



1. Gukesh & Divya Shine win Double Gold at European Chess Club Cup

- **Double Gold for India:** Both GMs clinched an Individual Gold Medal on their respective boards, a major highlight for Indian chess. Gukesh won Board #1 Gold in the Open section, and Divya Deshmukh won Board #2 Gold in the Women's section.
- **Gukesh's Stellar Performance Rating:** World Champion Gukesh, playing on the most competitive board, achieved a sensational Tournament Performance Rating (TPR) of 2927, the highest of the entire event. He scored 4/5 points.
- **Divya Deshmukh's Rating Breakthrough:** Divya Deshmukh, the Women's World Cup winner, posted a strong performance with a 2591 TPR and reportedly surpassed the 2500 Elo rating barrier during the tournament, further cementing her elite status. She scored 4.5/6 points.
- **Momentum for World Cup:** Their dominant performances, particularly Gukesh's return to peak form and Divya's continued ascent, provide a significant boost as they head into the upcoming Chess World Cup 2025 in Goa.



2. Manish Gupta appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Ireland

- **Diplomatic Status and Service:** Mr. Manish Gupta is a senior diplomat belonging to the 1998 batch of the Indian Foreign



Service (IFS). His appointment is a continuation of a distinguished career.

- **Previous Role:** Prior to this designation, he was serving as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Ghana, indicating his experience in leading diplomatic missions in diverse regions.
- **Timing of Announcement:** The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, officially announced the appointment on October 24, 2025. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.
- **Strengthening Bilateral Ties:** His posting aims to further strengthen the long-standing diplomatic, economic, and cultural relations between India and Ireland, which formally date back to 1947.
- **Focus on Diaspora:** A crucial aspect of his role will involve engaging with and promoting the interests of the approximately 80,000-strong Indian community in Ireland, which is well-integrated and plays a key role in sectors like healthcare, IT, and engineering.

3. Indigenous anti-submarine warfare ship 'Mahe' inducted

- **First of a New Series:** 'Mahe' is the lead ship in a planned series of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW SWC) being built for the Indian Navy. It was delivered by the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).
- **Core Role:** The vessel's primary function is Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) in coastal and shallow waters (littorals). Its induction will significantly boost the Navy's capability to detect and neutralize underwater threats in these critical zones, which are often inaccessible to larger warships.
- **Indigenous Content:** It marks a major success for the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India) initiative, featuring an indigenous content of over 80-90% in its design and construction. This showcases India's growing self-reliance in advanced naval shipbuilding.
- **Key Capabilities:** Beyond ASW, the ship is designed for underwater surveillance, search and rescue operations, and has advanced mine-laying capability. It is armed with specialized systems like torpedoes and multi-functional anti-submarine rockets.
- **Propulsion and Agility:** The 78-meter-long vessel is noted as the largest Indian Naval warship propelled by a diesel engine-waterjet combination. This system provides it with high speed, enhanced maneuverability, and a reduced acoustic signature.



4. Priteesmita Bhoi Sets World Record, Wins Gold at Asian Youth Games

- **Event and Medal:** Priteesmita Bhoi won the Gold Medal in the girls' 44kg weightlifting category at the Asian Youth Games (often held in Manama, Bahrain). This marked India's first individual gold medal at the Games.
- **World Record Lift:** She set a new World Youth Record in the Clean & Jerk discipline by successfully lifting 92kg on her final attempt.
- **Total Weight:** Her total lift in the competition was 158kg, combining her 92kg Clean & Jerk with a 66kg Snatch (in which she also won a silver medal). This aggregate weight secured her the top spot overall.
- **Age and State:** The achievement was secured by the talented young athlete, who is 16 years old and hails from Odisha, India. Her performance highlights the strength of India's grassroots athlete development programs like Khelo India.
- **Continued Success:** This is her second major world record and gold in quick succession, as she previously set a Youth World Record (76kg C&J) and won gold at the 2024 IWF Youth World Championships in the lighter 40kg category.



5. Aurangabad Railway Station Renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar

- **New Official Name:** The Aurangabad Railway Station was officially renamed as "Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar Railway Station." The change was approved by the competent authority and announced by the Central Railway/South Central Railway.
- **New Station Code:** Along with the name change, the railway station received a new code. The former code, AWB, has been replaced with the new code: CPSN.
- **Honoring Maratha History:** The renaming is a tribute to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the son of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the second ruler of the Maratha state. The original name of Aurangabad was derived from the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb.
- **Alignment with City Name:** The station's renaming formalizes its alignment with the name of the city, which was officially changed from Aurangabad to Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar nearly three years earlier by the Maharashtra government. The railway notification followed a state gazette notification issued on October 15 (of the relevant year).
- **Location and Division:** The station is a significant hub located on the Kacheguda-Manmad section and falls under the Nanded Division of the South Central Railway zone. It serves as a major gateway for tourists visiting UNESCO World Heritage Sites like the Ajanta and Ellora Caves.



6. Justice Surya Kant to Become 53rd Chief Justice of India

- **Expected Date of Oath and Tenure:** Justice Surya Kant is slated to take the oath as the 53rd CJI on November 24 (of the relevant year), the day following the retirement of the current CJI, Justice B. R. Gavai. He is expected to have a tenure of approximately 14 months, retiring on February 9, 2027.
- **Recommendation and Seniority:** His name was formally recommended to the Union Government by the outgoing CJI, Justice B. R. Gavai, following the established convention where the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court is recommended as the successor.
- **Judicial Journey and Origin:** Justice Kant was elevated to the Supreme Court on May 24, 2019. Prior to this, he served as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court and for over 14 years as a judge in the Punjab and Haryana High Court. He is notable for being the first person from Haryana to assume the office of the Chief Justice of India.
- **Landmark Judgments:** His time on the Supreme Court bench has been marked by involvement in several consequential cases, including those concerning the abrogation of Article 370, the electoral bonds scheme, and the order to keep the colonial-era sedition law in abeyance pending a government review.



7. Shri Jayan N awarded for his outstanding contribution to Space Science and Technology

- **Award Category:** Shri Jayan N was conferred with the Vigyan Shri Puraskar for 2025. This award is one of the four categories under the newly instituted Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP), which is modelled on the lines of the Padma Awards and is the highest recognition for scientific contributions in India.
- **Field of Contribution:** He was specifically honoured for his outstanding contributions to Space Science and Technology. This recognition highlights his pivotal role in strengthening India's self-reliance in space exploration.
- **Role in ISRO:** He is a prominent scientist working in the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). His current position is the Project Director for the Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV) at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).
- **Key Technological Achievements:** His contribution centers on liquid propulsion systems. He played a pivotal role in the design and development of India's first indigenous cryogenic engine used in the GSLV program.



- **Professional Background:** Prior to his current role, he served as a Deputy Director at the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC).

8. Prasanna Kumar Motupalli Honoured with Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award

- **Recipient's Current Position:** Shri Prasanna Kumar Motupalli is the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NLC India Limited (NLCIL), a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Coal, Government of India.
- **Name of the Award:** He was honoured with the Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented by ACT NOW, a reputed voluntary organization, as part of the Dr. Kalam Birth Anniversary Celebrations.
- **Core Reason for the Honour:** The award recognizes his visionary leadership, exemplary service, innovation, and unwavering commitment to national growth, particularly in the energy and mining sectors, reflecting the values of Dr. Kalam.
- **Alignment with Dr. Kalam's Vision:** The award specifically praises his efforts in areas that parallel Dr. Kalam's ideals, such as nation-building, innovation, and environmental stewardship.



9. World Day for Audiovisual Heritage celebrated on 27th October

- **Purpose:** The day aims to raise general awareness of the importance of audiovisual documents (films, sound, radio, television recordings) and the urgent need to preserve them as part of the world's collective memory and cultural identity.
- **Date Significance:** October 27th commemorates the date in 1980 when UNESCO's General Conference adopted the Recommendation for the Safeguarding and Preservation of Moving Images, which was the first international instrument to recognize the cultural and historical value of film and television.
- **Core Threat:** Audiovisual materials are inherently vulnerable to neglect, natural decay, and technological obsolescence. Older formats (like film reels and magnetic tape) require highly specialized and costly conservation efforts to prevent irreversible loss.
- **Role in Heritage:** Audiovisual archives serve as a unique and irreplaceable testimony to the economic, political, social, and cultural developments of the



20th and 21st centuries. They are a valuable source of knowledge, reflecting the cultural, social, and linguistic diversity of communities worldwide.

- **Sponsor and Promotion:** The day was proclaimed by the UNESCO General Conference in 2005 and is promoted globally in cooperation with the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Associations.

10. Veteran Actor Satish Shah passed away

- **Iconic Television Patriarch (Indravadan Sarabhai):** His most famous role was the witty, sarcastic, and mischievous patriarch Indravadan Sarabhai in the cult-classic sitcom 'Sarabhai Vs Sarabhai' (2004–2006; 2017), which earned him multiple Best Actor in a Comic Role awards and cemented his status as a beloved Indian television star.
- **Cult-Classic Film Breakthrough (D'Mello's Corpse):** He achieved cult status early in his career with the 1983 satirical film 'Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro', where he delivered one of Indian cinema's most iconic comic performances as the corrupt Municipal Commissioner D'Mello, spending much of the film hilariously playing a corpse.
- **The Versatile '55 Characters' TV Star:** In the 1980s, he gained widespread recognition as a versatile comedic actor in the popular Doordarshan sitcom 'Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi' (1984–1986), where he famously portrayed 55 different characters across the show's 55 episodes.
- **The Face of Mainstream Blockbusters:** Throughout the 1990s and 2000s, he was a fixture in major Bollywood hits, lending his unique comic timing to films like 'Hum Aapke Hain Koun..!' (1994), 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge' (1995), 'Kal Ho Naa Ho' (2003), and his highly memorable role as Professor Rasai in 'Main Hoon Na' (2004).



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