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"Varuvaaiy" becomes first Tamil song to receive Grammy nomination



- Tamil independent song "Varuvaaiy" received a nomination at the 69th Grammy Awards (2027).
- The song is a contemporary musical interpretation of a devotional poem written by Tamil poet Subramania Bharati (Bharathiyar).
- The poem is dedicated to Lord Krishna.

45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026



- The 45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026 is being held from 14 to 27 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The fair is organised by theIndia Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
- The theme of the 2026 fair is "Vikas aur Virasat" (Development and Heritage).

India to Host 62nd ICC Ministerial Meeting in Kochi

- India is hosting 62nd Session and Ministerial Meeting of International Coconut Community from 17–20 November 2026 at Kochi, Kerala.
- The meeting is being organised jointly by the Coconut Development Board (CDB), under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, and the International Coconut Community.
- The International Coconut Community (ICC) was established in 1969, with its headquarters in Jakarta, Indonesia.

REACH Becomes First Indian NGO to Win Kochon Prize 2026



- REACH (Resource Group for Education and Advocacy for Community Health) is a Chennai-based, women-led non-profit organisation working to strengthen India's tuberculosis (TB) response.
- It became the first Indian civil society, non-profit organisation to receive the Kochon Prize in 2026.
- The Kochon Prize was established in 2006 by the Kochon Foundation of South Korea in partnership with the Stop TB Partnership.

NimsoKerung Dance Sets Guinness World Record



- NimsoKerung is a traditional folk dance of the Karbi community of Assam.
- It was organised as part of the 75th Karbi Anglong Day Platinum Jubilee celebrations.
- Organised by the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC).

Manu Bhaker Elected to ISSF Athletes Committee (2026–2030)



- Indian shooter Manu Bhaker has been elected to Athletes Committee of International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) for the 2026–2030 term.
- She is a double Olympic medallist and competed in the Pistol category.
- At the Paris Olympics 2024, she won two bronze medals, becoming the first Indian athlete in independent India's history to win two medals at a single Olympic edition.

MS Dhoni Retires from IPL, Named CSK Mentor for 2027 Season



- Former Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni announced his retirement from the IPL.
- He will serve as a mentor for Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in the 2027 IPL season.
- Dhoni joined CSK during the inaugural IPL season in 2008.

India Defeated Pakistan 2–1 in SAFF Championship 2026



- India defeated Pakistan 2–1 in the final of the SAFF Championship 2026, held at the National Stadium, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- India became the first team to win three consecutive editions of the tournament.
- India secured its record-extending 10th SAFF Championship title.

INDIA REACHES 100 CHESS GRANDMASTERS – 2026

First Indian GM: Viswanathan Anand (1988)

96th GM: Ethan Vaz

97th GM: Harshvardhan G. B.

98th GM: S. Aswath

99th GM: V. S. Rathanvel

100th GM: Anuj Shrivatri

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

18-11-2026 / WEDNESDAY

National Naturopathy Day 2026 is being observed on 18 November under the theme "Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat."