

Current Affairs

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- **Appointment:** Major General Harsh Chhibber took over as the 27th Commandant of CDM, succeeding Rear Admiral Sanjay Datt, VSM, who retired after 36 years of service in the Indian Navy.
- **Background:** Major General Chhibber is a distinguished officer with a PhD and holds the Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM). He's an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and was commissioned into the Army Service Corps in December 1988.
- **Vision:** He outlined his vision for CDM, focusing on advanced strategic studies, innovative training methodologies, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement to address global security challenges.
- **Leadership:** Major General Chhibber aims to position CDM at the forefront of defence education through collaborations with academic institutions, think tanks, and industry leaders.



2. Indian Army Conducts Exercise 'Drone Kavach' in Arunachal Pradesh

- **Objective:** The exercise aimed to validate the Army's operational preparedness for fighting in a drone-dominated battlefield and assess its ability to integrate advanced drone technologies into active combat while developing effective counter-drone measures.



- **Location and Duration:** The exercise was conducted in forward areas of eastern Arunachal Pradesh from September 25 to 28, 2025, and involved the Spear Corps under the Eastern Command.
- **Participating Forces:** The exercise was attended by personnel from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), strengthening joint operational coordination between the Army and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) in safeguarding India's eastern frontier.
- **Key Focus Areas:** The exercise emphasized tactics, techniques, and procedures for handling drone warfare, including simulated target acquisition and neutralization operations, active counter-measures like electronic jamming systems, and passive defenses like camouflage and deception.

3. Yogesh Khatuniya Wins Silver in Men's Discus Throw F56 at World Para Athletics Championship

- **Event and Medal:** Yogesh Kathuniya secured a silver medal in the Men's F56 discus throw event with a best throw of 42.49 meters.
- **Competition Details:** He achieved this feat at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025 held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi, India.
- **Consecutive Silver Medals:** This silver medal marks Kathuniya's third consecutive silver in the World Championships, following his podium finishes in 2023 and 2024.
- **Gold Medal Winner:** Brazilian athlete Claudiney Batista won the gold medal with a throw of 45.67 meters, while Greece's Konstantinos Tzounis took the bronze with a distance of 39.97 meters.



4. Novotel Vijayawada Varun Bags 'Best 5-Star Deluxe Hotel' Award

- **Award Recognition:** Novotel Vijayawada Varun received the "Best 5-Star Deluxe Hotel" award at the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Excellence Awards 2025, solidifying its position as a top luxury hospitality destination in the state.
- **Award Presentation:** The award was presented by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to Manish Pathak, General Manager of Novotel Vijayawada Varun, who credited his team's dedication to service excellence and guest satisfaction.



- **Hotel Features:** As Vijayawada's first and only international 5-star deluxe property, Novotel Vijayawada Varun boasts 233 well-appointed rooms, multiple signature dining options, and flexible venues for weddings, conferences, and MICE events.
- **Amenities and Services:** The hotel offers a range of amenities, including a rooftop jogging track, infinity pool, dedicated wellness zone with gym and spa, and 10,000 sqft of banqueting space.

5. Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department Wins Global Tourism Award 2025

- **Award Recognition:** The Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department won the Global Tourism Award 2025, a prestigious international recognition for its outstanding efforts in promoting tourism in the state.
- **Reason for Award:** The award was given for positioning Andhra Pradesh as one of the most promising tourism destinations in the country, showcasing its efforts in developing tourism infrastructure and promoting the state's unique attractions.
- **Award Presentation:** The award was presented in a ceremony held at Yashobhoomi in Delhi, where Nishita Goyal, Tourism Consultant, accepted the award on behalf of the Andhra Pradesh government.
- **Tourism Development:** The state's tourism department has been working tirelessly to develop Gandikota as a promising eco and adventure tourism destination.



6. Praveer Ranjan Takes Charge as CISF DG

- **Appointment:** Praveer Ranjan, a 1993-batch IPS officer, has been appointed as the new DG of CISF, taking over from R S Bhatti in a formal ceremony.
- **Background:** Ranjan brings 32 years of distinguished service, including leadership roles in airport security, showcasing his expertise in handling critical infrastructure protection.
- **Modernization Commitment:** As the 32nd DG of CISF, Ranjan has emphasized his commitment to modernizing CISF operations to prepare the force for future challenges.



- **Welfare and Transparency:** He has also underlined his focus on welfare measures with compassion and transparency in administration, aiming to boost morale and efficiency within the force.

7. Gaurav Banerjee to Lead Sony Pictures India

- **Leadership Role:** Gaurav Banerjee serves as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI), overseeing the company's strategic direction and operational excellence.
- **Experience:** He brings over two decades of experience in the media and entertainment industry, with a proven track record of translating content strategies into sustained business growth.
- **Previous Roles:** Before joining SPNI, Banerjee held key positions at Disney+ Hotstar and Star India, where he played a crucial role in developing content and driving subscriber growth.
- **Expertise:** His expertise spans both creative and business aspects of the industry, enabling SPNI to stay innovative while achieving robust financial performance.



8. Andrew Parsons re-elected IPC President for 3rd & final term

- **Re-election:** Andrew Parsons was re-elected as the President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) for a third and final four-year term, securing 109 out of 177 valid votes at the 2025 IPC General Assembly in Seoul, South Korea.
- **Vote Margin:** Parsons defeated his opponent, Dong Hyun Bae of South Korea, who received 68 votes, showcasing a clear mandate from the IPC membership.
- **New Leadership Team:** Alongside Parsons' re-election, Leila Marques Mota was elected as the First Vice-President, and John Petersson became the Second Vice-President, succeeding Duane Kale of New Zealand who completed his maximum term.
- **Parsons' Legacy:** During his presidency, Parsons has overseen significant milestones, including a landmark partnership with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) through 2032 and the successful delivery of several Paralympic Games, including the record-breaking Paris 2024 Paralympics.



9. M Arvind appointed as Director in Department of Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade

- **Appointment:** M Arvind has been appointed as Director in DPIIT, a key department under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry responsible for promoting industrial development and internal trade.
- **Background:** M Arvind is a 2011 batch IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, bringing significant administrative experience to his new role.
- **Department's Role:** DPIIT plays a crucial role in formulating and implementing industrial policies and strategies to drive India's economic growth and development.
- **Responsibilities:** As Director, M Arvind will likely be involved in policy-making, project implementation, and coordination with various stakeholders to promote industrial growth and investment.



10. International Day of Older Persons observed on 01st October

- **Theme for 2025:** The theme is "Older Persons Driving Local and Global Action: Our Aspirations, Our Well-being and Our Rights," emphasizing older persons' contributions and rights.
- **History:** The United Nations General Assembly designated October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons in 1990, with the first observance in 1991.
- **Significance:** This day raises awareness about the challenges, opportunities, and contributions of older persons worldwide, promoting dignity, respect, and inclusion.
- **Global Population:** The global population aged 65 or over is projected to more than double, reaching over 1.5 billion persons in 2050, with significant increases in Eastern and South-Eastern Asia, Europe, and Northern America.





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