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Prambanan Temple and the Legal Recognition of Hinduism in Indonesia

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** visited the historic **Prambanan Temple** near **Yogyakarta, Indonesia**, along with Indonesian President **Prabowo Subianto**. The visit brought attention to how Hinduism in Indonesia adapted itself to the country's legal requirement of monotheism by presenting the **Trimurti** tradition as the manifestation of one supreme divine principle.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Prambanan Temple** is located near **Yogyakarta, Indonesia**.
- It is a **9th-century Hindu temple complex**.
- It is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
- It is the largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia.
- The temple complex is associated with the **Trimurti**: Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.
- PM **Narendra Modi** visited Prambanan Temple with Indonesian President **Prabowo Subianto**.
- Indonesia's state philosophy is **Pancasila**.
- The first principle of Pancasila is belief in **one supreme God**.
- Hinduism received official recognition in Indonesia in **1962**.
- Six recognised religions were formalised as **agama** in **1965**.
- Indonesia recognises **Islam, Protestantism, Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism**.
- **Parisada Hindu Dharma Indonesia (PHDI)** was founded in **Bali in 1959**.
- **Sang Hyang Widhi Wasa** is the supreme divine concept in Indonesian Hinduism.
- In Indonesia, religious identity is linked to civil documents and public life, including national identity cards, marriage registration, birth certificates and school religious education.

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World Population Day 2026

NEWS ITEM

Observed globally on July 11, World Population Day highlights the urgency of addressing population-related challenges. The 2026 observance focuses on empowering the youth to ensure sustainable development and a dignified future for all.

PRELIMS FACTS

- World Population Day: Observed annually on July 11.
- Theme 2026: "Realizing the hopes and aspirations of young people – today and for the future."
- Origin: Inspired by the "Day of Five Billion" (July 11, 1987).
- Established by: UNDP Governing Council in 1989.
- Lead Agency: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

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India to Chair UNCTAD Consumer Protection Session

NEWS ITEM

India will chair the **9th Session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy** at **Geneva, Switzerland**, from **6 to 8 July 2026**. The session is being organised by **United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** and will discuss consumer protection priorities such as consumer education, sustainable consumption, product safety, cross-border consumer protection and enforcement in global markets.

PRELIMS FACTS

- India will chair the **9th Session of the IGE on Consumer Protection Law and Policy**.
- The session will be held in **Geneva, Switzerland**, from **6 to 8 July 2026**.
- It is organised by **United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**.
- **Nidhi Khare**, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, will chair the session.
- The IGE is the principal intergovernmental platform for cooperation and dialogue on consumer protection law and policy.
- A major highlight is the launch of the **United Nations Principles for Consumer Product Safety**.
- These Principles were adopted by the **UN General Assembly** in **December 2025**.
- India will participate in a high-level fireside chat titled **"Why the Principles Matter."**
- Key themes include consumer information and education, sustainable consumption, enforcement in global markets and cross-border consumer protection.
- UNCTAD was established in **1964** and is headquartered in **Geneva**.
- Important UNCTAD reports include **World Investment Report, Trade and Development Report, Digital Economy Report, Technology and Innovation Report, Least Developed Countries Report** and **Review of Maritime Transport**.

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Science and Technology

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Infrastructure

CERN's LHC Upgrade and Future Collider Debate

NEWS ITEM

CERN's Large Hadron Collider (LHC) has entered a four-year shutdown for a major upgrade costing about **\$1.5 billion**, which will convert it into the **High-Luminosity LHC**. The upgrade aims to increase collision data and improve chances of detecting rare physics signals, while CERN also debates whether to build the much larger **Future Circular Collider**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **CERN** is the European Organization for Nuclear Research.
- **Large Hadron Collider** is CERN's flagship particle collider.
- The LHC discovered the **Higgs boson** in **2012**.
- The LHC has entered a four-year shutdown for an upgrade costing about **\$1.5 billion**.
- The upgraded machine will be called the **High-Luminosity LHC**.
- The upgrade aims to increase the number of collisions, not primarily the collision energy.
- The LHC is expected to run until around **2041**.
- The proposed **Future Circular Collider** involves a **91-km** tunnel.
- A build-or-abandon decision on the FCC is expected around **2028**.
- The current cost estimate for the FCC is about **\$19 billion**.
- A possible later FCC proton machine could reach around **100 TeV**.
- The Standard Model cannot fully explain dark matter, dark energy and matter-antimatter imbalance.

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Government Initiative

India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement Enters Force

NEWS ITEM

The **Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA)** between **India and Israel** came into force on **04 July 2026**. Signed in **New Delhi** in September 2025, the agreement aims to strengthen bilateral economic relations and create a secure, predictable and investor-friendly investment climate.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The **India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement** came into force on **04 July 2026**.
- It was signed on **08 September 2025** in **New Delhi**.
- The agreement was signed by India's Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** and Israel's Finance Minister **Bezalel Smotrich**.
- The BIA aims to provide a secure and predictable investment climate.
- It seeks to protect investments and investors while preserving sovereign policy space for legitimate public policy objectives.
- It provides for minimum standard of treatment and an independent dispute resolution mechanism through arbitration.
- The agreement includes safeguards against expropriation, transparency-related provisions, smooth transfers and compensation for losses.
- It is expected to increase cross-border investment activity and deepen India-Israel economic partnership.

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Defence and Security

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Indian Navy Ships Reach Changi Naval Base, Singapore

NEWS ITEM

Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet ships **Udaygiri, Kavaratti and Shakti** reached **Changi Naval Base, Singapore**, as part of their operational deployment in South East Asia. The visit aims to strengthen India-Singapore naval cooperation through professional interactions, cross-deck visits and discussions on shared maritime interests.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet ships **Udaygiri, Kavaratti and Shakti** reached **Changi Naval Base, Singapore**.
- The ships arrived on **01 July 2026** as part of the Indian Navy's operational deployment in South East Asia.
- The deployment is linked with India's **Act East Policy**, **MAHASAGAR** vision and **ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation 2026**.
- During the port call, the ships will engage with the **Republic of Singapore Navy** through professional interactions, cross-deck visits and discussions on maritime issues.
- The visit aims to promote collective maritime security, regional cooperation and interoperability.

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Sports

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Sports

FIFA World Cup Interesting Facts

NEWS ITEM

A FIFA World Cup quiz highlighted important facts related to tournament records, mascots and memorable football moments. It covered the fastest World Cup goal, the oldest World Cup-winning player, FIFA World Cup 2026 mascots, Morocco's semi-final record, the Mexican Wave and the first-ever World Cup Golden Goal.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Hakan Şükür** of Türkiye scored the fastest goal in FIFA World Cup history in **11 seconds** against South Korea in **2002**.
- **Dino Zoff** of Italy is the oldest player to win the FIFA World Cup; he captained Italy to victory in **1982** at the age of **40**.
- The official mascots of **FIFA World Cup 2026** are **Maple the Moose, Zayu the Jaguar** and **Clutch the Bald Eagle**.
- The three FIFA World Cup 2026 host countries are **Canada, Mexico** and the **United States**.
- **Morocco** became the first African team to reach a FIFA World Cup semi-final in **2022**.
- The **Mexican Wave** became globally popular during the **1986 FIFA World Cup** in Mexico.
- **Laurent Blanc** scored the first-ever World Cup **Golden Goal** for France against Paraguay in **1998**.

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International Day of Parliamentarism Observed on June 30

NEWS ITEM

The **International Day of Parliamentarism** is celebrated globally on June 30 every year. The day highlights the crucial role that parliaments play in shaping policies, representing the voice of the ordinary citizen, and strengthening democratic systems worldwide.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The **International Day of Parliamentarism** is observed annually on **June 30**.
- The date commemorates the foundation of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)** in 1889.
- The IPU was established through the efforts of early peace advocates **Frédéric Passy** and **William Randal Cremer**, both of whom later received the Nobel Peace Prize.
- The headquarters of the IPU is located in **Geneva, Switzerland**.
- The IPU is not a specialized agency of the UN, but rather an independent organization with UN observer status.

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India Launches 'Operation Amistad' for Venezuela Earthquake Relief

NEWS ITEM

India has launched **Operation Amistad**, a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission, to provide critical support to Venezuela following devastating earthquakes. The mission involves the deployment of two Indian Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft carrying a 41-member rescue team, an Indian Army Field Hospital, and 36 tons of medical supplies, including portable **BHISHM cube** hospitals.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Operation Amistad is a HADR mission launched by India for earthquake-hit Venezuela.
- The mission includes two Indian Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft.
- The relief package contains two BHISHM cube portable hospitals, 30 tons of relief supplies, and 6 tons of medicines.
- A 41-member rescue team is deployed as part of the operation.