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India and Singapore Begin 33rd SIMBEX in Visakhapatnam



- The Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) commenced the 33rd edition of SIMBEX-2026 at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- SIMBEX stands for Singapore–India Maritime Bilateral Exercise.
- SIMBEX was first conducted in 1994 as Exercise Lion King.

IIT Madras Launches UDYOG Biotech Finishing School



- IIT Madras launched UDYOG (Upskilling and Development for Young Graduates), an industry-oriented finishing school for biotechnology and biomanufacturing.
- The programme is intended for pre-final-year and final-year B.Tech., M.Tech. and M.Sc. students in biotechnology and allied disciplines across India.
- The training programme will include three months of online learning, followed by selection for four weeks of hands-on training at the IIT Madras Biofoundry.

DCGI Approves Zytorvi for Advanced Esophageal Cancer

- the Dr. Reddy's Laboratories received approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for Zytorvi (toripalimab) to treat advanced esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (ESCC).
- The approval was granted by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) under the DCGI.
- Zytorvi is a monoclonal antibody immunotherapy that targets the PD-1 receptor, helping the immune system fight cancer cells.

Canara HSBC Life Launches Dollar-Based ULIP for NRIs



- Canara HSBC Life Insurance launched the Global Wealth Plan (UIN: 2026L002V01) for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) through GIFT City and Policybazaar.
- It provides investment access to global equities, precious metals such as gold and silver, and debt funds.
- The plan offers three variants: Wealth, Wealth Plus and Wealth Forever.

69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference Held in Cape Town

- The conference was hosted by the Parliament of South Africa and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) South Africa Branch.
- The theme was “Strengthening International Law & Parliamentary Democracy in a Changing World Order: Commonwealth Leadership.”
- The Indian parliamentary delegation was led by Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

Devadas Chimakode Selected for Karnataka Janapada Award



- Devadas Chimakode, a senior folk artist from Chimakod village in Bidar district, Karnataka, was selected for the Karnataka Janapada Academy Annual Honorary Award 2026.
- The annual honorary award carries a cash prize of ₹25,000 and a citation/plaque.
- The award recognises his long-standing contribution to preserving and promoting Karnataka's folk traditions.

Ayush Verma Wins Asian Para Games 2026 Shot Put F53 Gold



- Indian para-athlete Ayush Verma won gold in the men's shot put F53 event at the Asian Para Games 2026, held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- He secured gold with a best throw of 8.16 metres on his fifth attempt.
- Alireza Hemami of Iran won silver with 8.09 metres, while MakhambetSerikkaliyev of Kazakhstan won bronze with 6.81 metres.

Women's U19 T20 World Cup 2027 Start Jan 21 in Bangladesh & Nepal



- The ICC International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the schedule for the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2027, to be jointly hosted by Bangladesh and Nepal from 21 January to 6 February 2027.
- This will be the third edition of the tournament, first held in 2023.
- A total of 16 teams will compete in 41 matches across four venues.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND THEIR HEADQUARTERS

WTO — Geneva, Switzerland

ILO — Geneva, Switzerland

UNESCO — Paris, France

FAO — Rome, Italy

UNICEF — New York, USA

IAEA — Vienna, Austria

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

22-10-2026 / THURSDAY

The birth anniversary of Ashfaqullah Khan falls on 22 October and is marked to honor the freedom fighter who dared to confront the oppressive British government.