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## NATIONAL NEWS

- Which Union Territory has become India's first 100% organic UT? ***Ladakh***
- Which state is set to adopt the Orange Oakleaf as its official state butterfly? ***Chhattisgarh***
- What percentage increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) was approved by Union Cabinet for Central Government employees? ***3% (from 60% - 63%)***
- What is the total financial outlay of the PM Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana for 2026–27 to 2030–31? ***₹7,395.55 crore***
- How many Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) does PM VGSY aim to prepare annually? ***More than 2.55 lakh***
- At which international conference did India reaffirm its commitment to biodiversity conservation? ***17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP-17)***
- In how many National Biodiversity Targets has India translated the global biodiversity framework? ***23 targets***
- Which state is planning to launch India's first cooperative-sector airline, tentatively named Co-Keralam? ***Kerala***
- Until which date has the Commerce Ministry extended Component II of the RELIEF scheme? ***31 March 2027***
- In which two Karnataka cities have HCLTech and Japan's Rapidus opened semiconductor development centres? ***Bengaluru and Hubli***
- Which state has introduced Mission Murghas to address the shortage of fodder? ***Maharashtra***
- What is the subsidy provided per kilogram of silage under Maharashtra's Magel Tyala Murghas scheme? ***₹3 per kg***
- Which Union Minister launched the National Strategic Trade Command Centre (NSTCC)? ***Piyush Goyal***
- In how many colleges has Punjab introduced SANGAT Mental Health Clubs? ***40 colleges***
- Which Arunachal Pradesh town is hosting the 14th International Tourism Mart 2026? ***Tawang***
- Which university launched the Science on Wheels programme in Himachal Pradesh? ***IIT Mandi***
- Which institution is implementing the Ayushman Vay Vandana scheme? ***National Health Authority (NHA)***
- Which organisation received the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction award for Namo Bharat? ***National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)***
- Where was the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2026 held? ***Bhubaneswar, Odisha***
- Which Indian student won the 28th Charles Correa Gold Medal 2026 in architecture? ***Radhakrishnan M.S.***
- Which state approved the PRAGATI AI and Robotics Park in Greater Noida? ***Uttar Pradesh***
- How many acres will Zone 2 of the PRAGATI AI and Robotics Park cover? ***61.52 acres***
- Which asset management company introduced the Advantage World Equity Fund in GIFT City? ***JioBlackRock International AMC (IFSC)***
- Under which regulatory framework has the Advantage World Equity Fund been launched? ***IFSCA Fund Management Regulations***
- What type of investment scheme is the JioBlackRock Advantage World Equity Fund? ***Open-ended Fund of Funds (FoF) Retail Scheme***
- Which two companies inaugurated semiconductor development centres in Karnataka? ***HCLTech and Japan's Rapidus Corporation***

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- In which country was the first Kathmandu Film Festival organised? ***Nepal***

- Which city hosted the first Kathmandu Film Festival from 30 October to 1 November 2026? ***Kathmandu***
- Which country became the first to join a separate Security Cooperation Support Partnership (SCSP) of NATO's NSPA despite not being a NATO member? ***Ukraine***
- Where is NATO's headquarters situated? ***Brussels, Belgium***
- Which European country approved a ban on social media access for children below 15 years? ***Greece***
- From which date is Greece's social media restriction for children under 15 scheduled to take effect? ***1 January 2027***
- Which country was the first to enact legislation restricting minors' access to social media? ***Australia***

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION NEWS

- Which Indian photographer won the Behaviour: Invertebrates category at Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026? ***Sitaram Raul***
- What is the title of Sitaram Raul's award-winning wildlife photograph? ***Shifting Sand***
- In which Indian state was the photograph Shifting Sand captured? ***Rajasthan***
- Which organisation received the G-Mark Global Design Award for packaging inspired by traditional tribal art? ***Shabari Naturals***
- Which three traditional art forms are featured on Shabari Naturals' award-winning packaging? ***Warli, Gond and Chitrakathi***
- Who has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award? ***Usha Mangeshkar***
- Which state instituted the Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award? ***Assam***
- What is the cash prize associated with the Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award? ***₹10 lakh***
- Who became the first Indian physicist to receive the 2026 Oskar Klein Medal? ***Ashoke Sen***
- Which Indian organisation announced the Oskar Klein Medal 2026? ***International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS), Bengaluru***
- In which Indian city will the Earthshot Prize 2026 make its debut? ***Mumbai***
- Who founded the Earthshot Prize in 2020? ***Prince William***
- Which Indian pilot received the First Class Order of Zayed II from the UAE? ***Captain Smit Machchhar***
- Which country's President conferred the First Class Order of Zayed II on Captain Smit Machchhar? ***United Arab Emirates***
- Which Indian physicist became the first Indian to receive the Oskar Klein Medal? ***Ashoke Sen***
- Which institution announced the 2026 Oskar Klein Medal for Ashoke Sen? ***International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS), Bengaluru***

## APPOINTMENTS NEWS

- Who has been named President-Elect of FICCI for the 2026–27 term? ***Vijay Sankar***
- Whom will Vijay Sankar succeed as FICCI President? ***Anant Goenka***
- What position was Vijay Sankar holding at FICCI before being named President-Elect? ***Senior Vice-President***
- Who has been appointed as the next Chairman of ONGC for a three-year term? ***Sunil Kumar***
- Whom will Sunil Kumar replace as ONGC Chairman? ***Arun Kumar Singh***
- Which committee approved Sunil Kumar's appointment as ONGC Chairman? ***Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)***

## BANKING NEWS

- Which two institutions signed an MoU to strengthen cross-border clearing cooperation? ***SEBI and the Bank of England***

- Where was the MoU between SEBI and the Bank of England signed? ***Mumbai***
- Name one SEBI-recognised Clearing Corporation mentioned in the report? ***BSE Clearing Limited / NSE Clearing Limited / NCCL / MCXCCL***
- Which digital platform launched the Tatkal facility for opening NPS accounts? ***PhonePe***
- On which date did PhonePe introduce its Tatkal NPS account-opening facility? ***27 October 2026***
- What is the minimum initial contribution required to open an NPS account through PhonePe's Tatkal facility? ***₹250***
- Which regulatory body developed the Tatkal NPS framework? ***Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)***

## SPORTS NEWS

- Which country did India defeat 5–2 in its second league match of the Men's Asian Champions Trophy Punjab 2026? ***China***
- Where was India's match against China in the Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 played? ***Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium, Jal***
- Which two Indian players scored two goals each against China? ***Harmanpreet Singh and Sukhjeet Singh***
- Which Indian para-athlete and three-time Asian Para Games gold medallist passed away at the age of 42? ***Neeraj Yadav***
- How many gold medals did Neeraj Yadav win at the Asian Para Games? ***Three***
- Which two Indian wrestlers secured silver medals at the 2026 Senior World Wrestling Championships? ***Kajal Dhochak and Neelam Sirohi***
- In which weight category did Kajal Dhochak win silver at the 2026 Senior World Wrestling Championships? ***Women's 76 kg***
- Which Japanese wrestler defeated Neelam Sirohi in the women's 50 kg final? ***Yui Susaki***
- Which team did India defeat 13–0 in the Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026? ***Bangladesh***
- Who scored a hat-trick for India against Bangladesh in the Asian Champions Trophy? ***Mandeep Singh***
- How many teams are participating in the 9th Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026? ***Six***
- Which Indian tennis player won the men's doubles title at the ATP 250 Almaty Open 2026 with Ryan Seggerman? ***Yuki Bhambri***
- Which country hosted the ATP 250 Almaty Open 2026? ***Kazakhstan***
- Which Indian city has been awarded the hosting rights for the 2029 World Weightlifting Championships? ***Ahmedabad***
- Which organisation awarded the hosting rights for the 2029 World Weightlifting Championships? ***International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)***
- Which two Indian Grandmasters won individual gold medals at the European Chess Club Cup 2026? ***Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy***
- Where was the European Chess Club Cup 2026 held? ***Budva, Montenegro***
- What position did India secure in the 5th Asian Para Games 2026 medal table? ***Fourth***
- How many total medals did India win at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026? ***114 medals***
- Which country topped the medal tally at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026? ***China***
- Which Indian shuttler finished as runner-up in the women's singles event at the French Open 2026? ***PV Sindhu***
- Who defeated PV Sindhu in the women's singles final of the French Open 2026? ***An Se-young***
- Which Indian-origin chess prodigy became the youngest female player to achieve the International Master title? ***Bodhana Sivanandan***
- How old was Bodhana Sivanandan when she achieved the International Master title? ***11 years***
- Which city hosted the inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026? ***Ahmedabad***
- Who is captaining India's men's team at the Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026? ***Surjeet Singh***

- Who is leading India's women's team at the Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026? ***Nidhi Sharma***
- Which Indian student received the 28th Charles Correa Gold Medal in architecture? ***Radhakrishnan M.S.***
- What cash prize does the winner of the Charles Correa Gold Medal receive? ***₹25,000***
- Which Indian chess player became the youngest female International Master? ***Bodhana Sivanandan***

## DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- Which navigation satellite is ISRO scheduled to launch aboard the GSLV-F18 rocket? ***NVS-03***
- On which date is the NVS-03 satellite scheduled for launch? ***30 October 2026***
- From which space centre will ISRO launch the NVS-03 satellite? ***Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota***
- Into which orbit will the GSLV-F18 rocket place the NVS-03 satellite? ***Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO)***
- Which indigenous technology is carried by the NVS-03 satellite to improve navigation timekeeping accuracy? ***Indigenous atomic clock***
- What is the name of the Indian Navy's Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel launched at Goa Shipyard Limited? ***Srisht***
- Where was the offshore patrol vessel Srishti launched? ***Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa***
- Which two shipyards are constructing the Indian Navy's Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels? ***Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)***
- Which joint military exercise between India and Indonesia commenced in October 2026? ***Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI***
- Where is the 11th edition of Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI being conducted? ***Banyuwangi, Indonesia***
- Which Indian Army unit is part of the Indian contingent participating in Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI 2026? ***Parachute Regiment (Special Forces)***
- Which state cabinet approved the PRAGATI AI and Robotics Park in Greater Noida? ***Uttar Pradesh***
- What is the full form of PRAGATI in the name of the AI and Robotics Park? ***Platform for Robotics AI Growth Through Technology and Innovation***
- How many zones will be developed under the PRAGATI AI and Robotics Park project? ***2 zones***