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Wayanad to Become India's First E-Waste-Free District



- Wayanad, located in Kerala, is set to become India's first completely e-waste-free district.
- The initiative was implemented with the support of Suchitwa Mission, Clean Kerala Company and Haritha Karma Sena.
- Wayanad (Kerala) aims to become a carbon-neutral district, while Palli (Samba district, J&K) is India's first carbon-neutral Gram Panchayat.

Assam Gets Northeast's First Defence Manufacturing Facility



- The facility is being established at Tulsibari Industrial Estate, Rangia, Assam.
- It will be developed by Mumbai-based Speed4Defence Systems Pvt. Ltd.
- The company will collaborate with IIT Guwahati for research, development and innovation.

India to host the 25th IORA meeting in New Delhi

- India will host the 25th Council of Ministers Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) on 27 November 2026 in New Delhi.
- India's IORA Chairship for 2025–2027 is guided by the theme: "Innovation, Openness, Resilience and Adaptability in the Indian Ocean Region."
- The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) was established on 7 March 1997, with its headquarters in Ebene, Mauritius.

MSJE to launch SAMAVESH and e-Anudaan Portal



- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE) launched SAMAVESH and the new e-Anudaan Portal in New Delhi.
- SAMAVESH (Single Access Mechanism for All Verticals of Empowerment & Social Harmony) is a unified digital gateway providing access to the Ministry's schemes, services and organisational portals.
- The e-Anudaan Portal is a digital platform that simplifies the Grant-in-Aid application and monitoring process for NGOs and voluntary organisations under MSJE schemes.

India Wins Best National Pavilion Award at Venice Biennale

- India won Visitors' Lion for Best National Participation at 61st International Art Exhibition, Venice Art Biennale 2026, held in Venice, Italy.
- India received the award for its National Pavilion titled "Geographies of Distance: Remembering Home."
- The Venice Biennale is widely known as the "Olympics of the Art World."

Javed Akhtar to Receive Mahatma Phule Samata Puruskar



- Renowned lyricist, screenwriter and poet Javed Akhtar has been selected for the 2026 Mahatma Phule Samata Puraskar.
- He received the Sahitya Akademi Award in Urdu in 2013 for his poetry collection Lava.
- He was honoured with the Padma Shri (1999) and Padma Bhushan (2007).

Anand Kumar Receives Special Achievement Award in Japan



- Anand Kumar received Japan's Special Achievement Award 2026 in the Education category for his contribution to making quality education accessible to economically disadvantaged children.
- He was recognised for his educational initiatives, particularly Super 30 and Super Infinity.
- Super 30 provides free IIT-JEE coaching, while Super Infinity offers free online mathematics learning to children worldwide.

Shodhan Rai Wins Silver at Natural Olympia 2026



- Bengaluru-based Indian natural bodybuilder Shodhan Rai won a silver medal at Natural Olympia 2026, held in Las Vegas, USA.
- Earlier in November 2026, he won two gold medals at the Iron Man World Natural Bodybuilding World Cup.
- With this victory, Rai's Natural Olympia medal tally increased to 9 medals.

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26-11-2026 / THURSDAY

India observes National Constitution Day (Samvidhan Diwas) on 26th November every year.