Miss Universe 2026: Jennifer Barreto of Puerto Rico crowned

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News

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Key facts for the exam

Point	Details
Winner	Jennifer Barreto (Puerto Rico)
Edition	75th Miss Universe
Venue	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Historic first	First married woman and mother to win

Background

- Miss Universe began in 1952 in Long Beach, California; the first winner was Armi Kuusela of Finland. India's Miss Universe winners are Sushmita Sen (1994), Lara Dutta (2000) and Harnaaz Sandhu (2021).

- Puerto Rico is a Caribbean island territory of the USA (an unincorporated territory); its capital is San Juan.

Tamil Nadu link: No direct Tamil Nadu link in this news; for exams remember India's three Miss Universe titles listed above.

Frequently asked questions

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Jennifer Barreto, crowned Miss Universe 2026, represented which country / territory?

A) Puerto Rico

B) Venezuela

C) Philippines

D) Mexico

Answer: A – Explanation: The 75th pageant was held at San Juan in her home territory, Puerto Rico; it is Puerto Rico's sixth title.

2. What is historic about Jennifer Barreto's win?

A) First winner from the Caribbean

B) First married woman and first mother to win

C) First country to win twice in a row

D) First winner over 50

Answer: B – Explanation: It is the first such win since the ban on married women and mothers was lifted; Puerto Rico had won five times before.

3. What is the political status of Puerto Rico?

A) An unincorporated island territory of the USA

B) An autonomous community of Spain

C) A British Overseas Territory

D) An independent republic

Answer: A – Explanation: Puerto Rico is an unincorporated island territory of the USA in the Caribbean, with San Juan as capital; it was a Spanish colony until 1898.

4. Which of the following has NOT won the Miss Universe title?

A) Aishwarya Rai

B) Lara Dutta

C) Harnaaz Sandhu

D) Sushmita Sen

Answer: A – Explanation: Aishwarya Rai won Miss World; the other three are Miss Universe winners.

5. Fátima Bosch, Miss Universe 2025, who crowned Jennifer Barreto, is from which country?

A) Denmark

B) Thailand

C) Colombia

D) Mexico

Answer: D – Explanation: Fátima Bosch, Miss Universe 2025, is from Mexico. The pageant began in California in 1952; its first winner was Armi Kuusela of Finland.