



Human Rights Day | National Current Affairs | 09 Dec 2025

Why in News?

President Droupadi Murmu will be the Chief Guest at the [National Human Rights Commission's \(NHRC\) Human Rights Day](#) function on **10th December** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Key Points

- **About:** [Human Rights Day](#), observed every year on **10th December**, highlights the importance of human rights as a foundation for justice, peace, and equality.
- **Historical Significance:** Human Rights Day was established in 1950 to commemorate the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UDHR\)](#), adopted by the United Nations on **10th December 1948**, which outlined **fundamental human rights for all**.
 - The [UN Human Rights Council](#), established in 2006, promotes global human rights protection through its 47 member States (including India) and works on addressing violations and emergencies.
 - The Council's secretariat is the **Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)**, based in Geneva, **Switzerland**.
- **Advocacy and Action:** The day calls for collective action to counter [hate speech](#), [misinformation](#), and [human rights abuses](#), while promoting equality and non-discrimination.
- **Human Rights and India:** The Indian Constitution enshrines human rights through [Fundamental Rights \(Part III\)](#) and [Directive Principles of State Policy \(Part IV\)](#).
 - The Preamble's commitment to **justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity** reflects the **spirit of the UDHR**.
 - The [National Human Rights Commission \(NHRC\)](#), established in 1993 under the [Protection of Human Rights Act \(PHRA\)](#), oversees human rights adherence in India.
- **Theme:** The NHRC is hosting a national conference titled *"Ensuring Everyday Essentials: Public Services and Dignity for All,"* aligning with the **UN Human Rights Day theme "Everyday Essentials."**
- **Panel Discussions:** Two thematic sessions, **"Basic Amenities to All: A Human Rights Approach"** and **"Ensuring Public Services and Dignity for All"**, will feature senior officials and experts discussing gaps and solutions in service delivery.

THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

1 Equality

Everyone is born **free** and **equal** in **dignity** and with rights.



2 Freedom from Discrimination

You should never be discriminated against for any reason.



3 Life, Liberty and Security

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and personal security.



4 Freedom from Slavery

No-one shall be held in slavery or servitude.



5 Freedom from Torture

No-one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel or degrading treatment.



6 Recognition as Person Before Law

You have the right to be treated as a person in the eyes of the law.



7 Equality Before the Law

You have the right to be treated by the law in the same way as everyone else



8 Remedy by Tribunal

You have the right to remedy by competent tribunal.



9 Freedom from arbitrary arrest

No-one shall be subject to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.



10 Fair Public Hearing

You have the right to a fair public hearing.



11 Innocent until Proven Guilty

You have the right to be considered innocent until proven guilty.



12 Privacy

No-one has the right to interfere with your privacy, family, or home.



13 Freedom of Movement

You have the right to freedom of movement in and out of the country.



14 Asylum

You have the right to seek asylum in other countries from persecution.



15 Nationality

You have the right to a nationality.



16 Marriage and Family

You have the right to marriage and to raise a family.



17 Property

You have the right to own property.



18 Freedom of Belief

You have the right to freedom of belief and religion.



19 Freedom of Opinion

You have the right to freedom of opinion and expression.



20 Freedom of Assembly

You have the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.



21 Take Part in Government

You have the right to take part in the government of your country.



22 Social Security

You have the right to social security.



23 Work

You have the right to desirable work and to join trade unions.



24 Rest and Leisure

You have the right to rest and leisure.



25 Adequate Living Standard

You have the right to a decent life, including food, clothing, housing, and medical care.



26 Education

You have the right to education



27 Participate in Cultural Life

You have the right to Participate in the Cultural Life of Community.



28 Social Order

You have the Right to a Social Order that Articulates this Document.



29 Mutual Responsibility

We all have a responsibility to the people around us and should protect their rights and freedoms.



30 Freedom from State or Personal Interference

There is nothing in this declaration that justifies any person or country taking away the rights to which we are all entitled.



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Bengaluru Gets UNSW Campus | National Current Affairs | 09 Dec 2025

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The **University of New South Wales (ranked 20th globally)** will open a new campus in **Bengaluru**, becoming the **7th Australian university** among the **19 [foreign institutions approved](#)** to operate in India.

- It will offer courses in business, media, computer and data science, and [cybersecurity](#), with classes expected to begin next academic year following a record-time approval from the [University Grants Commission \(UGC\)](#).



Key Points

- **About:** The **third Australia-India Education and Skills Council(AIESC)** meeting facilitated wide-ranging MoUs and letters of intent between institutions and governments, underscoring the growing trust and long-term strategic commitment in India-Australia education cooperation.
 - **Research:** **Ten new bilateral research projects** were launched under the [SPARC scheme](#) in fields such as AI, quantum technologies, biodiversity, MedTech, sustainability, smart mobility, and space, supported by ₹9.84 crore in funding to advance joint scientific innovation.
 - **Schools:** For the **first time**, the AIESC meeting **addressed school-level cooperation**, including aligning CBSE's early childhood curriculum with Australia's frameworks and exploring the establishment of more CBSE-affiliated schools in Australia to serve a growing diaspora.
 - **Innovation:** New cross-institutional initiatives include a **Marine Ecological Research Centre in Odisha** with James Cook University and collaboration between the University of Western Australia, IIM Mumbai, and IIT Dhanbad on mining automation, logistics, and sustainability.
 - **Resilience:** **Deakin University and IIT Roorkee** will establish a **Centre of Excellence in Disaster Resilience**, expanding the scope of Indo-Australian academic cooperation into climate response, natural hazard mitigation, and emergency preparedness.
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Armed Forces Flag Day | National Current Affairs | 09 Dec 2025

Why in News?

The nation observed the **Armed Forces Flag Day** on 7th December 2025, with the Defence Minister urging generous contributions to the **Armed Forces Flag Day Fund** to support the welfare of Veer Naris, ex-servicemen, and their dependents.



Key Points

- **About:** [Armed Forces Flag Day \(AFFD\)](#) has been held every year on **7th December since 1949** to honor the bravery and sacrifices of Indian Armed Forces personnel, especially veterans.
 - The day recognizes not only the sacrifices of fallen soldiers but also the contributions of their families, especially the war-disabled soldiers and **War Widows (Veer Naris)**.
- **AFFD Fund:** The Armed Forces Flag Day Fund, originally created by the Ministry of Defence in 1949, was consolidated in 1993 by merging various welfare funds for war victims and ex-servicemen into a single unified fund.
 - The Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB) is responsible for administering the [Armed Forces Flag Day Fund \(AFFDF\)](#).
 - KSB also formulates and implements welfare and rehabilitation schemes for ex-servicemen and their families across India.
- **Digital Solutions:** **SAMBANDH**, a WhatsApp-based chatbot, allows veterans to **easily report and resolve grievances**. The platform has helped address over 1,700 cases in less than a year.
- **Skill Development for Women:** The **Nari Sashaktikaran** initiative focuses on empowering women, including widows of fallen soldiers, by providing job training and opportunities for economic independence.

- **Project NAMAN:** It aims to **simplify pension services for veterans**, ensuring easier access to services such as life certificate submissions and pension disbursements.

Bengaluru to Host New Defence MRO Hub | National Current Affairs | 09 Dec 2025

Why in News?

Tata Advanced Systems and Lockheed Martin have begun construction of a new **Defence Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility** for the **C-130J Super Hercules aircraft** in **Bengaluru**, with completion targeted for **2026**.



Key Points

- **Coverage:** The facility will **support multiple aircraft variants**, including C-130J, KC-130J and C-130 B-H, becoming part of Lockheed Martin's global network of Certified Service Centres.
- **Location:** Situated at **Bhatramarenahalli near Kempegowda International Airport**, the centre will handle depot-level maintenance, heavy overhauls, component repair, structural checks and avionics upgrades.
- **Training:** The MRO will expand **training opportunities for Indian engineers** and technicians, strengthening domestic aerospace skills and creating new openings for Indian suppliers across the C-130 supply chain.
- **Readiness:** Lockheed Martin emphasised that the facility will boost the **sustainment and operational readiness** of the **Indian Air Force's fleet** of 12 C-130J aircraft, widely used for tactical airlift and humanitarian operations.
- **Partnership:** The project marks a major step in the long-standing **India-U.S. defence partnership**, reflecting over seven decades of collaboration and growing industrial cooperation.
- **Indigenisation:** Tata Advanced Systems noted that the MRO centre aligns with India's defence self-reliance goals, enhancing domestic capability, innovation and competitiveness under '**Make in India**'.
- **Collaboration:** The facility builds on the success of Tata Lockheed Martin Aerostructures Limited, which recently delivered its 250th C-130J tail, underscoring a **mature aerospace manufacturing partnership**.
- **Timeline:** Construction is set to conclude by late 2026, with the first C-130 aircraft scheduled to enter the Bengaluru facility for MRO operations **in early 2027**.

Global Energy Leaders' Summit (GELS) 2025 | National Current Affairs | 09 Dec 2025

Why in News?

At the **Global Energy Leaders' Summit (GELS) 2025** in **Puri**, Odisha Union Minister Pralhad Joshi highlighted **India's central role in shaping global clean energy transitions**, positioning the summit as a major platform for policymakers, innovators and industry leaders.

Key Points

- **Vision:** GELS 2025 marked the beginning of a long-term **Community of Practice**, with India confident that states like Odisha will lead the next phase of national green growth and energy innovation.
- **Record:** Speaking at GELS, the Minister announced India's highest-ever annual addition of non-fossil capacity, **31.25 GW**, including **24.28 GW of solar**, showcasing the country's accelerating clean energy progress.
- **Contribution:** He highlighted that as the world added its second terawatt of renewable capacity by 2024, India alone contributed **46 GW of solar** between 2022-24, becoming the **third-largest contributor globally**.
- **Growth:** GELS underscored India's transformative solar expansion, rising from **2.8 GW to ~130 GW** in 11 years, a **4,500% growth**, making India a global model for rapid renewable deployment.
- **Balance:** The summit addressed India's dual challenge of being the **second-largest coal consumer** while simultaneously scaling renewables to remain competitive amid global industrial and trade transitions.
- **Capacity:** Odisha's clean energy progress was spotlighted at GELS, with **3.1 GW of renewable capacity**, representing **34%** of its total power capacity and marking strong state-level adoption.
- **Initiative:** A major announcement at the summit was the approval of a **1.5 lakh rooftop solar ULA model** under **PM Surya Ghar for Odisha**, expected to benefit **7-8 lakh people**, particularly low-income households.
- **Adoption:** GELS highlighted Odisha's rooftop solar uptake: **1.6 lakh applications**, over **23,000 installations**, and **₹147 crore** in subsidies transferred to **19,200 families**, reflecting strong implementation.