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NATIONAL NEWS

India ranks 10th in Climate Risk Index 2027



- The Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2027 was released by Germanwatch, a Germany-based environmental and development organisation at COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye.
- India secured 10th rank itfglobally among the countries most affected by extreme weather events during the 1996–2025 period.
- Dominica, Myanmar and Honduras secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranks, respectively, in the Climate Risk Index 2027 (1996–2025).

Telangana Launches Indiramma Family Insurance Scheme



- The Telangana Govt. launched the Indiramma Family Insurance Scheme, officially known as Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bima Pathakam.
- The scheme aims to provide ₹5 lakh life insurance coverage to approximately 1 crore families across the state.
- The age eligibility for the insured person is 18–59 years.

GIFT City has been recognised as India's 1st MCR2030 Resilience Hub



- Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, has been recognised as India's first Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) Resilience Hub.
- The recognition was granted by United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).
- It has become the newest Resilience Hub in the Asia-Pacific region and the 45th city in the global network.

India Launches Its First Indigenous H5N1 Bird Flu Vaccine



- India's first indigenous Inactivated H5N1 Chicken Vaccine has been developed by the ICAR–National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (ICAR-NIHSAD), Bhopal.
- HPAI, commonly known as Bird Flu, is a serious viral disease affecting poultry and other birds.
- It is the first vaccine of its kind developed in India against H5N1 HPAI virus Clade 2.3.2.1a.

45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026



- The 45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026 is being held from 14 to 27 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The fair is organised by theIndia Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
- The theme of the 2026 fair is "Vikas aur Virasat" (Development and Heritage).

India to Host 62nd ICC Ministerial Meeting in Kochi



- India is hosting 62nd Session and Ministerial Meeting of International Coconut Community from 17–20 November 2026 at Kochi, Kerala.
- The meeting is being organised jointly by the Coconut Development Board (CDB), under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, and the International Coconut Community.
- The International Coconut Community (ICC) was established in 1969, with its headquarters in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Bihar's Raniwas Mound Declared a Site of National Importance



- The Ministry of Culture, through the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), declared Raniwas Mound in Bihar a site of national importance.
- The archaeological site is located at Kesariya Raniwas in East Champaran district, Bihar.
- The declaration was made under Section 4(3) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958.

India Re-elected to ITU Council for 2027–2030



- India was re-elected to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Council for the 2027–2030 term during the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference held in Doha, Qatar.
- India secured its position in Region E (Asia and Australasia), which has 13 seats.
- The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a specialised agency of the United Nations for information and communication technologies, was established in 1865 and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

Odisha Launches NIPUN App for Foundational Learning



- NIPUN is a free Android-based educational application designed to strengthen Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) among primary school students.
- The NIPUN Odisha App, launched under theNIPUN Odisha Mission, stands for National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy.
- NIPUN Bharat Mission launched on 5 July 2021 by Ministry of Education, Government of India.

India's Largest Underground LPG Cavern Inaugurated in Mangaluru



- The facility is located in Mangaluru, Karnataka, and has been developed for Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL).
- The cavern has a storage capacity of 80,000 metric tonnes (80 TMT) of LPG.
- The project was developed by Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited (MEIL).

57th International Film Festival of India will be held in Goa



- The 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2026 will be held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026.
- The theme of IFFI 2026 is "Stories Without Borders".
- Ashutosh Gowariker has been appointed as the Festival Director for the 57th edition.

India Wins First Railway Propulsion System Export Order from Japan



- Japan has placed its first order for indigenously manufactured electronic train propulsion systems from India, marking a milestone in railway technology exports.
- Alstom's Maneja manufacturing facility in Vadodara, Gujarat, has exported 5,000+ propulsion systems to international markets.
- India has previously exported railway propulsion systems to countries including France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Romania and Mexico.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

33rd APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting Held in Shenzhen, China



- The theme of the 2026 APEC meeting was "Building an Asia-Pacific Community to Prosper Together."
- APEC was established in 1989, with its Secretariat headquartered in Singapore.
- Vietnam will host the 2027 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.

India and Sweden Launch LeadIT 3.0 During COP31

- India and Sweden jointly launched the third phase of the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT 3.0) at the COP31 UN Climate Change Conference in Antalya, Türkiye.
- Brazil joined LeadIT as its newest country member, strengthening the participation of the Global South and South-South cooperation.
- LeadIT was originally launched by India and Sweden in 2019 at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York, with support from the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Abu Dhabi to Host UN Water Conference 2026

- The 2026 United Nations Water Conference will be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE), from 8–10 December 2026.
- The conference will be co-hosted by the United Arab Emirates and Senegal.
- It will be the first UN Water Conference co-hosted by two countries from the Global South.

The 7th Quad Leaders' Summit was held in Manila



- The 7th Quad Leaders' Summit was held in Manila, Philippines, bringing together leaders of the four QUAD member countries: India, the United States, Japan and Australia.
- The Malabar Naval Exercise involves all four QUAD member countries.
- The leaders announced the establishment of the Quad Business Leaders' Forum, with its inaugural meeting scheduled for early 2027 in Mumbai, India.

Pakistan Basmati GI Recognition in Turkiye 2026



- Türkiye granted geographical indication (GI) recognition to Pakistan's Basmati rice under the category of Mahrec İsareti.
- The recognised production areas cover specified districts across four provinces: Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) and Balochistan.
- India's Basmati GI framework is associated with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Alia Bhatt, Aryan Khan & Diljit Dosanjh in TIME100 Next 2026



- Alia Bhatt featured on one of three worldwide covers of TIME100 Next India 2026, with her profile written by filmmaker S.S. Rajamouli.
- Aryan Khan shared a worldwide cover with filmmakers Payal Kapadia and Theja Rio, while his profile was written by filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj.
- Pawan Kumar Chandana, Co-founder, CEO and CTO of Skyroot Aerospace, featured on the third individual cover, while Diljit Dosanjh was included in list among the recognised musicians.

AIFF Wins First AFC Gold Award



- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) won the Gold distinction in the AFC Member Association of the Year category at the AFC Awards Bangkok 2026, held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- The Japan Football Association (JFA) received the Platinum Award, the Football Association of Thailand (FAT) received the Diamond Award, and the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) received the Ruby Award in the AFC Member Association of the Year category at the AFC Awards 2026.
- Kalyan Chaubey is the President of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

"Varuvaaiy" becomes first Tamil song to receive Grammy nomination



- Tamil independent song "Varuvaaiy" received a nomination at the 69th Grammy Awards (2027).
- The song is a contemporary musical interpretation of a devotional poem written by Tamil poet Subramania Bharati (Bharathiyar).
- The poem is dedicated to Lord Krishna.

REACH Becomes First Indian NGO to Win Kochon Prize 2026



- REACH (Resource Group for Education and Advocacy for Community Health) is a Chennai-based, women-led non-profit organisation working to strengthen India's tuberculosis (TB) response.
- It became the first Indian civil society, non-profit organisation to receive the Kochon Prize in 2026.
- The Kochon Prize was established in 2006 by the Kochon Foundation of South Korea in partnership with the Stop TB Partnership.

NimsoKerung Dance Sets Guinness World Record



- NimsoKerung is a traditional folk dance of the Karbi community of Assam.
- It was organised as part of the 75th Karbi Anglong Day Platinum Jubilee celebrations.
- Organised by the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC).

Padma Subrahmanyam Receives Kalashikhar Puraskar 2026

- Renowned Indian classical dancer and scholar Dr Padma Subrahmanyam received the Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar 2026.
- The award was presented at the 31st Sangit Kala Kendra Awards ceremony in Mumbai.
- She received the Padma Shri (1981), Padma Bhushan (2003) and Padma Vibhushan (2024).

Vadnagar Museum Wins Red Dot Award 2026



- Anant Anadi Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum in Gujarat won the prestigious Red Dot: Best of the Best Award 2026 in Berlin, Germany.
- Gujarat's Smritivan Earthquake Museum and Memorial, located in Bhuj, previously received a Red Dot distinction in 2023.
- The project was developed by Design Factory India in collaboration with the Gujarat Directorate of Archaeology and Museums.

NTPC Awards Andaman Power Plant Contract to Lakdhanavi



- NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVN), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC Limited, awarded an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract to Sri Lankan company Lakdhanavi Limited.
- The contract is for the construction of a 57 MW natural gas-based power plant in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Bibi Fathima SHG, Eshwaragouda Patil Win Genome Saviour Awards



- The Bibi Fathima Self-Help Group (SHG) of Theertha village and farmer Eshwaragouda Patil of Mattigatti village, Karnataka, received the National Plant Genome Saviour Awards.
- The awards were presented during the 22nd Foundation Day celebrations of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA).
- Patil received a cash reward of ₹1 lakh and a citation.
- The project will be located at Hope Town, Port Blair.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Karthik Muralidharan Named New Chief Economist of ADB



- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) appointed Karthik Muralidharan as new Chief Economist and Director General of the Economic Research and Development Impact Department (ERDI).
- He will assume office on 1 July 2027, succeeding Albert F. Park.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) was established in 1966, with its headquarters in Manila, Philippines.

Udaya Kumar Hebbar Appointed Karnataka Bank MD & CEO



- He succeeds Biji Sreekrishnavilas Sankaranarayanan, who was serving as interim MD & CEO.
- He has been appointed for a three-year term.
- Karnataka Bank was established in 1924, with its headquarters in Mangaluru, Karnataka.

Devesh Chaturvedi Appointed National Sports Board Chairperson

- Devesh Chaturvedi, a retired 1989-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, assumed charge as the first Chairperson of the National Sports Board (NSB) for a three-year term.
- The National Sports Board was established under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025.
- The National Sports Board (NSB) functions under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, with its headquarters in New Delhi, India.

Jay Shah Reappointed as ICC Chairman



- His second term will be for two years, extending his tenure until December 2028.
- He succeeded Greg Barclay as ICC Chairman.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) was established on 15 June 1909 & is headquartered in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Pratap Singh Appointed MD and CEO of Fino Payments Bank



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of Pratap Singh as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Fino Payments Bank Limited.
- Pratap Singh succeeded Ketan Merchant (Interim CEO), who took over after Rishi Gupta.
- Fino Payments Bank is headquartered in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

BANKING NEWS

SEBI and IEPFA to Organise Eighth NiveshakShivir in Delhi



- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), in collaboration with SEBI and Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs), organised NiveshakShivir on 17 Nov. 2026.
- The programme was held at Jacaranda Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to help investors recover unclaimed dividends and shares transferred to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF).

NPCI Introduces UPI Vyapaar Saksham Scheme



- NPCI introduced the UPI Vyapaar Saksham Scheme to expand UPI acceptance infrastructure, onboard small merchants and promote digital payments.
- It primarily targets small merchants with an annual turnover of up to ₹40 lakh in the preceding financial year.
- The scheme focuses on Tier 3 to Tier 6 centres, North-Eastern states, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

SPORTS

Manu Bhaker Elected to ISSF Athletes Committee (2026–2030)



- Indian shooter Manu Bhaker has been elected to Athletes Committee of International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) for the 2026–2030 term.
- She is a double Olympic medallist and competed in the Pistol category.
- At the Paris Olympics 2024, she won two bronze medals, becoming the first Indian athlete in independent India's history to win two medals at a single Olympic edition.

MS Dhoni Retires from IPL, Named CSK Mentor for 2027 Season



- Former Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni announced his retirement from the IPL.
- He will serve as a mentor for Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in the 2027 IPL season.
- Dhoni joined CSK during the inaugural IPL season in 2008.

India Defeated Pakistan 2–1 in SAFF Championship 2026



- India defeated Pakistan 2–1 in the final of the SAFF Championship 2026, held at the National Stadium, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- India became the first team to win three consecutive editions of the tournament.
- India secured its record-extending 10th SAFF Championship title.

Lakshya Sen Wins Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026

- Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen won the men's singles title at the Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026, held in Kumamoto, Japan.
- He defeated Japan's Koki Watanabe in the final with a score of 13–21, 21–18, 21–14.
- Lakshya Sen is from Almora, Uttarakhand.

Khelo India Youth Games 2026 to Be Held in Telangana



- The 8th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2026 will be organised in Telangana from 11 to 22 December 2026.
- The logo and mascot 'Neelamani' for the 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026 were unveiled by Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya & Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.
- The event will be conducted across six cities: Hyderabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Hanumakonda, Mahabubnagar and Nizamabad.

Marco Jansen Named ICC Men's Player of the Month for Oct. 2026



- South African all-rounder Marco Jansen was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for October 2026.
- He won the award for his outstanding performance in South Africa's 2–1 ICC World Test Championship series victory against Australia.
- He defeated fellow nominees Arafat Minhas (Pakistan) and Shai Hope (West Indies).

India Defeats Pakistan by One Wicket to Win U19 Asia Cup 2026



- India successfully chased the target, scoring 339/9 in 50 overs.
- The final was played at the Al Amerat Cricket Ground, Oman.
- With this victory, India clinched its 9th U19 Asia Cup title, remaining the tournament's most successful team and winning 1st title since 2021.

Deepti Sharma Wins ICC Women's Player of the Month for October



- This is her second ICC Women's Player of the Month award; she previously won it in December 2023.
- She received the award for her outstanding all-round performance during India's home series against Zimbabwe.
- Deepti scored 155 runs and took 7 wickets across T20Is and ODIs.

DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY

India-Malaysia Exercise Harimau Shakti–VI Begins in Malaysia



- The 6th edition of the India-Malaysia Joint Military Exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI–VI commenced at Ipoh, Malaysia.
- HARIMAU SHAKTI is a bilateral military exercise conducted alternately in India and Malaysia.
- The 5th edition (2025) was conducted at the Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan.

China's LineShine Supercomputer Retains World No. 1 Ranking



- According to the 68th edition of the TOP500 list, China's LineShine retained the No. 1 position among world's most powerful supercomputers.
- The other four systems in the TOP 5 are El Capitan (USA), Frontier (USA), Aurora (USA) and JUPITER Booster (Germany).
- India's highest-ranked supercomputer in the November 2026 TOP500 list is Shakti Cloud (35th rank).

Jamnagar Hosts Sahayata Setu Exercise



- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is conducting the multinational Exercise Sahayata Setu 2026 at Air Force Station Jamnagar, Gujarat, from 17–19 November 2026.
- It is conducted under the guidance of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) and Headquarters South Western Air Command (HQ SWAC).
- The exercise brings together India's Army, Navy, Air Force, Indian Coast Guard, national disaster management agencies and friendly foreign countries.

IIT Kanpur and Bharat1.ai have launched AI Kavach



- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and Bharat1.ai (Intellineuro Private Limited) jointly launched AI Kavach, India's first AI Cybersecurity and Assurance Lab dedicated to securing artificial intelligence systems in the financial sector.
- The 29th Bengaluru Tech Summit 2026 was held at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The summit was held under the theme 'AI & Beyond'.

12th India–Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI Begins



- The exercise is being conducted at the Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka.
- MITRA SHAKTI is an annual bilateral military exercise conducted alternately between India and Sri Lanka.
- The Indian contingent comprises mainly personnel from a battalion of the Rajputana Rifles, along with troops from other arms and services and the Indian Air Force.

NITI Aayog Launches Report on Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes



- The report was prepared in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad which served as knowledge partner.
- The report assesses the impact of the Govt. of India's Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, implemented across 14 sectors.
- The scheme has a total approved financial outlay of ₹1,91,049 crore.