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1. CP Radhakrishnan elected as India's 15th Vice President

- **Election Result:** CP Radhakrishnan won the election with 452 votes, defeating Opposition nominee B Sudershan Reddy who secured 300 votes. A total of 767 votes were cast, with 752 being valid and 15 invalid.
- **Background:** Radhakrishnan is a veteran of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and has deep roots in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He served as the BJP's State President in Tamil Nadu from 2004 to 2007.
- **Political Experience:** Radhakrishnan has been a Member of Lok Sabha from Coimbatore twice and held key positions such as Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Textiles and member of the Parliamentary Committee for Public Sector Undertakings.
- **Governor Roles:** Before becoming Vice President, Radhakrishnan served as the Governor of Maharashtra since July 31, 2024 and previously as the Governor of Jharkhand for nearly one and a half years.



2. Emmanuel Macron Taps Loyalist Lecornu as New Prime Minister

- **Youngest Prime Minister:** Gabriel Attal, at 34 years old, became the youngest person to hold the office of Prime Minister in France's modern history.
- **Background:** Attal previously served as the Minister of Education and has held other key positions, including



government spokesperson and budget minister, which raised his profile.

- **Challenges:** Attal's appointment comes as President Macron faces declining approval ratings, an energetic far-right opposition, and criticism over key policy initiatives.
- **Key Objectives:** As Prime Minister, Attal aims to smooth tensions between Macron's diverse coalition allies, enabling smoother policymaking, and unite moderate supporters against nationalist rivals.
- **Impact:** Attal's personal popularity and outsider perspective may help Macron reconnect with disaffected voters.

3. Irfaan Ali Wins Second Term as Guyana's President

- **Re-election:** Irfaan Ali has been re-elected for a second term as the President of Guyana, following a successful general election held on September 1, 2025.
- **Party Majority:** His party, the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C), won a majority in parliament, granting Ali a renewed mandate to lead the country.
- **Oil Wealth:** Ali's re-election comes at a time when Guyana is experiencing vast oil wealth, which is expected to significantly impact the country's economy and development.
- **Geopolitical Challenges:** As President, Ali will have to navigate complex geopolitical challenges, balancing relationships with various countries while making decisions that benefit Guyana's growth and stability.
- **New Term:** With this re-election, Ali will continue to guide Guyana through a critical period in its history, shaping the country's future and making key decisions on its development trajectory.



4. Indian Forces Join Russia's ZAPAD 2025 Military Exercise

- **Exercise Details:** The ZAPAD 2025 military exercise is scheduled to take place from September 10 to 16 at the Mulino Training Ground in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. It brings together military contingents from several nations to enhance operational readiness and defense engagement.
- **Indian Contingent:** A 65-member tri-services contingent from India, comprising 57 soldiers from the Army (mainly from the Kumaon Regiment), 7 officers and airmen from the Indian Air Force, and 1 representative from the Navy, is participating in the exercise.



- **Objectives:** The exercise aims to boost military cooperation, interoperability, and joint operations among participating countries. It will focus on company-level joint training, coordination of firepower, and deployment of specialized units.
- **Significance:** India's participation in ZAPAD 2025 reflects its commitment to global security and stability. The exercise provides a platform for India to exchange operational knowledge, adapt to emerging technologies and reinforce ties with Russia and other participating countries.

5. Abhimanyu Mishra made history by defeating World Champion D Gukesh at FIDE Grand Swiss 2025



- **Record-Breaking Achievement:** Abhimanyu Mishra, at just 16 years old, became the youngest player to defeat a reigning world champion in classical chess, surpassing previous records. His victory over Gukesh marks a significant milestone in his career.
- **Tactical Brilliance:** Mishra showcased exceptional strategic brilliance and calm under pressure, executing precise strategies to outmaneuver Gukesh. His performance demonstrates a deep understanding of opening theory, tactical ingenuity, and endgame mastery.
- **Game Details:** The game lasted 61 moves, with Mishra gaining control after Gukesh's critical error on move 31. Mishra seized the opportunity with 38. Bd4, ultimately securing the win.
- **Impact on Global Chess:** This victory cements Mishra's reputation as a rising star in classical chess, inspiring young players worldwide. His success is expected to encourage a new wave of interest in chess among youth globally.

6. Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam Takes Over as NIScPR Director

- **New Appointment:** Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam officially took charge as the Director of CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR) on September 9, 2025. She emphasized a future-ready vision for science communication, focusing on agile Science, Technology, and Innovation policies and global partnerships.
- **Key Focus Areas:** Dr. Rayasam's priorities include aligning science communication with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), leveraging emerging technologies.



- **Major Initiatives:** She highlighted initiatives such as SMCC and SVASTIK, aiming to strengthen India's role in the knowledge economy through global collaborations and science-society linkages.
- **Background:** Dr. Rayasam has vast experience in academia, industry, and government, holding a PhD in Biochemistry from IISc Bengaluru and post-doctoral experience in IGBMC, France and NIH, USA.

7. Coal India and NSTFDC Sign MoU to Empower Tribal Students via Eklavya Schools

- **Partnership Details:** Coal India Limited (CIL) and the National Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on September 9, 2025, to support tribal students in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) across Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Odisha.
- **Objectives:** The partnership aims to bridge the digital divide, promote menstrual health and hygiene, and provide career counseling and mentorship to over 30,000 tribal students in 76 EMRS.
- **Infrastructure Upgrades:** The initiative includes setting up computer labs with 1,200 computers and 1,200 UPS units, as well as providing 110 tablets to enhance digital learning.
- **Health and Hygiene:** The partnership will also provide 420 sanitary pad vending machines and 420 sanitary pad incinerators to promote menstrual health and hygiene among girl students.



8. BEML Ltd Shines with Gold at EEPC India Quality Awards 2025

- **Gold Award Winner:** BEML Limited won the Gold Award in the PSU category at the 5th EEPC India Quality Awards 2025, held during EEPC India's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- **Consecutive Win:** This is the second consecutive year BEML has received the EEPC India Quality Award, showcasing its consistent commitment to quality, innovation, and operational excellence.
- **Union Minister Presents Award:** The award was presented by Union Minister Piyush Goyal to BEML Chairman and Managing Director Shantanu Roy, with Minister of State Jitin Prasada in attendance.



- **Industry Recognition:** The EEPC India Quality Awards recognize outstanding contributions to the quality field and BEML's win highlights its reputation as a trusted partner in India's growth journey, particularly in defense, rail, aerospace, mining, and construction sectors.

9. Union Minister Conferred Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards To Winners

- **Award Ceremony:** The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change organized the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards & Wetland Cities Recognition Ceremony 2025, where Union Minister Bhupender Yadav conferred awards to the best-performing cities under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).
- **Winners:** Eleven cities were awarded for their outstanding commitment to improving air quality, with winners categorized based on population size. Indore, Jabalpur, Agra, and Surat were among the top performers.
- **Ranking and Cash Awards:** Cities were ranked based on their performance, with cash awards provided to each winner. For example, Indore secured the top rank in its category with a score of 200 out of 200 and received a cash award of ₹1.5 crore.
- **National Clean Air Programme:** The NCAP aims to improve air quality in 130 cities across India, with a target to achieve a 40% reduction in PM10 levels by 2025-26.



10. BJD Leader & MLA Rajendra Dholakia passed away

- Rajendra Dholakia, a senior leader of the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and three-term MLA for the Nuapada constituency, passed away on Sunday at the age of 68 due to a prolonged kidney-related illness at a private hospital in Visakhapatnam.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik expressed profound grief, describing Dholakia's passing as an "irreparable loss" for both the party and the state. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, along with leaders from opposition parties like BJP and Congress, also conveyed their condolences.
- Dholakia was a dedicated public servant and efficient organizer who worked tirelessly for the welfare of his constituents. He served as the Minister of State



for Planning and Convergence in the Odisha government and was known for his grassroots connection and accessibility to the people of Nuapada.



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