



# Current Affairs

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## 1. Samrat Rana Wins Gold in Men's 10m Air Pistol at ISSF World Championships

- **First Indian to win individual air pistol gold:** Samrat Rana is the first Indian to win the individual air pistol gold medal at the ISSF World Championships.
- **Score:** He scored a total of 243.7 points, edging past China's Hu Kai by 0.4 points.
- **Team gold:** Samrat also led India to team gold in the men's 10m air pistol event, along with Varun Tomar and Shravan Kumar.
- **Historic moment for Indian shooting:** This is a landmark moment for Indian shooting, with Samrat becoming the fifth Indian to win a world championship title in an Olympic event.
- **Young champion:** Samrat, a 20-year-old from Karnal, has been coached by his father since 2018 and has been on the rise since his junior triumphs at the same venue in 2022.



## 2. India–Sri Lanka Begin Joint Military Exercise Mitra Shakti 2025

- **Exercise Overview:** The 11th edition of Mitra Shakti 2025 began on November 10, 2025, at Belagavi, Karnataka, with the aim of enhancing operational coordination and interoperability between the Indian and Sri Lankan armies in sub-conventional operations under UN peacekeeping mandates.
- **Participating Forces:** The Indian contingent consists of 170 personnel from the Rajput Regiment, while the Sri Lankan contingent has 135 personnel from the



Gajaba Regiment. The exercise also includes personnel from the Indian Air Force and Sri Lankan Air Force.

- **Objectives:** The exercise focuses on joint tactical operations, counter-terrorism, and peacekeeping, with an emphasis on enhancing mutual understanding and operational coordination between the two nations' armed forces.
- **Key Activities:** The exercise includes joint raids, search and destroy missions, heliborne operations, counter-terrorist drills, and combat reflex shooting, as well as professional exchanges, cultural interactions, and sports events.
- **Significance:** Mitra Shakti 2025 strengthens defence cooperation and bilateral relations between India and Sri Lanka, promoting regional peace and security, and underscoring India's commitment to its Neighbourhood First and SAGAR initiatives.

### 3. India-Angola Sign MoUs to Strengthen Trade & Marine Sector

- **Fisheries and Aquaculture Cooperation:** The MoU aims to promote sustainable marine resource management, technology exchange, and capacity-building in fisheries and aquaculture.
- **Consular Cooperation:** The agreement enhances visa services, consular assistance, and citizen services, facilitating bilateral movement and trade.
- **Diversification of Economic Engagement:** The agreements mark a shift from the traditionally energy-dominated relationship to a more diversified partnership focusing on sustainable development and economic resilience.
- **Global Sustainability Collaboration:** Angola has joined India-led initiatives, the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) and the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA), promoting biodiversity conservation and sustainable energy.
- **Strategic Partnership:** The agreements strengthen India-Angola ties, with India being Angola's second-largest trading partner, and open avenues for cooperation in technology, health, defence, agriculture, and infrastructure.



### 4. Sweden became the world's first cashless country

- **Cash in Circulation:** The amount of physical currency in circulation has dropped by half since 2007, with only 8% of the population using cash in 2022.
- **Digital Payment Methods:** Sweden's digital payment landscape is dominated by mobile payment apps like Swish, used by over 80% of the population, and BankID, an electronic identification system used by adults more than twice a day.



- **Factors Driving Cashlessness:** The country's rapid digitalization is driven by a supportive regulatory framework, tech-savvy citizens, and a strong banking sector. The 1990s robberies also prompted a shift towards cashless transactions.
- **Impact on Society:** While daily life runs smoothly for most Swedes, concerns arise about financial exclusion, particularly affecting the elderly, poor, and sick, who struggle with digital payments.
- **Challenges Ahead:** Sweden faces rising fraud, with bank card fraud jumping 44% between 2022 and 2023, and social engineering scams targeting the elderly. The Riksbank is working to ensure a secure and inclusive financial system.

## 5. Deepak Gupta appointed as Next CMD of GAIL India Limited

- **Experience:** Deepak Gupta brings over 35 years of experience in the oil and gas sector, with expertise in project management, construction management, and business development.
- **Leadership Roles:** He has led several mega infrastructure projects, including the \$19 billion Dangote Refinery and Petrochemical Complex in Nigeria and the HMEI Bhatinda Polymer Project in India.
- **Current Role:** Gupta currently serves as Director (Projects) at GAIL (India) Limited and has been instrumental in driving strategic initiatives, including pipeline infrastructure, renewable energy integration, and downstream projects.
- **Vision:** As CMD, he is expected to focus on strengthening GAIL's pipeline network, enhancing gas marketing and trading operations, and advancing diversification into emerging areas like hydrogen, biofuels, and renewable energy.
- **Appointment:** The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) recommended Gupta's appointment, pending approval by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), and he is set to take over from Sandeep Kumar Gupta, the current CMD, who retires on February 28, 2026.



## 6. Justice Ashok Bhushan re-appointed as NCLAT Chairman

- **Re-appointment Details:** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved his re-appointment, extending his tenure until he attains the age of 70 years.
- **Background:** Justice Bhushan joined NCLAT as Chairperson on November 8, 2021, and has been presiding over significant matters involving corporate law, insolvency, and competition statutes.



- **Judicial Career:** He was a judge of the Supreme Court of India, retiring on July 4, 2021, and has served as Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court and Judge of the Allahabad High Court.
- **Notable Cases:** Justice Bhushan was part of the five-judge bench that decided the Ayodhya case in 2019 and delivered several judgments during the Covid pandemic, ensuring relief to migrant workers and food supply to the needy.
- **Tenure:** His re-appointment ensures continuity of leadership at NCLAT until July 2026, providing stability and expertise in corporate law and insolvency matter.

### 7. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel RRU National K9 Bravery Award 2025 awarded to BSF's tracker dog Babita

- **Award Details:** The award was presented during a national ceremony held in Hyderabad, recognizing Babita's outstanding contributions.
- **Heroic Act:** In September 2025, Babita played a crucial role in an anti-smuggling operation, guiding BSF personnel to a suspicious residence, leading to the capture of three smugglers.
- **Recognition:** Babita received a medal and a commendation certificate, acknowledging her sharp tracking skills and dedication.
- **Stationed in Amritsar:** Babita is part of the BSF team in the Amritsar Sector of Punjab, where she continues to serve with distinction.
- **Inspiring Service:** This award highlights the invaluable contributions of canine partners like Babita in supporting security forces and keeping communities safe.



### 8. Diia.Engine Wins GIMI 2025 Award for Public Sector Innovation

- **About Diia.Engine:** It's a groundbreaking platform enabling government institutions to build and upgrade digital systems quickly, securely, and cost-effectively, without relying on single developers.
- **Impact:** The platform hosts 54 registries and digital government systems, used by 25 public institutions, accelerating Ukraine's transition to a digital state.
- **Features:** Diia.Engine offers a drag-and-drop interface, built-in integrations, security protocols, multilingual support, and open API system for seamless interoperability.

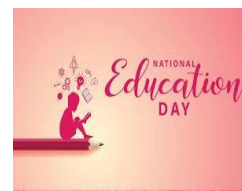




- **Recognition:** The GIMI Awards recognize breakthrough achievements across sectors, and Diia.Engine's win highlights its creativity, scalability, and impact potential.
- **Global Collaboration:** Developed by Ukraine's Ministry of Digital Transformation, Diia.Engine is supported by international partners like the EU, USAID, and the World Bank, promoting global digital governance.

## 9. National Education Day is celebrated on 11th November

- **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's Legacy:** Azad played a crucial role in establishing premier educational institutions like IITs, IISc, and UGC, and advocated for free and compulsory education for all children up to the age of 14.
- **Significance:** The day highlights the importance of education in nation-building and pays tribute to Azad's contributions to India's education system.
- **Celebrations:** Various events, seminars, and programs are organized across the country to promote education and discuss ways to improve the education system.
- **Theme:** While there's no fixed theme, the focus is on promoting quality education, innovation, and inclusivity in education.
- **Impact:** National Education Day inspires students, teachers, and policymakers to work towards creating a more educated and enlightened society, reflecting Azad's vision for India's future.



## 10. Tamil Actor Abhinay passed away

- **Early Life and Career:** Abhinay made his acting debut in the 2002 Tamil film Thulluvadho Ilamai, alongside Dhanush, and went on to appear in over 15 films across Tamil, Telugu, and Kannada cinema.
- **Notable Works:** He was known for his roles in films like Junction, Singara Chennai, and Pon Megalai, and also worked as a dubbing artist, lending his voice to actors like Vidyut Jammwal in Thuppakki and Anjaan.
- **Health Struggles:** Abhinay had been battling liver disease for several years and had sought financial assistance from the film industry and public to support his treatment.



- **Industry Support:** His colleagues, including Dhanush and KPY Bala, came forward to help with his medical expenses, with Dhanush contributing Rs 5 lakh and KPY Bala donating Rs 1 lakh.
- **Legacy:** Abhinay's passing has left the Tamil film industry in grief, with many remembering him as a warm and soft-spoken individual who remained passionate about cinema despite his health struggles.



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