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Anup Kumar Saha to Become Kotak Mahindra Bank MD & CEO



- Anup Kumar Saha has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as the next MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- He will succeed Ashok Vaswani, whose current term ends on 31 December 2026.
- His appointment is for a 3-year term.

Tamil Nadu Launches 'Vetri Payanam Thittam' Scheme

- Tamil Nadu launched the expanded Vetri Payanam Scheme on 2 October 2026.
- The scheme provides free bus travel for women and transgender persons.
- The expanded facility covers Deluxe, Express, LSS and Mofussil Ordinary buses.

GOBARDhan Scheme Launched to Boost Compressed Biogas



- The GOBARDhan (Galvanising Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan) Scheme has a total financial outlay of ₹23,731 crore for the period FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36.

- GOBARDhan is a Central Sector Scheme for the development of India's Compressed Biogas (CBG) sector, with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) as its nodal ministry.
- GOBARDhan was originally launched in 2018 under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) as part of Solid and Liquid Waste Management.

California bans child marriage, sets 18 as minimum age



- California became the 18th U.S. state to completely ban child marriage without exceptions, setting the minimum marriage age at 18 years.
- The law will come into effect on 1 January 2027.
- In India, the minimum legal marriage age is 18 years for females and 21 years for males, with Bal Vivah Mukta Bharat aiming to make India child-marriage-free by 2030.

Smit Machchhar to Receive Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award



- Captain Smit Machchhar, a flydubai pilot, will receive the Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award.
- Machchhar was the captain of flydubai Flight FZ1073, travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv.
- The aircraft was a Boeing 737 MAX 8 carrying 174 passengers.

NASA and SpaceX Launch Crew-13 Mission



- NASA and SpaceX launched the Crew-13 mission to the International Space Station (ISS).
- The launch vehicle was a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket carrying a Dragon spacecraft.
- The four-member crew includes Jessica Watkins (NASA, Commander), Luke Delaney (NASA, Pilot), Joshua Kutryk (CSA, Mission Specialist) and Sergey Tetryatnikov (Roscosmos, Mission Specialist).

ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027 Begins on 2 October



- The 14th edition of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup will be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.
- The tournament will feature 14 teams, 57 matches and 12 venues.
- The tournament begins with a three-team Super Series in Windhoek, Namibia.

Lovlina Borgohain Wins Boxing Gold at Asian Games 2026



- Lovlina Borgohain won the gold medal in women's 75 kg boxing at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- She defeated China's Bao Ziyi by a 5-0 unanimous decision in the final on 2 October 2026.
- She became the second Indian woman boxer to win Asian Games gold, after Mary Kom, who won the 51 kg title at the 2014 Asian Games.

THE FIVE ASSOCIATE BANKS THAT MERGED WITH SBI ON 1 APRIL 2017

State Bank of Mysore (established in 1913)

State Bank of Patiala (established in 1917)

State Bank of Hyderabad (established in 1941)

State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur (established in 1963)

State Bank of Travancore (established in 1945)

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

02-10-2026 / FRIDAY

2 October 2026 is observed as Gandhi Jayanti, marking the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.