



## Current Affairs

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### 1. Air Marshal Hardeep Bains takes over as Air Officer-in-Charge Personnel

- **Appointment** – Air Marshal Hardeep Bains has assumed charge as the Air Officer-in-Charge Personnel (AOP) at Air Headquarters.
- **Responsibilities** – As AOP, he will oversee all personnel matters of the Indian Air Force (IAF), including human resource management, training, and welfare.
- **Background** – He was commissioned in the fighter stream of the IAF and has extensive operational and administrative experience.
- **Leadership Roles** – He has held key appointments at various command and staff levels, contributing significantly to IAF operations and administration.
- **Succession** – He takes over the role from his predecessor, continuing the responsibility of managing the personnel branch for enhancing the operational efficiency of the IAF.



### 2. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Launches NIELIT Digital University Platform

- **Launch Date:** The NIELIT Digital University platform was launched on October 2, 2025.
- **Objective:** The platform aims to democratize access to high-quality digital education, offering industry-focused programs in emerging technologies like AI, cybersecurity,



data science, and semiconductors.

- **New Centers:** The launch event included the virtual inauguration of 5 new NIELIT centers in Muzaffarpur, Balasore, Tirupati, Daman, and Lunglei.
- **Industry Collaboration:** The event featured partnerships with leading industry partners to strengthen industry-academia collaboration and included a panel discussion on the role of AI in digitizing education.
- **Reach and Impact:** With 56 NIELIT centers, 750+ accredited institutes, and 9,000+ facilitation centers, the platform is poised to skill and certify millions of students in emerging technologies.

### 3. OpenAI Hits \$500 Billion Valuation After Share Sale to SoftBank

- **Valuation:** OpenAI's valuation has skyrocketed to \$500 billion after a \$6.6 billion secondary share sale, surpassing SpaceX's \$400 billion valuation.
- **Investors:** The share sale involved existing and former employees selling stock to outside investors, including Thrive Capital, SoftBank, Dragoneer Investment Group, Abu Dhabi's MGX, and T. Rowe Price.
- **No New Capital:** The deal didn't raise new capital for OpenAI but allowed employees to cash out, signaling investor confidence in the company's long-term prospects.
- **Revenue:** OpenAI generated approximately \$4.3 billion in revenue in the first half of 2025, with a projected annual run-rate revenue of \$8.6 billion.
- **Infrastructure Plans:** OpenAI is planning a massive infrastructure project called Stargate, a 10 GW data center project over four years, potentially requiring up to \$500 billion in investment, with Oracle and SoftBank as partners.



### 4. Nishad Kumar Wins Maiden Gold at World Para Athletics Championships

- **Event and Location:** Nishad Kumar won the gold medal in the men's high jump T47 event at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025 in New Delhi.
- **Record-Breaking Jump:** He cleared a height of 2.14m, setting a new Asian record and coming close to the world record of 2.16m held by Roderick Townsend.
- **Historic Win:** This is Nishad's first gold medal at the World Championships, after winning silver medals in consecutive editions, including the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Paralympics.



- **Competition Results:** Abdullah Ilgaz of Turkey won the silver medal with a European record jump of 2.08m, while world record holder Roderick Townsend settled for bronze with a jump of 2.03m.
- **Personal Milestone:** Nishad Kumar achieved this feat on his birthday, October 3, 2025, and expressed his happiness, saying he had been working hard for this moment and "didn't want to miss it."

## **5. India finishes ISSF Junior World Cup at New Delhi as table-topper**

- **Medal Count:** India topped the medals table with 19 medals in Olympic events, including 6 gold, 8 silver, and 5 bronze.
- **Additional Medals:** India added 2 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals in non-Olympic events, further increasing its medal tally.
- **Top Performers:** Tejaswani Singh won silver in the junior women's 25m pistol event, while Mukesh Nellavalli claimed gold in the 25m pistol men junior individual event.
- **Other Notable Performances:** Sahil Choudhary won bronze in the 25m pistol men junior individual event, and Addya Katyal and Arjun narrowly missed the bronze medal match in the trap mixed team event.
- **Global Rankings:** India's performance in the tournament showcases its growing dominance in shooting sports, with AIN (Athletes from Independent Nations) and Italy securing second and third positions in the medals table, respectively.



## **6. H Rajesh Prasad appointed as Chandigarh's Chief Secretary**

- **Appointment:** H Rajesh Prasad, a 1995-batch IAS officer from the AGMUT cadre, has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Chandigarh, replacing Mandip Singh Brar.
- **Background:** Prasad has a strong track record in power sector governance and has held various high-impact administrative positions across states and Union Territories.
- **Previous Role:** Before taking over as Chief Secretary, Prasad served as Principal Secretary, Power Development Department (PDD), Jammu & Kashmir, where he implemented significant reforms in the power sector.
- **Key Strengths:** He is known for his reform-driven leadership style, with expertise in infrastructure development, urban governance, and cross-departmental coordination, which is expected to benefit Chandigarh's administration.



- **Expectations:** As Chief Secretary, Prasad is likely to focus on strengthening urban infrastructure, driving tech-enabled governance, ensuring efficiency and accountability, and promoting a citizen-centric governance model.

## 7. Vijay Prakash appointed as Additional Director General in CISF

- **Appointment:** Vijay Prakash, a 1996-batch IPS officer from Uttar Pradesh, has been appointed as Additional Director General in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
- **Tenure:** His appointment is for a period up to December 14, 2028, with a combined tenure of 7 years.
- **Previous Role:** Before this appointment, Prakash served as Inspector General in CISF and ADG, Fire Service, HQRS, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Current Responsibilities:** As Additional Director General, Vijay Prakash will oversee key operations and administrative functions within CISF.
- **Background:** Prakash has extensive experience in security and administration, having held various positions in the Uttar Pradesh Police and CISF, making him a suitable candidate for this role.



## 8. Ashray Akruti conferred with the prestigious Mahatma Award 2025

- **Award Category:** Ashray Akruti received the Mahatma Award 2025 for its outstanding work in Social Good and Impact as a nonprofit organization.
- **Organization's Mission:** The organization focuses on creating a society where everyone enjoys dignity, opportunity, and hope, with significant impacts in Education, Healthcare, and Skill Development.
- **Beneficiaries:** Ashray Akruti's initiatives provide essential resources and opportunities to children, youth, and women from disadvantaged backgrounds, empowering them and offering hope.
- **Founder's Quote:** D. P. K. Babu, Managing Director of Ashray Akruti, said the award teaches them that genuine inclusion is not charity, but justice, and it's for the children, youth, and families who inspire them to strive for more.
- **Award Background:** The Mahatma Award, established by the Mahatma Foundation with support from the Aditya Birla Group, celebrates individuals and groups making real changes in society.



## 9. World Animal Day 2025 observed on 04th October

- **Date:** World Animal Day is observed annually on October 4, coinciding with the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology.
- **Theme:** The theme for World Animal Day 2025 is "Save Animals, Save the Planet!" highlighting the crucial link between animal welfare and environmental sustainability.
- **History:** World Animal Day was first celebrated in 1925 by German writer and animal rights activist Heinrich Zimmermann and has since become a global movement.
- **Objective:** The day aims to raise awareness about animal rights and welfare, promoting compassion, protection, and action for all animals, whether pets, wildlife, or those in industrial farming.
- **Significance:** World Animal Day emphasizes that protecting animals is essential to protecting the planet, as the well-being of animals is deeply connected to the health of ecosystems and humanity.



## 10. Jane Goodall, Legendary Primate Expert passed away

- **Pioneering Research:** Dr. Jane Goodall was a renowned primatologist and anthropologist famous for her groundbreaking research on chimpanzees in Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania, starting in 1960. Her work challenged scientific views by showing that chimpanzees make and use tools, hunt cooperatively, and display complex emotions.
- **Conservation Efforts:** Goodall founded the Jane Goodall Institute in 1977 to promote wildlife conservation and established programs like Roots & Shoots, a global youth program that encourages young people to take action to make a positive difference.
- **Animal Welfare Advocacy:** Dr. Goodall was a vocal advocate for animal welfare, criticizing animal cruelty in industries like factory farming and laboratory research. She also worked to protect endangered species and their habitats.
- **Awards and Recognition:** Throughout her career, Goodall received numerous awards, including the Kyoto Prize, the Hubbard Medal, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She was named a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2003.



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