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# HEADLINES OF THE DAY

## PIB: GS1-History

Prime Minister's Office



### Prime Minister remembers Shri C. Rajagopalachari on his birth anniversary

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Remembering Shri C. Rajagopalachari on his birth anniversary today, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that he was a multifaceted persona, leaving a strong impact on governance, literature and social empowerment.

In a post on X, he said:

“Remembering Shri C. Rajagopalachari on his birth anniversary. He is remembered for his rich contribution to India’s freedom struggle and efforts to further India’s progress. He was a multifaceted persona, leaving a strong impact on governance, literature and social empowerment. Rajaji’s principles motivate us to ensure every Indian leads a life of dignity and prosperity.”



Narendra Modi  
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## News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered C. Rajagopalachari on his birth anniversary.

## About:

- Born on December 10, 1878, he was a prominent figure in India's independence movement and a key political leader.
- Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, Rajagopalachari gave up his legal profession to join the freedom struggle, participating in various movements like the **Non-Cooperation and Civil Disobedience movements**.
- He later served as the **last Governor-General of India** and briefly as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- He was awarded the **Bharat Ratna** in 1954 for his contributions to politics and literature, and he founded the **Swatantra Party** to promote center-right ideologies.
- He was also a prolific writer, popular works include retelling of the Mahabharata and Ramayana.

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TH (Page8): GS2-Polity & Governance/GS3-Economy

## India Skills Report 2025: Kerala ranked among top States for employability in India

Study highlights strong talent pool and workplace inclusivity in the State

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Kerala continues to shine as one of the most employable States in India, as indicated by the India Skills Report 2025.

The report, published by talent assessment agency Wheebox in association with various agencies including the All India Council for Technical Education, Confederation of Indian Industry and Association of Indian Universities, reveals that Kerala's workforce maintains a strong employability rate of 71%, placing it on the fifth position after Maharashtra, Delhi, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

Kerala also joins the ranks of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh as the top States favoured for employment across India. The State is especially preferred by female job aspirants, in a validation of its strong workplace inclusion initiatives and diverse professional environments.

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- The study, which surveyed 6.50 lakh youths through a Global Employability Test conducted across the country, indicated that the overall employability in India continued to grow with 54.81% of the assessed youths found to be employable with the required skills.

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## The code of conduct judges need to follow

Judiciary draws its power from two fountains, public acceptance of the authority of the judiciary and the integrity of the judiciary. The Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct 2002 presents a framework to regulate judicial conduct

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### News

- The comments made by Allahabad High Court judge, Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav, against the Muslim community at an event organised by the legal cell of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad in the High Court premises, has drawn public flak.

### Judicial ethics

- The 'Restatement of Values of Judicial Life' is the primary code of ethics governing judicial behaviour adopted by the Supreme Court on May 7, 1997.
- The very first rule of the code is that the behaviour of a judge must "reaffirm the people's faith in the impartiality of the judiciary".

### How is a judge impeached?

- The Constitution mandates that judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts can be removed by an order of the President after a successful process of impeachment on the grounds of "proved misbehaviour or incapacity". The motion of removal of a constitutional court judge must be supported by a **special majority** of the total membership of the House and of at least two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.

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TH (Page 16): Miscellaneous

## Ecologist Madhav Gadgil gets U.N.'s highest environmental honour, says he 'stood up for what's right'

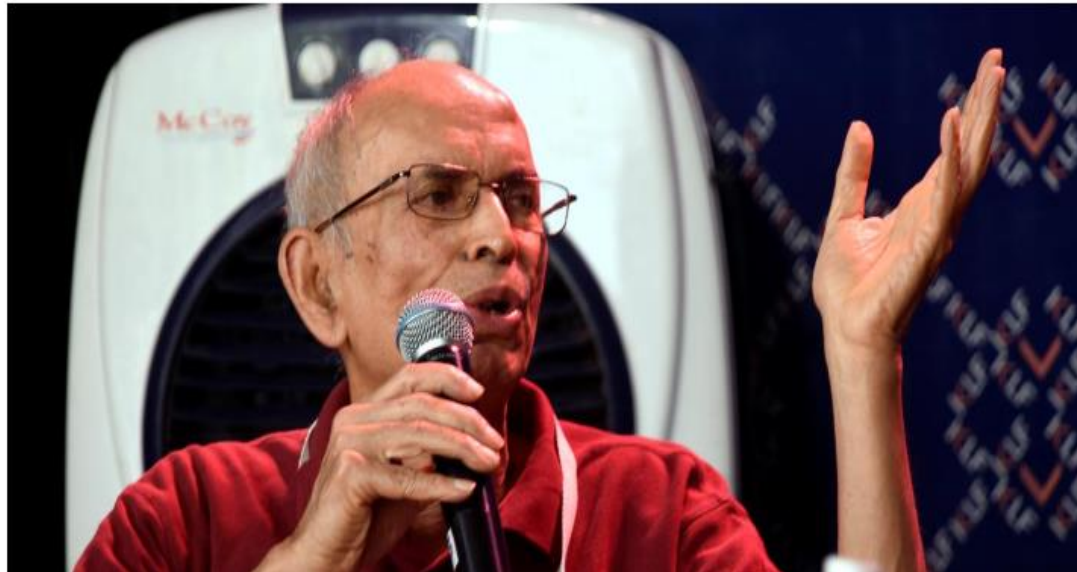
Madhav Gadgil, the only Indian on the list of this year's award recipients, chaired the government-constituted Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel

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### News

- The United Nations recognised ecologist Madhav Gadgil with the annual **Champions of the Earth award**, the UN's highest environmental honour, for his seminal work in the Western Ghats, a global biodiversity hotspot.

### About: the Award

- It was launched in 2005 by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- It recognizes individuals & organizations from Government, Civil Society, and the private sector who contributed to sustainable development.
- **Past Indian recipients:** Narendra Modi (2018), Cochin International Airport (2018) and Afroz Shah (2016).

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## IE (Page 17): GS2-Health

### Why Centre wants states to make snakebites notifiable disease

Snakebites can lead to acute medical emergencies that require immediate care. They can cause severe paralysis that can prevent breathing, can lead to a fatal haemorrhage, and damage different tissues.

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#### News

- The Union Health Ministry has urged states to make snakebites a notifiable disease — a disease that is legally required to be reported to the government by both private and public hospitals.

#### About

- In India, around three to four million cases of snakebites are reported every year, and an estimated 58,000 persons die because of them annually, according to the 2020 Indian Million Death Study.
- In March 2024, India launched the National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming (**NAPSE**) with the aim of halving snakebite deaths by 2030.

#### Which types of diseases are considered notifiable?

- Usually, infections that are likely to cause an outbreak, lead to deaths, and those that need to be investigated quickly to take appropriate public health measures, are declared as notifiable diseases.
- While the list of notifiable diseases differs from state to state — state governments are responsible for bringing out the notification — most of them consider infections such as tuberculosis, HIV, cholera, malaria, dengue, and hepatitis among others to be notifiable.

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What are the roots of the US President's power to pardon? Are there any limits to this power? And what does Presidential pardon look like in India?

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## News

- United States President Joe Biden has issued “A Full and Unconditional Pardon” for his son Hunter Biden, who was awaiting sentences in two cases related to tax evasion and lying about drug use while buying a handgun.

### US President's power to pardon

- Once a federal crime is committed, the power to pardon could be exercised at any stage including before charges have been filed.
- **Limitations:** The President cannot pardon an action that is an offence under the law of a specific state. The second limitation is that the President cannot grant pardons in cases of impeachment.

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### The power to pardon in India

- The President of India under **Article 72** of the Constitution is empowered “to grant pardons, reprieves, respites or remissions of punishment or to suspend, remit or commute the sentence of any person convicted of any offence —
  - in all cases where the punishment or sentence is by a Court Martial;
  - in all cases where the punishment or sentence is for an offence against any law relating to a matter to which the executive power of the Union extends;
  - in all cases where the sentence is a sentence of death.”
- In *Maru Ram v. Union of India* (1980), a five-judge Constitution Bench held that the President cannot grant a pardon on her own and must act upon the advice of the Centre.