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RBI Removes Paytm Payments Bank from List of Scheduled Banks



- PPBL has been excluded from the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- There are 5 active payment banks in India as of 2026, following the cancellation of Paytm Payments Bank's license.
- Paytm Payments Bank Limited was a Payments Bank, a category regulated by the RBI.

Health Ministry to Launch JOSH Teams for TB Elimination



- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the JOSH (Joint Squad for Health) Teams initiative.
- The initiative is aimed at strengthening community participation in India's fight against Tuberculosis (TB).
- Both CBNAAT and Truenat are fast and accurate molecular tests used for the diagnosis of tuberculosis (TB).

Uttarakhand Becomes India's Sixth Fully Literate State

- The achievement has been recognised under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- It has been achieved through the ULLAS – Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society programme.
- Uttarakhand joins Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim as states recognised as fully literate.

India-Ghana Sign 2 MoUs on Science, Education & Agriculture



- India and Ghana exchanged two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to strengthen cooperation in scientific research, academics, capacity building, agricultural research and education.
- The first MoU covers cooperation between the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) and the University of Ghana in academics, scientific research and capacity building.
- The second MoU establishes collaboration between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Ghana's CSIR-Crops Research Institute in agricultural research and education.

Nobel Chemistry 2026 Awarded to Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai

- The 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to Henri B. Kagan of France and Kenso Soai of Japan.
- The award recognised their pioneering work in asymmetric organic synthesis.
- Their research focused on non-linear effects and autocatalysis in chemical reactions.

Indian Mathematician Mahesh Kakde Wins 2026 Ramanujan Prize



- Professor Mahesh Kakde of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru has been awarded the 2026 Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians for his contributions to algebraic number theory.
- The 2026 Ramanujan Prize recognises Kakde's fundamental results in noncommutative Iwasawa theory.
- The prize is administered jointly by the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), International Mathematical Union (IMU).

Bhagat & Patel Named India's Asian Para Games Flag Bearers



- Paralympic champions Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel have been named the flag bearers of Indian contingent for the Opening Ceremony of the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games.

- Pramod Bhagat is a leading Indian para-badminton player, while Bhavina Patel is a leading Indian para-table tennis player.
- Devendra Jhajharia is the President of the Paralympic Committee of India.

Veteran Actor Nana Patekar Passes Away at 75



- Nana Patekar won three National Film Awards—in 1990 for Parinda, in 1995 for Krantiveer, and in 1997 for Agni Sakshi.
- He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 2013, India's fourth-highest civilian award, for his contribution to the arts.
- He worked extensively in Hindi and Marathi cinema, as well as theatre.

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DigiLocker — NeGD, MeitY

CoWIN — Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

DIKSHA — NCERT, Ministry of Education

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WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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8 October is observed as Indian Air Force Day every year to commemorate the establishment of the Indian Air Force, with the 2026 theme "Indian Air Force – Infallible, Impervious and Precise."