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NATIONAL NEWS

Amit Shah Inaugurates 1857 War of Independence Martyrs' Memorial



- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated Martyrs' Memorial of the First War of Independence of 1857 in Ambala Cantonment, Haryana.
- The memorial uses modern technologies such as Virtual Reality (VR), holography and interactive projection to recreate historical events.
- The memorial has been constructed at a cost of ₹594 crore across an area of 22 acres.

India Re-elected as President of International Solar Alliance



- The ISA was jointly launched by India and France in 2015 during the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris.
- The headquarters of the International Solar Alliance is located in Gurugram, Haryana, India.
- France was re-elected as Co-President of the International Solar Alliance.

NPCI Launches Fourth Wholly-Owned Subsidiary NTSL



- the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced the establishment of NPCI Tech Solutions Limited (NTSL) as its fourth wholly-owned subsidiary.
- Vishal Kanvaty, former Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of NPCI, has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of NTSL.
- With the formation of NTSL, NPCI now has four wholly-owned subsidiaries: NIPL, NBBL, NBSL and NTSL.

India's First Road Safety Institute to Be Set Up in Pune



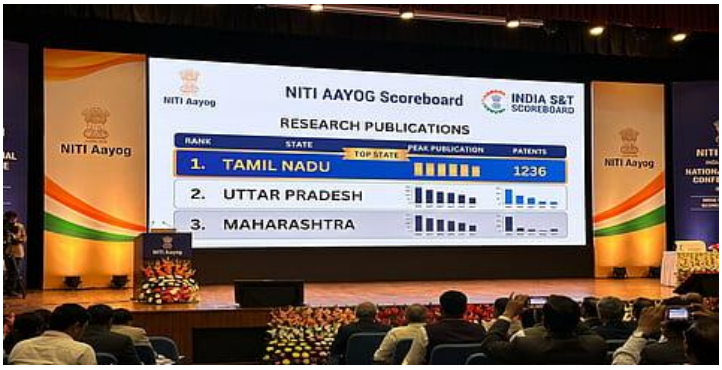
- Maharashtra is setting up India's first Road Safety Training and Research Institute at Saswad, Purandar Taluka, Pune district.
- The project consists of three major facilities: Automated Testing Station (ATS), Automated Driving Testing Track (ADTT) and Road Safety Training and Research Institute.
- The project is being developed on approximately 25 acres of land.

Sikkim's Soreng Becomes India's First Organic Fisheries Cluster



- Soreng district of Sikkim has been notified as India's first Organic Fisheries Cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- NABARD was identified as a partner for providing financial and technical assistance.
- Major fish species include Amur Carp, Indian Major Carps (IMC) and Trout.

Tamil Nadu Tops in Research Publications on NITI Aayog Scoreboard



- NITI Aayog launched the India Science and Technology (S&T) Scoreboard in New Delhi.
- The scoreboard was released by Ashok Kumar Lahiri, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- Uttar Pradesh ranked second with 29,298 publications, followed by Maharashtra (28,947), Karnataka (27,970) and Delhi (24,417).

Manipur Hosts First North East Waree Leeba Festival 2026

- Manipur hosted the 1st North East Waree Leeba Festival 2026 at Irom MeijraoMamang Community Hall in Imphal West district.
- Waree Leeba is a traditional oral storytelling art form associated with the Meitei community of Manipur.
- The festival received support from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, under the Cultural Function and Production Grant (CFPG) Scheme.

IIT Delhi Ranks 66th in QS Asia University Rankings 2027



- The University of Hong Kong secured the 1st position, followed by Peking University (2nd) and Tsinghua University (3rd).
- It slipped seven positions from 59th rank in 2026 to 66th rank in 2027.
- The QS Asia University Rankings 2027 assess universities across Asia on academic and research performance, employer reputation and internationalisation.

India's first indigenous bullet train takes shape at BEML facility



- India's first indigenously developed bullet train is being manufactured for the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor.
- India's first indigenously developed bullet train is named Bharat 28 (B-28).
- The train is being manufactured at BEML's Aditya manufacturing facility in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Assam to Set Up a Proton Therapy Centre at GMCH, Guwahati



- The Government of Assam signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Belgium-based Ion Beam Applications (IBA) to establish India's first public-sector Proton Beam Therapy Centre.
- The centre will be established at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Guwahati, Assam.
- The project is estimated to cost ₹600 crore, including a ₹315 crore World Bank loan and a ₹285 crore contribution from the Assam Government.

India to Conduct Population Census from January 25 to Feb. 28, 2027



- The census schedule was notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) through the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.
- Mritunjay Kumar Narayan is the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.
- Census 2027 will be the 16th Census since 1872 and the 8th Census after Independence.

IRDAI declares November 2026 as grievance resolution month



- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has declared November 2026 as Grievance Resolution Month to address pending complaints and disputes of insurance policyholders.
- The main objective is to ensure the fair, timely & meaningful resolution of pending policyholder grievances, particularly long-standing cases.
- IRDAI, headquartered in Hyderabad, Telangana, was established under the IRDA Act, 1999, and is currently chaired by Ajay Seth.

Bihar Museum ranks ninth among world's 100 best museums 2026



- Bihar Museum, located in Patna, Bihar, has secured 9th position globally in the World's 100 Best Museums 2026 list.
- Mexico's Museo Nacional de Antropología secured 1st position, followed by Museo del Prado of Spain at 2nd and Louisiana Museum of Modern Art of Denmark at 3rd.
- Bihar Museum secured 1st position in Asia, becoming highest-ranked Asian museum on list.

West Bengal to set up School of Magic and historical museum



- The West Bengal Government is planning to establish a dedicated School of Magic & Museum of Magic History to preserve and promote the state's traditional magic and illusion arts.
- The initiative is being undertaken by the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, West Bengal.
- P. C. Sorcar (Junior) is associated with the famous Sorcar family of Indian magicians.

Tea Auction Centre Inaugurated in Agartala, Tripura



- The centre is located at Pandit Nehru (PN) Complex, Gorkhabasti, Agartala, Tripura.
- Tripura became the second state in Northeast India after Assam and the fifth state in India to have a dedicated tea auction centre.
- India's major tea auction centres are located in Kolkata, Siliguri (West Bengal), Guwahati (Assam), Coonoor and Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), and Kochi (Kerala).

Sikkim Hosts First Himalayan Yak Festival



- The festival was organised by the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS) Department, Government of Sikkim.
- The event was organised in collaboration with ATREE (Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment), Sikkim Inspires and G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE).
- The Sikkimese Yak is an indigenous yak breed found in the high-altitude regions of Sikkim.

AssetMark Opens Global Capability Centre in Hyderabad



- US-based wealth management technology company AssetMark opened its Global Capability Centre (GCC), named AssetMark Global Wealth, in Hyderabad.
- The new centre is located at H-10 by Phoenix, HITEC City, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Lou Maiuri is the Chairman and Group CEO of AssetMark.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bahamas joins International Solar Alliance as 116th member



- The International Solar Alliance was jointly launched by India and France during the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris.
- The ISA headquarters is located in Gurugram, Haryana, India.
- India has been elected as the President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for the third consecutive term, during the 9th ISA Assembly held in New Delhi in November 2026.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Nirmala Lakshman Wins Sharjah Award for Best Non-Fiction Book



- Indian author and journalist Nirmala Lakshman won the Sharjah Award for Best International Non-Fiction Book at the 45th Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) 2026.
- She received the award for her book 'The Tamils: A Portrait of a Community', published by Aleph Book Company Pvt. Ltd.
- Nirmala Lakshman is an author, journalist and Director of The Hindu Group.

Filipino Engineer Wins 2026 James Dyson Global Sustainability Award



- Filipino structural engineer Aldrei Ong won the 2026 James Dyson Award – Global Sustainability Winner for his innovative invention named Sentinel.
- Sentinel uses self-sensing concrete containing conductive materials to detect changes in electrical resistance when damage occur.
- Radhika Saran, Cleo Pontone & Sophia DeVito, students from Harvard University, USA, won the 2026 James Dyson Award – Global Medical Winner for invention Rumble Rims.

Ministry of Railways Wins PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award 2026



- the Ministry of Railways received the prestigious PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award 2026 for achieving highest number of solarised buildings among Central Ministries and Departments.
- The award was presented by Vice-President of India C. P. Radhakrishnan at the Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026, held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Railways secured first position in the category of "Maximum Buildings Solarized by Central Ministries/Departments" under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.

Prasar Bharati's Nandakumar Singh Wins ABU Award



- Nongmaithem Nandakumar Singh, Director of Engineering at Akashvani Imphal, Prasar Bharati, won the ABU Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award 2026.
- The award was announced during the 63rd ABU General Assembly and Associated Meetings, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 30 October to 3 November 2026.
- The 2026 ABU General Assembly was organised under the theme "Media for Peace and Humanity: Truth, Trust, and Transformation."

Documentary on girls' education in Bihar, wins UN SDG Action Award



- The documentary is titled 'Mothers of Courage'.
- It won the 2026 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Action Award in the Creativity category.
- Khushboo Awasthi, co-founder of Mantra4Change and chief curator of Shikshagraha, received the award in Rome.

Prashant Chaudhary Wins Rohini Nayyar Prize



- Prashant Chaudhary, a technology educator based in Dehradun, won the 5th Rohini Nayyar Prize 2026 for his outstanding contribution to rural development in India.
- He is the founder of the CodeYogi Foundation, which works to provide coding, technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) education to rural students.
- The prize carries a cash award of ₹10 lakh, a citation and a trophy.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Keisha Lance as First Black Woman Elected US Governor



- She became the first Black woman in US history to be elected governor of a state.
- She defeated Republican candidate Rick Jackson, a billionaire healthcare executive.
- She belongs to the Democratic Party.

VP Iliana Iotova Became Bulgaria's 1st Elected Female President



- Iliana Iotova won Bulgaria's presidential runoff election, becoming the first woman to be elected President of Bulgaria.
- She succeeded Rumen Radev as President of Bulgaria.
- Bulgaria is a member of the European Union (EU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Dinesh V. Ganvir Appointed 55th Director General of GSI



- Dinesh V. Ganvir succeeded Varsha Ashok Aglawe, who became the first woman Director General of GSI.
- The Geological Survey of India functions under the Ministry of Mines, Government of India.
- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) is headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal, and Thomas Oldham is recognised as its first head.

IREDA Appoints Jatin Kumar Nayak as Chairman and MD



- Jatin Kumar Nayak succeeded Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty, who was holding the additional charge of CMD of IREDA and ceased to hold the position on 30 October 2026.
- IREDA is a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- IREDA, headquartered in New Delhi, was established on 11 March 1987 to promote, develop and provide financial assistance for renewable energy projects.

Ashutosh Dixit Assumes Charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff



- Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) of the Indian Air Force.
- He succeeded Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who retired after 42 years of service.
- He has been awarded the Vayu Sena Medal (2006), Vishisht Seva Medal (2011), Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (2023) and Param Vishisht Seva Medal (2026).

Bahram Vakil to Succeed Noel Tata as Trent Chairman



- Bahram Vakil appointed as the new Chairman of Trent Limited, succeeding Noel N. Tata.
- Trent Limited is a retail company of the Tata Group, operating brands such as Westside, Zudio and Star Bazaar.
- Bahram Vakil is the co-founder of AZB & Partners, one of India's leading law firms

BANKING NEWS

RBI Conducts ₹50,000 Crore Overnight VRRR Auction



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted an overnight Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF).
- Under the VRRR mechanism, banks park their surplus funds with RBI for a specified period and receive interest at a variable rate determined through the auction.
- VRRR is a liquidity absorption tool used by RBI to manage short-term liquidity conditions in the banking system.

YES BANK Launches 'YES vibez' Savings Account



- YES BANK launched 'YES vibez', an exclusive savings account designed for Generation Z (Gen Z) customers in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The account is available to customers in the 18–30 years age group.
- The minimum average monthly balance requirement is ₹25,000.

SPORTS

India Wins Sixth Asian Champions Trophy Title



- the Indian men's hockey team defeated Japan 4–1 in the final to win the 9th Men's Hero Asian Champions Trophy 2026 at Mohali, Punjab.
- The final was played at the Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium, Mohali.
- With this victory, India secured its sixth Asian Champions Trophy title, becoming the most successful team in the tournament's history.

Maaya Rajeshwaran Reaches WTA Quarter-Final



- Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi, a 17-year-old Indian tennis player, reached the quarter-finals of the Chennai Open 2026 (WTA 250).
- She became the first Indian woman since Sania Mirza (2012) to reach a WTA Tour-level singles quarter-final.
- Maaya defeated Poland's Weronika Falkowska (World No. 277) in the second round.

Cristiano Ronaldo Announces Portugal's Retirement



- Portuguese football star Cristiano Ronaldo announced his retirement from international football, ending his 23-year career with Portugal.
- Ronaldo became the first male footballer to score goals in six different FIFA World Cup editions (2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022, 2026).
- Ronaldo is a five-time Ballon d'Or winner (2008, 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2017)

Indian Trio Wins 50m Men's Team Gold at ISSF World Championship



- The Indian trio comprised Ravinder Singh, Saurabh Chaudhary and Amanpreet Singh.
- India secured gold with a combined score of 1,659 points.
- China won silver, while South Korea claimed bronze.

Rajkumari Chanu Wins Wushu Bronze at Youth Olympics



- The competition was held at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Senegal.
- Rajkumari became India's first-ever Wushu medallist at the Youth Olympic Games.
- Egypt's Sondos Sonbol won gold, while Venezuela's Valeria Dudamel secured silver.

Dhinidhi Desinghu Wins Historic Bronze at Youth Olympics 2026.



- Dhinidhi Desinghu, a 16-year-old swimmer from Bengaluru, Karnataka, won a Bronze Medal in the women's 100m freestyle event at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games held in Dakar, Senegal.
- She clocked 56.27 seconds in the final, setting a new national record.
- Croatia's Ana Bobanovic won Gold Medal with a timing of 55.89 seconds, while New Zealand's Alyssa Lawson secured Silver in 56.13 seconds.

India Wins Double Gold at Common wealth Kabaddi Championship 2026

- India won both the Men's and Women's titles at the inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026.
- The championship was held at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- India defeated Sri Lanka (54–20) in the men's final and Uganda (35–15) in the women's final to win Gold Medals in both categories.

Kimi Antonelli Becomes the Youngest F1 World Champion



- Italian racing driver Kimi Antonelli became the youngest-ever Formula 1 (F1) World Champion at the age of 20 years and 68 days.
- He secured the 2026 FIA Formula One Drivers' Championship while driving for Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team.
- He broke the previous record held by Sebastian Vettel, who won his first F1 world title at 23 years and 134 days in 2010.

Glenn Maxwell Retires from International Cricket



- Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell announced his retirement from international cricket, bringing an end to his 14-year international career.
- He represented Australia in 286 international matches, including 7 Tests, 149 ODIs and 130 T20Is.
- He will continue playing franchise T20 cricket, including for Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash League (BBL).

PV Sindhu & Lakshya Sen Win Hylo Open 2026 for India



- Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen won the women's singles and men's singles titles, respectively, at the HYLO Open 2026, held from 27 October to 1 November 2026 in Saarbrücken, Germany.
- PV Sindhu defeated Denmark's Line Højmark Kjærsfeldt by 21–12, 21–14 in the women's singles final.
- Lakshya Sen defeated Indonesia's Jonatan Christie by 21–17, 21–10 in men's singles final.

India wins 14 medals at 46th International Taekwondo Tournament



- The Indian boxing contingent won 14 medals (4 gold, 2 silver and 8 bronze) to finish at the top of the medal tally at the 46th International Tammer Boxing Tournament, held from 28 October to 2 Nov. 2026 in Tampere, Finland.
- India participated with a 14-member contingent, comprising 7 men and 7 women.
- India's four gold medallists were Aarti Dhariyal (54 kg), Ankushita Boro (65 kg), Arundhati Chaudhary (70 kg) and Pawan Bartwal (55 kg).

Manisha Bhanwala Wins World Wrestling Championships Gold



- Indian wrestler Manisha Bhanwala won gold in the women's 59 kg freestyle category at the Senior World Wrestling Championships 2026.
- The championship was held in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- She defeated Abigail Nette of the USA by 8–6 in the final.

India Beat Japan 4–1 in Asian Champions Trophy



- India defeated Japan 4–1 on 30 October 2026 in men's Hero Asian Champions Trophy Punjab.
- The match was played at Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium, Jalandhar, Punjab.
- India secured its third consecutive victory in the tournament after defeating Bangladesh (13–0) and China (5–2).

DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Govt launches 3 new indigenous AI foundation models IndiaAI Mission



- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched three indigenous AI foundation models under the IndiaAI Mission.
- The three indigenous AI foundation models—EKA-1, Dhīr 2B and Dhīr 5B—include EKA-1 developed by Soket Labs Technology and Research Pvt. Ltd., and Dhīr 2B and Dhīr 5B developed by ZenteiQAiTech Innovations.
- EKA-1 supports 22 Indian languages, while Dhīr 2B and Dhīr 5B support 10 Indian languages, along with English.

India–US Tri-Service HADR Exercise Begins in Visakhapatnam



- Tiger Triumph 2026 is the 5th edition of the India–US bilateral Tri-Service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise.
- The exercise involves the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force and the US Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.
- The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is participating for the first time.

India Hosts First-Ever BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise



- India is hosting the first-ever BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise from 30 October to 3 November 2026.
- The exercise is being conducted at Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- It brings together all seven BIMSTEC member countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

DRDO Tests Indigenous 'Pralay' Missile off Odisha Coast



- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted a flight test of the indigenously developed Pralay quasi-ballistic missile from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- The missile was developed by Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad, in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO, the Armed Forces and industry partners on the successful flight test.