF ME



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said the committee would albinit a comprehensive report within 30 days, co-vering both technical and measures." Mr. Patel iaid. Several vehicles fell into the river after a portion of the four-decode-old bridge administrative aspects of the tragedy. The report will be handed over to the chief Minister, based on connecting Anand and Va-dodara districts collapsed near tlambbira village, close to Padra town, on the morning of July 9. Vadodara Collector Anil Dhameliya, who is superwhich further decisions will be taken," he said,

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#### Deaths due to spurious brew rise to 8 in Hyderabad

#### The Hindu Bureau

rituals typically reserved for the dead – a symbolic gesture to mark the social banishment of the couple. Community members also took ritual baths to "puri-The number of deaths caused by consuming sus-pected adulterated toddy in Hyderabad rose to eight on Friday, the police said. "Many families have been cremating the dead without informing the polfy" themselves. A symbolic plough was then fashioned, and the emple were yoked ingeth-er and beaten with sticks, mirricking the act of tradiice. While those being cre-mated also had similar symptoms such as diar rhosa and low blood pres tional tilling. Eventually, the couple sure after consuming the brew, we are not able to were permanently ex-pelled from the village and handed a triken amount of \$1,000. Their current whe-Ferminin real-basis The Rayugada district administration assist would initiate as inquiry into the incident after re-ports of the lubarnan tread-to the incident after re-bosories of a tribal family m Rayugada district had here fuedat tomated after agift married a main from a different dank. Castority shite

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# India to host international conference on manuscript heritage on September 11-13

### Sreeparna Chakrabarty NEW DELHI

India will host the first international Manuscript Heritage Conference in September, which will be attended by global scholars, thought leaders, and cultural custodians in the subject.

The three-day conference, titled "Reclaiming India's knowledge legacy through manuscript heritage", is being organised from September 11 to 13 in the national capital as part of the launch of the "Gyan Bharatam Mission".

The conference will also commemorate Swami Vivekananda's Chicago address (September 11, 1893), symbolising India's intellectual and spiritual global vision, official sources said.

The Centre had announced the Gyan Bharatam Mission in the Union Budget, 2025-26, for reviving and expanding the vi-



The conference will be graced by eminent dignitaries of India, global scholars, thought leaders, and cultural custodians. FILE PHOTO

sion of the National Mission for Manuscripts launched in 2003. The Gyan Bharatam Mission seeks to preserve, digitise, and disseminate manuscript knowledge, integrate it with modern technologies, and foster a new generation of scholars and institutions to carry the legacy forward.

The conference will be graced by eminent dignitaries of India, and will feature keynotes and participation by global scholars, thought leaders, and cultural custodians. There will be numerous side events such as an exhibition on Indian manuscripts, one on manuscripts inscribed in the UNESCO Memory of the World, live demonstrations, and workshops, and a special space for startups in the field.

The Union Culture Ministry has also invited original research papers, case studies, and conceptual frameworks to be presented on themes.

### 1. Event Announcement:

- India to host its first international Manuscript Heritage Conference.
- Dates: September 11–13, 2025, in New Delhi.
- Organized as part of the launch of the Gyan Bharatam Mission.

### 2. Theme:

- Title of the conference: "Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy through Manuscript Heritage".
- Focus: Reviving and digitizing ancient Indian manuscripts.
- 3. Commemoration:
  - Coincides with Swami Vivekananda's 1893 Chicago address (September 11), symbolizing India's global spiritual and intellectual vision.

- 4. Mission Objectives Gyan Bharatam Mission:
  - Announced in Union Budget 2025-26.
  - Aims to:
    - Preserve, digitize, and disseminate ancient manuscript knowledge.
    - Integrate traditional knowledge with modern tech.
    - Encourage new generation scholarship.
- 5. National Mission for Manuscripts:
  - Launched in 2003, now being expanded.
  - Works to safeguard manuscript heritage across India.
- 6. Conference Details:
  - Attendees: Eminent Indian dignitaries, global scholars, cultural custodians.

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- Activities:
  - Keynotes and paper presentations.
  - Exhibitions, workshops, and live demos.
  - Focus on UNESCO Memory of the World manuscripts.
  - Special space for startup collaboration.

Dimension	Points
Historical	Highlights India's rich tradition of manuscript literature, including Vedas, Upanishads, and Jain/Buddhist texts preserved in palm leaves and birch bark.
Political	Reflects India's soft power strategy and cultural diplomacy by projecting intellectual legacy globally.
Economic	Promotes creative economy and knowledge-based startups. Digitization and heritage tech may attract investments.
Geographical	Focus on pan-India manuscript repositories from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Kashmir, etc.
International Relations	Aligns with India's growing cultural outreach through G20, SCO, and UNESCO platforms.

Manuscript Name	Script Used	Language	Period	Significance / Notes
Rigveda	Devanagari, Brahmi	Vedic Sanskrit	c. 1500–1200 BCE	Oldest known Vedic text; foundation of Hindu philosophy and rituals.
Manusmriti	Devanagari	Sanskrit	c. 200 BCE – 200 CE	Ancient legal text; source of Hindu law.
Charaka Samhita	Sharada, Devanagari	Sanskrit	c. 2nd century BCE	Classical Ayurvedic text on medicine by Charaka.
Sushruta Samhita	Devanagari	Sanskrit	c. 6th century BCE	Ancient treatise on surgery and medicine.
Mahabharata	Devanagari	Sanskrit	c. 400 BCE – 400 CE	Epic text by Vyasa; includes Bhagavad Gita.



Ramayana	Devanagari	Sanskrit	c. 500 BCE – 100 BCE	Epic by Valmiki; portrays Lord Rama's life.
Arthashastra	Brahmi, Devanagari	Sanskrit	c. 3rd century BCE	Political-economic treatise by Kautilya (Chanakya).
Jain Agamas	Devanagari	Prakrit	c. 300 BCE – 500 CE	Canonical texts of Jainism; preserved orally then written.
<b>Tipitaka</b> (Pali Canon)	Brahmi, Sinhalese	Pali	1st century BCE	Sacred Buddhist texts; compiled at 4th Buddhist Council in Sri Lanka.
Bhagavad Gita	Devanagari	Sanskrit	c. 2nd century BCE	Philosophical dialogue between Krishna and Arjuna.
Kalpasutra	Devanagari	Prakrit	c. 3rd century BCE	Jain religious text by Bhadrabahu.

Bakhshali Manuscript	Sharada	Sanskrit	c. 3rd–7th century CE	Oldest known Indian mathematical manuscript; includes use of zero.
Prithviraj Raso	Devanagari	Brajbhasha	c. 12th century CE	Epic poem about Prithviraj Chauhan by Chand Bardai.
Ain-i-Akbari	Persian (Nastaliq)	Persian	16th century	Part of Akbarnama; administrative record by Abul Fazl.
Akbarnama	Persian	Persian	16th century	Biography of Akbar by Abul Fazl.
Tuzuk-i-Baburi	Persian (later)	Chagatai Turkic	16th century	Autobiography of Babur; first Mughal emperor.
Lilavati	Devanagari	Sanskrit	c. 12th century CE	Mathematical treatise by Bhaskaracharya.
Rajatarangini	Sharada	Sanskrit	12th century CE	Historical chronicle of Kashmir by Kalhana.

### Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Gyan Bharatam Mission and the Manuscript Heritage Conference:

- The Manuscript Heritage Conference will commemorate Swami Vivekananda's speech in London in 1893.
- 2. The Gyan Bharatam Mission aims to digitize, integrate, and disseminate India's manuscript heritage using modern technologies.
- 3. The National Mission for Manuscripts was launched under the Gyan Bharatam Mission in 2025.

### Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

Maratha fort systems get UNESCO heritage tag Press Trust of India NEW DELHI 'Maratha Military Landscapes', representing extraordinary fortification and military system envisioned by the Maratha rulers, was on Friday inscribed on the coveted UNESCO World Heritage List, the UN body announced in a post on X. The decision was taken during the ongoing 47th session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) being held in Paris. "New inscription on the @UNESCO #WorldHeritage List: Ma-£. ratha Military Landscapes 1 of India, #India," UNESCO said. The nomination for the UNESCO tag was for the 2024-25 cycle. ÷. Its 12 components are -Salher Fort, Shivneri Fort, Lohgad, Khanderi Fort, Raigad, Rajgad, Pratapgad, Suvarnadurg, Panhala Fort, Vijay Durg, and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, and Gingee Fort in Tamil Nadu.

### 1. New UNESCO Inscription:

- Maratha Military Landscapes have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- This inclusion represents the extraordinary fortification and military system developed by Maratha rulers.
- 2. UNESCO Decision:
  - Taken during the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC).
  - Session was held in Paris, and the decision was announced by UNESCO on X (formerly Twitter).
  - The nomination was part of the **2024–25 cycle**.
- 3. Components of Maratha Military Landscapes:
  - **12 forts** are recognized under this landscape:
    - In Maharashtra: Salher, Shivneri, Lohgad, Khanderi, Raigad, Rajgad, Pratapgad, Suvarnadurg, Panhala, Vijay Durg, Sindhudurg
    - In Tamil Nadu: Gingee Fort

Historical	Highlights Maratha military architecture, especially under <b>Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj</b> . These forts reflect guerrilla warfare, strategic planning, and coastal defense innovation.
Political	Enhances <b>India's soft power</b> globally through recognition of indigenous military systems. Promotes national pride and heritage conservation.
Geographical	Showcases forts across Sahyadri (Western Ghats) and coastal Konkan belt, including peninsular South India (Tamil Nadu).
Cultural	Promotes tourism, heritage walks, and awareness about regional military systems that differ from Mughal or Rajput styles.
International Relations	Strengthens India's presence in UNESCO and cultural diplomacy. Adds to India's tally of <b>UNESCO World Heritage Sites</b> , useful for branding.

### 🔀 Maratha Wars – Summary Table

War	Year(s)	Parties Involved	Key Treaty	Outcome
First Anglo-Maratha	1775–1782	British East India Company vs	Treaty of Salbai	British failed to defeat the
War		Maratha Empire	(1782)	Marathas; status quo restored.
Second Anglo-	1803–1805	British vs Scindia, Bhonsle,	Various subsidiary	British gained large territory;
Maratha War		Holkar factions	treaties	weakened Maratha power.
Third Anglo-	1817–1818	British vs Peshwa Baji Rao II &	None formally –	Maratha Confederacy dissolved;
Maratha War		other Maratha rulers	series of	British supremacy established.
			annexations	

- As of July 2024, a total of 1,223 World Heritage Sites (952 cultural, 231 natural and 40 mixed cultural and natural properties) exist across 168 countries.
- With 60 selected areas, Italy is the country with the most sites, followed by China with 59, and Germany with 54.

This overview lists the 23 countries with 15 or more World Heritage Sites:



Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Maratha Military Landscapes recently included in the UNESCO World Heritage List:

- 1. The nomination was part of the 2024–25 cycle of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee.
- 2. Gingee Fort, located in Karnataka, is among the 12 components of the Maratha Military Landscapes.
- 3. The decision was taken during the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee held in Paris.

### Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B.1 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3





### Bumrah and Rahul keep India in the hunt

The pacer claims his 15th live-wicket hauf while the opener leads the tourists' response to Englands 387. Smith and Carse put on 84 runs for the eighth wicket

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some exciting contest as jo-fin Archer, on his return to Test cricket after four years, saw the back of Yashavi Jaiswel in his first over before K.L. Rahul's unbeaten 53 (113b, 5x4) guided In-dia to 145 for three at stumps. Julewal showed intent at the start as he picked up three boundaries, making the most of Chris Weakes'

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### Alcaraz outclasses Fritz, braces for Sinner test

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On his best days, Carlos Alcaras treats his opponents like how a child handles a have how a child handles a newly acquired toy. There is a feating phase, then there is a teacing and toy-ing phase, before the whole thing is tonsed out in search of a frush, exciting challenge.

challenge. Friday on Centre Court was one such day as the two-time defending Wimbledon champion out-classed Taylor Fritz 6-4, 8-7, 6-3, 7-6(6) to enter his third

straight final at the All Ea-gland Club. It was the World No. 2's 24th straight success, a streak that includes Re-land-Garros, and now pais him in line for a second consecutive Prench Open Wimbledon double, a feat last achieved by the legen-dary Born Borg 0978, 79; 800

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### Italy qualifies for 2026 T20 Cricket WC

### Agencies

THE HAGUE

Italy on Friday secured qualification for the 2026 men's T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka, despite losing to the Netherlands at The Hague. The tournament will mark Italy's first appearance at a cricket World Cup. The Netherlands also qualified for the event after having comfortably chased 135. Scotland, which has featured in the last four editions of the event, was knocked out after suffering a last-ball defeat to Jersey earlier. Despite pulling off a one-wicket heist, Jersey was also knocked out. Both Italy and Jersey were level with five points, but Italy progressed thanks to a superior net run rate. Italy needed to hold the Netherlands for at least 15 overs to qualify. The visitors stretched the match till the 17th over to seal qualification.

# ISL season put on hold, deepens Indian men's football woes

### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE 2025/26 season of the Indian Super League (ISL) has been put on hold amid uncertainty over the renewal of the Master Rights Agreement (MRA) between event organisers Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL) and the All India Football Federation (AIFF). The FSDL informed all ISL clubs of the development in a letter on Friday.

The ISL usually runs from September to April and the current MRA ends on December 8, 2025, in the third month of the league. The Indian Express has learnt that the FSDL has written to the ISL clubs that it is unable to effectively 'plan, organise, or commercialise' the 2025-26 ISL season.

The letter states that while discussions between the two parties over renewal of the MRA were initiated several months ago, they 'remain inconclusive at this time'.

The FSDL further says in the letter that it is hence placing the ISL on hold until further clarity emerges on the contractual structure beyond the end of the current MRA term.

NorthEast United FC CEO Mandar Tamhane confirmed that the club has received the letter from FSDL and stated that what has been communicated isn't "entirely new" to them. "It's considerate of FSDL to keep the clubs informed. What they've communicated isn't entirely new to us. There's a difference between the league being put on hold and the season being cancelled. At NorthEast United FC, we are fully focused on preparing to defend our Durand Cup title and remain hopeful that there will be clarity soon," Tamhane told this paper.

The uncertainty around the next ISL season emerged when the tournament, which is now the top tier of men's football in the country, was conspicuously absent from the The Indian Express has learnt that the FSDL has written to the ISL clubs that it is unable to effectively 'plan, organise, or commercialise' the 2025-26 ISL season.

AIFF's 2025/26 competition calendar.

According to the current MRA, which was signed in 2010, the FSDL pays the AIFF Rs 50 crore annually, and in turn gets the rights to broadcast, manage and commercialise various aspects of Indian football, including the national team. Mohun Bagan Super Giant won the 2024/25 season of the ISL, beating Bengaluru FC in the final at Kochi. They had earlier topped the league table as well and this made them the first team to have achieved the double of winning the League It's considerate of FSDL to keep the clubs informed. What they've communicated isn't entirely new to us. There's a difference between the league being put on hold and the season being cancelled.

#### MANDAR TAMHANE,

CEO, NORTHEAST UNITED

Shield and the ISL Trophy in the same season. It was Bagan's second ISL title, having previously won it in 2023.

Friday's development comes amid a larger spate of negative news around men's football in the country. AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey, along with most of the federation's leadership, had hosted a lengthy press conference last month, just days after India were beaten by lower-ranked Hong Kong in the third round of the 2027 Asian Cup qualifiers. However, the top brass evaded questions related to the status of the partnership between AIFF and the FSDL at the time.

This was followed closely by the AIFF announcing that they have parted ways with men's national team head coach Manolo Marquez. India has also dropped to 133 in the latest FIFA rankings, their worst position in nine years.

### AIFF charts road map

The women's team qualifying for the AFC Asian Cup, on merit, is the only good news coming out of Indian football of late.

All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Kalyan Chaubey on Friday held discussions to chart a roadmap for the national women's team's preparation plans for next year's AFC Asian Cup in Australia.lt was decided to organise the 2025-26 Indian Women's League season, featuring eight teams playing 14 matches each, from September 2025 to January 2026.

- The 2025-26 season of the Indian Super League (ISL) has been put on hold.
- Cause: Uncertainty over the renewal of the Master Rights Agreement (MRA) between FSDL (Football Sports Development Ltd.) and AIFF (All India Football Federation).

Key Points:

- 1. ISL & MRA Dispute:
  - The current MRA ends on **December 8, 2025**, mid-season.
  - FSDL informed clubs it cannot effectively "plan, organise, or commercialise" the 2025–26 season.
- 2. FSDL's Letter to Clubs:
  - Notified that discussions on renewal are **inconclusive**.
  - Clarity is awaited on the contractual structure for the post-MRA period.

### 3. Club Reactions:

- Mandar Tamhane (CEO, NorthEast United FC) acknowledges uncertainty.
- Differentiates between a "postponed" season and a "cancelled" one.
- 4. Impact on Indian Football:
  - Men's national team head coach Manolo Marquez was let go.
  - India dropped to 133 in the FIFA rankings worst in 9 years.
- 5. ISL Missing from AFC Calendar:
  - The ISL was absent from the AFC 2025/26 calendar, which increased speculation.

### AIFF Road Map for Women's Football:

- Good news: Indian women's team qualified for the AFC Asian Cup.
- AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey chaired a meeting.
- Decided to organize 2025-26 Indian Women's League with 14 matches per team (Sep 2025 Jan 2026).

### **UPSC** Relevance

Perspective	Key Takeaways
Economic	MRA dispute may affect ISL's revenue, sponsorship, and club finances.
Sports Policy	Lack of clarity from AIFF and FSDL reflects poor sports governance in India.
International	India's drop in FIFA rankings affects global football image.
Gender	Women's football shows progress with Asian Cup qualification & new roadmap.

### Q. Consider the following statements regarding recent developments in Indian football:

- The 2025-26 Indian Super League (ISL) season has been cancelled due to AIFF's contract with FSDL expiring in December 2025.
- 2. India's men's football team dropped to 133 in FIFA rankings its worst in the last nine years.
- 3. The AIFF has announced the 2025-26 Indian Women's League with each team playing 14 matches.

### Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3



# **TALASH** Initiative

The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in partnership with UNICEF India launched TALASH (Tribal Aptitude, Life Skills and Self-Esteem Hub).

About

It is the first program of its kind in India, specifically aimed at supporting the holistic development of tribal students enrolled in **Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs)** across 28 States and 8 Union Territories

TALASH is designed to foster both educational and personal growth among tribal students and offers life skills, and career clarity, empowering students to discover their strengths and plan their futures.

# Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA)

The Union Minister of Communications recently reviewed the progress of the **Bharat 6G Alliance** (B6GA), highlighting India's ambition to become a global leader in 6G technology by 2030.

### About Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA)

Bharat 6G Alliance is **India's flagship platform for collaborative 6G innovation**, uniting diverse stakeholders to build an advanced, secure, and globally relevant 6G ecosystem.

The Alliance is central to India's **"Bharat 6G Vision,"** aiming for precommercial 6G trials by 2026 and commercial **rollout by 2029–2030.** 

It targets achieving 10% of global 6G intellectual property rights (IPRs), positioning India as a global technology leader.

# **INS Nistar**

- The Indian Navy has received INS Nistar, its first indigenously designed and built Diving Support Vessel (DSV), from Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam.
- About
  - Name: Nistar, derived from Sanskrit, means liberation, rescue, or salvation.
  - Built as per: Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) classification rules.
  - Features: Equipped with advanced Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) for diver monitoring and salvage operations up to 1000 meters deep.

Key Role: Acts as the 'Mother Ship' for the Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel (DSRV), which rescues and evacuates personnel in case of submarine emergencies. Significance: Around 75% indigenous content — a milestone in the Indian Navy's path towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence manufacturing.





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