

## 1. Gujarat gets 'Ghol' as state fish

### Introduction

Ghol fish — considered a fisherman's lottery — was declared the state fish of Gujarat.



### Why was the ghol chosen?

The Gujarat government chose the ghol because of its economic value and its uniqueness. The fish is usually found in the Indo-Pacific region that stretches from the Persian Gulf to the Pacific Ocean. The declaration will enable Gujarat to be a part of its conservation efforts.

### What is the commercial importance of this fish species?

Being an expensive fish, the local consumption of this variety is not widely heard of. But the fish has a huge market in China and other countries. The fish is actually a lottery for fishermen who manage to net it. The fish is considered a delicacy in many countries. In others, it is used for medicinal purposes.

A kilogram of Ghol fetches between Rs5,000 to Rs15,000 in Gujarat. However, it is the dried air bladder of the fish that is the costliest, and can fetch amounts as high as Rs25,000 a kilogram in the export market.

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## 2. Vir Das wins Emmy Award

### Why in news?

Comedian Vir Das won an International Emmy Award for his Netflix show Vir Das: Landing. He shared the award with the British series Derry Girls season 3. Das is the first Indian to win in the comedy category.



Meanwhile, producer, filmmaker, and co-founder of Balaji Telefilms Ekta Kapoor won this year's Directorate Award, which is given to individuals or organisations for outstanding contributions to international television.

However, the International Emmy Awards are different from the Primetime Emmy Awards — one of the most talked about award events and commonly referred to as "the Emmys". Here is a look at different kinds of Emmy Awards, who gives them, and the history of the awards.

### **First, what are the Emmy Awards?**

The Emmy Awards are the most renowned accolades given to television and emerging media performances. Unlike Oscars and Golden Globe awards, they aren't given for films.

### **When were the Emmy Awards launched?**

The Emmy Awards were conceived in 1948 and the first ceremony took place on January 25, 1949. A total of six awards were presented, such as the Most Outstanding Television Personality and Most Popular Television Program.

### **What are the different kinds of Emmy Awards?**

Apart from the International Emmy Awards and the Primetime Emmy Awards, the Emmys are also given in the following categories: daytime, sports, news and documentary, technology and engineering, and regional, according to a report by Vox.

While Primetime Emmy Awards honour television shows produced only in America and aired during primetime, International Emmy Awards are for international shows.

Daytime Emmy Awards are given to American shows aired during late-morning and afternoon. Regional Emmy Awards are for regional television markets, including state-to-state programming, local news and locally produced shows.

### **Who gives the Emmy awards?**

These awards are given by three sister organisations based in the US. First is the Television Academy, which administers the Primetime Emmy Awards. Second is the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, which oversees daytime, sports, news and documentary categories. Third is the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, which is responsible for International Emmys.

Each organisation maintains its own membership of television professionals who vote and decide who will get the award.

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### **3. Humanitarian pause in Gaza: How it is not the same as a ceasefire**

#### **Why in news?**

Qatar, on November 22, announced the success of mediation efforts between Israel and Hamas, resulting in an agreement for a humanitarian pause. Facilitated by Qatar, Egypt and the United States, the pause will last for four days, subject to extension, with the starting time to be announced shortly.

While expected to provide much needed respite to war-torn Gaza, this is not the same as a ceasefire that human rights groups and activists around the world have been clamouring for.



#### **A brief break in hostilities...**

The United Nations defines a “humanitarian pause” as a “temporary cessation of hostilities purely for humanitarian purposes”. Such pauses are usually limited to a defined period, and to a specific area where the humanitarian activities are to be carried out.

**... versus a more comprehensive cessation**

A ceasefire, on the other hand, goes much further. The UN defines it as a “suspension of fighting agreed upon by the parties to a conflict, typically as part of a political process”, with the goal being to “allow parties to engage in dialogue, including the possibility of reaching a permanent political settlement”.

Simply put, unlike a humanitarian pause, which is fairly limited in its scope, a ceasefire is a longer-term arrangement to stop fighting in order to arrive at a political/diplomatic solution. In context of the ongoing conflict in Palestine, the two thus have completely different meanings as well as motivations behind them.

**“A small bandage on an open wound”**

The humanitarian pause will simply provide some relief amidst the relentless hostilities, hopefully help civilians in distress, while at the same time allowing Israel to continue its military assault. For many people, this is simply not enough and in fact prolongs the ongoing suffering.

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