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NATIONAL NEWS

- What was India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2026? **84th**
- Which country ranked first in the Henley Passport Index 2026? **Singapore**
- Which wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat saw Asiatic lions return after approximately 144 years?
Barda Wildlife Sanctuary
- Under which project is Barda designated Satellite Population 8? **Project Lion**
- Which Indian city featured in National Geographic's Best of the World 2027 list?
Jaipur, Rajasthan
- From where was Khet Bachao Abhiyan –Rabi 2026 scheduled to be launched? **Karnal, Haryana**
- Where was the 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 held? **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**
- Which institution launched UDYOG, a biotechnology and biomanufacturing finishing school? **IIT Madras**
- What is the full form of UDYOG?
Upskilling and Development for Young Graduates
- When is Ladakh's first government medical college expected to begin operations?
Academic year 2027–28
- Where will Ladakh's first government medical college be located? **Stipuk Pharka, Leh**
- Which ministry organised Shilp Samagam Mela 2026?
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- In which city did Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 begin?
Guwahati, Assam
- Which state celebrates the nine-day Bathukamma floral festival? **Telangana**
- What was India's rank in the Global Hunger Index mentioned in the weekly notes?
100th out of 122 countries

AWARDS & RECOGNITION NEWS

- Who won the 2026 3M Young Scientist Challenge? **Raji Doshi**
- What is the name of Raji Doshi's innovation designed to reduce ocean acidification?
ALKACORE
- What cash prize did Raji Doshi receive for winning the 3M Young Scientist Challenge? **US\$25,000**
- Which Indian social worker received the 2026 Hillary Rodham Clinton Award? **Reema Nanavaty**
- Which organisation does Reema Nanavaty lead as Director?
Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA)
- Which UN organisation recognised farmer Mari ZT Lalrithangi from Mizoram?
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Under which FAO initiative was Mari ZT Lalrithangi recognised?
100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development Initiative
- Which academy selected 106 artists for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2024 and 2025?
Sangeet Natak Akademi
- What prize money accompanies each Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar?
₹25,000, along with a Tamrapatra and Angavastram
- Who was selected for the Karnataka Janapada Academy Annual Honorary Award 2026?
Devadas Chimakode
- What does the Karnataka Janapada Academy Annual Honorary Award recognise?
Contributions to preserving and promoting Karnataka's folk traditions
- What cash prize accompanies the Karnataka Janapada Academy Annual Honorary Award 2026?
₹25,000 and a citation/plaque

APPOINTMENTS NEWS

- Who was appointed part-time Chairperson of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)?
Subhas Chandra Lal Das (SCL Das)
- Whom did SCL Das succeed as FSIB Chairperson?
Bhanu Pratap Sharma
- When was the FSIB established, replacing the Banks Board Bureau?
1 July 2022
- Who was appointed India's next Ambassador to Nepal?
Sudhakar Dalela
- Which batch of the Indian Foreign Service does Sudhakar Dalela belong to?
1993 batch
- Who took oath as the 20th Governor of Karnataka?
Dr. Sudha Yadav
- Whom did Sudha Yadav succeed as Governor of Karnataka?
Thaawarchand Gehlot
- Who was the previous woman Governor of Karnataka before Sudha Yadav?
V. S. Ramadevi

BANKING NEWS

- Which bank was named the World's Best Consumer Bank 2026 by Global Finance magazine?
State Bank of India (SBI)
- For how many consecutive years had SBI received the World's Best Consumer Bank award by 2026?
Two years — 2025 and 2026
- Which scheme offers eligible first-time employees a one-time incentive of up to ₹15,000?
Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)
- What is the maximum monthly salary mentioned for employees eligible for the PM-VBRY incentive?
₹1 lakh per month
- When is the first PM-VBRY incentive installment paid?
After six months of service
- Which insurance company introduced the tagline "Har Kal Aasaan"?
ICICI Life Insurance Limited
- Which bank's Indian branches were approved for amalgamation with RBL Bank by the RBI?
Emirates NBD Bank P.J.S.C.
- How many Emirates NBD branches were covered by the amalgamation?
Three branches

- In which cities are the three branches covered by the amalgamation located?
Mumbai, Chennai and Gurugram
- Under which section of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, was the amalgamation sanctioned?
Section 44A(4)
- Which bank launched the festive campaign "BoB Ke Sang Tyohaar Ki Umang – Shubh Bhi, Labh Bhi"?
Bank of Baroda
- What starting annual home-loan interest rate did Bank of Baroda announce in its festive campaign?
7.40% per annum
- Which form did the CBDT introduce for specified tax-exemption claims involving government securities?
Form 173A
- Under which rules was Form 173A introduced?
Income-tax (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Which insurer launched the Global Wealth Plan for NRIs through GIFT City and Policybazaar?
Canara HSBC Life Insurance
- What are the three variants of the Canara HSBC Life Global Wealth Plan?
Wealth, Wealth Plus and Wealth Forever

SPORTS NEWS

- Which Indian cricketer retired from all formats of international cricket?
Punam Raut
- How many Tests, ODIs and T20Is did Punam Raut play for India?
4 Tests, 73 ODIs and 35 T20Is
- How many international runs did Punam Raut score, according to the notes?
3,282 runs, including four centuries
- Which team did India defeat in the first women's T20I of the series?
Zimbabwe
- By how many wickets did India win the first women's T20I against Zimbabwe?
Four wickets
- Which Indian para-badminton players assured India of a medal at the 2026 Asian Para Games?
Manasi Joshi and Thulasimathi Murugesan
- Which pair did Manasi Joshi and Thulasimathi Murugesan defeat to secure a top-two finish in Group A?
Yuemei Liu and Tongtong Li of China

- Which Indian para-archers won gold in the compound mixed-team event at the 2026 Asian Para Games? **Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar**
- What was the final score in the compound mixed-team archery final? **151–148**
- Which additional gold medal did Sheetal Devi win at the 2026 Asian Para Games?
Women's individual compound archery
- Who won gold in the men's shot put F53 event at the 2026 Asian Para Games? **Ayush Verma**
- What was Ayush Verma's gold-medal-winning throw? **8.16 metres**
- Who won silver in the women's 72 kg category at the 2026 U-23 World Wrestling Championships?
Amruta Pujari
- Where was the 2026 U-23 World Wrestling Championships held? **Las Vegas, USA**
- Which Indian para-shooter won gold in the women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (R2) event?
Mona Agarwal
- Who became the youngest driver to win the Rotax MAX Challenge Mini title, according to the notes?
Arshi Gupta
- How old was Arshi Gupta when she won the Mini Max category at the 2026 Indian National Karting Championship? **10 years old**
- On what date was NVS-03 scheduled for launch, according to the notes? **30 October 2026**
- Which launch vehicle is scheduled to carry the NVS-03 satellite? **GSLV Mk II**
- From where will the NVS-03 satellite be launched?
Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- NVS-03 belongs to which satellite navigation system?
Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC), second-generation series
- Which two navies commenced the 33rd edition of SIMBEX-2026?
Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy
- Where did SIMBEX-2026 commence?
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- What is the full form of SIMBEX?
Singapore–India Maritime Bilateral Exercise
- In which year was SIMBEX first conducted as Exercise Lion King? **1994**
- Which two countries participated in the military exercise AUSTRALIND 2026? **India and Australia**
- Where was AUSTRALIND 2026 conducted in India?
Foreign Training Node, Thiruvananthapuram, Keralam
- Which Indian regiment contributed troops to AUSTRALIND 2026? **Garhwal Rifles**
- Which company signed an MoU to establish a rare-earth permanent magnet manufacturing plant in Andhra Pradesh? **Nexon Geochem**
- In which industries are rare-earth permanent magnets used?
Electric vehicles, wind turbines, industrial automation, electronics and defence equipment
- Which medicine received DCGI approval for advanced esophageal squamous cell carcinoma?
Zytorvi (toripalimab)
- What type of immunotherapy is Zytorvi?
Monoclonal antibody immunotherapy targeting the PD-1 receptor

DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- Which emission standards has MoRTH proposed to introduce in phases from 2029 to 2035?
Bharat Stage VII (BS-VII)
- Which ministry proposed the phased rollout of BS-VII emission standards?
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)
- Which pollutants are targeted under the proposed BS-VII standards?
Nitrogen oxides (NOx), hydrocarbons and particulate matter
- Which organisation is scheduled to launch the NVS-03 navigation satellite?
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)