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QUOTE OF THE DAY | आज का विचार

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I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance.

मुझे गर्व है कि मैं उस धर्म से हूँ जिसने दुनिया को सहिष्णुता और सार्वभौमिक स्वीकृति दोनों सिखाई है।

— Swami Vivekananda, Chicago, 1893


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   अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहिष्णुता दिवस

5. **Andreeva, 19, wins WTA Finals without losing a set**
   एंड्रीवा ने WTA फ़ाइनल्स जीता


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Wanted to set the record straight: Sonia on her memoir

Equity markets and investor confidence

Wholesale inflation rises to 12.3% in Oct.

Andreeva wins the WTA Finals in style

'Akyan' likely to cross A.P. coast on Nov. 20

1 'other' religions briefly listed on the Census portal

Gunfight breaks out during anti-terror operation in J&K

Indo-ASEAN lies at heart of India's Act East Policy: PM

Krishna temple will be key poll issue: U.P. Dy. CM

Beijing hails significance of Trump, Xi, Putin meeting

Clean hit

Aadhaar access issues: SC warns of contempt

No proof to show SIR was a 'unanimous' decision: Rahul to SC

SC suspends life term given to 2 convicts in Bilkis Bano case

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1 **Census 'other' religions | जनगणना अन्य धर्म**

287 ‘other’ religions briefly listed on Census portal

जनगणना पोर्टल पर 287 ‘अन्य’ धर्म

287 ‘other’ religions briefly listed on the Census portal

The drop-down menu was taken down later; official says the list was meant to be ‘predictive text entries’ for the ‘Other’ religions category to help enumerators fill forms without ‘spelling mistakes’

Vijaita Singh
Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Going by the government’s initial classification of “other” religions in the self-enumeration portal for the population enumeration phase of Census 2027, ‘ISKCON’, ‘Ramakrishna Paramahans’, ‘Sanatan’, ‘Shri Ram’, ‘Shri Krishna’, ‘Balmiki’, ‘Ramdev’, ‘Bishnoi’, ‘Sarna’, ‘Tantric’, ‘Yogi’, ‘Shia’, ‘Sunni’, ‘Methodist’, and ‘Pentecostal’ are among the religions practised in the country.

While these were among 287 options given under the ‘Others’ category for the question pertaining to the respondent’s religion in the self-enumeration portal that went live on Monday for four poll-bound States, the drop-down menu with these options was removed later in the day after *The Hindu* raised a query with the Union Home Ministry regarding the classification.



Taking a count: Enumerators during a door-to-door survey for Census 2027 in New Delhi. FILE PHOTO

Along the same lines as the previous Census exercises, there are seven main categories in the religion column: Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, and Others. In a first, the ‘Others’ category had been expanded into at least 287 further options, many of which have previously been classified by the Indian government as sects within the six major religions or as respondents’ entries in the “other religions and persuasions” category in the 2001 and 2011 Censuses.

The drop-down menu also had several options that had not been recorded before, such as ‘Tirupati Balaji’, ‘Gorak Nath’, ‘Baseveshwara’, and ‘Dev Samaj’, among others.

After the removal of the drop-down menu, a representative of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India said that, apart from the six major religions, there is the ‘Others’ category in which the “respondent is free to write any other religion as in previous censuses.” The official also said that it was “incorrect to say the mentioned terms have been shown as other religions”.

However, a government official told *The Hindu* that the list of options had been prepared as “predictive text entries” for the ‘Other’ religions category to help enumerators fill in the forms without “spelling variations and mistakes” when a respondent mentions any faith other than the six major ones. Giving an example, the official explained that if a respondent said they were a follower of ISKCON, the predictive text list would complete the entry.

How these appeared as options in a drop-down box is being inquired into, the official said.

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287 ‘other’ religions briefly listed on portal

The self-enumeration portal (se.census.gov.in) went live on Monday for the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa, and Punjab, where elections are scheduled to be held in 2027. For the rest of the country, the portal will open in January 2027.

A retired Census official told *The Hindu* that the options in the now-removed drop-down box were “strange”, particularly because there is no previous data to compare them with. In 2001 and 2011, the tables on classified sects within major religions and respondents’ entries in the ‘other religions and persuasions’ category were tabulated later, after the enumeration was completed.

Before the drop-down box under the other religions category was removed, a government official in Uttar Pradesh, who provided training to Census enumerators, said, “The instructions are to record religion from the six mentioned categories. If a respondent chooses the ‘Other’ category, they can pick from the specified drop-down box with more than 280 names, and if the preferred religion’s name is not there, they can enter the name and it will be recorded as is.”

There has been a sustained movement by tribal communities calling for a separate religion column for Adivasi faiths, which they asserted was different from Hinduism.

287 ‘Other’ Religions Briefly Listed on the Census Portal

जनगणना 2027 के स्व-गणना पोर्टल पर धर्म वाले कॉलम में ‘अन्य’ श्रेणी के अंतर्गत 287 विकल्पों (इस्कॉन, सनातन, सरना, शिया, सुन्नी, मेथोडिस्ट आदि) की ड्रॉप-डाउन सूची दिखी; द हिंदू के सवाल के बाद उसी दिन हटा दी गई – सरकार ने इसे “प्रेडिक्टिव टेक्स्ट” बताया

Census 2027
जनगणना 2027

1 What happened | क्या हुआ

- Census **self-enumeration portal** went live on Monday
  स्व-गणना पोर्टल
- A drop-down of **287 options** under “Others”
  287 विकल्प
- **Removed** the same day after a query to the **MHA**
  उसी दिन हटाया

2 What was listed क्या सूचीबद्ध था

- **ISKCON, Sanatan, Shri Ram, Bishnoi, Sarna**
  विकल्प
- Sects like **Shia, Sunni, Methodist, Pentecostal**
  संप्रदाय
- New ones: **Tirupati Balaji, Basaveshwara, Dev Samaj**
  नए नाम

3 Official version सरकारी पक्ष

- RGI: respondent is **free to write any religion**
  स्वतंत्रता
- Meant as “**predictive text**” to avoid spelling errors
  वर्तनी
- How it became a drop-down is **being inquired**
  जाँच

287 ‘other’ religions briefly listed on Census portal — in depth (1/2)

जनगणना पोर्टल पर 287 ‘अन्य’ धर्म — विस्तार से (1/2)

4 Where it opened कहाँ खुला

- **UP, Uttarakhand, Goa, Punjab** – poll-bound in 2027
  चार राज्य
- Rest of India: **January 2027**
  जनवरी 2027
- Site: **se.census.gov.in**
  वेबसाइट

5 Why it worried experts चिंता

- Retired official: options were “**strange**”
  “अजीब”
- **No earlier data** to compare them with
  तुलना नहीं
- In 2001 & 2011, sect tables came **after** enumeration
  बाद में तालिका

6 Adivasi demand आदिवासी माँग

- Tribal groups seek a **separate religion column**
  अलग कॉलम
- Say Adivasi faiths are **distinct from Hinduism**
  अलग आस्था
- Jharkhand Assembly passed a **Sarna Code** resolution (2020)
  सरना कोड

287 ‘other’ religions briefly listed on Census portal — in depth (2/2)

जनगणना पोर्टल पर 287 ‘अन्य’ धर्म — विस्तार से (2/2)

7 Census 2027 steps | जनगणना के चरण

Houselisting मकान सूची	Self-enumeration स्व-गणना	Population count जनसंख्या	Reference date संदर्भ तिथि
2026 2026	Online ऑनलाइन	Door-to-door घर-घर	1 Mar 2027 1 मार्च

8 Did you know? क्या आप जानते हैं?

- Census 2027 is India’s **first digital Census**
  पहली डिजिटल
- It counts **all castes** – first time since **1931**
  जाति गणना

287 ‘other’ religions briefly listed on Census portal — background (1/2)

जनगणना पोर्टल पर 287 ‘अन्य’ धर्म — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 Census history जनगणना इतिहास

Year वर्ष	Milestone उपलब्धि
1872 1872	First, non-synchronous (Mayo)
1881 1881	First synchronous (Ripon)
1951 1951	First after Independence
2027 2027	16th Census; 8th after 1947

10 Legal basis क़ानूनी आधार

- Census – **Union List** (Entry 69)
  संघ सूची
- Conducted under the **Census Act, 1948**
  जनगणना अधिनियम
- Run by the **Registrar General & Census Commissioner** (MHA)
  RGI

11 Freedom of religion धार्मिक स्वतंत्रता

- **Art 25** – conscience, profess, practise, propagate
  अनु. 25
- **Art 26** – manage religious affairs
  अनु. 26
- **Art 28** – no religious teaching in State-run schools
  अनु. 28

287 ‘other’ religions briefly listed on Census portal — background (2/2)

जनगणना पोर्टल पर 287 ‘अन्य’ धर्म — पृष्ठभूमि (2/2)

12 Notified minorities | अधिसूचित अल्पसंख्यक

NCM Act NCM अधिनियम	5 notified 5 अधिसूचित	Jains added जैन जुड़े	NCM आयोग
1992 1992	1993 1993	2014 2014	Statutory body वैधानिक

13 Sects within faiths संप्रदाय

- Islam: **Shia, Sunni**
  इस्लाम
- Christianity: **Catholic, Protestant** (Methodist, Pentecostal)
  ईसाई
- Jainism: **Digambara, Shvetambara**
  जैन

287 'other' religions briefly listed on Census portal — Static GK

जनगणना पोर्टल पर 287 'अन्य' धर्म — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 Majority religion by State (2011) राज्य

Religion धर्म	Majority in बहुमत
Muslim मुस्लिम	J&K, Lakshadweep
Christian ईसाई	Nagaland, Mizoram, Meghalaya
Sikh सिख	Punjab
Hindu हिंदू	Most other States

15 Who founded? | संस्थापक

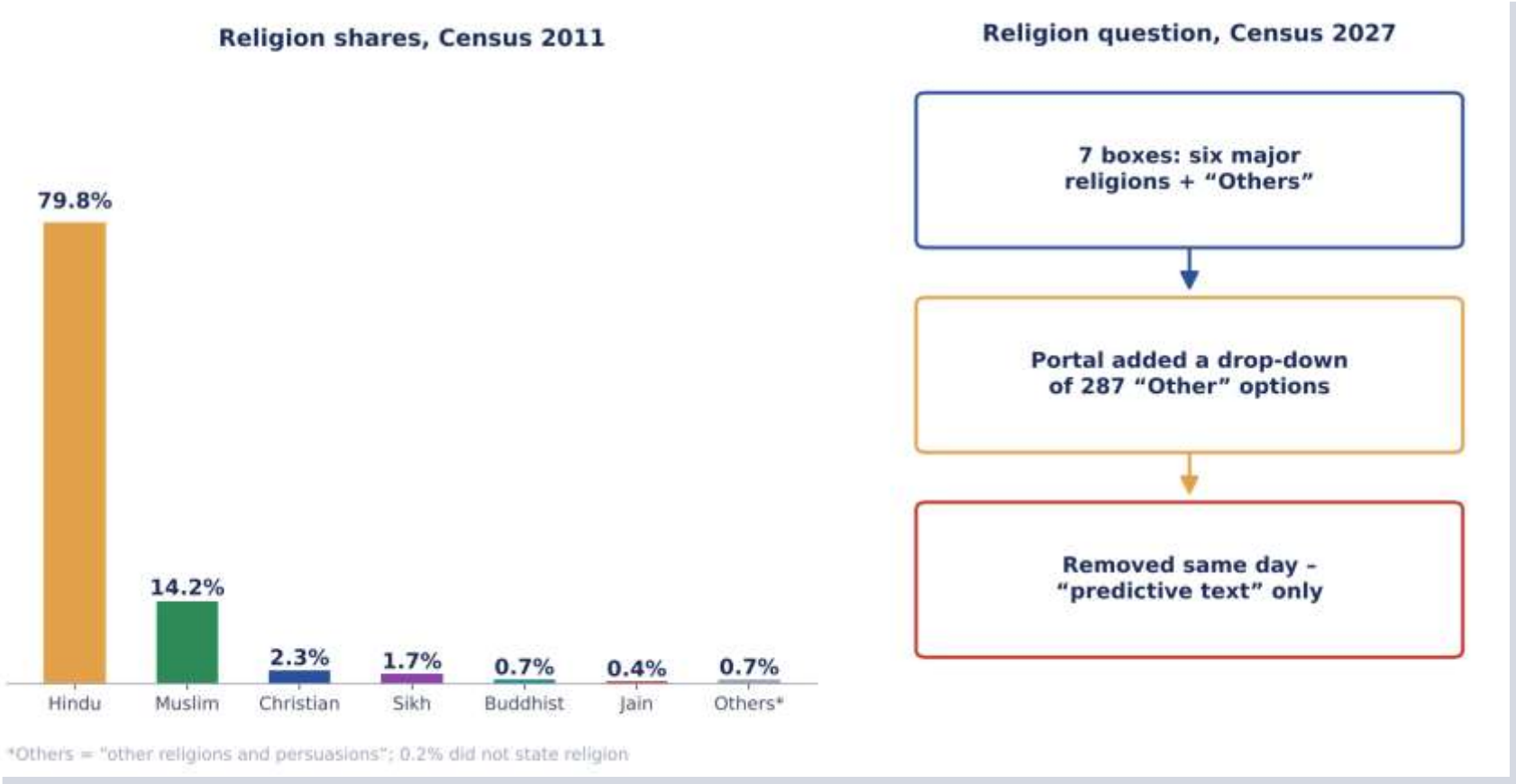
- **Bishnoi** – Guru Jambheshwar (1485)
  बिश्नोई
- **ISKCON** – A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada (1966)
  इस्कॉन
- **Dev Samaj** – Shiv Narayan Agnihotri (1887)
  देव समाज

16 Basaveshwara | बसवेश्वर

- 12th-century **Lingayat** reformer, Karnataka
  लिंगायत
- Set up **Anubhava Mantapa** – a hall of debate
  अनुभव मंटप
- Wrote **vachanas** against caste
  वचन

287 'other' religions briefly listed on Census portal — Map & Diagram

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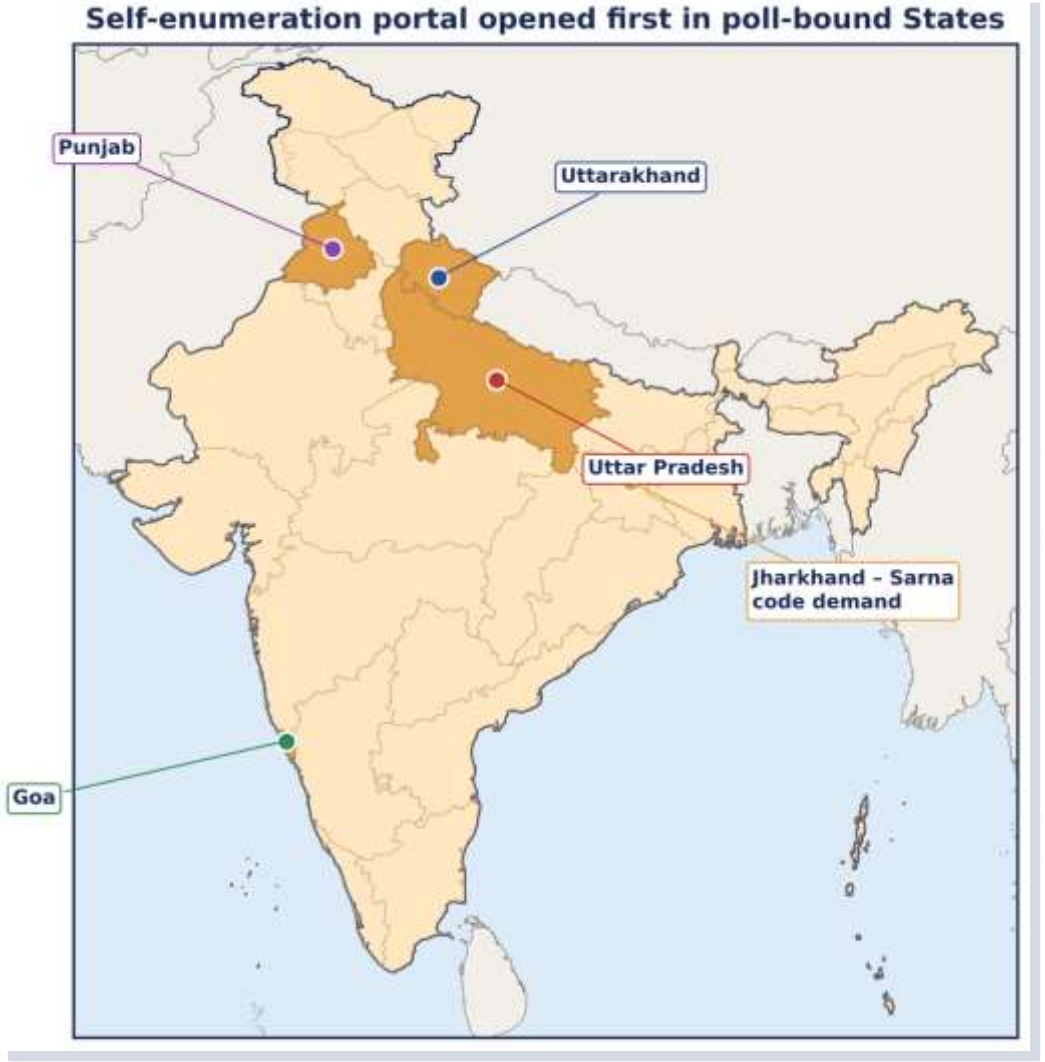


Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- Six major religions = **~99%** of people
  99%
- 2011 religion data was released in **2015**
  2015 में जारी
- Every Census asks religion as a **self-declared** answer
  स्व-घोषणा

287 ‘other’ religions briefly listed on Census portal — Map & Diagram

जनगणना पोर्टल पर 287 ‘अन्य’ धर्म — मानचित्र व आरेख



Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- Families can **fill forms online** themselves
  ऑनलाइन फ़ॉर्म
- Enumerators still **verify at the door**
  घर-घर सत्यापन
- **Sarna** followers live mostly in Jharkhand–Odisha belt
  सरना


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News

INBRIEF

'India shows us a picture of colour and complexity'

Divergent positions mark draft text of COP31 in Turkiye

Tech reforms help strengthen public accountability: CAG

Number of Indian students in U.S. varsities sees decline

Chargesheet filed against six in terror funding case

SC pulls up Centre over relocating heritage library

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Foetal spinal surgery performed

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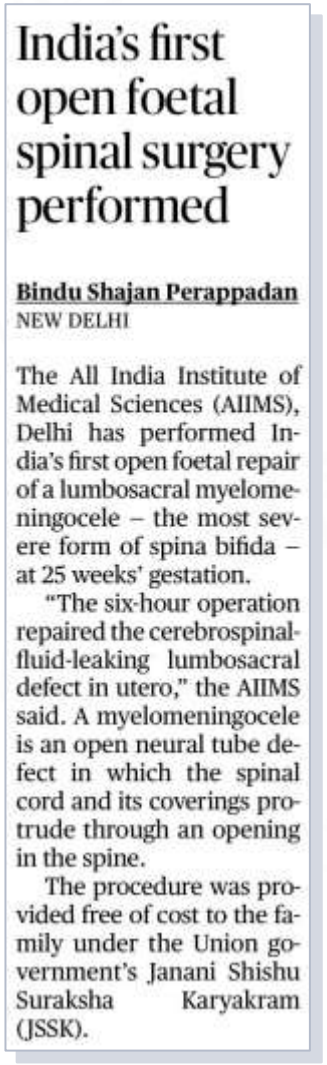
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1 **Foetal spinal surgery | भ्रूण सर्जरी**

AIIMS performs India's first open foetal spinal surgery

भारत की पहली भ्रूण रीढ़ सर्जरी



India's first open foetal spinal surgery performed

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi has performed India's first open foetal repair of a lumbosacral myelomeningocele – the most severe form of spina bifida – at 25 weeks' gestation.

"The six-hour operation repaired the cerebrospinal-fluid-leaking lumbosacral defect in utero," the AIIMS said. A myelomeningocele is an open neural tube defect in which the spinal cord and its coverings protrude through an opening in the spine.

The procedure was provided free of cost to the family under the Union government's Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK).

India's First Open Foetal Spinal Surgery
Performed at AIIMS Delhi

एम्स दिल्ली ने गर्भ के 25वें सप्ताह में भ्रूण की रीढ़ के निचले हिस्से में मायलोमेनिंगोसील (स्पाइना बिफ़िडा का सबसे गंभीर रूप) की खुली सर्जरी कर देश में पहली बार भ्रूण का गर्भाशय के भीतर ही उपचार किया; इलाज जननी शिशु सुरक्षा कार्यक्रम के तहत मुफ़्त

AIIMS Delhi
एम्स दिल्ली

1 The surgery | सर्जरी

- Done by **AIIMS, New Delhi**
  एम्स
- **Open foetal repair** – baby operated inside the womb
  गर्भ में
- A **first** for India
  देश में पहली

2 The condition | बीमारी

- **Myelomeningocele** – most severe **spina bifida**
  मायलोमेनिंगोसील
- An **open neural tube defect**
  न्यूरल ट्यूब दोष
- **Spinal cord & coverings** push out through the spine
  रीढ़ से बाहर

3 Key numbers
मुख्य आँकड़े

6 hrs Operation time अवधि	**25 wks** Pregnancy stage गर्भावस्था
₹0 Cost to family ख़र्च	**JSSK** Scheme used योजना

AIIMS performs India's first open foetal spinal surgery — in depth (1/2)

भारत की पहली भ्रूण रीढ़ सर्जरी — विस्तार से (1/2)

4 Why operate in the womb गर्भ में क्यों

- Covers the exposed cord **early**, limiting nerve damage
  जल्दी सुरक्षा
- Can reduce need for a **brain shunt** (hydrocephalus)
  शंट
- Backed by the US **MOMS trial** (2011)
  MOMS अध्ययन

5 The risks | जोखिम

- Higher chance of **premature birth**
  समय-पूर्व प्रसव
- A **uterine scar** – later births by C-section
  गर्भाशय निशान
- Only for **carefully selected** cases
  चुनिंदा मामले

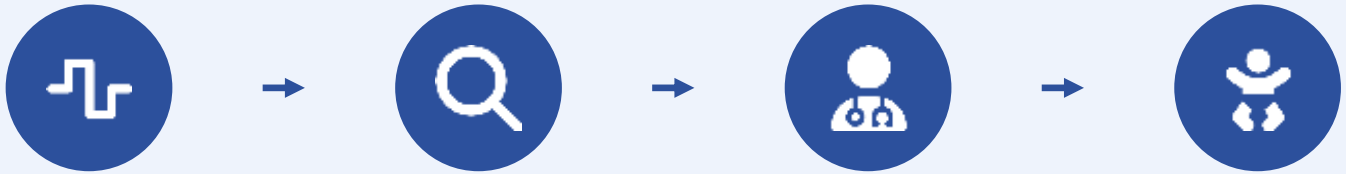
6 Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram JSSK

- Launched **2011**
  2011
- **Free** delivery, C-section, drugs, tests, diet, transport
  मुफ़्त
- For mothers & sick infants up to **one year**
  एक वर्ष तक

AIIMS performs India's first open foetal spinal surgery — in depth (2/2)

भारत की पहली भ्रूण रीढ़ सर्जरी — विस्तार से (2/2)

7 Foetal-care pathway | भ्रूण देखभाल



8 Did you know? क्या आप जानते हैं?

- Up to **70%** of NTDs can be prevented with **folic acid**
  फ़ोलिक एसिड
- Women planning pregnancy are advised **400 µg** a day
  400 माइक्रोग्राम

AIIMS performs India's first open foetal spinal surgery — background (1/2)

भारत की पहली भ्रूण रीढ़ सर्जरी — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 Vitamin deficiencies विटामिन कमी

Vitamin विटामिन	Deficiency रोग
B9 (folic acid) B9	NTDs, megaloblastic anaemia
B12 B12	Pernicious anaemia
B1 B1	Beriberi
D D	Rickets

10 Maternal-health schemes मातृ स्वास्थ्य

- **JSY** (2005) – cash for institutional delivery
  जननी सुरक्षा योजना
- **PMMVY** (2017) – ₹5,000 for first child
  मातृ वंदना
- **PMSMA** – free check-up on the **9th of every month**
  सुरक्षित मातृत्व

11 AIIMS | एम्स

- AIIMS Delhi set up by an **Act of Parliament, 1956**
  1956
- First Health Minister **Rajkumari Amrit Kaur** led it
  अमृत कौर
- New AIIMS added under **PMSSY**
  PMSSY

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भारत की पहली भ्रूण रीढ़ सर्जरी — पृष्ठभूमि (2/2)

12 How the nervous system forms | तंत्रिका तंत्र



Neural plate न्यूरल प्लेट	Neural tube न्यूरल ट्यूब	Top end ऊपरी भाग	Lower end निचला भाग
Flat sheet परत	Rolls & closes बंद	Brain मस्तिष्क	Spinal cord मेरुरज्जु

13 Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram RBSK

- Launched **2013**
  2013
- Screens children for the **4 Ds**
  4 D
- Defects, Deficiencies, Diseases, Developmental delays
  दोष, कमी, रोग, विलंब

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भारत की पहली भ्रूण रीढ़ सर्जरी — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 Medical firsts in India चिकित्सा प्रथम

First प्रथम	Detail विवरण
Test-tube baby टेस्ट-ट्यूब शिशु	1978, Kolkata (S. Mukhopadhyay)
Kidney transplant किडनी	1971, CMC Vellore
Heart transplant हृदय	1994, AIIMS (P. Venugopal)

15 Nervous system basics तंत्रिका तंत्र

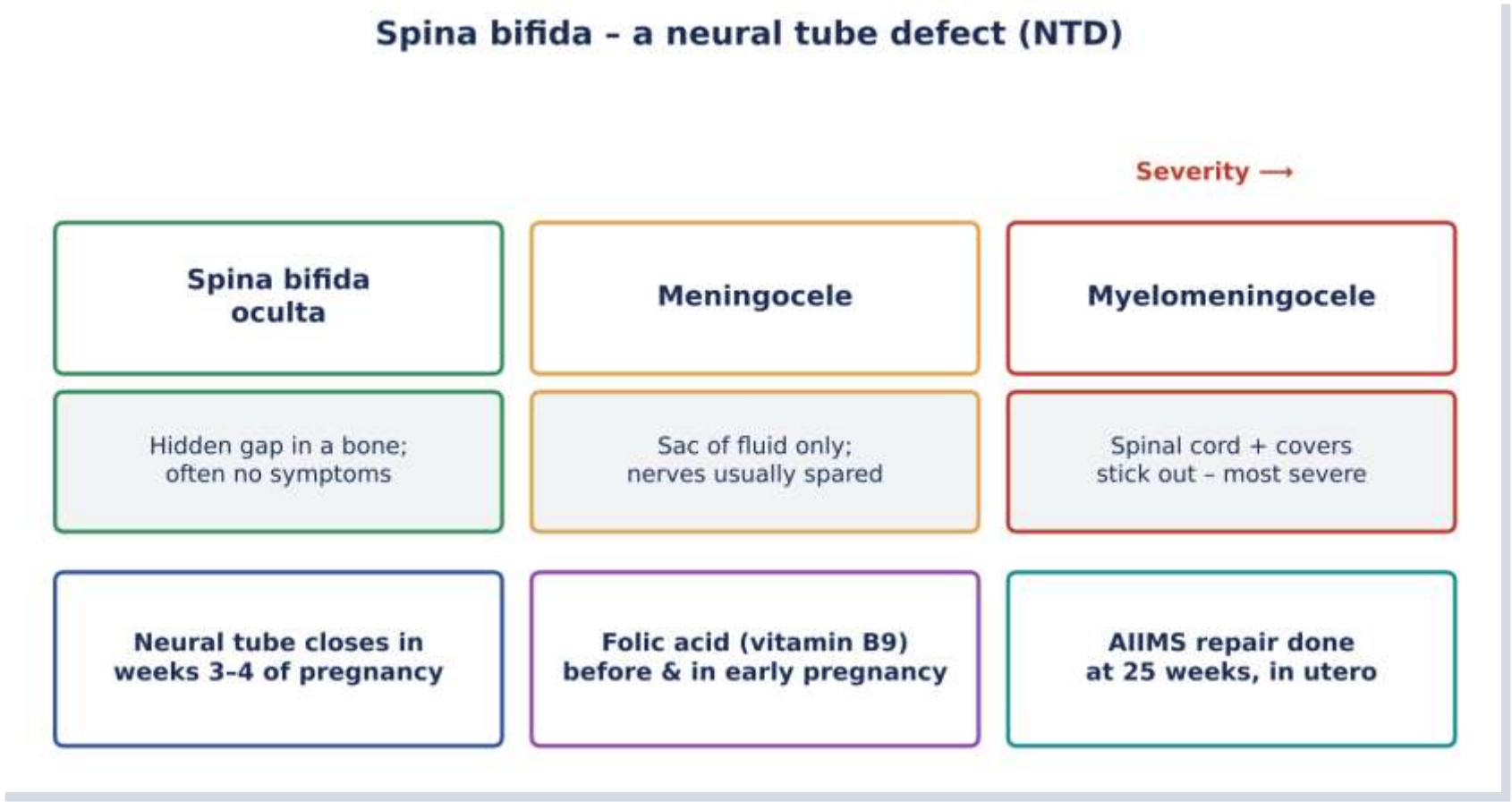
- **CNS** = brain + spinal cord
  केंद्रीय तंत्रिका तंत्र
- Spinal cord is guarded by the **vertebral column**
  कशेरुक दंड
- **Cerebrospinal fluid** cushions both
  CSF

16 Health bodies स्वास्थ्य संस्थाएँ

- **ICMR** – began **1911** as IRFA; renamed 1949
  ICMR
- **NMC** – replaced MCI in **2020**
  NMC
- **DGHS** – technical wing of the Health Ministry
  DGHS

AIIMS performs India's first open foetal spinal surgery — Map & Diagram

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Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- **Lumbosacral** = lower back region
  कमर का निचला भाग
- Open defects **leak cerebrospinal fluid**
  CSF रिसाव
- Can cause **leg weakness & bladder** problems
  लकवा, मूत्राशय

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- AIIMS – India's premier **public hospital**
  सार्वजनिक अस्पताल
- Free care cuts **out-of-pocket** spending
  जेब ख़र्च
- Brings advanced care within reach of **poor families**
  ग़रीबों तक



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इज़राइल की जल तकनीक



Israel eyes long-term partnership with India, showcases tech-driven water treatm

Harikishan Sharma
Tel Aviv, November 16

EYEING LONG-TERM partnerships with India in the water sector, Israel has showcased technology-driven solutions for water and sewage treatment, including fibre-optic sensor-based technology for diagnosing faults in water treatment systems and an AI-based platform for managing the secondary wastewater treatment process in sewage treatment plants (STP).

The solutions were showcased during the visit of an Indian delegation of engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) companies and municipal officials invited by the Israeli government. The delegation visited several water treatment facilities and participated in the 12th Kinneret Water Conference held at the Sea of Galilee from November 10 to 12.

The fibre-optic sensor-based technology diagnoses faults in membranes inside pressure vessels of reverse osmosis water treatment systems that are mainly used in industries like chemicals, beverages, mining, and data centers, which uses a large quantity of water.

Percle, the startup that developed the technology, calls it the "MRI" of reverse osmosis.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Sian Banik, CEO and founder of Percle, said this technology transforms passive vessels into predictive, smart assets. "We are optimising water treatment systems, specifically reverse osmosis systems in industrial settings mainly, but also in municipals," he said.

"We do it using our proprietary sensing layer that is based on optical fibres. Using these unique sensors, we are monitoring the effectiveness and the health of the components in water treatment systems".

"The membranes, no one knows how they behave. Some of them get fouled over time. Some of them have some mechanical breaches, for example. They can break down. And we can check it down exactly. Once you track it down, you can handle it much more efficiently," he said, explaining the process.

The AI-based platform for managing the secondary wastewater treatment process combines AI, data, and microscopic visions from the STP reactor to-

...ient plants

gether with all the regular process parameters.

"We build every plant that we work with a biomass profile, a process profile, and enable it to do troubleshooting, process optimisation, and of course raise red flags before issues start, or when they are there, to solve it better," said Offir Inbar, founder of Maji, the startup that developed the platform.

Inbar said the solution can detect the cause of foaming in an STP reactor. "In the reactor, one of the biggest problems is foaming. When you have foaming, you're not able to remove parameters like ammonia and phosphorus from your plant. This is a big problem," he said, adding that the solution works with both municipal and industrial plants.

Among other featured tech-based solutions was trenchless automated leakage repair (TALR), developed by Curapipe, another startup. This technology "self-detects" water leaks and automatically seals them.

Noa Armalem, water attaché at Israel embassy in India, said the primary objective of hosting this delegation is to familiarise leading Indian EPC companies with the latest state-of-the-art technologies and solutions in the Israeli water sector.

"We want the participating companies to go beyond presentations and theoretical discussions and actually see these technologies operating on the ground. Through visits to desalination plants, wastewater treatment facilities, water management institutions, and technology companies, they will gain first-hand exposure to Israel's experience and expertise," she said. "Ultimately, we want this delegation to serve as a starting point for long-term partnerships, joint ventures, and concrete projects that contribute to the growth of the water sectors in both countries," she added.

The delegation also visited several water treatment facilities, including Sorek 2 desalination plant, with a capacity of 670,000 cubic metres per day. The plant, built and operated by Israel's leading water company IDE Technologies, takes water from the Mediterranean Sea and makes it potable with a reverse osmosis system.

Harikishan Sharma is in Tel Aviv on the invitation of the Israeli government

Israel Eyes Long-Term Water Partnership with India, Showcases Tech

इज़राइल सरकार के निमंत्रण पर भारतीय EPC कंपनियों और नगर अधिकारियों के प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने जल-शोधन संयंत्र देखे और 12वें किनेरेट जल सम्मेलन में भाग लिया – फ़ाइबर-ऑप्टिक सेंसर से RO झिल्लियों की जाँच और AI से सीवेज संयंत्र प्रबंधन जैसी तकनीकें दिखाई गईं

India–Israel
भारत–इज़राइल

1 The visit | यात्रा

- Indian **EPC firms & municipal officials**
  प्रतिनिधिमंडल
- Invited by the **Israeli government**
  निमंत्रण
- At the **12th Kinneret Water Conference**, 10–12 Nov
  किनेरेट सम्मेलन

2 Perciv's sensors | परसिव

- **Fibre-optic sensors** check RO membranes
  फ़ाइबर-ऑप्टिक
- Called the "**MRI of reverse osmosis**"
  RO का MRI
- For **chemicals, beverages, mining, data centres**
  उद्योग

3 Maji's AI platform | माजी

- AI for **secondary sewage treatment**
  AI
- Uses **microscopic videos** of the reactor
  सूक्ष्म वीडियो
- Spots **foaming** that blocks ammonia & phosphorus removal
  झाग

Israel showcases water tech, eyes long-term partnership with India — in depth (1/2)

इज़राइल की जल तकनीक — विस्तार से (1/2)

4 Curapipe's fix क्यूरापाइप

- **Trenchless automated leakage repair** (TALR)
  बिना खुदाई
- Pipes **self-detect** leaks
  रिसाव पहचान
- And **seal them automatically**
  स्वतः मरम्मत

5 Sorek-2 plant | सोरेक-2

- Capacity **6.7 lakh m³ a day**
  क्षमता
- Built by **IDE Technologies**
  IDE
- Turns **Mediterranean** seawater potable
  भूमध्य सागर

6 Israel's aim | उद्देश्य

- Water attaché **Noa Amsalem**: see tech "on the ground"
  नोआ अमसालेम
- Seeks **joint ventures** & long-term projects
  संयुक्त उद्यम
- Growth of **water sectors** in both nations
  दोनों देश

Israel showcases water tech, eyes long-term partnership with India — in depth (2/2)

इज़राइल की जल तकनीक — विस्तार से (2/2)

7 Sewage treatment stages | सीवेज शोधन

Primary प्राथमिक	Secondary द्वितीयक	Tertiary तृतीयक	Reuse पुनः उपयोग
Settle solids ठोस	Bacteria जीवाणु	Polish शुद्धि	Farms, industry खेती

8 Did you know? क्या आप जानते हैं?

- Israel reuses **~90%** of its wastewater – world's highest
  90%
- Modern **drip irrigation** came from Israel (**Netafim**, 1965)
  ड्रिप सिंचाई

Israel showcases water tech, eyes long-term partnership with India — background (1/2)

इज़राइल की जल तकनीक — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 India–Israel ties | संबंध

Year वर्ष	Milestone उपलब्धि
1992 **1992**	Full diplomatic ties
2017 **2017**	First Indian PM visit; strategic partnership
Ongoing **जारी**	Indo-Israel Centres of Excellence (agri)

10 India's water stress
जल संकट

- **~18%** of world's people, **~4%** of freshwater
  18% बनाम 4%
- **Jal Jeevan Mission** (2019) – tap water to rural homes
  जल जीवन मिशन
- **Jal Shakti Ministry** formed in **2019**
  जल शक्ति

11 Desalination in India
भारत में विलवणीकरण

- **Chennai** – Minjur & Nemmeli plants
  चेन्नई
- Tamil Nadu leads in seawater desalination
  तमिलनाडु
- Costly due to **energy & brine** issues
  महँगा

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इज़राइल की जल तकनीक — पृष्ठभूमि (2/2)

12 Urban water missions | शहरी जल मिशन

Namami Gange नमामि गंगे	AMRUT अमृत	Jal Jeevan जल जीवन	AMRUT 2.0 अमृत 2.0
2014 2014	2015 2015	2019 2019	2021 2021

13 Water ideas from Israel
इज़राइली मॉडल

- **Drip & micro-irrigation** – more crop per drop
  सूक्ष्म सिंचाई
- **Treated sewage** for farming
  शोधित जल
- Smart **leak control** in city pipes
  रिसाव नियंत्रण

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इज़राइल की जल तकनीक — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 Israel at a glance इज़राइल

Fact तथ्य	Detail विवरण
Capital (claimed) राजधानी	Jerusalem
Currency मुद्रा	New Shekel
Parliament संसद	Knesset
PM प्रधानमंत्री	Benjamin Netanyahu

15 Water bodies | जल निकाय

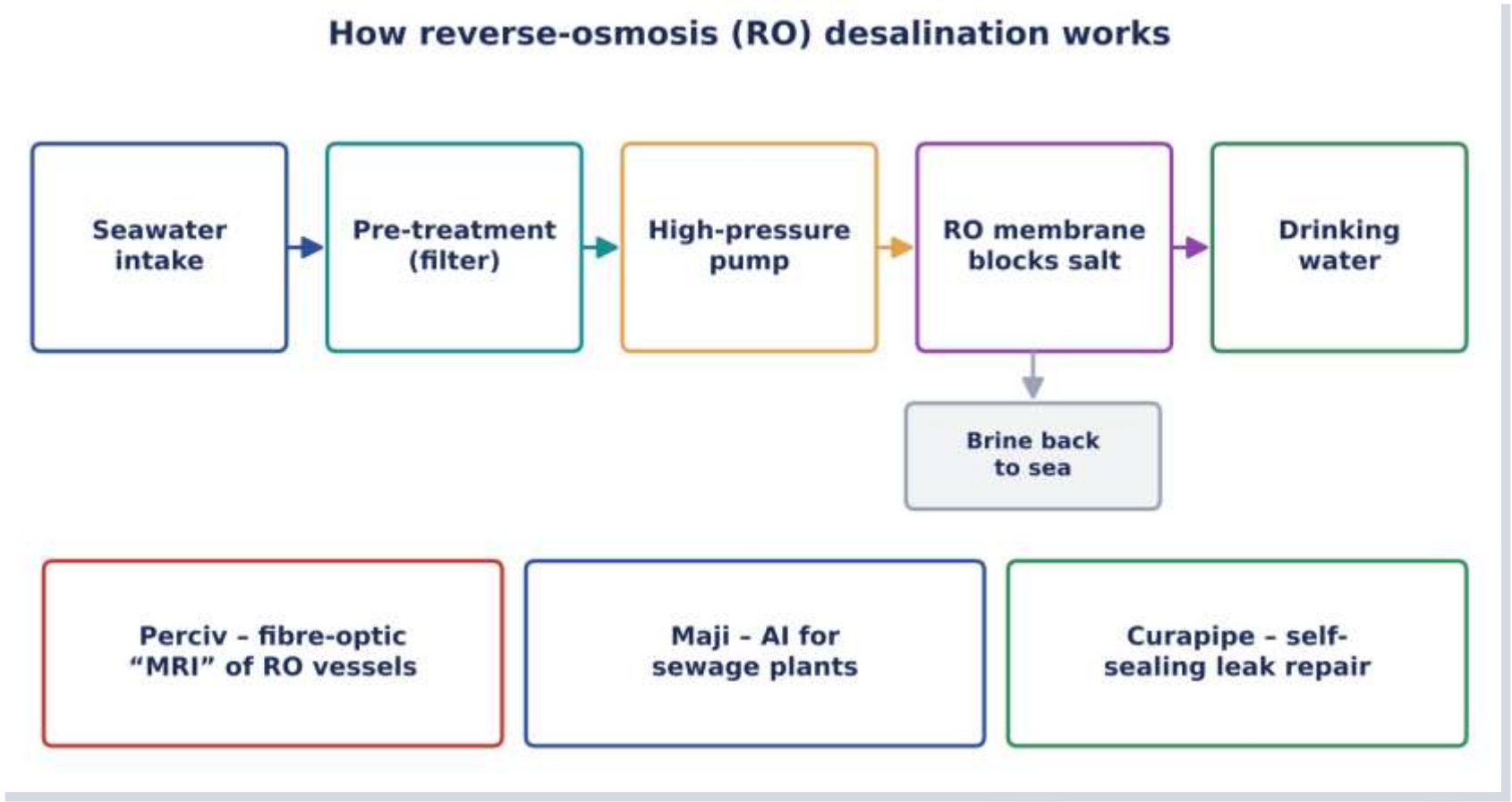
- **Sea of Galilee** – lowest freshwater lake on Earth
  गलील सागर
- **Dead Sea** – lowest point on land
  मृत सागर
- **Jordan River** links the two
  जॉर्डन नदी

16 Water days | जल दिवस

- **22 March** – World Water Day
  विश्व जल दिवस
- **19 November** – World Toilet Day
  विश्व शौचालय दिवस
- **2 February** – World Wetlands Day
  आर्द्रभूमि दिवस

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Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- Membrane lets **water through, not salt**
  झिल्ली
- Leftover **brine** is hard to dispose
  खारा अवशेष
- Pumping needs a lot of **energy**
  ऊर्जा ख़र्च

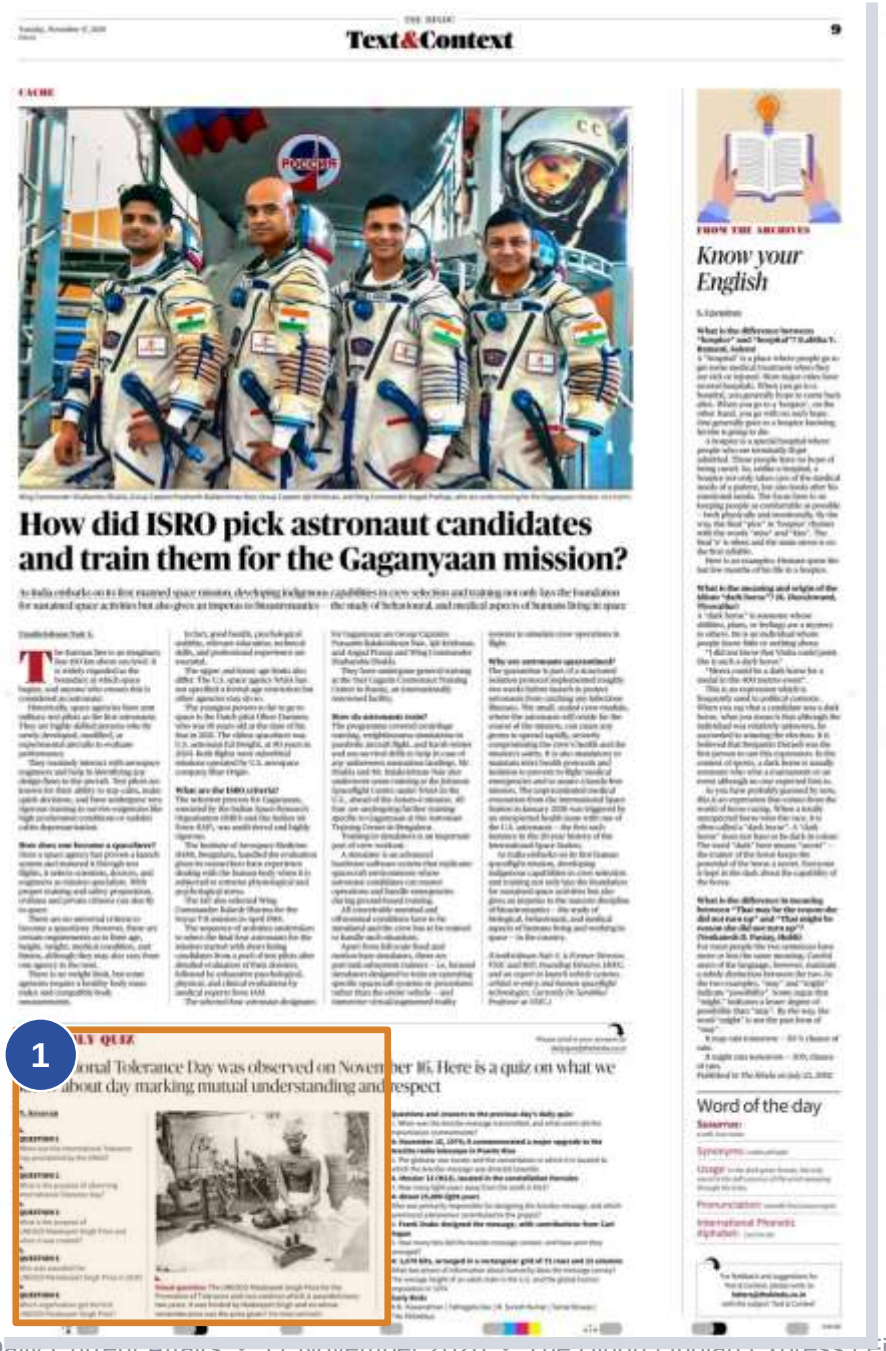
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Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- About **60%** of Israel is **Negev desert**
  नेगेव मरुस्थल
- **Sea of Galilee** – Israel's main freshwater lake
  गलील सागर
- Tel Aviv to Delhi ≈ **4,000 km**
  दूरी


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How did ISRO pick astronaut candidates and train them for the Gaganyaan mission?

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Know your English

Word of the day

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1 **Daily Quiz: Tolerance Day | सहिष्णुता दिवस**

International Day for Tolerance & the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize

अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहिष्णुता दिवस

THE DAILY QUIZ

International Tolerance Day was observed on November 16. Here is a quiz on what we know about day marking mutual understanding and respect

N. Kesavan

QUESTION 1

When was the International Tolerance Day proclaimed by the UNGA?

QUESTION 2

What is the purpose of observing International Tolerance Day?

QUESTION 3

What is the purpose of UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize and when it was created?

QUESTION 5

Who was awarded the UNESCO-Mandanjeet Singh Prize in 2026?

QUESTION 6

Which organisation got the first UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize?



Visual question: The UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and non-violence which is awarded every two years. It was funded by Madanjeet Singh and on whose rememberance was the prize given? THE HINDU ARCHIVES

International Day for Tolerance:
Respect, Harmony & Non-Violence

16 November
16 नवंबर

16 नवंबर को अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहिष्णुता दिवस मनाया गया – यूनेस्को ने 1995 में इसी दिन सहिष्णुता के सिद्धांतों की घोषणा अपनाई थी; यूनेस्को-मदनजीत सिंह पुरस्कार 2026 समोआ विक्टिम सपोर्ट ग्रुप को मिला

1 The day | दिवस

- Observed on **16 November**
  16 नवंबर
- UNESCO adopted the **Declaration of Principles on Tolerance** (1995)
  घोषणा
- UNGA invited all nations to observe it (**1996**)
  UNGA

2 Its purpose | उद्देश्य

- Build **mutual understanding** among cultures
  आपसी समझ
- Warn of the dangers of **intolerance**
  असहिष्णुता
- Tolerance = "**harmony in difference**"
  विविधता में सामंजस्य

3 The prize | पुरस्कार

- **UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize** – set up 1995, first given 1996
  स्थापना
- **US$100,000**, every **two years**
  राशि
- For promoting **tolerance & non-violence**
  उद्देश्य

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अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहिष्णुता दिवस — विस्तार से (1/2)

4 2026 laureate
2026 विजेता

- **Samoa Victim Support Group** (SVSG), est. 2005
  SVSG
- Fights violence; protects **women & children**
  महिला, बच्चे
- **First Pacific** organisation to win
  प्रशांत से पहला

5 Madanjeet Singh
मदनजीत सिंह

- Indian **artist, writer & diplomat**
  कलाकार, राजनयिक
- **UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador**
  सद्भावना दूत
- Founded the **South Asia Foundation** (2000)
  साउथ एशिया फ़ाउंडेशन

6 The Gandhi link
गांधी से संबंध

- Prize marks **Gandhi's 125th birth anniversary**
  125वीं जयंती
- **2 October** – International Day of Non-Violence (2007)
  अहिंसा दिवस
- Quiz's visual: Gandhi at his **charkha**
  चरखा

International Day for Tolerance & the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize — in depth (2/2)

अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहिष्णुता दिवस — विस्तार से (2/2)

7 Gandhi's ideas | गांधी के विचार

Satyagraha सत्याग्रह	Ahimsa अहिंसा	Sarvodaya सर्वोदय	Swadeshi स्वदेशी
Truth-force सत्य बल	Non-violence अहिंसा	Welfare of all सबका उदय	Self-reliance आत्मनिर्भरता

8 Did you know? क्या आप जानते हैं?

- India was a **founding member** of UNESCO (1946)
  संस्थापक सदस्य
- Gandhi was nominated **five times** for the Nobel Peace Prize but never won
  नोबेल नहीं

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अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहिष्णुता दिवस — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 More laureates अन्य विजेता

Year वर्ष	Laureate विजेता
2000 2000	Pope Shenouda III (Egypt)
2004 2004	Taslima Nasreen (Bangladesh)
2018 2018	Manon Barbeau; Coexist Initiative
2022 2022	Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong (Cameroon)

10 UNESCO | यूनेस्को

- Founded **1945**, HQ **Paris** **पेरिस**
- **194** member states **194 सदस्य**
- Runs the **World Heritage** list (1972 Convention) **विश्व धरोहर**

11 Constitution on harmony संविधान

- Preamble: "**secular**" (42nd Amendment, 1976) **पंथनिरपेक्ष**
- **Art 51A(e)** – promote harmony & brotherhood **मूल कर्तव्य**
- **Art 15** – no discrimination by religion, caste, sex **अनु. 15**

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अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहिष्णुता दिवस — पृष्ठभूमि (2/2)

12 UN days for peace | शांति दिवस

21 Sep 21 सितं.	2 Oct 2 अक्टू.	16 Nov 16 नवं.	10 Dec 10 दिसं.
Peace Day शांति	Non-Violence अहिंसा	Tolerance सहिष्णुता	Human Rights मानवाधिकार

13 India's tolerance tradition भारतीय परंपरा

- **Ashoka's Rock Edict XII** – respect all sects
  अशोक
- **Akbar's Sulh-i-kul** & Ibadat Khana (1575)
  सुलह-ए-कुल
- **Kabir & Guru Nanak** – unity of faiths
  कबीर, नानक

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अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहिष्णुता दिवस — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 UNESCO prizes यूनेस्को पुरस्कार

Prize पुरस्कार	For क्षेत्र
Kalinga (1952) कलिंग	Popularising science
Guillermo Cano गिलर्मो कानो	Press freedom
Madanjeet Singh मदनजीत सिंह	Tolerance
Houphouët-Boigny हुफ़ुए-बोयनी	Peace

15 Samoa | समोआ

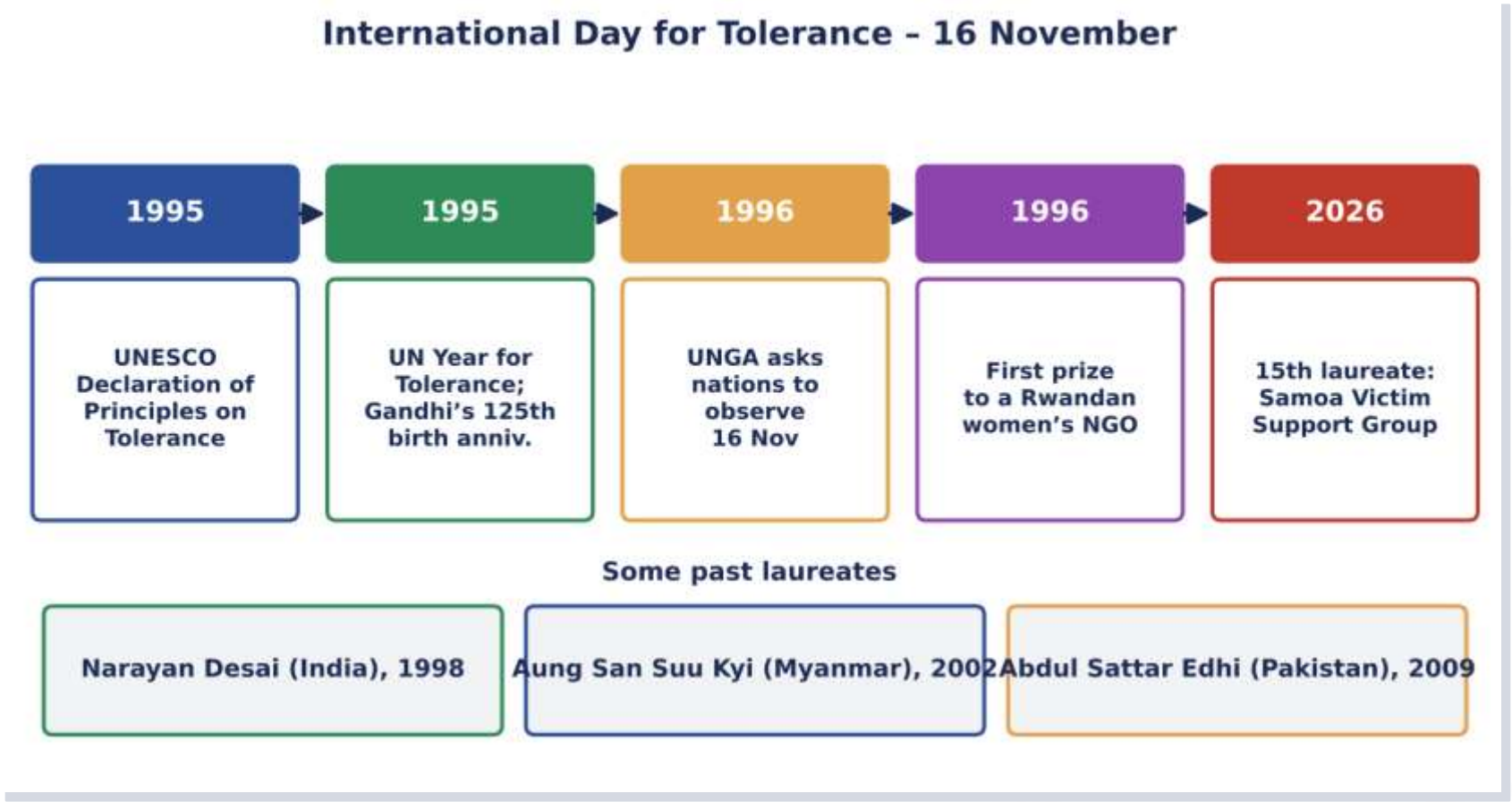
- Pacific island nation; capital **Apia** एपिया
- **Commonwealth** member राष्ट्रमंडल
- Hosted **CHOGM 2024** CHOGM 2024

16 Indian Nobel Peace laureates नोबेल शांति

- **Mother Teresa** – 1979 मदर टेरेसा
- **Kailash Satyarthi** – 2014 (with Malala) कैलाश सत्यार्थी
- Also: **Dalai Lama** (1989), living in India दलाई लामा

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अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहिष्णुता दिवस — मानचित्र व आरेख



Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- UNESCO's Constitution was also signed on **16 Nov 1945**
  16 नवं. 1945
- Tolerance is "**not concession**" but active respect
  सक्रिय सम्मान
- Laureates from **Asia, Africa, Americas & Pacific**
  सभी महाद्वीप

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Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- Ceremony at **UNESCO HQ, Paris**, 16 Nov 2026
  पेरिस
- Samoa is **16,000+ km** from Paris
  दूरी
- Madanjeet Singh was born in **Lahore** (1924)
  लाहौर


Sport

Blustery Wellington all in readiness for main course

Blockbuster trades set up the table for 20th iteration

Alcaraz makes short work of Tiafoe

Vaishali's win puts paid to Arjun's semifinal hopes

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1 **Andreeva wins WTA Finals | एंड्रीवा**

Andreeva, 19, wins WTA Finals without losing a set

एंड्रीवा ने WTA फ़ाइनल्स जीता

Hip, hip, hooray! Andreeva won the season-ending championship without losing a set. AP

Unbeaten Andreeva caps dream debut with title

WTA FINALS

Associated Press
INDIAN WELLS

Mirra Andreeva defeated Elina Svitolina 7-5, 6-3 to win the WTA Finals on Sunday without dropping a set over five matches at the season-ending event.

The 19-year-old Russian jumped in the air when Svitolina netted an easy smash on the second match-point, culminating a week in which Andreeva clinched a career-high world No. 2 ranking to end the year.

Andreeva became the 11th player to win the Finals without losing a set, joining among others Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova and Serena Williams, all of whom did it multiple times.

Andreeva won five of the last six games to close out the nearly two-hour match that featured nine breaks of serve across 21 games.

Svitolina won both of the match's longest games of six deuces each in the second set. She needed seven break points before Andreeva's forehand sailed long to tie it 1-1.

Svitolina survived four break points to hold trailing 4-3 on another forehand error by her opponent.

Svitolina won just two points over the final two games. Her forehand hit the net-cord and dropped on her side to set up triple match-point for Andreeva. One point later, Svitolina blew an easy smash playing on the sunny side of the court to end it.

Andreeva, 19, wins WTA Finals without losing a set

Associated Press
Indian Wells, November 16

MIRRA ANDREEVA won the WTA Finals without dropping a set to end a year in which she won her first major and ascended to No. 2 in the world. Now, all tennis' latest teen queen needs is a driver's license.

The 19-year-old Russian defeated Elina Svitolina of Ukraine 7-5, 6-3 on Sunday, going 5-0 at the season-ending championships. Her results helped clinch her career-high ranking, just behind Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan.

Andreeva won $3.37 million and a one-of-a-kind ultraviolet purple Mercedes-Benz convertible. She happily got behind the wheel after the car was driven onto the court at Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

"This is an amazing motivation for me to get my driver's license as fast as I can," she said. "If not, then look, I have five people on my team. I'm going to be a passenger's princess forever, that's also an option for me." Andreeva became the 11th player to win the Finals without losing a set, joining among others Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova and Serena Williams, all of whom did it multiple times.



Mirra Andreeva beat Elina Svitolina 7-5, 6-3 in the final. AP

She jumped in the air when Svitolina netted an easy smash on the second match point.

During the awards presentation, Andreeva wore a jacket with the phrase I want to thank myself' stamped on the front, and then she did just that.

"I want to thank myself for always doing the hard work, for never quitting, for always believing in myself, for not taking the days off, for working every day and for committing to what I have to do," she said. "Just thanks to myself without any reason." Andreeva won five of the last six games to close out the nearly two-hour match that featured nine breaks of serve across 21 games.

After match point, Andreeva ran to hug coach Conchita Martinez in the stands. Svitolina, a 32-year-old mother, sat down in her chair.

The players did not take part in the traditional post-match handshake or pose for photos together before the match. Svitolina and others from her country have refused to shake hands with players from Russia and Belarus since Moscow's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 in line with policy set by the Ukrainian Tennis Federation.

Alcaraz routs Tiafoe

Facing a player who had pushed him to five sets in their previous two meetings, Carlos Alcaraz made sure not to get into an extended battle with Frances Tiafoe this time. The third-ranked Alcaraz kept up his strong end-of-the season form with a dominant 6-2, 6-2 victory over Tiafoe in his opening match at the ATP Finals.

Alcaraz had tape around right knee but showed no signs of discomfort as he raced all over the court in a commanding display to extend his winning streak to 10 matches.

Alcaraz finished off the first set in a mere 28 minutes after racing out to a 4-0 lead and also broke early in the second.

Alcaraz is aiming for his third straight title indoors after lifting trophies in Vienna and Paris. He's also aiming to claim the title at Finals for the first time after losing last year's championship match in Turin to Jannik Sinner.

Alcaraz required five sets to beat Tiafoe in the 2022 US Open semifinals and the third round of Wimbledon in 2024. He went on to claim the title after both of those victories.

This time, Alcaraz produced 21 winners to Tiafoe's 12 and claimed all 12 points against Tiafoe's second serve.

Andreeva, 19, Wins WTA Finals Without Losing a Set

19 वर्षीय रूसी खिलाड़ी मीरा एंड्रीवा ने इंडियन वेल्स (अमेरिका) में यूक्रेन की एलिना स्वितोलिना को 7-5, 6-3 से हराकर बिना एक भी सेट गँवाए WTA फ़ाइनल्स जीता; पदार्पण में ही ख़िताब और करियर की सर्वश्रेष्ठ विश्व नंबर 2 रैंकिंग

WTA Finals 2026
WTA फ़ाइनल्स

1 The final | फ़ाइनल

- Beat **Elina Svitolina** (Ukraine) **7-5, 6-3**
  स्वितोलिना
- Played at **Indian Wells**, California
  इंडियन वेल्स
- Won on the 2nd match point – a **missed smash**
  स्मैश

2 The record | रिकॉर्ड

- **11th** player to win the Finals **without losing a set**
  11वीं
- Joins **Chris Evert, Navratilova, Serena**
  दिग्गज
- Won it on her **debut**
  पहली बार में

3 Her year | उसका साल

- Won her **first major** (Grand Slam) in 2026
  पहला ग्रैंड स्लैम
- Also won a **purple Mercedes-Benz** convertible
  मर्सिडीज़
- Jacket read: "**I want to thank myself**"
  "ख़ुद को धन्यवाद"

Andreeva, 19, wins WTA Finals without losing a set — in depth (1/2)

एंड्रीवा ने WTA फ़ाइनल्स जीता — विस्तार से (1/2)

4 Match story | मैच

- **9 breaks** of serve in 21 games
  9 ब्रेक
- Won **5 of the last 6** games
  आख़िरी 6 में 5
- Svitolina won two marathon **six-deuce** games
  ड्यूस

5 No handshake हाथ नहीं मिलाया

- Ukrainians don't shake hands with **Russian & Belarusian** players
  रूस, बेलारूस
- Since the **2022 invasion** of Ukraine
  2022
- Policy of the **Ukrainian Tennis Federation**
  महासंघ नीति

6 ATP Finals | ATP फ़ाइनल्स

- **Alcaraz** beat **Tiafoe 6-2, 6-2**
  अल्कराज़
- **10-match** winning streak
  10 जीत
- Seeks first Finals title after losing 2025 final to **Sinner**
  सिनर

Andreeva, 19, wins WTA Finals without losing a set — in depth (2/2)

एंड्रीवा ने WTA फ़ाइनल्स जीता — विस्तार से (2/2)

7 Season-ending events | सत्रांत प्रतियोगिताएँ

WTA Finals WTA	ATP Finals ATP	BJK Cup बीजेके कप	Davis Cup डेविस कप
Top 8 women शीर्ष 8	Top 8 men शीर्ष 8	Women's teams महिला टीमें	Men's teams पुरुष टीमें

8 Did you know? क्या आप जानते हैं?

- The **WTA** was founded in **1973** by **Billie Jean King**
  1973
- The women's team event is named after her – **Billie Jean King Cup**
  BJK कप

Andreeva, 19, wins WTA Finals without losing a set — background (1/2)

एंड्रीवा ने WTA फ़ाइनल्स जीता — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 Most WTA Finals titles सर्वाधिक ख़िताब

Player खिलाड़ी	Titles ख़िताब
Martina Navratilova नवरातिलोवा	8
Serena Williams सेरेना	5
Steffi Graf ग्राफ़	5
Chris Evert एवर्ट	4

10 Indian tennis greats भारतीय टेनिस

- **Leander Paes** – Olympic bronze, Atlanta 1996
  लिएंडर पेस
- **Sania Mirza** – 6 Grand Slam doubles titles
  सानिया मिर्ज़ा
- **Rohan Bopanna** – oldest doubles No. 1 (2024)
  बोपन्ना

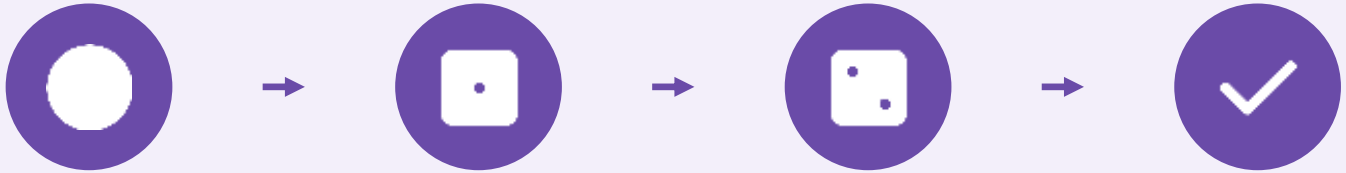
11 War & sport युद्ध और खेल

- Russian & Belarusian players play as **neutrals** – no flag
  तटस्थ
- At Paris 2024: "**Individual Neutral Athletes**"
  AIN
- Rule began after the **2022 invasion** of Ukraine
  2022 से

Andreeva, 19, wins WTA Finals without losing a set — background (2/2)

एंड्रीवा ने WTA फ़ाइनल्स जीता — पृष्ठभूमि (2/2)

12 Tennis scoring | टेनिस स्कोर



Love लव	15 15	30 → 40 30 → 40	Game गेम
0 points शून्य	1 point 1 अंक	2, 3 points 2, 3 अंक	4th point चौथा अंक

13 Governing bodies | शासी निकाय

- **ITF** – world body, founded **1913**
  ITF
- **ATP** – men's tour, **1972**
  ATP
- **AITA** – India's body, **1920**
  AITA

Andreeva, 19, wins WTA Finals without losing a set — Static GK

एंड्रीवा ने WTA फ़ाइनल्स जीता — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 Grand Slams ग्रैंड स्लैम

Event प्रतियोगिता	Surface सतह
Australian Open ऑस्ट्रेलियन	Hard
French Open फ्रेंच	Clay
Wimbledon विंबलडन	Grass
US Open यूएस	Hard

15 Tennis terms | शब्दावली

- **Ace** – serve the opponent can't touch
  ऐस
- **Deuce** – 40-40
  ड्यूस
- **Break** – winning the opponent's service game
  ब्रेक

16 Russian tennis stars रूसी सितारे

- **Maria Sharapova** – career Grand Slam
  शारापोवा
- **Daniil Medvedev** – US Open 2021
  मेदवेदेव
- **Yevgeny Kafelnikov** – first Russian men's No. 1
  काफ़ेलनिकोव

Andreeva, 19, wins WTA Finals without losing a set — Map & Diagram

एंड्रीवा ने WTA फ़ाइनल्स जीता — मानचित्र व आरेख



Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- Ranks just behind **Elena Rybakina**
  रिबाकिना के बाद
- Coached by 1994 Wimbledon champion **Conchita Martínez**
  कोच
- Next goal: a **driver's licence**!
  ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस

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Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- Indian Wells also hosts a top **Masters** event
  मास्टर्स
- Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan – all **ex-Soviet**
  पूर्व सोवियत
- Rybakina was born in **Moscow**
  मॉस्को में जन्म

Asked in Exams — guess the answer! | पहले स्वयं उत्तर सोचें

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Answers & Explanation | उत्तर व व्याख्या

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Answer: (b) — Muslims are a majority in J&K & Lakshadweep; Christians are mostly rural.
केवल 3।

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Answer: (c) — Dubai title at 17.
मीरा एंड्रीवा।

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यूनेस्को।

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Answer: (c) — Drip/micro irrigation.
स्थानीयकृत (ड्रिप) सिंचाई।

Test Yourself — Q1–4 | स्वयं को परखें

Q1 Census is a subject in which list?
जनगणना किस सूची का विषय है?

(a) State List
(b) Concurrent List
(c) Union List
(d) Residuary

Q2 Which community was notified as a minority in 2014?
2014 में किस समुदाय को अल्पसंख्यक अधिसूचित किया गया?

(a) Parsis
(b) Buddhists
(c) Jains
(d) Sikhs

Q3 Myelomeningocele is a form of:
मायलोमेनिंगोसील किसका रूप है?

(a) Heart defect
(b) Spina bifida
(c) Cleft lip
(d) Club foot

Q4 Neural tube defects are linked to deficiency of:
न्यूरल ट्यूब दोष किसकी कमी से जुड़े हैं?

(a) Vitamin C
(b) Vitamin B9 (folic acid)
(c) Vitamin K
(d) Iodine

Test Yourself — Q5–8 | स्वयं को परखें

Q5 Modern drip irrigation is associated with which country?
आधुनिक ड्रिप सिंचाई किस देश से जुड़ी है?

(a) Netherlands (b) Israel

(c) Japan (d) Egypt

Q6 Israel's parliament is called:
इज़राइल की संसद:

(a) Duma (b) Knesset

(c) Majlis (d) Bundestag

Q7 International Day for Tolerance is observed on:
अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहिष्णुता दिवस:

(a) 2 October (b) 21 September

(c) 16 November (d) 10 December

Q8 The 2026 UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize went to an organisation from:
2026 का यूनेस्को-मदनजीत सिंह पुरस्कार किस देश की संस्था को?

(a) Fiji (b) Samoa

(c) Rwanda (d) Mexico

Test Yourself — Q9–10 | स्वयं को परखें

Q9 Mirra Andreeva beat whom in the 2026 WTA Finals final?
2026 WTA फ़ाइनल्स के फ़ाइनल में एंड्रीवा ने किसे हराया?

(a) Aryna Sabalenka
(b) Elina Svitolina
(c) Iga Świątek
(d) Coco Gauff

Q10 Who has won the most WTA Finals singles titles?
सर्वाधिक WTA फ़ाइनल्स एकल ख़िताब किसके?

(a) Serena Williams
(b) Steffi Graf
(c) Martina Navratilova
(d) Chris Evert

Answer Key — Q1–5 | उत्तर व व्याख्या

1-c **Union List** — Entry 69.
संघ सूची।

2-c **Jains** — Under the NCM Act, 1992.
जैन।

3-b **Spina bifida** — Open neural tube defect.
स्पाइना बिफ़िडा।

4-b **Vitamin B9 (folic acid)** — Folate.
फ़ोलिक एसिड।

5-b **Israel** — Netafim, 1965.
इज़राइल।

Answer Key — Q6–10 | उत्तर व व्याख्या

6-b **Knesset** — Unicameral, 120 seats.
नेसेट।

7-c **16 November** — Since 1996.
16 नवंबर।

8-b **Samoa** — Samoa Victim Support Group.
समोआ।

9-b **Elina Svitolina** — 7-5, 6-3.
एलिना स्वितोलिना।

10-c **Martina Navratilova** — Eight titles.
नवरातिलोवा।

Myth Buster of the Day — Health | आज का भ्रम-भंजन

MYTH | भ्रम

"Spina bifida and other neural tube defects are purely genetic and cannot be prevented."

स्पाइना बिफ़िडा और अन्य न्यूरल ट्यूब दोष पूरी तरह आनुवंशिक हैं और इन्हें रोका नहीं जा सकता।

FACT | तथ्य

Genes play a part, but a large share of neural tube defects are preventable. The neural tube closes in the first four weeks of pregnancy – often before a woman knows she is pregnant – so taking folic acid (vitamin B9) before conception and in early pregnancy can prevent up to 70% of cases. That is why doctors advise 400 µg a day for women planning a pregnancy, and why India gives iron–folic acid tablets under Anaemia Mukt Bharat.

जीन की भूमिका होती है, लेकिन न्यूरल ट्यूब दोषों का बड़ा हिस्सा रोका जा सकता है। न्यूरल ट्यूब गर्भावस्था के पहले चार सप्ताह में बंद हो जाती है – अक्सर महिला को गर्भ का पता चलने से पहले – इसलिए गर्भधारण से पहले और शुरुआती गर्भावस्था में फ़ोलिक एसिड (विटामिन B9) लेने से 70% तक मामले रोके जा सकते हैं। इसीलिए गर्भ की योजना बना रही महिलाओं को रोज़ 400 माइक्रोग्राम की सलाह दी जाती है और एनीमिया मुक्त भारत के तहत आयरन–फ़ोलिक एसिड गोलियाँ दी जाती हैं।

💡 **Folic acid before pregnancy protects the baby's spine. | गर्भ से पहले फ़ोलिक एसिड शिशु की रीढ़ की रक्षा करता है।**


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