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## India Ranks Second Globally in Internet Shutdowns 2025 | National Current Affairs | 04 Apr 2026

### Why in News?

According to a recent report by **Access Now** and the **#KeepItOn** coalition, India recorded **65 internet shutdowns in 2025**, making it one of the **top countries globally to enforce connectivity blackouts** despite being a democratic nation.

### Key Points

- **Source:** The data from the annual internet governance report titled **“Rising Repression Meets Global Resistance: Internet Shutdowns in 2025”** published by **Access Now** and the **#KeepItOn** coalition.
- **Global Shutdown Trend:** In 2025, there were **313 deliberate internet shutdowns** recorded across **52 countries**, marking the **highest number ever documented** in a calendar year.
  - **Myanmar** topped the world with 95 internet shutdowns.
- **India’s Rank:** India ranked **second globally** with **65 instances of internet crackdowns in 2025** — its lowest since 2017 — deployed mainly during **religious events, protests, and communal violence** across **12 states and territories**.
- **Reason:** The disruptions were imposed mainly during **protests, conflict situations, communal violence, and religious holidays**, reflecting the use of shutdowns as a tool to manage unrest and public order issues.

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**Karnataka** emerged as the overall champion at the inaugural **Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) 2026**, while host state **Chhattisgarh** finished **ninth** in the final medal tally.

### Key Points

- **KITG Edition:** The **first-ever** Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 concluded in **Chhattisgarh**, marking India’s first national multi-sport event dedicated specifically to tribal athletes.
  - The Games were held from **25th March to 3rd April 2026** across venues in Raipur, Jagdalpur and Surguja in Chhattisgarh.
- **Organised by:** The Games are jointly organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India (SAI), Indian Olympic Association (IOA), various National Sports Federations, and

the Government of Chhattisgarh.

- **Mascot:** “**Morveer**” is the official mascot of the Khelo India Tribal Games 2026.
  - The name is rooted in the local cultural ethos, where “**Mor**” means “**our own**” and “**Veer**” represents **bravery and strength**.
- **Champion:** Karnataka secured the **top position** in the medal tally with **23 gold, 8 silver and 7 bronze medals (Total: 38)**.
  - **Odisha - Rank 2:** 21 Gold, 15 Silver, 21 Bronze (Total: 57)
  - **Jharkhand - Rank 3:** 16 Gold, 8 Silver, 11 Bronze (Total: 35)
  - **Maharashtra - Rank 4:** 6 Gold, 10 Silver, 4 Bronze (Total: 20)
  - **Assam - Rank 6:** 5 Gold, 14 Silver, 12 Bronze (Total: 31)
  - **Chhattisgarh - Rank 9:** 3 Gold, 10 Silver, 6 Bronze (Total: 19)
  - **Madhya Pradesh - Rank 11:** 2 Gold, 3 Silver, 6 Bronze (Total: 11)
  - **West Bengal - Rank 14:** 2 Gold, 0 Silver, 0 Bronze (Total: 2)
  - **Jammu & Kashmir - Rank 15:** 1 Gold, 4 Silver, 3 Bronze (Total: 8)
  - **Bihar - Rank 19:** 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 0 Bronze (Total: 2)
  - **Rajasthan - Rank 22:** 0 Gold, 3 Silver, 2 Bronze (Total: 5)
- **Demonstration Sports:** Traditional sports such as **Mallakhamb** and **Kabaddi** were included as **demonstration events** to highlight indigenous sporting traditions.
- **Outstanding Athlete:** Karnataka swimmer **Manikanta L** emerged as the most successful athlete, winning **eight gold and one silver medal**.
  - **Women:** Anjali Munda from Odisha bagged five gold medals in swimming.
- **Objective:** The Games aim to **identify, nurture and promote sporting talent among tribal youth** and strengthen grassroots sports under the **Khelo India programme**.

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