

Short news

1. ISSF World Championships

Recently Indian shooters created history at the ISSF World Championships in Cairo, Egypt, winning multiple medals.

About ISSF World Championships – The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championships is the premier global event in Olympic shooting disciplines held annually. The 2025 edition took place in Cairo, Egypt, witnessing record-breaking performances by Indian shooters across pistol and rifle events.

Samarat Rana's Performance – Samarat Rana won gold in men's 10m air pistol, becoming the first Indian to claim an individual world title in this category. He joined legends like Abhinav Bindra, Rudranksh Patil, and Tejaswini Sawant as the fifth Indian to win a world title in an Olympic discipline.

Anish Bhanwala's Performance – Anish Bhanwala secured silver in the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol, hitting 28 targets to make history as India's first individual pistol World Championship medallist in an Olympic event.

2. Exercise Mitra Shakti Xi –2025

The 11th edition of Exercise Mitra Shakti-2025 between India and Sri Lanka commenced at the Foreign Training Node, Belagavi, Karnataka, from November 10 to 23, 2025.

About Exercise Mitra Shakti – Exercise Mitra Shakti is a bilateral joint military exercise conducted annually between the Indian Army and Sri Lankan Army to enhance defence cooperation and interoperability. The first edition of Exercise Mitra Shakti was held in 2012 at Pune, India.

Focus Area of Mitra Shakti XI-2025

Aim – To rehearse Sub-Conventional Operations under Chapter VII of the UN Mandate, focusing on counter-terrorism and peacekeeping missions.

Participants – Involves 170 personnel from India's RAJPUT Regiment and 135 personnel from Sri Lanka's GAJABA Regiment, along with Air Force participation from both sides.

Exercises – Key tactical drills including raid, search-and-destroy operations, heliborne missions, casualty evacuation, and securing helipads under simulated combat conditions. It integrates drones, counter-unmanned aerial systems (C-UAS), and helicopter operations to reflect modern battlefield requirements. Army Martial Arts Routine (AMAR), combat reflex shooting, and yoga to enhance endurance and combat readiness.

Significance – The exercise strengthens bilateral defence ties, fosters mutual trust, and improves joint operational capabilities for UN peacekeeping and humanitarian operations between India and Sri Lanka.

3. COP 32 – Ethiopia

Ethiopia is set to host the COP32 Climate Summit in 2027, with Addis Ababa chosen as the official venue during the COP30 meeting in Brazil.

About COP (Conference of the Parties)

COP – The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the supreme decision-making body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), bringing nations together to advance global climate action.

COP30 (2025) – Hosted by Brazil in Belem, COP30 focuses on global climate finance and forest protection, especially for the Amazon region.

COP31 (2026) – The hosting rights for COP31 remain undecided, with Australia and Turkey both competing to lead, supported respectively by Pacific Island nations and European partners.

COP32 (2027) – Ethiopia, backed unanimously by the African Group, will host COP32 in Addis Ababa, marking the first time an East African nation leads the summit.

About Ethiopia

Introduction – Ethiopia, a landlocked country in East Africa, spans 1,104,300 sq. km, with Addis Ababa as its capital and most populous city.

Borders – It shares borders with Eritrea (north), Djibouti and Somalia (east), Kenya (south), South Sudan (west), and Sudan (northwest).

Geography – Ethiopia's terrain is dominated by rugged highlands, the Rift Valley, and deep river gorges. The highest peak, Mount Ras Dejen (4,533 m), lies in the north, while major rivers like the Blue Nile and Awash shape its fertile valleys.

