



Weekly **Current Affairs**

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NATIONAL NEWS



Andhra Pradesh Approves Quantum & AI University Campus



- The Andhra Pradesh Government approved the establishment of India's first dedicated Quantum and Artificial Intelligence University campus in Amaravati.
- The initiative is being developed by NIELIT — National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The approval was given under the leadership of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at a Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) meeting.

Telangana Launches Devadurga Gold and Copper Exploration



- Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has entered the gold and copper exploration sector.
- Exploration has been launched in the Devadurga region of Karnataka.
- The Devadurga block is strategically important because of its proximity to Hutti Gold Mines.

Vice President Launches 'Gnani Artha', a Sovereign AI Stack



- Vice President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan launched 'Gnani Artha', a sovereign Artificial Intelligence (AI) stack, in New Delhi.
- Gnani Artha has been developed by Gnani AI, an Indian AI technology company (Bengaluru-based company).
- Gnani Artha comprises Evon 3.3, its core LLM, and Plexus, an agentic AI platform for connecting AI capabilities with practical applications.

West Bengal to Introduce 'Janatar Darbar' for Grievance Redressal



- The West Bengal has announced 'Janatar Darbar', a public hearing initiative aimed at providing quicker, direct and effective grievance redressal to citizens.
- Through Janatar Darbar, citizens will have the opportunity to directly approach government officials with their complaints and concerns.
- Officials participating in the initiative include District Magistrates (DMs), Sub-Divisional Officers (SDOs), and Block Development Officers (BDOs).

Himachal Pradesh Gets 1st Ozone-Based Water Project in Dehra



- Himachal Pradesh is set to get its first ozone-based drinking water treatment project, estimated to cost around ₹46 crore.
- The project will be established in Dehra, located in Kangra district.
- Ozone-based treatment can be effective against a wide range of bacteria, viruses and other microorganisms.

India Inaugurates Green Forge Complex at BRIC-NABI Mohali



- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the first-of-its-kind “Green Forge” Complex at BRIC-NABI, Mohali, Punjab.
- The Green Forge facility is a major facility for genetically modified (GM) crop research and was described as a milestone in the genetically modified crop revolution.
- BRIC-NABI stands for Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council – National Agri-food & Biomanufacturing Institute (NABI).

Kissht Launches Campaign with Sachin Tendulkar



- Kissht, an RBI-registered Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), launches its new brand campaign titled “Loans Without Any Hiccups”.
- Sachin Tendulkar is appointed as Kissht’s brand ambassador for a three-year period.
- Kissht states that loans can be approved in as little as 5 minutes.

Bihar & Jharkhand Sign Agreement on Sone River Water Sharing



- The agreement was signed in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren.
- The Sone River is an important right-bank tributary of the Ganga and is an important source of irrigation in eastern India.
- The river originates near Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh and flows through Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar before joining the Ganga.

MoCA Launches Hub & Spoke Flights from Ahmedabad



- The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) launched Hub & Spoke International Flight Operations from Ahmedabad in Gujarat.
- Ahmedabad became 3rd spoke airport integrated into India's International Aviation Hub Strategy.
- Earlier, Varanasi joined framework on 25 June 2026, followed by Amritsar on 28 July 2026.

India Post Payments Bank Celebrates 9th Foundation Day



- IPPB was launched on 1 September 2018. It operates under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications.
- IPPB is 100% owned by the Government of India.
- On its 9th Foundation Day, IPPB launched the DakPay Sound Box for Merchants and new Digital Insurance and Digital Mutual Fund Platforms for customers.

Econz & Google Cloud Launch Bengaluru's First Gemini Centre



- Econz IT Services, in collaboration with Google Cloud, launched Bengaluru's first dedicated Gemini Enterprise Experience Centre. The centre is located in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The centre provides enterprises with an environment to experience, build, test and deploy Agentic AI solutions powered by Gemini Enterprise.
- The launch coincided with the inauguration of Econz IT Services' new Bengaluru office.

Punjab launches 'Pehchaan' portal to identify unclaimed bodies



- Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh launched the 'Pehchaan' portal in Chandigarh.
- Punjab has become the first state in India to launch a statewide public digital portal for identification of unknown and unclaimed deceased persons.
- The portal has been built on MedLEaPR, Punjab's digital medico-legal software developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

Gollala Gudi Temple Gets National Monument Status



- The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has notified Gollala Gudi at Palampet, Mulugu district, Telangana, as a Monument of National Importance.
- It is situated on the south-western side of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple.
- The temple is a Trikutalaya, meaning a temple with three sanctums (garbhagrihas). The central sanctum houses a Shiva Lingam.

VP C. P. Radhakrishnan Releases 'Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031'



- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the 'Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031' Strategic Action Plan for Ornamental Fisheries Development in Lakshadweep.
- The programme was organised by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. of India.
- Fisheries development projects worth over ₹62 crore have been approved for Lakshadweep under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

LIC Launches 'Bima Platinum' & 'Jeevan Raksha' Plans



- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched two new non-linked insurance plans on the occasion of its 70th anniversary.
- LIC's Bima Platinum (Plan 770) is a savings and protection plan with a minimum sum assured of ₹3 lakh, maturity benefits, and guaranteed additions of ₹70 per ₹1,000 of annual premium.
- LIC's Jeevan Raksha (Plan 894) is a pure-risk term insurance plan with a minimum sum assured of ₹5 lakh, a maximum sum assured of ₹24 lakh, and no maturity or survival benefit.

Vodafone Idea onboards Shah Rukh Khan as brand ambassador

- Vodafone Idea (Vi) has onboarded Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan as the face of its upcoming brand campaign.
- The campaign featuring Shah Rukh Khan is titled "Vi badal raha hai... tayaar rahiye".
- Abhijit Kishore is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vodafone Idea.

Kerala to Set Up Coconut Park to Boost Value Addition and Exports



- Kerala Chief Minister V. D. Satheesan announced the establishment of a Coconut Park.
- The park will be developed with support from the Coconut Development Board (CDB).
- The proposed Coconut Park will be established at Malappuram district, Kerala.

Tamil Nadu Olympic City to Be Established in Chennai



- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay announced the establishment of a world-class Tamil Nadu Olympic City in Chennai.
- It will include international-standard sports arenas, advanced equipment and a High Performance Training Centre.
- The Olympic City will be developed through the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



India, US Sign Deal for Javelin Anti-Tank Missiles



- India and the United States signed an agreement for the procurement of the Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) system for the Indian Army.
- The Javelin is a medium-range, man-portable, shoulder-launched, fire forget anti-tank weapon.
- The Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) is jointly developed and manufactured by Lockheed Martin and RTX (Raytheon) of the United States.

26th SCO Summit Begins in Bishkek

- The 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit is held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- The SCO currently has 10 member countries: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India & Pakistan (2017), Iran (2023), Belarus (2024).
- The headquarters of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is located in Beijing, China.

Crown Prince Haakon Becomes New King of Norway



- Crown Prince Haakon has become the new King of Norway, succeeding his father, King Harald V.
- Norway is a Nordic country in Northern Europe, and its capital is Oslo.
- Norway is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system of government.

Giorgia Meloni Becomes Italy's Longest-Serving PM Since WWII



- She is the first woman to become Prime Minister of Italy.
- Her government is the 68th government of Italy since 1946.
- Italy is a country in Southern Europe, and its capital is Rome.

Lahore Named SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2026–27



- The designation was made during the 26th SCO Council of Heads of State meeting in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- Pakistan assumed the SCO chairmanship for 2026–27.
- Previous SCO Tourism and Cultural Capitals were Varanasi, India (2022–23), Almaty, Kazakhstan (2023–24), Qingdao, China (2024–25), and Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan (2025–26).

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



Airbus Awards A320 Fuselage Skin Manufacturing Contract to Mahindra Aerostructures



- Airbus has awarded Mahindra Aerostructures Pvt. Ltd. (MASPL) a multi-year contract to manufacture and supply fuselage skins for the A320 family of aircraft.
- The contract covers the Airbus A320neo and A321XLR aircraft.
- The components will be manufactured at Mahindra Aerostructures' facility in Bengaluru, Karnataka, and supplied to Airbus Aerostructures' facility in Augsburg, Germany.

Tommy Koh, Runa Khan & Bo Kyi Win 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award



- Tommy Koh (Singapore), Runa Khan (Bangladesh), and Bo Kyi (Myanmar) are the three recipients of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- The 2026 award ceremony is scheduled at the Metropolitan Theatre in Manila, Philippines.
- Vinoba Bhave (1958) was the first Indian recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award while Educate Girls, India (2025) became the first Indian organisation to receive the award.

NEW APPOINTMENTS



LIC Housing Finance Appoints Sandeep Kumar as New MD & CEO



- He succeeds Tribhuwan Adhikari, who retired upon superannuation.
- His tenure can extend up to five years, subject to applicable conditions and shareholder approval.
- Sandeep Kumar has been appointed as an Additional Director in the capacity of MD & CEO and as a Key Managerial Personnel (KMP).

John Ternus Becomes New CEO of Apple



- John Ternus officially became the CEO of Apple, succeeding Tim Cook.
- Apple was founded on 1 April 1976 by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne, and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2026.
- Apple's headquarters, Apple Park, is located in Cupertino, California, USA.

Anil Chakravarthi Named Adobe CEO



- Anil Chakravarthi, an Indian-origin technology executive, has been named the next President and CEO of Adobe.
- He will succeed Shantanu Narayen, who has served as Adobe's CEO since 2007 and will become Executive Chair.
- Adobe Inc. is an American multinational software company headquartered in San Jose, California, USA.

BANKING NEWS



Yuko Keicho Named World Bank VP & Auditor General



- The World Bank Group comprises five institutions—IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID—while IBRD and IDA together are known as the World Bank.
- Ajay Banga is the President of the World Bank Group.
- The headquarters of the World Bank Group is in Washington, D.C., United States.

RBI Appoints Suman Ray as Executive Director



- As Executive Director, Suman Ray will oversee the Deposit Insurance & Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) the Premises Department.
- The DICGC is responsible for providing deposit insurance to eligible bank depositors and is a wholly owned subsidiary of the RBI.
- Before his elevation, Suman Ray was serving as Regional Director for Maharashtra at the RBI.

SPORTS



Praggnanandhaa Becomes First Indian to Win Grand Chess Tour



- Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa, popularly known as Praggnanandhaa, is an Indian chess Grandmaster who was born on 10 August 2005 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- He defeated Fabiano Caruana of the USA by 15–13 in the 2026 GCT Finals.
- The final was held at the Saint Louis Chess Club, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Gujarat Launches India's First Sports Genomics Programme



- Gujarat has launched India's first state-level Sports Genomics Programme, bringing genomics and biotechnology into athlete identification, training and high-performance development.
- The programme is being implemented by the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC) under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat.
- The initiative is particularly significant for Gujarat's preparations for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

IIT Madras Launches Phiball, a Three-Team Basketball Format



- IIT Madras launched Phiball, a new three-team competitive invasion sport, at its Chennai campus, Tamil Nadu.
- Phiball re-engineers conventional court dynamics by placing three teams on the same playing area simultaneously.
- The launch of Phiball was aligned with National Sports Day, observed in India on 29 August in honour of Major Dhyan Chand.

Abhay Singh Wins Tuanku Muhriz Trophy 2026 Title



- Indian squash player Abhay Singh, who belongs to Haryana, won the men's singles title at the Tuanku Muhriz Trophy 2026 in Seremban, Malaysia.
- Abhay Singh, the top seed, defeated third-seeded Henry Leung of Hong Kong in the final.
- Abhay is currently ranked World No. 24 and is India's highest-ranked men's squash player.

Lionel Messi Retires from International Football



- Lionel Messi announced his retirement from international football with Argentina, ending a 21-year international career and having represented Argentina in a record six FIFA World Cups from 2006 to 2026.
- His final international appearance came in the 2026 FIFA World Cup final, where Argentina lost 1–0 to Spain after extra time.
- Messi is the only player to have won the FIFA World Cup Golden Ball twice, receiving the award in 2014 and 2022.

Lallianzuala Chhangte Named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026

- Lallianzuala Chhangte, who belongs to Mizoram in Northeast India, has been named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026 at the Football Players' Association of India (FPAI) Indian Football Awards 2026.
- The award was presented by Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia, who is also the founding president of FPAI.
- Manisha Kalyan, who hails from Hoshiarpur, Punjab, was named the Indian Women's Player of the Year 2026.

Germany & Argentina Win Men's & Women's FIH Hockey World Cup



- The 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup was jointly hosted by Belgium and the Netherlands.
- Germany won the Men's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, defeating Spain in the final in Wavre, Belgium.
- Argentina won the Women's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, defeating the Netherlands in the final.

India to Host Inaugural Women's Champions Trophy 2027



- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that India will host the inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027.
- The two venues are Cricket Club of India (CCI), Mumbai, and Vadodara International Cricket Stadium, Kotambi, Vadodara, Gujarat.
- The participating teams are Australia, England, India, New Zealand, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

Smriti Mandhana Becomes Leading Run-Scorer in Women's Cricket



- Smriti Mandhana became the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket across all formats, surpassing Mithali Raj's 10,868 runs.
- She achieved the milestone during India's Women's T20 Asia Cup 2026 match against Hong Kong, China in Dubai.
- Smriti Mandhana, who belongs to Mumbai, Maharashtra, scored 124 runs off 64 balls, including 14 fours and 7 sixes.

DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Hindalco Commissions India's First Superfine PPT ATH Plant



- Hindalco Industries Limited commissioned India's first Superfine PPT ATH manufacturing plant is located at Belagavi, Karnataka.
- The plant is a greenfield manufacturing facility.
- PPT ATH (Precipitated Aluminium Trihydrate) is a halogen-free flame-retardant material.

Indian Navy Gets First Multipurpose Vessel — Samarthak



- The vessel was designed and built by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) at its Kattupalli Shipyard in Tamil Nadu.
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) is constructing two Multi-Purpose Vessels (MPVs)—INS Samarthak and INS Utkarsh—for the Indian Navy under the same project.
- The vessel was named Samarthak, meaning “Supporter” or “The Proponent”.

NASA Launches Roman Space Telescope on Falcon Heavy



- NASA successfully launched the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, its next-generation flagship space observatory.
- The telescope was launched aboard SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Florida.
- The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope is named after Dr. Nancy Grace Roman, NASA's first chief astronomer.

NCDEX Launches RAINCHNNAI Weather Derivatives



- National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) launches RAINCHNNAI, a rainfall-based weather derivatives futures contract for Chennai.
- RAINCHNNAI is designed to help market participants hedge financial risks arising from rainfall variability during the Northeast (retreating) Monsoon.
- RAINCHNNAI covers September–December, the key Northeast Monsoon period for Chennai.

Türkiye Joins NASA's Artemis Accords



- Türkiye became the 71st signatory to the NASA-led Artemis Accords. India signed the Artemis Accords on 21 June 2023.
- The signing ceremony was held at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- The Artemis Accords, established in 2020 by NASA and the U.S. Department of State, provide principles for peaceful, transparent responsible exploration of the Moon, Mars and beyond.

Retired Air Marshal Jeetendra Named Ram Temple Trust CEO

- Retired Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra has been appointed the first Chief Executive Officer of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.
- The appointment was announced following a meeting of the Trust in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.
- Mishra previously served as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Air Command (WAC) and played a significant role in Operation Sindoor while heading the command.

Aero India 2027 to be held in Bengaluru



- The 16th edition of Aero India will be held in 2027 at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

- The event is organised by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.
- Aero India is Asia's largest air show and one of the world's premier aerospace and defence exhibitions.

Ahuti Mk II Becomes India's Fastest Multirotor UAV



- Ahuti Mk II is an advanced multirotor Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) developed by Hyderabad-based Apollyon Dynamics.
- The UAV achieved a top speed of 498 km/h, making it India's fastest multirotor UAV.
- The achievement was officially recognized by the India Book of Records.

ISRO GSLV-F17 Launches EOS-05 in Major Space Mission



- ISRO successfully launched GSLV-F17 carrying EOS-05 from the Second Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- EOS-05 is an advanced Earth Observation Satellite and is India's first dedicated imaging satellite designed to operate from geosynchronous orbit.
- GSLV is a three-stage launch vehicle consisting of solid, liquid and cryogenic propulsion stages.