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NATIONAL NEWS

India ranked 28th in the Climate Change Performance Index 2027



- The index is jointly published by Germanwatch and NewClimate Institute.
- Denmark ranked 4th and remained the highest-ranked country for the sixth consecutive year, followed by Lithuania (5th) & Luxembourg (6th).
- In CCPI 2027, the first, second and third positions were kept vacant because no country performed well enough to meet the required climate performance standards.

Kolkata to Host the 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2027



- The19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention will be held in Kolkata, West Bengal, from 7–9 January 2027.
- The convention will be organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, in partnership with the Govt. of West Bengal.
- The theme of 19th edition is "Return to Roots: Reigniting the Diaspora Connect with Bharat."

Three Maharashtra Beaches Receive International Blue Flag Certification

- A total of 22 beaches across India received Blue Flag recognition for 2026–27.
- The three newly certified beaches are Ladghar and Guhagar (Ratnagiri district) and Shrivardhan (Raigad district).
- The certification programme is administered by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), headquartered in Denmark.

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.

Cabinet approves Rs.14,500 crore Viability Gap Funding Scheme



- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme for developing Grid-Scale Energy Storage Systems, to be implemented from FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31.
- It aims to support the development of 92 GWh of yet-to-be-commissioned energy storage capacity across India.
- The targeted capacity is equivalent to 170% of India's present grid-scale energy storage capacity.

Goa Ranks 1st in Access Equality Index (AEI) 2026



- The AccessEquality Index 2026 was released by the Centre for New Economics Studies (CNES), O.P. Jindal Global University.
- Goa secured the 1st rank with a score of 0.68, Andhra Pradesh ranked 2nd (0.66), followed by Sikkim in 3rd place (0.63).
- It uses 60 indicators across 23 categories, giving equal weightage to all five dimensions.

Delhi Inaugurates 1st Recreational Yamuna River Cruise Service



- Delhi's first recreational Yamuna River Cruise Service was inaugurated at Sonia Vihar, Delhi.
- The service is named Namo Yamuna River Cruise Service.
- The project is being developed by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

3 Indian Manuscripts Added to UNESCO Register

- The three manuscripts are Mahabharata, Arthashastra and Rajatarangini.
- Mahabharata is preserved in Pune (Maharashtra), Arthashastra in Mysuru (Karnataka), and Rajatarangini in Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir).
- With these additions, India's total entries in the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Register increased to six, including Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra and Sahrdayaloka-Locana (2024).

Global Innovation Index 2026 ranks India 38th among 139 economies

- The index is published annually by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- The top five countries in the Global Innovation Index 2026 are Switzerland (1st), Sweden (2nd), the United States (3rd), Republic of Korea (4th) and Singapore (5th).
- India improved its overall ranking from 48th in 2020 to 38th in 2026.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

49th ASEAN Summit to Be Held in Manila, Philippines



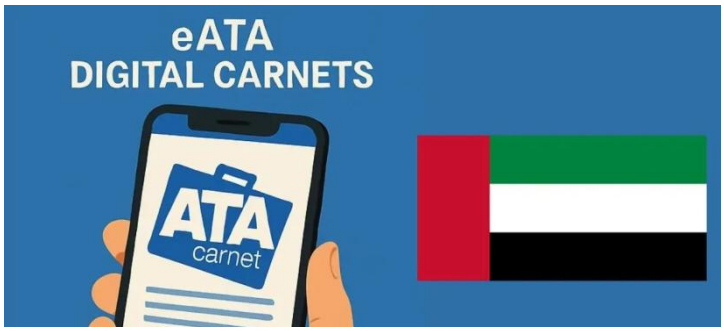
- The 49th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit and Related Summits will be hosted by the Philippines in Manila.
- The Philippines is holding the ASEAN Chairmanship for 2026 under the theme "Navigating Our Future, Together."
- ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) consists of 11 member countries and is headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia.

1st BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting Held in Colombo



- The First BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, marking an important step towards strengthening regional healthcare cooperation.
- BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) consists of 7 member countries — Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
- The headquarters of BIMSTEC is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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.

COP31 Climate Summit 2026 Begins in Antalya, Turkiye



- The 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is being held in Antalya, Türkiye.
- The summit aims to accelerate the implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement.
- COP31 follows COP30, held in Belém, Brazil, in 2025.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

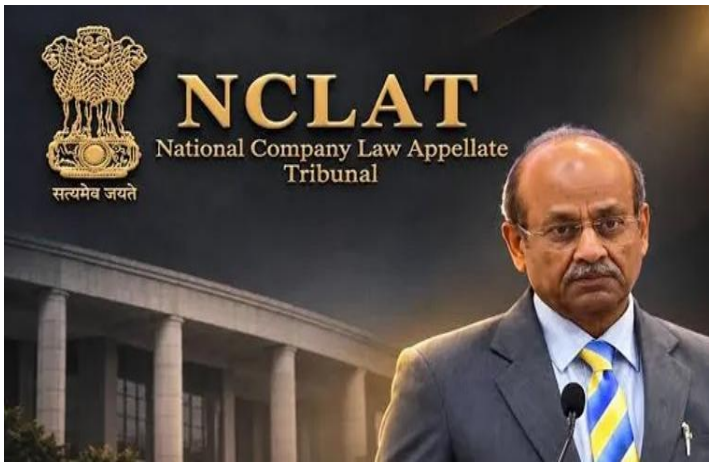
M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize 2026



- British author M. John Harrison won the Booker Prize 2026 for his novel The End of Everything.
- M. John Harrison received a cash prize of £50,000 along with the Booker Prize trophy.
- M. John Harrison succeeded David Szalay, who won the Booker Prize 2025 for Flesh.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Justice Rajesh Bindal Appointed NCLAT Chairperson



- Former Supreme Court Judge Justice Rajesh Bindal has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).
- Justice Rajesh Bindal succeeded the interim arrangement headed by Justice Yogesh Khanna, who served as the Officiating Chairperson of NCLAT from 5 July 2026.
- NCLAT is the appellate authority under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016.

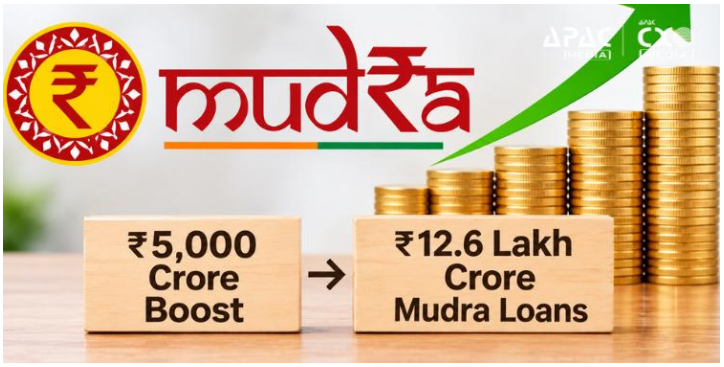
PV Sindhu Appointed Chairperson of IOA Athletes Commission



- 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.

BANKING NEWS

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).

MobiKwik Gets RBI NBFC Licence for ₹5,000 Cr Credit



- The NBFC registration was issued under Section 45-IA of the RBI Act, 1934.
- One MobiKwik Systems Limited announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, MobiKwik Financial Services Private Limited (MFSPL), received the Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an NBFC.
- MobiKwik aims to disburse loans worth ₹5,000 crore over the next 3–4 years.

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.

SPORTS

Sunil Chhetri Becomes First Male in FIFA Player Impact Programme



- Former Indian men's football team captain Sunil Chhetri became the first male participant in the second edition of the FIFA Player Impact Programme 2026.
- The second edition brings together 13 footballers from different countries.
- His selection was announced by the AllIndia Football Federation (AIFF).

Ambekar Meetei Wins India's First Youth Olympics Boxing Gold



- Ambekar Meetei won India's first-ever boxing gold medal at the Youth Olympic Games in the men's 50 kg category, defeating Kristian Jubani of Ireland 3–2.
- Gunjan won gold in the women's 48 kg category, defeating Bouthaina Bensalah of Algeria 5–0. She became India's first female boxing gold medallist at the Youth Olympic Games.
- The 2026 Youth Olympic Games (Dakar 2026) were held in Dakar, Senegal.

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.

Victor Lai won the men's singles title at the 2026 Korea Open



- Canada's Victor Lai won the men's singles title at the YEOSU VICTOR Korea Open 2026.
- He defeated Jason Gunawan of Hong Kong in the final with a score of 21–11, 21–14.
- Victor Lai (Badminton) became the first Canadian men's singles player to win the Korea Open title.

Anuj Shrivatri Becomes India's 100th Chess Grandmaster

- Anuj Shrivatri, an International Master from Madhya Pradesh, became India's 100th Chess Grandmaster (GM).
- He achieved milestone by winning 7th ASEAN Plus Individual Open Chess Championship 2026, held in Ozamiz City, Philippines.
- Viswanathan Anand (1988), Dibyendu Barua (1991), Praveen Thipsay (1997) and V. S. Rathnavel (2026) became India's 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 99th Grandmasters, respectively.

Tanvi Patri Wins Youth Olympic Silver Medal



- Indian badminton player Tanvi Patri became the first Indian woman to win a silver medal in women's singles badminton at the Youth Olympic Games 2026.
- Tanvi is from Odisha and trains at the Centre for Badminton Excellence (formerly Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy), Bengaluru.
- Before Tanvi, H. S. Prannoy (2010) and Lakshya Sen (2018) had won individual silver medals in badminton at the Youth Olympic Games.

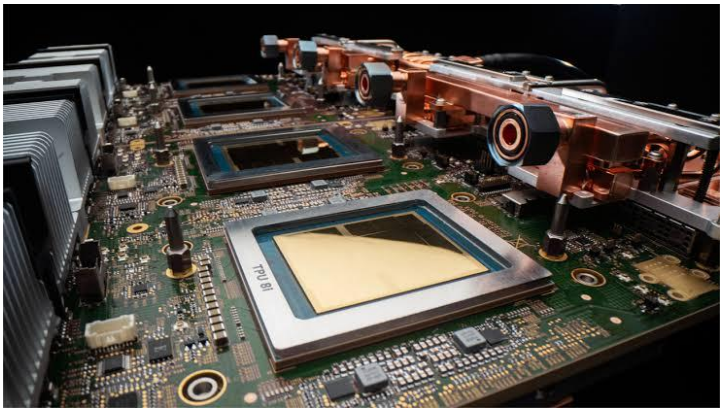
DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY

8th India-Myanmar Naval Exercise Begins at Visakhapatnam



- The 8th edition of the India–Myanmar Naval Exercise (IMNEX-26) commenced at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, and will continue from 10–14 November 2026.
- Three naval ships are participating in the exercise: INS Rana and INS Sumedha from the Indian Navy, and UMS King Sin Phyu Shin from the Myanmar Navy.
- The first edition of the India–Myanmar Naval Exercise was conducted in 2018.

Google Unveils Two New 8th-Generation AI Systems



- Google announced two new eighth-generation Tensor Processing Unit (TPU) systems, TPU 8tx and TPU 8i Max.
- TPU 8tx uses 5th-generation AMD EPYC processors and provides hardware-level protection for sensitive data.
- Google claims TPU 8tx delivers up to 2 times lower latency compared with TPU 8t.

India-Oman Joint Naval Exercise Naseem Al Bahr Begins in Oman



- The 15th edition of the bilateral naval exercise Naseem Al Bahr (Sea Breeze) 2026 commenced between Indian Navy & Royal Navy of Oman.
- The Indian Navy is participating with INS Surat, a Visakhapatnam-class stealth guided-missile destroyer.
- It aligns with India's MAHASAGAR vision – Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

TRAI Launches 'Network Anubhav' Platform



- The platform was launched by TRAI to provide a unified geospatial and analytical dashboard of telecom network experience across India.
- It combines consumer-generated network test data with TRAI's Independent Drive Test (IDT) data.
- The headquarters of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is located in New Delhi, India.

Exercise RAHAT MITRA Concludes in Chennai



- The inaugural India–Myanmar Bilateral Tri-Services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise 'RAHAT MITRA' concluded in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The theme of the exercise was "Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership."
- The exercise involved all three Indian Armed Forces: Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force.