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Andhra Pradesh tops India's Ease of Vehicle Ownership Index 2026



- Andhra Pradesh secured 1st rank in India's first Ease of Vehicle Ownership Index (EVOI) 2026, with a score of 5.91 out of 10.
- Kerala secured 2nd rank with 5.74 points, followed by Tamil Nadu with 4.58 points.
- The index evaluates states on six key parameters.

Goa's Palolem Beach has been named Asia's best beach for 2026



- Palolem Beach, located in Canacona taluka, South Goa district, Goa, has been named Asia's Best Beach in the Global Beach Index 2026.
- Palolem secured 6th position globally among the world's Top 25 beaches.
- Trunk Bay (US Virgin Islands) ranked 1st, Elafonissi Beach (Greece) 2nd, and Grace Bay Beach (Turks and Caicos Islands) 3rd globally in the Global Beach Index 2026.

ADB Releases USD 21.6 Million 1st Tranche for Healthcare Scheme

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) released the first tranche of USD 21.6 million (approximately ₹205.49 crore) to support Mizoram's Universal Healthcare Scheme (MUHCS).
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) was established on 19 December 1966, with its headquarters in Manila, Philippines.
- Masato Kanda (Japan) has been serving as the President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) since 24 February 2025.

Cabinet Approves ₹5,000 Crore Corpus for Mudra Loan Guarantees



- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved a ₹5,000 crore corpus for the continuation of the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU) for five years, up to 31 March 2031.
- CGFMU launched in January 2016 to provide credit guarantee coverage to lending institutions against default risks on eligible loans.
- The fund is managed through National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC).

UAE Launches Digital ATA Carnet System

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) became 1st country outside Europe to implement fully digital Electronic ATA Carnet system.
- An ATA Carnet, also known as the Passport for Goods, is an international customs document that allows eligible goods to be temporarily imported into participating countries without payment of customs duties and taxes.
- It is valid for up to one year and can be used across multiple participating countries.

PV Sindhu Appointed Chairperson of IOA Athletes Commission



- Two-time Olympic medallist P. V. Sindhu has been elected unopposed as the Chairperson of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Athletes' Commission for the 2026–2030 term.
- Harmanpreet Singh, captain of the Indian men's hockey team, has been appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Commission.
- The previous IOA Athletes' Commission was headed by former world champion boxer M. C. Mary Kom.

Bhopal to Host Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2026



- Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, will host the Madhya Pradesh Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 from 19 to 28 November 2026.
- A total of 6 Asian teams will participate: India, China, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and Thailand.
- India has won title 3 times: 2016, 2023 & 2024.

India Wins Women's 25m Pistol Team Gold at ISSF Worlds



- India won the gold medal in the Women's 25m Pistol Team Event at the ISSF World Championship 2026 held in Doha, Qatar.
- South Korea won silver with 1,748-66x, while Vietnam secured bronze with 1,745-54x.
- India defeated South Korea by a margin of 13 points.

SPORTSPERSONS AND THEIR AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

Milkha Singh – The Race of My Life

P. T. Usha – Golden Girl

Sachin Tendulkar – Playing It My Way

Kapil Dev – Straight from the Heart

Mary Kom – Unbreakable

Sania Mirza – Ace Against Odds

Saina Nehwal – Playing to Win

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

12-11-2026 / THURSDAY

World Pneumonia Day is observed on 12 November every year with the 2026 theme "A New Era of Pneumonia Control."