



Rapid Fire Current Affairs

AAINA Dashboard for Cities

The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** launched the '**AAINA Dashboard for Cities**' portal, offering [Urban Local Bodies \(ULBs\)](#) a platform to voluntarily submit key data.

- AAINA aims to help cities assess their **performance relative to others**. It seeks to inspire cities by highlighting possibilities and areas for enhancement.
- The **Dashboard categorizes data into five pillars**: Political & Administrative Structure, Finance, Planning, Citizen-Centric Governance, and Delivery of Basic Services.
 - ULBs will regularly submit data, including audited accounts and self-reported performance metrics, through a user-friendly portal.
- AAINA is envisioned as a **permanent platform for ULB-related data**, a comprehensive database of key performance metrics.
 - With active ULB cooperation, the dashboard aims to become a public resource, allowing stakeholders to access and utilize the collected data.

Read more: [Urban Local Government in India](#)

Zaglossus attenboroughi

Recently, Scientists have rediscovered the elusive **Zaglossus attenboroughi**, a long-beaked echidna named after **naturalist David Attenborough, in Indonesia's Papua region.**

- Echidnas, part of the **monotreme group**, are unique **mammals laying eggs instead of giving live birth**. Also known as spiny anteaters, they sport sharp spines on their bodies and primarily feed on ants and termites.
- Echidnas, particularly the *Zaglossus attenboroughi*, are **nocturnal and shy**, making their discovery challenging. This species was confined to the remote Cyclops Mountains.
- [International Union for Conservation of Nature \(IUCN\) Red List](#): Critically Endangered
- [Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(CITES\)](#): Appendix II



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World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day (WDD) is celebrated **annually on 14 November**, coinciding with the **birthday of Sir Frederick Banting**, the **co-discoverer of insulin in 1922 alongside Charles Best**.

- **Origin: WDD** originated in **1991** as a response to the increasing health threat of diabetes, established by the [International Diabetes Federation \(IDF\)](#) and the [World Health Organization](#).
- **Official Recognition: In 2006, WDD** attained **official recognition** as a [United Nations Day](#) through the adoption of **United Nations Resolution 61/225**.
- **Campaign: WDD campaign** strives to be the **primary platform** for **promoting IDF advocacy initiatives** throughout the entire year.
- **Logo: Blue circle logo adopted in 2007** recognized as the **symbol for diabetes awareness**.
- **Theme(2021-23): Access to Diabetes Care**


Read More: [World Diabetes Day](#)

Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru

Every year on **November 14, Children's Day** is observed to pay homage to the **first Prime Minister of independent India**.

- **'Chacha Nehru,'** as Jawaharlal Nehru was affectionately known, was renowned for highlighting the **significance of expressing love and care towards children**.
- Following his passing, it was **collectively agreed to commemorate his birthday** as **'Bal Diwas'** or Children's Day in India.


PT. JAWAHARLAL NEHRU
FIRST PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

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Pre-Independence Contribution

- General Secy of All India Congress Committee (AICC) 1923
- In 1929-31, drafted 'Fundamental Rights and Economic Policy' resolution
- Led protests against Simon Commission in 1928
- Presided over of INC Lahore Session (1929) & Lucknow session (1936)
- Second Satyagrahi (1940) of Individual Satyagraha (first - Vinoba Bhave)
- Moved the 'Quit India' movement resolution at the AICC session Bombay (1942)
- Elected as President of INC for seven times (8th 1954)

Famous Speech
Tryal with Destiny



(14th November 1988 - 27th May, 1964)

Post-Independence Contribution

- Introduced - **Objectives Resolution** (guiding principles for drafting the Constitution)
- Promoted industrialization by carrying out the first five-year plans
- **Non-Alignment Movement (NAM)** - his greatest geopolitical accomplishment
- Promoted democratic socialism
- Established **parliamentary supremacy over the military** (prevented India from becoming another junta-ruled Third World autocracy)
- Laid Foundation of:
 - Scientific base for India's space triumphs
 - Dual-track nuclear programme

Books Written

- The Discovery of India
- Glimpses of World History
- An Autobiography
- Letters from a Father to His Daughter

Read More: [Jawahar Lal Nehru](#)

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