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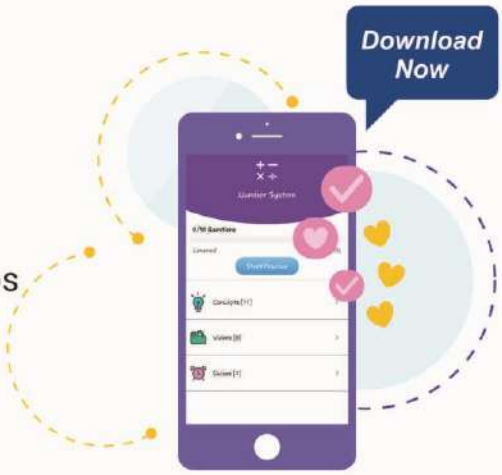
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IIFA Awards 2026 – Complete Winners List



The 26th International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards 2026 recognised outstanding achievements in Indian cinema and digital entertainment. Dhurandhar emerged as the biggest winner, dominating several major categories.

The IIFA Awards 2026 feature popular categories such as Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor in a Leading Role, Best Actress in a Leading Role, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Music Direction, Best Playback Singer, and Best Lyrics.

1. IIFA Awards 2026 – Popular Categories

Award Category	Winner	Film
Best Film	**Dhurandhar**	**Dhurandhar**
Best International Film	Avatar: Fire & Ash	Avatar: Fire & Ash
Best Director	Aditya Dhar	Dhurandhar
Best Actor (Male)	Ranveer Singh	Dhurandhar
Best Actress (Female)	Aneet Padda	Saiyaara
Best Supporting Actor (Male)	Sanjay Dutt	Dhurandhar
Best Supporting Actress (Female)	Huma Qureshi	Jolly LLB 3
Best Actor in a Negative Role	Akshaye Khanna	Dhurandhar
Best Music Direction	Shashwat Sachdev	Dhurandhar
Best Original Story	Aditya Dhar	Dhurandhar
Best Adapted Story	Basharat Peer, Sumit Roy and Neeraj Ghaywan	Homebound
Best Lyrics	Irshad Kamil	Saiyaara
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Faheem Abdullah	Saiyaara
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Shreya Ghoshal	Saiyaara

2. Technical Category Winners

Award Category	Winner	Film
Best Cinematography	Vikash Nowlakha	Dhurandhar
Best Screenplay	Aditya Dhar	Dhurandhar
Best Dialogues	Aditya Dhar	Dhurandhar
Best Editing	Shivkumar V. Panicker	Dhurandhar
Best Choreography	Bosco Leslie Martis	War 2
Best Sound Design	Bishwadeep Chatterjee	Dhurandhar
Best Sound Mixing	Alok De	Chhaava
Best Background Score	A. R. Rahman	Chhaava
Best Visual Effects	Assemblage Entertainment and Redefine	Chhaava

3. Debut Category Winners

Award Category	Winner	Film
Best Male Debut	Ahaan Panday	Saiyaara
Best Female Debut	Rasha Thadani	Azaad

4. IIFA Digital Awards 2026 – Film Category

Award Category	Winner	Film
Best Picture	Baramulla	Baramulla
Best Original Story	Aditya Dhar, Monal Thakkar and Aditya Suhas Jambhale	Baramulla
Best Direction	Karan Tejpal	Stolen
Best Leading Performance (Male)	Abhishek Banerjee	Stolen
Best Leading Performance (Female)	Sanya Malhotra	Mrs
Best Supporting Performance (Male)	Avinash Tiwary	The Mehta Boys
Best Supporting Performance (Female)	Monika Panwar	Nishaanchi 2

Important Facts

26th edition: IIFA Awards 2026.

Biggest winner: Dhurandhar.

Best Actor: Ranveer Singh (Dhurandhar).

Best Actress: Aneet Padda (Saiyaara).

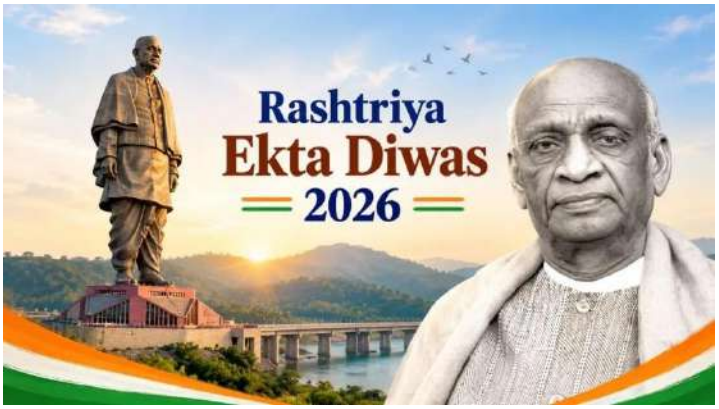
Best Director: Aditya Dhar (Dhurandhar).

Best Male Debut: Ahaan Panday (Saiyaara).

Best Female Debut: Rasha Thadani (Azaad).

Best Digital Series: The Ba***ds of Bollywood.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti 2026



Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti 2026 (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas)

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti 2026 marks the Iron Man of India's 151st birth anniversary.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti 2026 marks the birth anniversary of a national leader whose efforts played a decisive role in shaping independent India. He was born in 1875 in Gujarat and is remembered for integrating more than 560 princely states into the Indian Union. His commitment to national unity earned him the title- "Iron Man of India". The occasion also highlights his contributions to India's independence movement, governance and the development of a strong administrative system.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026, also known as National Unity Day, will be observed on 31 October to mark Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Birth Anniversary 2026 and honour his lasting contribution to national integration.

Who was Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?

Birth: Born on 31st October 1875, in Nadiad, Gujarat.

His family belonged to the Lewa Patidar community.

Career: Completed law studies in England, earning a prize in Roman Law, and returned to India as a barrister in 1913.

Title and Legacy: Popularly known as the "Iron Man of India" for his determination and firm approach. He is revered as a symbol of national unity and resilience.

India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, led the integration of 560 princely states into a united India after 1947.

Political Rise:

Joining the National Movement: Patel was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and joined the freedom struggle.

Kheda Satyagraha (1918): He played a pivotal role in Kheda Satyagraha demanding tax exemptions for farmers affected by crop failure due to drought.

Bardoli Satyagraha (1928): Led the resistance during the Bardoli Satyagraha against an unjust tax increase, earning him the title "Sardar" for his leadership.

What is Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)?

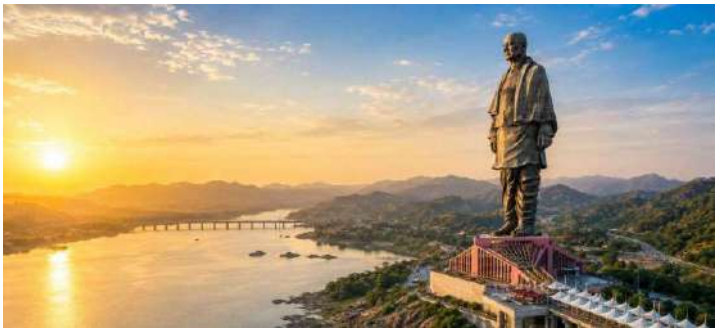
About: Rashtriya Ekta Diwas instituted in 2014 by the Government of India to recognise Sardar Patel's role in unifying India.

It symbolises the ideals of national integration, peace, and unity in diversity.

It encourages citizens to reaffirm their commitment to national integrity and collective strength.

The day also serves as a platform to promote the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB)' initiative, announced by PM Modi in 2015.

Statue of Unity: Inaugurated on 31st October 2018 at Kevadia, Gujarat, the Statue of Unity is the world's tallest statue at 182 metres, dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.



It is located on Sadhu Bet hillock overlooking the Narmada River and the Sardar Sarovar Dam, it symbolises national unity and pride.

In 2020, it was recognised among the "Eight Wonders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)."

Cabinet approves Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme



Approved by: Union Cabinet on 28 October 2026.

Total outlay: ₹1,856.67 crore.

Implementation period: FY 2026–27 to FY 2033–34.

Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Announced in: Union Budget 2026–27.

Main objective: To make India a globally competitive sports goods manufacturing hub.

Domestic manufacturing: Reduce dependence on imported sports equipment.

MSME support: Upgrade sports goods manufacturing clusters

Research and innovation: Promote sports technology, product design and advanced materials.

Export promotion: Improve international competitiveness and exports of Indian sports goods.

Financial support: ₹1,130 crore combined outlay for anchor investment and turnover-linked support.

Certification: ₹105 crore for obtaining and renewing International Sports Federations' certifications.

Manufacturing hubs: Dedicated Sports Goods Manufacturing Zones (SGMZs).

Major manufacturing centres: Jalandhar (Punjab) and Meerut (Uttar Pradesh).

Khelo India Scheme

Launched in 2017: brought the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan, the Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme and the National Sports Talent Search Scheme into one framework for sports development. Khelo India Scheme was launched in 2017 to provide a platform for grassroots athletes and build sports infrastructure across India.

Five pillars: training centres to identify talent; capacity building for coaches and support staff; sports science and technology; competitions and leagues; and sports infrastructure.

Reach as of July 2026: 349 sports infrastructure projects approved with an investment of ₹3,176 crore; 1,067 Khelo India Centres; 267 academies supported; and 2,745 Khelo India Athletes supported with coaching, equipment, medical care and a monthly allowance.

Khelo India Rising Talent (KIRTI) Program

The KIRTI Program plans to conduct 20 lakh talent assessments through Talent Assessment Centres to identify potential athletes. It uses AI, IT-based data for transparent selection process.

Nodal Agency for KIRTI: Sports Authority of India (SAI).

Financial Assistance: Identified athletes receive ₹5 lakh per annum for 8 years.

Note: The 8th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2026 will be hosted by Telangana from December 11 to 22, 2026.

India at Asian Para Games 2026



About 5th Asian Para Games 2026

Host and Venue: The 5th Asian Para Games are being held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from 18th to 24th October 2026, with the opening ceremony at Paloma Mizuho Stadium, Nagoya.

Slogan: "Imagine One Heart", reflecting unity and inclusion, while "WABI: We Are Beautiful Individuals" is the theme of the opening and closing ceremonies.

Flag-Bearers: Para-badminton player Pramod Bhagat para-athlete Simran Sharma were India's opening ceremony flag-bearers.

Previous Edition: At the 2023 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China, India achieved a record 111 medals (29 gold, 31 silver and 51 bronze). India finished in 4th place at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi–Nagoya, Japan, with a record-breaking total of 114 medals (30 Gold, 35 Silver, and 49 Bronze).

Overall Rank: 4th (behind China, Japan, and Uzbekistan).

Ravi Baby Sahana and Prachi Pandey became the first Indian para table tennis players to win medals in the standing category at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

India's Medal Tally at Asian Para Games

Medal Category	Medals Won
Gold	30
Silver	35
Bronze	49
Total	114

India sent 168 para-athletes to the Asian Para Games 2026, compared with 309 athletes at the previous edition. Indian athletes won medals in Para Athletics, Para Badminton, Para Archery, Shooting Para Sport, Para Table Tennis, Para Swimming, Para Judo and Para Powerlifting. The medal tally was higher than the adjusted total from Hangzhou 2022, which was held in 2023. India originally won 111 medals there, but three medals were subsequently stripped following doping violations involving Neeraj Yadav and Parveen.

Sport-Wise Medal Tally

Sport	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Para Athletics	22	19	24	65
Para Badminton	3	5	8	16
Para Swimming	0	3	8	11
Para Archery	3	3	0	6
Shooting Para Sport	2	2	1	5
Para Judo	0	1	1	2
Para Powerlifting	0	2	0	2
Para Table Tennis	0	0	7	7
Total	30	35	49	114

1. Para Archery Medal Winners

Harvinder Singh and Vijay Sundi — Recurve Men's Doubles — Gold
Sheetal Devi — Compound Women's Individual — Gold
Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar — Compound Mixed Team — Gold
Payal Nag and Sheetal Devi — Compound Women's Doubles — Silver
Pooja and Bhawna — Recurve Women's Doubles — Silver
Swati Chaudhary — W1 Women's Individual — Silver

2. Para Athletics Medal Winners

Gold Medal Winners
Dilip Mahadu Gavit — Men's 100m T47 — Gold
Sandeep — Men's 400m T64 — Gold
Pranav Soorma — Men's Club Throw F51 — Gold
Pranav Soorma — Men's Discus Throw F51/F52/F53 — Gold
Devender Kumar — Men's Discus Throw F43/F44/F62/F64 — Gold
Nishad Kumar — Men's High Jump T47 — Gold
Shailesh Kumar — Men's High Jump T63 — Gold
Praveen Kumar — Men's High Jump T64 — Gold
Haney — Men's Javelin Throw F37/F38 — Gold
Rinku Hooda — Men's Javelin Throw F46 — Gold
Sumit — Men's Javelin Throw F42–F44/F61–F64 — Gold
Nishad Kumar — Men's Long Jump T47 — Gold
Dharmaraj Solairaj — Men's Long Jump T44/T62/T64 — Gold
Sachin Sarjerao Khilari — Men's Shot Put F46 — Gold
Ayush Verma — Men's Shot Put F53 — Gold
Simran — Women's 100m T12 — Gold
Soumya — Women's 1500m T12/T13 — Gold
Simran — Women's 200m T12 — Gold
Deepthi Jeevanji — Women's 400m T20 — Gold
Anjanaben Bumbadiya — Women's 400m T47q — Gold
Suvarna Raj — Women's Discus Throw F54 — Gold
Silver Medal Winners
Mohammed Morssinganakath — Men's 100m T47 — Silver

Parmod — Men's 1500m T46 — Silver
Akira Banothu — Men's 400m T35/T38 — Silver
Ram Ratan Singh — Men's Discus Throw F51/F52/F53 — Silver
Rakesh — Men's Discus Throw F43/F44/F62/F64 — Silver
Varun Bhati — Men's High Jump T63 — Silver
Banti — Men's High Jump T64 — Silver
Manjeet — Men's Javelin Throw F12/F13 — Silver
Ajeet Singh — Men's Javelin Throw F46 — Silver
Pradeep Kumar — Men's Javelin Throw F53/F54 — Silver
Mahendra Gurjar — Men's Javelin Throw F42–F44/F61–F64 — Silver
Mohd Yasser — Men's Shot Put F46 — Silver
Preeti Pal — Women's 100m T35 — Silver
Radha Venkatesh — Women's 1500m T12/T13 — Silver
Preeti Pal — Women's 200m T35 — Silver
Tejalben Damor — Women's 400m T12 — Silver
Jayanti Behera — Women's 400m T47 — Silver
Nimisha Chakkungalparambil — Women's Long Jump T47 — Silver
Bhagyashri Jadhav — Women's Shot Put F34 — Silver
Bronze Medal Winners
Anubhav Choudhary — Men's 100m T35 — Bronze
Rakeshbhai Bhatt — Men's 100m T37 — Bronze
Sandeep — Men's 100m T44 — Bronze
Pranav Desai — Men's 100m T64 — Bronze
Sharath Makanahalli — Men's 1500m T12/T13 — Bronze
Rakeshbhai Bhatt — Men's 200m T37 — Bronze
Ajay Kumar — Men's 400m T64 — Bronze
Dharambir — Men's Club Throw F51 — Bronze
Haney — Men's Discus Throw F37 — Bronze
Pardeep Kumar — Men's Discus Throw F43/F44/F62/F64 — Bronze
Rahul — Men's High Jump T63 — Bronze
Navdeep — Men's Javelin Throw F40/F41 — Bronze
Ayush Verma — Men's Javelin Throw F53/F54 — Bronze
Sukhchain — Men's Javelin Throw F55 — Bronze
Sandip Sanjay Sargar — Men's Javelin Throw F42–F44/F61–F64 — Bronze
Shailesh Kumar — Men's Long Jump T42/T61/T63 — Bronze
Praveen Sharma — Men's Shot Put F11 — Bronze
Ravi Rongali — Men's Shot Put F40 — Bronze
Parveen — Men's Shot Put F46 — Bronze
Hokato Hotozhe — Men's Shot Put F56/F57 — Bronze
Ravanni Valasanaini — Women's 1500m T11 — Bronze
Tejalben Damor — Women's 200m T12 — Bronze
Ravanni Valasanaini — Women's 400m T11 — Bronze
Karamjyoti Dalal — Women's Discus Throw F55 — Bronze

3. Para Badminton Medal Winners

Nitesh Kumar — Men's Singles SL3 — Gold
Naveen Sivakumar — Men's Singles SL4 — Gold
Thulasimathi Murugesan and Manasi Girishchandra Joshi — Women's Doubles SL3–SU5 — Gold
Krishna Nagar and Sivarajan Solaimalai — Men's Doubles SH6 — Silver
Pramod Bhagat — Men's Singles SL3 — Silver
Thulasimathi Murugesan — Women's Singles SU5 — Silver
Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan — Women's Singles SH6 — Silver
Thulasimathi Murugesan and Nitesh Kumar — Mixed Doubles SL3–SU5 — Silver
Surya Kant Yadav and Naveen Sivakumar — Men's Doubles SL3–SU5 — Bronze
Abhijeet Sakhuja — Men's Singles SL4 — Bronze
Suhas Lalinakere — Men's Singles SL4 — Bronze
Alphia James and Pallavi Kaluvehalli — Women's Doubles WH1–WH2 — Bronze
Sanjana Kumari — Women's Singles SL3 — Bronze
Manisha Ramadass — Women's Singles SU5 — Bronze
Manisha Ramadass and Pramod Bhagat — Mixed Doubles SL3–SU5 — Bronze
Krishna Nagar and Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan — Mixed Doubles SH6 — Bronze

4. Para Judo Medal Winners

Kokila — Women's J2, −52 kg — Silver
Kapil Parmar — Men's J1, −70 kg — Bronze

5. Para Powerlifting Medal Winners

Ashok — Men's −65 kg — Silver
Kasthuri Rajamani — Women's −67 kg — Silver

6.Para Swimming Medal Winners

Ravi Karthik Budigina — Men's 100m Backstroke S13 — Silver
Ravi Karthik Budigina — Men's 100m Freestyle S13 — Silver
Kapil Kumar — Men's 400m Freestyle S10 — Silver
Tejas Nandakumar — Men's 100m Backstroke S7 — Bronze
Rohit Kumar — Men's 100m Breaststroke SB4 — Bronze
Swatik Patil — Men's 100m Breaststroke SB9 — Bronze
Himanshu Nandal — Men's 100m Breaststroke SB11 — Bronze
Himanshu Nandal — Men's 100m Freestyle S11 — Bronze
Niranjan — Men's 200m Individual Medley SM7 — Bronze
Himanshu Nandal — Men's 400m Freestyle S11 — Bronze
Ravi Karthik Budigina — Men's 50m Freestyle S13 — Bronze

7. Para Table Tennis Medal Winners

Jehan Madan and Shubham Wadhwa — Men's Doubles, Class MD4 — Bronze
Jehan Madan — Men's Singles, Class 1 — Bronze
Sonalben Patel — Women's Singles, Class 3 — Bronze
Bhavina Patel — Women's Singles, Class 4–5 — Bronze
Prachi Pandey — Women's Singles, Class 6 — Bronze
Baby Sahana Ravi — Women's Singles, Class 9 — Bronze
Shubham Wadhwa and Bhavina Patel — Mixed Doubles, Class XD7 — Bronze

8. Shooting Para Sport Medal Winners

Mona Agarwal — R2, Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 — Gold
Mona Agarwal—R8,Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1 — Gold
Manish Narwal — P1, Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 — Silver
Avani Lekhara — R2, Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 — Silver
Shrishti Arora — P2, Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1 — Bronze

10 Years of UDAN Scheme



The Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) completed 10 years on 21st October 2026, marking a decade of expanding affordable air connectivity to unserved and underserved regions. The launch of Modified UDAN in July 2026 marks a shift towards sustainable regional aviation, infrastructure development, indigenous aircraft manufacturing.

What are the Key Facts About the UDAN Scheme?

About UDAN: The Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), UDAN, was launched on 21 October 2016 under the National Civil Aviation Policy 2016 to provide affordable and economically viable air connectivity to unserved and underserved regions through financial support and infrastructure development.

The first UDAN flight was inaugurated between Shimla and Delhi in April 2017. It is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) is the implementing agency of the UDAN scheme.

Ten Years of UDAN: The scheme has contributed to expanding regional connectivity, with India emerging as the world's third-largest domestic aviation market and the number of operational airports increasing from 74 in 2014 to 166 in 2026.

UDAN Outcomes: The scheme has operationalised 687 regional routes and 95 aerodromes, including 17 heliports and 2 water aerodromes, while facilitating over 3.68 lakh flights and 1.72 crore passengers.

Financial Support: UDAN uses airfare caps, concessions, market-based selection and Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to encourage airline participation. As of 15th October 2026, ₹5,091.23 crore had been disbursed under VGF.

What are the Key Features of Modified UDAN Scheme 2026?

Launch and Duration: The Modified UDAN Scheme, launched on 4th July 2026, will be implemented over 10 years (FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36) with a total outlay of ₹28,840 crore.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved the 'Modified UDAN' (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on March 25, 2026, to further enhance regional air connectivity across India.

The Modified UDAN scheme serves as a strategic successor to the original UDAN 1.0 launched in 2016, focusing on the sustainability of routes and reducing the dependency on Viability Gap Funding (VGF).

A primary objective of this modification is to integrate Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and electric Vertical Take-off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft into the regional network to connect remote hilly areas and island territories.

It introduces a 'Green Aviation' incentive, offering additional subsidies to airlines that deploy aircraft with lower carbon emissions or those powered by Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF).

The Modified UDAN framework aims to operationalize an additional 100 unserved and underserved airports, heliports, and water aerodromes by the year 2030.

Regional Transformation under UDAN Scheme

Purnea Airport — Bihar (2025)

Tezu Airport — Arunachal Pradesh (2021)

Deoghar Airport — Jharkhand (2022)

Kishangarh Airport — Rajasthan (2017)

Evolution Phases (2016 – 2026)

• **UDAN 1.0 (2017):** Focused on connecting unserved and underserved regional airports with capping fares; first flight operated between Shimla and Delhi in April 2017.

• **UDAN 2.0 (2018):** Expanded the scope to include helipads for remote and hilly areas.

• **UDAN 3.0 (2018–2019):** Added tourism routes, seaplanes, and water aerodromes.

• **UDAN 4.0 – 4.1 (2020–2021):** Deepened connectivity in North-Eastern states, island territories, and hilly regions.

• **UDAN 5.0 – 5.5 (2023–2025):** Focused on unconstrained caps on Viability Gap Funding (VGF), smaller aircraft categories, and diversified last-mile connectivity.

5 Years of PM GatiShakti



PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) – 5 Years

PM GatiShakti completed five years in October 2026, evolving into an integrated, GIS-based platform for coordinated infrastructure planning, multimodal connectivity and efficient resource utilisation.

Key Facts About PM GatiShakti

Launch: 13 October 2021.

Objective: Improve multimodal and last-mile connectivity, reduce project delays and optimise resources.

GIS-Based Platform: Integrates infrastructure, geographical and economic data for data-driven planning.

Coverage: 58 Central Ministries/Departments and all 36 States/UTs.

Six Guiding Principles: Integrated development, multimodal connectivity, last-mile connectivity, faster land acquisition, fewer clearances and reduced ecological impact.

Key Features

Seven Infrastructure Engines: Roads, Railways, Ports, Waterways, Airports, Mass Transport & Logistics Infrastructure.

Scheme Convergence: Integrates schemes such as Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways and UDAN.

Public Data Access: Provides 230 approved datasets for site suitability, connectivity mapping, alignment planning and compliance checks.

Data Layers: Over 23,493 layers integrated as of 12 Oct.2026.

Integrated Transport & Logistics Authority (ITLA)

Role: Supports long-term transport planning and coordination.

National Transport Master Plan: Planning horizon of 10 years or more.

Project Appraisal: Technical appraisal of infrastructure projects costing ₹500 crore or more and implementation monitoring.

National Transport Data Repository (NTDR): Integrates data from FASTag, Vahan and GSTN e-way bills.

Three-Tier Institutional Framework

Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS): Chaired by the Cabinet Secretary; oversees implementation and approves changes to the National Master Plan.

Network Planning Group (NPG): Examines infrastructure proposals for integration, optimisation and coordinated planning.

Technical Support Unit (TSU): Provides expert support and assists the Logistics Division as the PM GatiShakti Secretariat.

Project Appraisal: As of 11 August 2026, NPG had evaluated 396 projects worth approximately ₹18.66 lakh crore; 256 were sanctioned and 198 were under implementation.

Digital Support: Uses geospatial data, satellite imagery and analytical tools.

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV)

Established: 2022; a specialised university for transport and logistics.

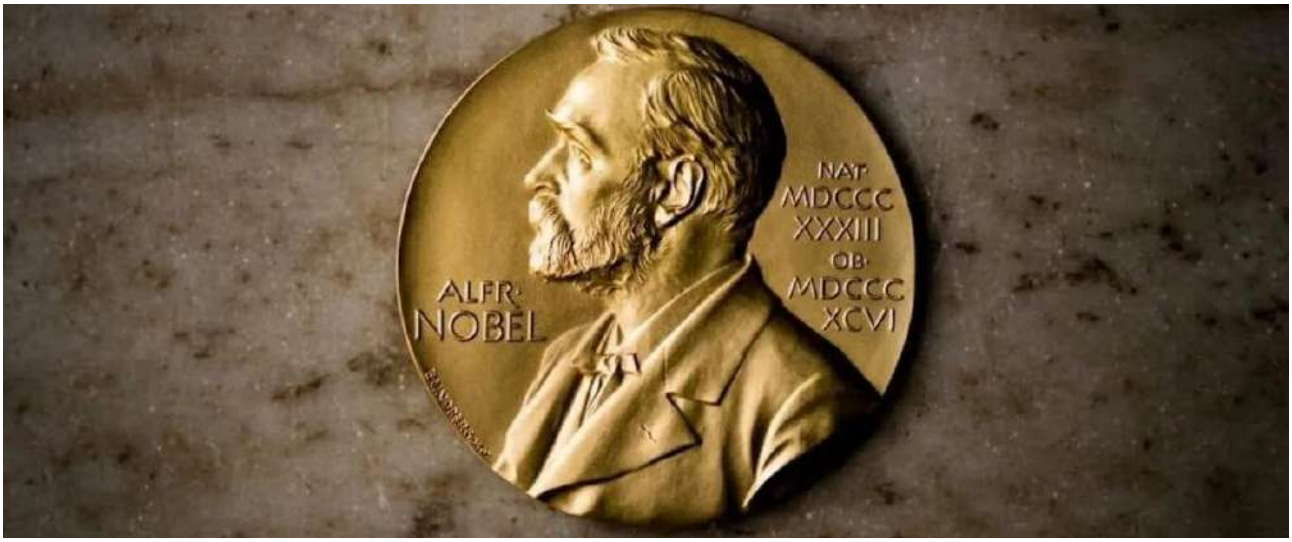
Focus: Education, research and executive training supporting PM GatiShakti and the National Logistics Policy, 2022.

Nodal Agency: Develops courses and promotes knowledge-sharing and innovation.

Capacity Building: Trained over 2.4 lakh officers through PM GatiShakti-related courses as of July 2026.

Research Areas: Integrated transport planning, maritime transport, bridge and tunnel engineering, and defence logistics.

Nobel Prize Winners List 2026



Nobel Prize 2026: Category-wise Winners

Category	Winner(s)	Country	Why did they win?
Physiology or Medicine	Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel	USA, Germany, Germany	For discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics, which allow nerve-cell activity to be controlled using light.
Physics	Francis Halzen	Belgium-born; associated with the USA	For major contributions to the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos originating from astrophysical sources.
Chemistry	Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai	France and Japan	For discovering non-linear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis, helping explain and control the formation of mirror-image molecules.
Literature	Anne Carson	Canada	For her bold and inventive literary work, which creates new forms of contemporary literature through dialogue with classical traditions.
Peace	Navanethem "Navi" Pillay	South Africa	For efforts to promote peace and international law, including human rights and accountability for international crimes.
Economic Sciences	Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford	United States (USA)	Microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation

Who Selects the Nobel Prize Winners?

Category	Selecting institution
Physics	Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
Chemistry	Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
Physiology or Medicine	Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet
Literature	Swedish Academy
Peace	Norwegian Nobel Committee
Economic Sciences	Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Indian Nobel laureates

Year	Person	Category	Why did they receive the Nobel Prize?
1913	Rabindranath Tagore	Literature	For his deeply sensitive and beautiful poetry, especially Gitanjali.
1930	C. V. Raman	Physics	For his work on light scattering and discovery of the Raman Effect.
1979	Mother Teresa	Peace	For her work helping suffering people, especially the poor and vulnerable.
1998	Amartya Sen	Economic Sciences	For contributions to welfare economics, poverty measurement and the study of famines.
2014	Kailash Satyarthi	Peace	For the struggle against child exploitation and for children's right to education; shared with Malala Yousafzai

RBI raises repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.50%



Bi-monthly Monetary Policy: RBI Raises Repo Rate by 25 bps After Over 3 Years

The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) unanimously increased the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.50% in its October 2026 meeting, citing rising inflationary pressures and continued global economic uncertainty.

The decision was taken during the 63rd MPC meeting, held from 5 to 7 October 2026, under the chairmanship of RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.

Along with the repo rate hike, the MPC changed its monetary policy stance to "calibrated tightening", indicating that future action could involve another rate hike or a pause depending on the inflation and growth outlook.

RBI Revises Key Policy Rates

Policy Rate	Revised Rate
Repo Rate	5.50%
Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)	5.25%
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)	5.75%
Bank Rate	5.75%

Note: Basis Point (bps): 1 basis point = 0.01 percentage point. Therefore, a 25-bps hike = 0.25 percentage point.

Why Did RBI Increase the Repo Rate?

The MPC observed that inflationary pressures had strengthened compared with the previous year.

CPI inflation: Increased to 4.8% in August 2026 from 4.5% in July 2026.

Core inflation: Rose to 4.2%.

Major inflation risks included:

Deficient south-west monsoon

Strong El Niño conditions

Higher energy and commodity prices

Rising food prices, including sugar and onion

Geopolitical uncertainty in West Asia

Monetary Policy Stance: Calibrated Tightening



The MPC changed its stance from neutral to "calibrated tightening."

However, Dr. Nagesh Kumar and Prof. Ram Singh preferred retaining the previous neutral stance.

India's GDP Growth Projection

The RBI noted that the Indian economy remains resilient despite global uncertainties.

India's real GDP grew by 7.8% in Q1 FY 2026-27, supported by private consumption, fixed investment, manufacturing activity and exports.

The RBI projected real GDP growth at 7.1% for FY 2026-27.

Period	GDP Growth Projection
FY 2026-27	7.1%
Q2 FY27	7.2%
Q3 FY27	6.9%
Q4 FY27	6.8%
Q1 FY 2027-28	7.1%

Investment activity is expected to remain supported by strong capacity utilisation, robust credit flows and the government's continued focus on infrastructure.

CPI Inflation Forecast

The RBI projected CPI inflation at 5.2% for FY 2026-27.



Period	CPI Inflation Projection
FY 2026-27	**5.2%**
Q2 FY27	**4.9%**
Q3 FY27	**6.0%**
Q4 FY27	**5.7%**
Q1 FY 2027-28	**5.6%**

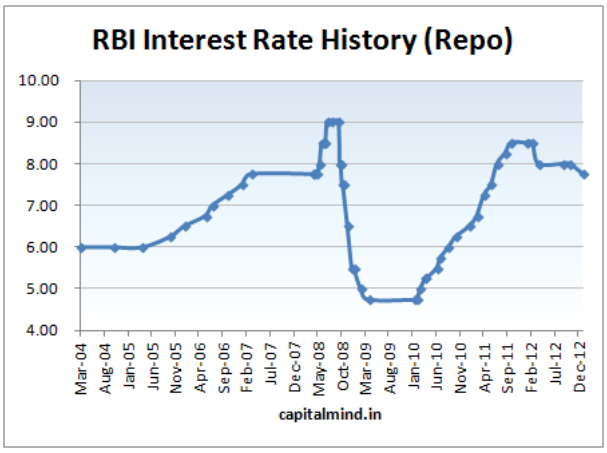
Core inflation forecast for FY 2026-27: 4.4%

Inflationary pressures are expected to remain elevated in the near term because of weather-related risks, commodity prices and geopolitical developments.

What Does a Repo Rate Hike Mean?

The repo rate is the rate at which the RBI lends short-term funds to commercial banks.

When the RBI increases the repo rate:



Repo Rate ↑ → Banks' borrowing cost ↑ → Loan interest rates may ↑ → Borrowing/demand may ↓ → Inflationary pressure may ↓

Therefore, floating-rate loans such as home loans, auto loans and other loans can become more expensive if banks pass on the increase to customers.

Monetary Policy Committee — Members

The October 2026 MPC meeting was chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.

Members included:

Dr. Nagesh Kumar

Saugata Bhattacharya

Prof. Ram Singh

Dr. Poonam Gupta

Indranil Bhattacharyya

The MPC voted unanimously in favour of 25-bps repo rate hike.

Key Facts

Particular	Details
MPC Meeting	63rd
Meeting Dates	5–7 October 2026
MPC Chairman	Sanjay Malhotra
Revised Repo Rate	5.50%
Repo Rate Change	+25 bps
SDF Rate	5.25%
MSF Rate	5.75%
Bank Rate	5.75%
Policy Stance	Calibrated Tightening
FY27 GDP Forecast	7.1%
FY27 CPI Inflation Forecast	5.2%
Next MPC Meeting	2–4 December 2026

NATIONAL NEWS

Ayushman Vay Vandana completes 2 years, recording worth ₹5,668 cr.



- It extends the benefits of Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective of their socio-economic status.
- The scheme is implemented by the National Health Authority (NHA) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Eligible senior citizens aged 70 years and above are entitled to health coverage of up to ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation.

Ladakh becomes India's first fully organic Union Territory



- Ladakh has become India's first 100% organic Union Territory, declared by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.
- Sikkim became India's first fully organic state in 2016.
- National Programme for Organic Production — certification framework for organic products, managed by APEDA.

Orange Oakleaf to Become Chhattisgarh Official State Butterfly



- Chhattisgarh is set to get its first official state butterfly, with the Orange Oakleaf (Kallima inachus).
- It is a nymphalid butterfly found in Tropical Asia from India to Japan.
- It is known for its remarkable camouflage.

Centre Approves 3% DA Hike for Central Government Employees



- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved a 3% hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees.
- DA increased from 60% to 63% of Basic Pay, effective from 1 July 2026.
- Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners also increased from 60% to 63% of Basic Pension.

Cabinet approves PM Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana 2026-27 to 2030-31



- The Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY) will be implemented under the Ministry of Panchayati Raj as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the period 2026–27 to 2030–31, with a total financial outlay of ₹7,395.55 crore.
- The scheme will be implemented from 2026–27 to 2030–31, coinciding with the period of the 16th Finance Commission.
- The scheme aims to prepare more than 2.55 lakh holistic Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) annually through eGramSwaraj portal.

India Reaffirms Biodiversity Frame-work Commitment at CBD COP-17



- India's commitment to biodiversity conservation at the 17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP-17) in Yerevan, Armenia.
- India's updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) translates the global framework into 23 National Biodiversity Targets and 142 indicators.
- India highlighted MISHTI for mangrove restoration, Amrit Dharohar for wetland conservation and the Soil Health Card Scheme for sustainable soil management.

IIT Mandi Launches Science on Wheels in Himachal Pradesh



- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi launched the Science on Wheels programme in Himachal Pradesh to promote hands-on science education among school students.
- The initiative is being implemented by IIT Mandi in collaboration with Plaksha University and the Igniting Dreams of Young Minds (IDYM) Foundation.
- The programme targets students from Classes VI to XII and aims to reach 50 schools across Himachal Pradesh.

JioBlackRock AMC launches 'Advantage World Equity Fund'



- JioBlackRock International AMC (IFSC), a wholly owned subsidiary of JioBlackRock Asset Management, launched the JioBlackRock Advantage World Equity Fund (IFSC) in GIFT City, Gujarat.
- The scheme is an open-ended Fund of Funds (FoF) Retail Scheme under the IFSCA Fund Management Regulations.
- It invests primarily in the BlackRock Advantage World Equity Fund, a globally diversified active equity strategy.

Kerala Plans India's First Cooperative Airline



- The proposed airline, tentatively named Co-Keralam, is projected to become India's first airline operated by the cooperative sector.
- The project will be spearheaded by C. N. Vijayakrishnan, Chairman of MVR Cancer Centre and Research Institute.
- The initial plan is to lease two 72-seater aircraft, with Kochi as the proposed operational base.

Commerce Ministry Extends RELIEF Scheme Till March 2027



- The Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, extended Component II of RELIEF (Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) initiative under the Export Promotion Mission until March 31, 2027.
- The extension aims to support Indian exporters affected by geopolitical disruptions in West Asia and their impact on maritime logistics.
- Under Component II, the scheme provides 95% risk coverage to encourage exporters to obtain Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) insurance cover for eligible shipments.

HCLTech and Rapidus Open Semi-conductor Centres in Karnataka



- HCLTech, an Indian technology company, and Japan's Rapidus Corporation inaugurated two semiconductor development centres located in Bengaluru and Hubli, Karnataka.
- Rapidus is a Japanese company specialising in the development and manufacturing of advanced logic semiconductors.
- The centres will provide semiconductor engineering services, including mask design, design infrastructure, process design kit (PDK) development, design technology co-optimisation (DTCO) and layout design.

Maharashtra Launches Mission Murghas to Tackle Fodder Shortage



- The campaign is being implemented by the Maharashtra Animal Husbandry Department.
- Under the "Magel Tyala Murghas" scheme, eligible livestock owners in 19 districts of Vidarbha and Marathwada can receive a subsidy of ₹3 per kg of silage, based on up to 5 kg per animal per day for 90 days.
- The subsidy will be transferred directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) after proof of purchase is submitted.

Piyush Goyal Launches NSTCC



- The National Strategic Trade Command Centre (NSTCC) was launched by Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry.
- It operates under the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- The centre aims to strengthen trade monitoring, trade intelligence and data-driven decision-making.

Punjab Launches SANGAT Mental Health Clubs in 40 Colleges



- The initiative was launched at Plaksha University, Mohali, to promote youth mental health and prevent substance abuse.
- The initiative is led by the Department of Higher Education, Punjab, in partnership with the Aditya Birla Education Trust (ABET).
- The programme is implemented by Mpower, an ABET subsidiary, under its COPE (Counselling & Outreach for Peer Empowerment) framework.

Tawang to Host 14th International Tourism Mart from 29–31 Oct. 2026



- The 14th edition of the International Tourism Mart (ITM) 2026 will be held in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, from 29 to 31 October 2026.
- The event is being organised by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in association with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and other North Eastern states.
- The International Tourism Mart is an annual event aimed at promoting the tourism potential of India's North Eastern Region.

OpenAI Partners with Karmayogi Bharat for AI Training



- OpenAI and Karmayogi Bharat signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen AI training and capacity building for India's civil servants.
- The partnership will bring approved OpenAI Academy learning resources to the government's iGOT Karmayogi digital learning platform.
- The collaboration supports Mission Karmayogi, India's programme for capacity building and professional development of civil servants.

India Ranks 84th in Henley Passport Index 2026



- India ranks 84th globally, sharing the position with Algeria and Mauritania.
- Singapore ranks first, with access to 193 destinations.
- Compared with the October 2025 ranking, India improved by one position, from 85th to 84th, although its destination-access score decreased from 57 to 55.

Asiatic Lions Return to Barda Wildlife Sanctuary After 144 Years



- Asiatic lions (Panthera leo persica) have returned to Barda Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat after approximately 144 years, marking an important development in wildlife conservation.
- The sanctuary is emerging as a second home for Asiatic lions beyond the Gir landscape, helping reduce the risks associated with concentrating the population in one geographical area.
- Barda is designated as Satellite Population 8 under Project Lion.

MoRTH Plans BS-VII Emission Standards Rollout from 2029 to 2035

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) proposed introducing Bharat Stage VII (BS-VII) emission standards through a phased rollout from April 2029 to April 2035.
- The proposed standards aim to reduce vehicular air pollution by tightening limits on harmful emissions from vehicles.
- The proposed framework may address pollutants such as nitrogen oxides (NOx), hydrocarbons and particulate matter.

National Geographic Names Jaipur to Its Best of the World 2027 List



- National Geographic included Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, in its Best of the World 2027 list of travel destinations.
- Jaipur's historic attractions include Hawa Mahal and Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century astronomical observatory that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The city hosts the Jaipur Literature Festival, one of the world's largest literary festivals.

Centre to launch 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan-Rabi 2026' nationwide



- The Ministry of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare will launch nationwide 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan–Rabi 2026' from Karnal, Haryana, on 22 Oct, with the campaign running until 30 Nov 2026.
- It will promote balanced fertiliser use and other agricultural inputs based on soil testing.
- Its main objectives are to promote sustainable agriculture, improve soil health and encourage the judicious use of agricultural resources.

India Hosts 7th Agrivoltaics World Conference (AWC) in New Delhi



- The 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 commencedat Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- India hosted the conference for the first time, marking first edition held in the Global South.
- The conference was hosted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), with support from Germany's Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUV), and organised in partnership with Conexio-PSE.

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.

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.

India Ranks 3rd in Ipsos Quality of Care Perception Index 2026



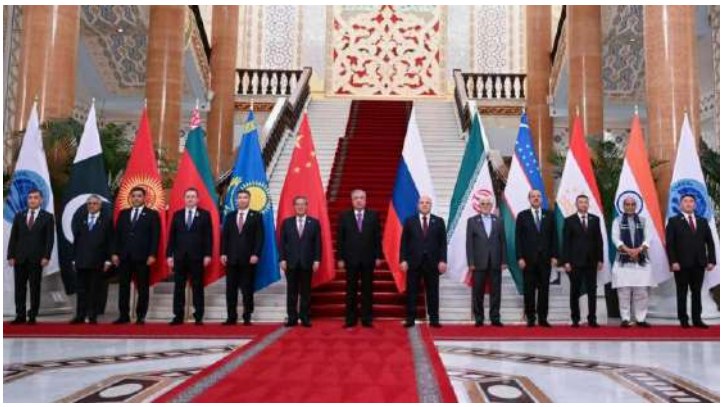
- India ranked 3rd globally in the Ipsos Quality of Care Perception Index 2026, behind Malaysia (1st) and Singapore (2nd).
- The leading health concerns were diabetes (40%), mental health (37%) and stress (33%).
- 68% of respondents in India rated healthcare quality positively.

Ladakh's First Medical College to Begin Operations in 2027



- Ladakh's first Government Medical College will begin operations in Leh from the academic year 2027–28.
- The college will be located at StipukPharka, Leh, Ladakh.
- The project aims to expand medical education opportunities and improve healthcare services in the Union Territory.

India to Host First SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum



- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was established in 2001, and India became a full member in 2017.
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is headquartered in Beijing, China.
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) has 10 member countries: China (2001), Russia (2001), Kazakhstan (2001), Kyrgyzstan (2001), Tajikistan (2001), Uzbekistan (2001), India (2017), Pakistan (2017), Iran (2023) and Belarus (2024).

Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Begins in Guwahati



- The 8-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 began on 21 October 2026 in Guwahati, Assam.
- The mela is organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India.
- The mela promotes BHARAT-TULIP (Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme), which supports marketing through physical outlets and e-commerce platforms.

India to Host 61st Legal Metrology Meeting



- India will host the 61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML) for the first time in New Delhi.
- The meeting is organised by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, in association with the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML).
- CIML is the principal decision-making body that guides the technical and administrative activities of OIML.

India ranks 100th out of 122 countries in Global Hunger Index



- The report is jointly published by Concern Worldwide, Welthungerhilfe and the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV).
- India ranked 100th out of 122 countries, with a GHI score of 24.1, placing it in the serious hunger category.
- India's four indicators were: undernourishment (9.8%), child stunting (29.3%), child wasting (19.0%) and under-five mortality (2.7%).

Telangana Celebrates Saddula Bathukamma Festival



- Saddula Bathukamma 2026 was celebrated as the grand finale of Telangana's nine-day floral festival.
- The Telangana government organised grand celebrations at Tank Bund, Hyderabad.
- Bathukamma is a nine-day floral festival celebrated primarily by women in Telangana during Navratri.

EPFO scheme offers up to ₹15,000 to first-time employees



- The Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) promotes first-time employment and supports additional job creation by offering incentives to both employees and employers.
- Employees earning up to ₹1 lakh per month receive a one-time incentive equal to one month's EPF wage capped at ₹15,000.
- The first instalment is paid after six months of service, while the second is paid after twelve months of continuous service and completion of a financial literacy programme.

Vice-President Launch AIIA Digital Initiatives at KAUMARACON-2026



- Vice-President of India C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated KAUMARACON-2026 at the AllIndia Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Sarita Vihar, New Delhi.
- KAUMARACON-2026 was the third international conference on Kaumarabhritya, the branch of Ayurveda concerned with paediatric healthcare.
- The theme of the conference was "Shaping the Future of Child Health: Global Perspectives, Research Innovations, and Clinical Frontiers in Kaumarabhritya."

India Adds Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel to Ramsar List



- With these additions, India's total number of Ramsar sites reached 103.
- Sukhna Wetland, located in Chandigarh at the foothills of the Shivalik range, is an important habitat for resident and migratory waterbirds.
- Sauj Jheel, located in Mainpuri district of Uttar Pradesh, is a shallow lake in the floodplain of Ganga River, surrounded by agricultural land.

India Inaugurates Largest Phenol and Acetone Plant in Haldia



- Adperma Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Haldia Petrochemicals Limited (HPL), inaugurated India's largest integrated phenol and acetone manufacturing plant in Haldia, West Bengal.
- The plant was established with an investment of approximately ₹6,000 crore.
- The facility has an annual production capacity of 3.45 lakh tonnes of phenol and 2.15 lakh tonnes of acetone.

Cabinet Approves ₹2,009.61 Crore Bonus for Railway Employees

- The bonus covers 78 days of wages for approximately 11.40 lakh eligible non-gazetted railway employees.
- The maximum bonus payable to an eligible employee is ₹17,951.
- Eligible employees include track maintainers, loco pilots, train managers, station masters, technicians and other Group C staff.

Lakshadweep Becomes India's First Fully Literate UT Under ULLAS



- The achievement was recorded under ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society) – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for adult education.
- ULLAS, also known as the New India Literacy Programme, targets non-literate persons aged 15 years and above who missed formal schooling.
- The Ministry of Education, Government of India, is the nodal ministry for the ULLAS scheme.

Odisha Governor Launches Boeing STEM Lab for Girls in Aviation



- Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati inaugurated the Boeing Sukanya Programme STEM Lab and Aeromodelling Training Centre at The Kosala School in Bargarh district, Odisha.
- The STEM Lab will provide hands-on learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).
- The programme is implemented by Boeing in partnership with Learning Links Foundation.

Kerala Launches India's First Ecosystem Red List Assessment



- The Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB) launched India's first Red List of Ecosystems (RLE) assessment project in Kollam, Kerala.
- Ecosystems are classified according to risk categories, including Critically Endangered, Endangered and Vulnerable.
- Red List Assessment is a scientific process used to evaluate the risk of extinction of species or the risk of collapse of ecosystems.

Delhi Ranks 193rd In World's Friendliest Cities Index 2026



- Mérida, Mexico, ranked first with a score of 95.0, followed by Glasgow, Scotland (94.9), and Bogotá, Colombia (94.5).
- Delhi ranked 193rd out of 200 cities in the Friendliest Cities Index 2026, commissioned by travel platform Fernwayer.
- Delhi received a score of 43.6 out of 100 in the index.

BRICS Theatre Festival 2026 Begins in New Delhi

- The BRICS Theatre Festival 2026 commenced at the National School of Drama (NSD) in New Delhi under India's BRICS Presidency 2026.



- It is organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, under India's BRICS Presidency 2026.
- Theme: "Shared Stories, Shared Futures."

Ayodhya Ram Temple Gets FSSAI's 'Eat Right' Certification



- The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, located in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, received the highest 'Ati Vishisht' (Outstanding) rating under FSSAI's Eat Right Place of Worship initiative.
- The temple scored 103 out of 114 points in its food safety and hygiene assessment, covering 47 parameters.
- The initiative operates under BHOG — Blissful Hygienic Offering to God, a programme of t Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Maharashtra to Host CyberTech Asia 2027 in Mumbai

- The event is scheduled for 17–18 March 2027 at the Jio Convention Centre, Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- CyberTech Asia 2027 will mark the platform's debut in India, bringing together international cybersecurity experts, technology companies, startups and industry leaders.
- The meeting also highlighted MahaCyber, a Maharashtra government initiative focused on preventing and combating cybercrime, digital threats and online fraud.

PM Modi Launches Tamil Nadu Projects Worth Over ₹13,000 Crore



- Five redeveloped railway stations—Palani, Vellore Cantonment, Ambasamudram, Paramakkudi and Namakkal—were inaugurated under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.
- National Highway projects worth approximately ₹3,700 crore were inaugurated or taken forward, including sections of NH-744 and NH-744A, to improve regional connectivity and reduce traffic congestion.

Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad Gets GI Tag



- Ambaji Mohanthal is a traditional sweet associated with Ambaji Temple in Gujarat.
- Others Gujarat's GI-tagged products include Gir Kesar Mango, Patan Patola and Bhalia Wheat.
- India's first GI tag was awarded to Darjeeling Tea in 2004–05 under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

Noida Airport Renamed Narendra Modi International Airport

- The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved a proposal to rename Noida International Airport at Jewar as Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar.
- The airport is located in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh.
- The airport is being developed by Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL), a subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG.

Akie Abe Unveils Shinzo Abe Memorial Corridor in Varanasi



- The Abe Memorial Corridor was inaugurated at the Rudraksh International Convention Centre in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The corridor honours Shinzo Abe, the late former Prime Minister of Japan.
- Shinzo Abe was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2021, one of India's highest civilian honours.

Kolkata to Host Barcelona and Real Madrid Legends



- Kolkata will host an exhibition football match between Barcelona Legends and Real Madrid Legends on 25 November 2026.
- The match will take place at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, popularly known as Salt Lake Stadium.
- Barcelona will return to Kolkata for the first time since 2018, when they defeated Mohun Bagan 6–0 in an exhibition match.

Ladakh Launches India's First Snow Leopard Safari



- Ladakh launched India's first high-altitude wildlife safari focused on snow leopards during Wildlife Week celebrations in Leh.
- The initiative is implemented by the Snow Leopard and High-Altitude Nature (SHAN) Conservation Society, in collaboration with the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Ladakh.
- Proposed safari locations include Hemis National Park, Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary, Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary, Nubra, Zanskar, Sham, Kargil and Drass.

Nameri Tiger Reserve Receives CA|TS-Approved Status



- Nameri Tiger Reserve in Assam received Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards (CA|TS)-Approved status.
- CA|TS stands for Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards, a globally recognised framework for assessing the effectiveness of tiger conservation and protected-area management.
- CA|TS was launched in 2013 at the first Asian Parks Congress in Japan.

GST Council Removes Arrest Powers of Tax Officers



- The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council recommended significant changes to the Central Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017, to rationalise offences and reduce compliance burdens.
- The Council recommended omission of Section 69 of the CGST Act, which provides for the power to arrest in specified GST-related offences.
- It recommended increasing the monetary threshold for prosecution from ₹1 crore to ₹5 cr. GST Council is a constitutional body established under Article 279A of the Constitution of India.

Padma Shri Kathak Dancer Roshan Kumari Passes Away



- Renowned Indian classical dancer, choreographer, Padma Shri awardee Roshan passed away at age of 82 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- She was a prominent exponent of Kathak, one of India's eight recognised classical dance forms, and belonged to the Jaipur gharana.
- She received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Kathak in 1975 for her contribution to Indian classical dance.

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.

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.

Nagaland Launches Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana for Households



- Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM), under the Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Nagaland, launched Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana (SAY-SOBLOK).
- The launch was accompanied by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NSRLM and BRAC International.
- SAY-SOBLOK is aligned with the Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana (SAY) under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

10th India Mobile Congress 2026 Begins at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi



- The 10th edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026 is being held at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention & Expo Centre), New Delhi.
- The theme of IMC 2026 is "Scale Without Boundaries."
- IMC is jointly organised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI).

Odisha Launches India's First MICE Incentive Portal



- The Odisha Government launched India's first dedicated MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) Incentive Portal to promote business tourism and MICE events in the state.
- The initiative aims to attract corporate conventions, conferences, destination weddings and other large-scale events to Odisha.
- The portal was launched during the 7th Odisha Travel Bazaar 2026 in Bhubaneswar.

17th Pension Adalat Held in New Delhi

- The 17th All India Pension Adalat was held at T. N. Chaturvedi Memorial Hall, IIPA, New Delhi.
- The Pension Adalat was organised by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW).
- The grievances pertained to 24 Ministries/Departments and were filed through the CPENGRAMS Portal.

19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention to be Held in Kolkata



- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9 January to recognise the contribution of the Overseas Indian community to India's development.
- 9 January was chosen because Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from South Africa on 9 January 1915.
- The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention, organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, was last held as the 18th PBD Convention in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Mumbai's Jawahar Dweep Becomes India's 1st Plastic-Free Oil Terminal



- Jawahar Dweep Marine Oil Terminal, operated by the Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA), has been declared India's first plastic-free oil terminal.
- The plastic-free status reflects Mumbai Port's effort to reduce single-use plastic and improve waste management across its operations.
- The terminal achieved this distinction as part of Swachhata Abhiyan 2026, promoting cleaner and more sustainable port operations.

Bhadohi District Renamed as Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi



- The renaming is associated with the 650th birth anniversary of Sant Ravidas.
- His birthplace is Seer Govardhanpur in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, which is a major centre associated with the celebrations.
- He followed the path of Nirguna Brahma, was a cobbler, founded the Ramdasi Sampradaya, and was a disciple of Saint Ramananda.

Tamil Nadu Launches 'Vetri Payanam Thittam' Scheme



- Tamil Nadu launched the expanded Vetri Payanam Scheme on 2 October 2026.
- The scheme provides free bus travel for women and transgender persons.
- The expanded facility covers Deluxe, Express, LSS and Mofussil Ordinary buses.

GOBARdhan Scheme Launched to Boost Compressed Biogas



- The GOBARdhan (Galvanising Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan) Scheme has a total financial outlay of ₹23,731 crore for the period FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36.
- GOBARdhan is a Central Sector Scheme for the development of India's Compressed Biogas (CBG) sector, with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) as its nodal ministry.
- GOBARdhan was originally launched in 2018 under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) as part of Solid and Liquid Waste Management.

Cabinet Approves MSP for Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2027-28

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved higher Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Rabi crops for Marketing Season 2027-28.
- The MSP for Rabi crops for Marketing Season 2027-28 increased as follows: Wheat by ₹25 to ₹2,610 per quintal, Barley by ₹136 to ₹2,286, Gram by ₹83 to ₹5,958, Lentil (Masur) by ₹390 to ₹7,390, Rapeseed & Mustard by ₹413 to ₹6,613, and Safflower by ₹675 to ₹7,215 per quintal, with Safflower receiving the highest increase among all Rabi crops.

Army Conducted 'Operation Drishti' in Kashmir's Border Areas

- The Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) conducted Operation Drishti, a series of mega eye-surgical camps aimed at providing advanced ophthalmic care to people in remote and forward areas of Jammu & Kashmir.
- The Kashmir leg of Operation Drishti was conducted in Tangdhar and Srinagar.
- The next phase of Operation Drishti is scheduled to be conducted in Odisha.

Jharkhand's Traditional Musical Instrument 'Mandar' Gets GI Tag



- Mandar, a traditional folk percussion instrument of Jharkhand, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Jharkhand received GI registration for Jharkhand Dokra Craft, Tribal Jewellery, Bamboo Crafts, and Tussar Silk Sarees & Fabrics.
- Darjeeling Tea of West Bengal was the first product to receive GI registration in India.

Environment Ministry Issues India's First 'PRAMAAN' Certificates



- India's first PRAMAAN certificates under the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS).
- The first certificates were given to Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation (APFDC) and a bamboo farmer from Odisha.
- Certification bodies are accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) under the Quality Council of India (QCI).

Kolkata to Host India Energy Week



- IEW 2027 will be held from 28–31 January 2027.
- The venue will be the New Town Convention Centre, Kolkata.
- The theme of IEW 2027 is "Unlocking Innovation. Securing Energy. Shaping Tomorrow."

UIDAI Launches 5 New Aadhaar Initiatives at Samvaad Kolkata

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) unveiled five new initiatives at Aadhaar Samvaad Kolkata.
- The five initiatives include Face Authentication for e-PDS, SWIK Portal 2.0, Sub-AUA/Sub-KUA (LITE) framework, Token Management System, and a revamped UIDAI website with BHASHINI integration.
- UIDAI functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

11th BIMSTEC Counter-Terrorism Meeting Held in New Delhi



- The 11th BIMSTEC Joint Working Group Meeting on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime was held in New Delhi.
- The participating countries were Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
- BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) was established on 6 June 1997, and its Secretariat is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

CJI Justice Surya Kant Inaugurates First Victim Rights Centre in Patna



- The centre has been established on the premises of the Bihar State Legal Services Authority (BSLSA).
- It will provide legal assistance, psychological support, counselling and other essential services to victims under a single-window mechanism.
- Along with the VRC, a Transgender Helpline was launched and Multi-Utility Vehicles were flagged off to take legal-aid services closer to people.

Amit Shah Launches Extradition Portal Under PRAHAAR Strategy



- The portal aims to synergise and expedite efforts to bring fugitives back to India from abroad.
- The PRAHAAR strategy was unveiled by the Ministry of Home Affairs on 23 February 2026 as India's first comprehensive National Counter Terrorism Policy & Strategy.
- PRAHAAR is based on seven pillars: Prevention; Response; Aggregating Internal Capacities; Human Rights; Attenuating Conditions for Terrorism; Aligning International Efforts; and Recovery & Resilience.

Finance Minister Launches IIT Madras Unicorn Fund in Bengaluru



- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund-I at the 7th edition of IIT Madras Alumni Association (IITMAA) Sangam 2026 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The fund is an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) jointly initiated by Unicorn India Ventures (UIV) and IIT Madras/IIT Madras Research Park.
- The fund has a target corpus of ₹1,000 crore, including a ₹400-crore greenshoe option.

Delhi Ranks Highest Among Indian Cities in Oxford Global Cities Index



- Delhi emerged as the highest-ranked Indian city in the Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2026, securing 268th position globally.
- New York retained the global first position, followed by London and Paris.
- In the overall Indian ranking, Delhi was followed by Bengaluru (311st), Mumbai (330th), Chennai (381st), Hyderabad (421st) and Pune (427th).

Uttar Pradesh Targets ₹5 Lakh Crore in Annual Exports by 2030



- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal stated that Uttar Pradesh aims to increase its annual exports from around ₹2 lakh crore to ₹5 lakh crore by 2030.
- Key sectors highlighted include defence, semiconductors, electronics and high-technology industries.
- The Uttar Pradesh Export Promotion Policy 2025–30 separately targets an increase in exports from US$21 billion in FY2024 to US$50 billion by FY2030

Government Launches Digital Livestock Insurance Portal



- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the Livestock Insurance Portal in New Delhi.
- The portal will be available in 11 regional languages, in addition to Hindi and English.
- It will streamline policy issuance, claim processing, monitoring and reporting under the Livestock Insurance Scheme.

India Ranks 31st in WEF Travel & Tourism Development Index.



- India ranked 31st among 110 economies in the Travel & Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2026 released by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- India recorded a score of 4.42 out of 7.
- Japan topped the 2026 index, followed by the United States and Spain.

India Secures Two Spots in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2027



- Gujarat has been selected among the 25 destinations to visit.
- Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (Toy Train), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is featured as a top travel experience.
- Australia's Red Centre, Italy's Veneto, and New Mexico, USA, were the first three destinations listed in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2027.

India Signs UN Convention Against Cybercrime



- India signed the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime in September 2026 in New York during the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar signed the Convention on behalf of India.
- It is the first comprehensive global treaty on cybercrime adopted under the UN framework.

India–Netherlands Sign MoUs on Gujarat's Kalpasar Project



- India and the Netherlands signed two MoUs for technical cooperation and capacity building on Gujarat's Kalpasar Project.
- The agreements were signed during the 9th India International Water Week (IIWW) 2026 in New Delhi.
- The project envisages creation of a freshwater reservoir using runoff from the Sabarmati, Mahi and Dhadhar rivers, supplemented by water conveyed from the Narmada River.

Sikkim Launches AI-FunZone in Government Schools

- The Government of Sikkim, in collaboration with the EkStep Foundation, has begun implementing the AI-FunZone project in government schools.
- The programme focuses on foundational literacy, numeracy in English, Nepali and Mathematics.
- The programme includes a 60-minute AI-FunZone class within the regular school day.

Delhi Launches PM Surya Ghar Portal



- The portal has been launched under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana to facilitate the installation of rooftop solar systems for households in Delhi.
- Under Delhi's PM Surya Ghar / Delhi Solar initiative, eligible households can receive combined Central and Delhi Government subsidy of up to ₹1.56 lakh for rooftop solar systems up to 3 kW.
- The Central Govt. subsidy under PM Surya Ghar is ₹30,000 per kW for the first 2 kW and ₹18,000 per kW for additional capacity up to 3 kW, with the total Central subsidy capped at ₹78,000.

Punjab Government Notifies 8% DA Hike for Employees and Pensioners



- The Punjab Government has formally notified an 8% increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for state government employees.
- The existing DA rate has increased from 42% to 50%.
- The enhanced DA is effective from 1 Sept. 2026.

Delhi Launches DURGA Scheme for 1,300 Pink E-Autos



- The Delhi Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, approved the DURGA e-auto scheme.
- DURGA stands for Driving Upliftment and Rozgar forWomen/Transgender Green E-Auto.
- The scheme aims to provide safe, clean and dignified employment opportunities to women and transgender persons.

WEF Survey Places India at Top of Global Growth Outlook



- The World Economic Forum (WEF) published its Chief Economists' Outlook – September 2026.
- India was marginally ahead of South-East Asia, where 73% of economists expected strong or very strong growth.
- The World Economic Forum (WEF), head-quartered in Cologny, Geneva, Switzerland.

Ministry of Ayush to host 11th Ayurveda Day in Nagpur

- The 11th Ayurveda Day will be hosted by the Ministry of Ayush in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- The theme of 11th Ayurveda Day is "Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow."
- Safety Dossiers on Gokshura (Tribulus terrestris) and Chandrasura (Lepidium sativum) will be launched during the celebrations.

7th OPEC–India Energy Dialogue Held in New Delhi



- The meeting was co-chaired by Hardeep Singh Puri, India's Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Haitham Al Ghais, Secretary General of OPEC.
- OPEC was established at the Baghdad Conference in Iraq in September 1960 by five founding members—Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela—with its headquarters in Vienna, Austria.
- 8th High-Level Meeting of the OPEC–India Energy Dialogue will be held at a mutually convenient date in Vienna, Austria.

Ministry of health launches 7th National Formulary of India



- Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Anupriya Patel, launched the 7th Edition of the National Formulary of India (NFI) 2026.
- The launch was organised by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- The National Formulary of India (NFI) is a guidance document for healthcare professionals that promotes the rational and safe use of medicines.

NHAI signs pact with SSNNL to fast-track infra projects in Gujarat



- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited (SSNNL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The MoU establishes a simplified and time-bound approval framework for National Highway, canal and pipeline crossings in Gujarat.
- The headquarters of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is located in New Delhi.

Delhi's Chandni Chowk Town Hall to Become Global Heritage Centre



- Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC) and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to redevelop the historic Chandni Chowk Town Hall as a Global Heritage Centre.
- The project covers the historic Town Hall, Press Building and adjoining Park.
- The Town Hall is classified as a Grade-I heritage property.

Jharkhand Celebrates Karam Festival with Cultural Programme



- The festival symbolises crop protection, respect for nature and the bond between brothers and sisters.
- On the occasion, sisters traditionally observe a Nirjala fast and pray for the well-being and long life of their brothers.
- A sacred branch of the Karam tree is installed at the akhara during the festival.

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan Inaugurates 38th Pune Festival

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the 38th Pune Festival at Shri Ganesh Kala KridaRangmanch, Pune.
- The festival was dedicated to the memory of its founder, Suresh Kalmadi.
- Veteran actor Mohan Joshi received the newly instituted Founder Suresh Kalmadi Pune Festival Lifetime Achievement Award.

Odisha Plans 870-Acre Silicon Valley Hub in Cuttack



- Odisha signed an LoI with QuadQuantum for a facility to manufacture silicon carbide (SiC) substrate wafers.
- The site has access to Paradip and Dhamra ports, major national highways and the Cuttack–Bhubaneswar corridor.
- Odisha received proposals worth about ₹23,600 crore, with potential to create around 6,100 jobs, during SEMICON India 2026.

Andhra Pradesh Police Launches AI Drone Portal, SafeStay App



- Andhra Pradesh Police has introduced two technology-based initiatives are the AI-based Centralised Drone Monitoring Portal (CDMP) and the SafeStay AP application.
- The initiatives were launched in Guntur by Andhra Pradesh DGP Harish Kumar Gupta.
- The SafeStay AP application provides police with real-time information about people staying in hotels and paying guest (PG) accommodations.

Tamil Nadu to Launch One-Gram Gold Ring Scheme



- Inspired by the Tamil tradition of "Thaai Maaman Seer", where the maternal uncle welcomes a newborn with gifts.
- Joyalukkas and Kalyan Jewellers, in a 70:30 ratio for the initial procurement.
- The scheme has also been extended to certain babies abandoned in government facilities under the Thottil Kuzhanthai Thittam.

India Ranks First in Business Climate Among 41 Global Markets



- India has been ranked 1st globally for business climate among 41 markets in the Global Business Climate Survey 2026.
- The survey is conducted by Business Sweden, in collaboration with Swedish Chambers of Commerce and Swedish embassies/consulates.
- India and Ireland emerged as the top-ranked markets for a favourable business climate, followed by Vietnam, Poland and Denmark.

Government Approves 18.77 Lakh Houses Under PMAY-U 2.0



- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has approved 18.77 lakh houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0).
- These approvals covered Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Telangana, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh.
- Category-wise, 3.25 lakh houses have been sanctioned for SC beneficiaries, 1.02 lakh for ST beneficiaries and 8.22 lakh for OBC beneficiaries.

Uttarakhand Launches 'Seva Sankalp' Campaign



- The campaign is based on four key themes: Service, Public Participation, Dialogue and Innovation.
- 11 major programmes have been proposed across the state, involving students, youth, women, beneficiaries, parents, elected representatives, social organisations and citizens.
- It's aligned with vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

India to Host World Circular Economy Forum 2026



- India will host the World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The theme of WCEF 2026 is "Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity."
- This will be the first time that the World Circular Economy Forum is being held in South Asia.

Tata Steel Commissions India's First COG Injection Project in Odisha

- Tata Steel has commissioned India's first Coke Oven Gas (COG) injection project at its Meramandali plant in Odisha.
- The project has been commissioned at Blast Furnace 1 of the Meramandali steel plant.
- Coke Oven Gas is a hydrogen- and hydrocarbon-rich by-product gas generated during coke production.

PM Modi to Inaugurate SEMICON India 2026 at Yashobhoomi



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate SEMICON India 2026 at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention and Expo Centre), Dwarka, New Delhi.
- It is the 5th edition of SEMICON India.
- The theme of SEMICON India 2026 is "Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem."

Dr Jitendra Singh launches 'SPROUT' Genome Facility

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the SPROUT facility at BRIC-National Institute of Plant Genome Research (BRIC-NIPGR), New Delhi.
- SPROUT stands for Speed Seed Phenotyping and Resource Optimization for Unified Trait Analysis.
- SPROUT is an indigenous, season-independent, controlled-environment facility with a major focus on chickpea research.

Ashwini Vaishnaw launches India's first salt-container train



- Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off a salt-loaded freight train from Shivlakha GCT to Mithapur, Gujarat.
- The train uses lightweight stainless-steel salt containers.
- Shivlakha Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal (GCT) was inaugurated, while 3 GCTs at Bhimasar, Devaliya & Chandisar were dedicated to nation.

Delhi doubles monthly incentive for ASHA workers



- The Delhi Government approved doubling the fixed monthly incentive for ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers from ₹3,000 to ₹6,000.
- ASHA Workers were introduced under NRHM (2005) and serve as a link between the community and the health system, with incentive-based payment.
- An ASHA is a local woman, preferably aged 25–45 years and married/widowed/divorced, with preference to women educated up to Class 10.

DoRD and PFRDA sign MoU, 'Pension Sakhis'



- Department of Rural Development and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority signed an MoU to establish a community-based outreach mechanism of 'Pension Sakhis' across rural India.
- Pension Sakhis are trained women/community resource persons who promote pension awareness, financial literacy and pension enrolment among rural households.

Kumik Declared Ladakh's First Heritage Village



- Kumik village in Zanskar, Ladakh has been declared Ladakh's first designated Heritage Village.
- The declaration was made by Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena, during the Ladakh Zanskar Festival 2026.
- The village preserves important Kanjur/Kangyur Buddhist manuscripts.

Delhi Tops NITI Aayog's Electric Mobility Index



- Delhi topped the index with an overall score of 84.
- Maharashtra secured the second position with 78 points, while Karnataka ranked third with 73 points.
- Delhi improved its score from 77 in the previous edition to 84 in IEMI 2025.

India Launches Net Zero Portal and NAPCC Dashboard

- India's Net Zero Portal and NAPCC Dashboard were launched on the occasion of World Ozone Day 2026.
- The 2026 World Ozone Day theme was "Global Action for a Cooler Planet."
- The NAPCC Dashboard provides information on the progress and implementation of 8 National Missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change.

EPFO Wage Ceiling Increased from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000

- Employees drawing wages between ₹15,000 and ₹25,000 per month will become eligible for mandatory EPFO coverage, subject to applicable provisions.
- The estimated annual Government outgo is around ₹11,339 crore, compared with existing annual budgetary support of around ₹10,250 crore.
- EPFO functions under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India.

India Begins First Soil Carbon Payments for Farmers



- India has made its first soil-carbon payments to farmers, marking a shift from agricultural carbon-market policy to actual farm-level payments.
- More than 2,500 smallholder farmers from Punjab and Haryana are set to receive over ₹2.9 crore through digital payments.
- The first payments were initiated at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, making Ludhiana an important location associated with this initiative.

Ladakh Unveils World's Highest Flower Fields at 10,600 Feet



- Ladakh Administration inaugurated the world's highest-altitude twin flower fields at Choglamsar and Stakna in Leh.
- The flower fields are located at an altitude of approximately 10,600 feet (3,230 metres).
- The twin fields cover a combined area of around 40 acres.

India Ranks 131st in Global Gender Gap Index 2026



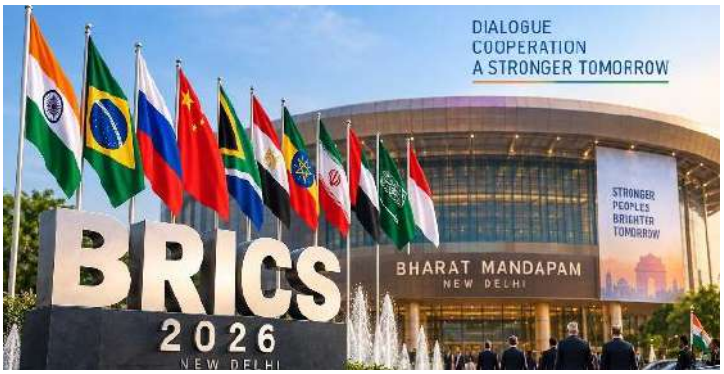
- The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Gender Gap Report 2026, marking the 20th edition of the index.
- Iceland ranked 1st, Finland ranked 2nd, and Norway ranked 3rd in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Index 2026.
- India ranked 131st out of 145 economies, with a gender-parity score of 64.5%.

Government Launches DILRMP 3.0



- The Department of Land Resources (DoLR) under the Ministry of Rural Development launched the operational guidelines for Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) 3.0.
- DILRMP 3.0 will be implemented during 2026–2031 with a total financial outlay of ₹565.50 crore.
- The programme will operate as a Central Sector Scheme.

18th BRICS Summit to Begin in New Delhi



- The theme is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability".
- The term "BRIC" was coined by Jim O'Neill, an economist at Goldman Sachs, in 2001.
- The BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) was established in 2014.

Chhattisgarh Approves ₹500 Crore NIPUN Mission

- NIPUN in this Chhattisgarh mission stands for New-age Industry Preparedness through Upskilling of New Generation Youth.
- The mission focuses on employment, skill development, entrepreneurship and innovation among the youth.
- The government has approved the establishment of 100 Emerging Technology Labs.

UIDAI Launches Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox



- UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) launched a new Aadhaar Face Authentication Software Development Kit (SDK) in September 2026 to facilitate secure digital on boarding.
- The SDK is particularly aimed at banks, fintech companies and other BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance) entities.
- UIDAI introduced a Sandbox environment to help organisations test Aadhaar authentication services before deployment.

Rajasthan's Shekhawati Havelis Added to UNESCO Tentative List



- UNESCO has added the "Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati" of Rajasthan to India's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites.
- The nomination falls under the Cultural category of UNESCO World Heritage nominations.
- Inclusion in the Tentative List does not mean that Shekhawati has already received final UNESCO World Heritage Site status.

ADB Signs First TAS Mandate in India with Madhya Pradesh



- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed its first Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) mandate in India with the Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- ADB Country Director for India Mio Oka signed the agreement in the presence of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav.
- ADB will provide transaction-advisory support for three renewable-energy projects.

Lucknow Tops Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026



- Lucknow topped the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 among cities with a population of more than 10 lakh.
- Indore secured second place and Jabalpur stood third in the million-plus category.
- The survey evaluates cities on their efforts to reduce air pollution and improve air quality under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).

Amit Shah Presents President's Colour to Goa Police



- Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the prestigious President's Colour to Goa Police in Panaji, Goa.
- The honour recognises Goa Police's eight decades of dedicated service, valour, discipline and professional excellence.
- Goa Police has also contributed to coastal security, tourist safety and national security.

NITI Aayog Launches PACT for Zero-Emission Freight



- NITI Aayog's e-FAST India launched the Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT) to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission trucks.
- PACT will aggregate freight demand and connect stakeholders to strengthen the commercial case for clean freight transportation.
- The ZET Marketplace was also introduced to facilitate business, financing and charging partnerships.

Vice President Launches India Valve Registry in Chennai



- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan launched the India Valve Registry in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The registry will collect systematic data on transcatheter valve interventions across India.
- It aims to generate India-specific evidence on valvular and structural heart diseases.

Chhattisgarh Tops Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 3.0



- Chhattisgarh ranked first in India under Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 3.0.
- The campaign focuses on rainwater harvesting and water conservation through community participation.
- Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 3.0 is an initiative of the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah to be Launched in Varanasi



- The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 will be launched on 9 September 2026 at Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The theme of Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 is "Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari" (Our Anganwadi, Our Responsibility).
- The campaign will be launched by Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annpurna Devi and is organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development under the Poshan Abhiyaan.

Piyush Goyal Inaugurates 2nd Skill Development Centre in Kandivali



- Union Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the second Skill Development Centre in Thakur Village, Kandivali East, North Mumbai.
- The initiative involves collaboration between Brihan mumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- The first Skill Development Centre was inaugurated in Borivali, North Mumbai.

Dahi Handi Festival celebrated in Maharashtra

- Dahi Handi is a popular and exuberant festival celebrated primarily in Maharashtra as part of Janmashtami, the birthday of Lord Krishna.
- The festival is particularly famous in Mumbai, Thane and Pune in Maharashtra.
- Dahi Handi is also known as "Gopalakala" in Maharashtra.

PM Modi Inaugurates Global Fintech Fest 2026



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The festival brings together stakeholders from fintech, banking, financial services, technology, regulation and investment.
- He particularly highlighted the success of India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

India Joins Global Initiative on 6G Technology



- India has joined the United States and 24 other countries in an international initiative to shape the development of next-generation 6G networks.
- The initiative focuses on shared security interests, competitiveness and technological innovation.
- India is simultaneously advancing its domestic Bharat 6G Mission and Bharat 6G Alliance to strengthen its role in global 6G technology and standards.

India to host iBRICS Global Sovereign Capital Summit

- The summit will be held at The Oberoi, New Delhi.
- It is being hosted by the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI).
- The iBRICS Summit is designed to bring together sovereign, institutional and private capital from BRICS member and partner nations.(iBRICS : i means Investment)

India's 7th Postal Training Centre to Come Up in Shivpuri

- Union Minister for Communications and DoNER, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, laid the foundation stone of India's 7th Postal Training Centre.
- The centre will be established at Kakarvaya in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.
- The six existing Postal Training Centres are located at Saharanpur, Vadodara, Mysuru, Guwahati, Madurai and Darbhanga.

Government launches BIO-NIVESH for Biotechnology Start-ups



- BIO-NIVESH was launched by Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences.
- It aims to create a stronger bridge between bio-technology innovators, start-ups and investors.
- The major objective is to attract private capital into promising biotechnology innovations.

Andhra Pradesh Approves Quantum & AI University Campus



- The Andhra Pradesh Government approved the establishment of India's first dedicated Quantum and Artificial Intelligence University campus in Amaravati.
- The initiative is being developed by NIELIT — National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The approval was given under the leadership of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at a Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) meeting.

Telangana Launches Devadurga Gold and Copper Exploration



- Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has entered the gold and copper exploration sector.
- Exploration has been launched in the Devadurga region of Karnataka.
- The Devadurga block is strategically important because of its proximity to Hutti Gold Mines.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

First Kathmandu Film Festival begins in Nepal



- The three-day festival is being organised by Kathmandu Metropolitan City (KMC) from 30 October to 1 November 2026.
- The participating countries include Nepal, India, China, the United States, Australia, France and South Korea.
- Film screenings are being held at City Hall (National City Hall) and Jai Nepal Cinema, along with other festival venues.

Ukraine joins NATO's NSPA partnership



- Ukraine joined the Security Cooperation Support Partnership (SCSP) of NATO's Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA), gaining access to NATO defence procurement contracts.
- Ukraine became the first and only country for which a separate SCSP partnership was created, despite not being a NATO member.
- NATO Headquarter located in Brussels Belgium.

Greece Approves Social Media Ban for Children Under 15



- Greece approved legislation banning children under 15 from accessing social media platforms.
- In 2026, Australia (under 16), Indonesia (under 16), and Malaysia (under 16) have implemented social media restrictions for children, while Greece (under 15) has approved a ban scheduled to take effect on 1 January 2027.
- Australia was the first country to enact legislation restricting minors' access to social media.

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva Re-elected Brazil's President for Fourth Term



- Lula secured 51.79% of the valid votes, defeating Flávio Bolsonaro, who received 48.21%.
- Lula belongs to the Workers' Party (PT), while Flávio Bolsonaro belongs to Liberal Party (PL).
- He became the first candidate in Brazil's post-1985 democratic era to win a presidential runoff after finishing second in the first round.

ADB and Japan Finance Green Ammonia Plant in Kakinada



- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Govt of Japan are supporting the development of a green ammonia production facility by AM Green Ammonia in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.
- The financing package includes a US$100 million loan from the Leading Asia's Private Infrastructure Fund 2, financed by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and administered by ADB.
- The plant is planned to have a total production capacity of approximately 1.09 million tonnes of green ammonia per year.

New York Declares First US Measles Disaster Emergency



- New York Governor Kathy Hochul declared a State Disaster Emergency in response to rising measles cases.
- Measles is a highly contagious viral disease that can cause serious complications.
- The MMR vaccine protects against measles, mumps and rubella.

India and Mali Mark World Cotton Day at UN Headquarters



- India and Mali commemorated World Cotton Day on 7 October 2026 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States.
- Theme of event was "Cotton for Sustainability: Livelihoods, Value Addition and Partnership."
- Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, highlighted cotton's association with Mahatma Gandhi, the spinning wheel, self-reliance and India's freedom struggle.

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.

California bans child marriage, sets 18 as minimum age



- California became the 18th U.S. state to completely ban child marriage without exceptions, setting the minimum marriage age at 18 years.
- The law will come into effect on 1 January 2027.
- In India, the minimum legal marriage age is 18 years for females and 21 years for males, with Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat aiming to make India child-marriage-free by 2030.

Trump Rebrands AI as 'Super Intelligence' in White House Accord



- The Executive Order is titled "Inaugurating the Era of Super Intelligence."
- The agreement is called the "Joint Commitment on Frontier Responsibilities", also referred to as the White House Accord on Super Intelligence.
- Executives from Meta, Nvidia, xAI, OpenAI, Google and Anthropic signed the accord.

UN Adopts First Declaration on Sea-Level Rise and Island Statehood



- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted its first-ever common declaration on sea-level rise at a high-level meeting in New York.
- The declaration addresses the existential threats posed by rising sea levels, particularly for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and low-lying coastal countries.
- It was the first time all UN Member States agreed on a single common text specifically addressing sea-level rise.

Bangladesh Launches Emergency Measles-Rubella Campaign



- The Government of Bangladesh, with support from WHO, UNICEF and Gavi, launched an emergency measles-rubella vaccination campaign.
- The campaign aimed to protect more than 1.2 million children.
- It targeted children aged 6 months to 5 years.

US to Build Two Military Bases in Greenland Under Denmark Deal



- The United States, Denmark and Greenland signed a new security/defence agreement concerning Greenland.
- Under the agreement, the United States will be allowed to establish additional defence areas at Narsarsuaq in southern Greenland and Mestersvig in eastern Greenland.
- The United States already operates the Pituffik Space Base in Greenland.

World's First Artificial Energy Island – Belgium



- Belgium is developing the world's first artificial energy island, named Princess Elisabeth Island.
- It is being developed by Belgian electricity transmission system operator Elia.
- The island will be located approximately 40 km off the coast of Ostend in the North Sea.

UK Launches First Space Squadron to Defend Satellites



- The United Kingdom (UK) launched the No. III Space Effects Squadron, its first dedicated military unit for defending British satellites against hostile space activities.
- The squadron was established by the Royal Air Force (RAF).
- The unit complements No. I Space Operations Squadron and No. II Space Warning Squadron, strengthening UK space defence.

Inaugural International Space Summit 2026 Held in Paris



- The first International Space Summit was held in Paris, France, at the Grand Palais.
- The event was held at the invitation of the President of France, with astronaut Thomas Pesquet and entrepreneur Hélène Huby serving as special envoys.
- The summit was co-organised with Germany and had a strong focus on strengthening European cooperation and European space autonomy.

GIFT City Advances to 37th Spot in Global Financial Centres Index

- GIFT City, Gujarat, has climbed nine places to 37th globally in the 40th edition of the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 40), rising from 46th in GFCI 39.
- Mumbai also improved its position, rising to 49th globally in GFCI 40.
- 1st Rank is New York, USA, in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 40), with a rating of 761.

Indian and French Space Firms Sign Paris Summit Agreements



- The agreements cover satellite launches, space surveillance and microsatellite technology.
- Safran Space (France) and Dhruva Space (India) signed contracts worth more than €5 million.
- French space company U-Space and Indian company AXISCADES signed a commercial cooperation agreement concerning India's microsatellite market.

UK Recognises India's Carbon Credit Scheme



- The UK has recognised India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) as a qualifying carbon pricing scheme under its Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).
- The Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) was established under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, as amended in 2022.
- The Ministry of Power is the nodal ministry for India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme.

Sikkim Film 'Numahangma' Selected for Nepal Film Festival



- The 2nd Nepal Indigenous Film Festival 2026 is scheduled to be held in London, United Kingdom.
- Numahangma, directed by Niyara Subba, produced by H.M. Subba, has a runtime of 90 minutes.
- The film represents Sikkim's indigenous culture and cinematic traditions.

27th World Knowledge Forum Begins in Seoul



- The 27th World Knowledge Forum (WKF) began in Seoul, South Korea, bringing together global leaders and experts to discuss key global challenges and opportunities.
- The World Knowledge Forum was founded in 2000 by Chang Dae-Whan, chairman of Maekyung Media Group.
- It is being held under theme "The Promethean Moment: Architecting Co-Intelligence Order."

Macron Urges EU Ban on Social Media for Under-15s



- French President Emmanuel Macron has urged the European Union to introduce a bloc-wide ban on social media for children under 15 years..
- France had previously attempted to introduce national restrictions on social-media access for children under 15.
- His proposal has been influenced by the approach adopted by Australia toward social-media access for minors.

India, US Sign Deal for Javelin Anti-Tank Missiles



- India and the United States signed an agreement for the procurement of the Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) system for the Indian Army.
- The Javelin is a medium-range, man-portable, shoulder-launched, fire forget anti-tank weapon.
- The Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) is jointly developed and manufactured by Lockheed Martin and RTX (Raytheon) of the United States.

26th SCO Summit Begins in Bishkek

- The 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit is held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- The SCO currently has 10 member countries: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India & Pakistan (2017), Iran (2023), Belarus (2024).
- The headquarters of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is located in Beijing, China.

Crown Prince Haakon Becomes New King of Norway



- Crown Prince Haakon has become the new King of Norway, succeeding his father, King Harald V.
- Norway is a Nordic country in Northern Europe, and its capital is Oslo.
- Norway is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system of government.

Giorgia Meloni Becomes Italy's Longest-Serving PM Since WWII



- She is the first woman to become Prime Minister of Italy.
- Her government is the 68th government of Italy since 1946.
- Italy is a country in Southern Europe, and its capital is Rome.

Lahore Named SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2026–27



- The designation was made during the 26th SCO Council of Heads of State meeting in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- Pakistan assumed the SCO chairmanship for 2026–27.
- Previous SCO Tourism and Cultural Capitals were Varanasi, India (2022–23), Almaty, Kazakhstan (2023–24), Qingdao, China (2024–25), and Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan (2025–26).

Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir Elected Bangladesh's President

- Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir succeeded Mohammed Shahabuddin as the President of Bangladesh.
- He was elected the 23rd President of Bangladesh.
- He is a senior leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

US Launches 'Operation Economic Outcast' Against Iran



- The operation is a comprehensive economic sanctions campaign against Iran
- The campaign aims to financially isolate Iran from the global economy.
- The U.S. described it as an "economic D-Day" against Iran.

András Baka Elected as Hungary's New President



- He is a former head of Hungary's Supreme Court.
- Baka succeeds Tamás Sulyok as Hungary's president.
- His nomination came from Hungary's ruling Tisza Party, led by Prime Minister Péter Magyar.

SCO summit 2026 held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan



- SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) was established on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai, China.
- The SCO currently has 10 member states: China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus.
- The SCO's headquarters/Secretariat is located in Beijing, China.

Pakistan's First Lunar Rover Named Jinnah-1

- Pakistan's first-ever lunar rover has been officially named Jinnah-1 by the Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO).
- It will travel to the Moon as part of China's Chang'e-8 mission.
- The mission will target the Moon's South Polar Region.

Hakainde Hichilema was re-elected as President of Zambia



- Hakainde Hichilema has been re-elected as the President of Zambia for a second five-year term.
- Hichilema defeated Edgar Lungu in the 2021 election and took office as Zambia's 7th President.
- He contested the election under the United Party for National Development (UPND).

India-Armenia Sign MoU to Strengthen Defence Ties



- India and Armenia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Yerevan, Armenia, to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation.
- The MoU focuses on cooperation in defence research, development, innovation and shared production.
- Rajesh Kumar Singh, Defence Secretary of India, represented the Indian side during the agreement.

Maldives Launches Favara-UPI Payment Service with India



- The service links the Maldives' instant payment system (Favara) with India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- It enables real-time cross-border money transfers between the Maldives and India.
- UPI was developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

Italy Suspends EU Schengen Free-Travel Pact with Spain



- Italy temporarily suspended free movement with Spain.
- Temporary border checks were introduced under the Schengen Border Code.
- The Schengen Agreement was signed in 1985.The Schengen Area currently has 29 member countries.

China Develops Xianglong Tunnel Boring Machine



- China unveiled its latest indigenous Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) named Xianglong.
- It has been developed by China Railway Construction Heavy Industry Corporation (CRCHI), one of the world's leading manufacturers of tunnel boring equipment.
- It is equipped with AI-enabled intelligent control systems, real-time geological prediction and automated fault diagnosis.

China Harvests First Rice Crop Grown in Space



- The experiment is being conducted aboard China's Tiangong Space Station, which orbits approximately 400 km above Earth.
- The research is carried out under the Shenzhou-23 mission, with astronauts cultivating rice in orbit.
- The experiment was conducted aboard China's Tiangong Space Station under controlled microgravity conditions.India's planned space station is called the Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS).

India and China Resume Nathu La Border Trade



- India and China have decided to resume border trade through the Nathu La Pass from 1 August 2026, after a suspension since 2020.
- Nathu La Pass is located in East Sikkim. It connects Sikkim (India) with the Tibet Autonomous Region (China).
- The other two border trade routes are Lipulekh Pass (Uttarakhand) and Shipki La Pass (Himachal Pradesh). Nathu La was part of the ancient Silk Route, connecting India with Tibet and Central Asia.

India Invites Bangladesh PM to Attend BRICS Summit 2026



- India has invited Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to attend the BRICS Summit 2026.
- The BRICS Summit 2026 will be held in New Delhi.
- Bangladesh is not a member of BRICS. BRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

Venezuela Formally Withdraws the International Criminal Court (ICC)



- Venezuela has formally notified the United Nations of its withdrawal from the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- The ICC is headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands.
- The ICC was established under the Rome Statute (1998) and became operational in 2002.

24 Countries Adopt India's DPI, UPI & DigiLocker



- India has signed MoUs with 24 countries to share its Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) solutions.
- The initiative is led by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) includes Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker, e-Sign, FASTag, CoWIN, e-Sanjeevani and ONDC.

India and Nepal Restore Lalitpur Heritage Sites

- India and Nepal jointly completed the restoration of heritage sites in Lalitpur (Patan), Nepal.
- The restoration was carried out under the India–Nepal Development Partnership.
- Lalitpur is one of the three historic cities of the Kathmandu Valley. The Kathmandu Valley is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

China's Gravity-1 – World's Most Powerful Solid-Fuel Rocket



- Gravity-1 (Yinli-1) is developed by Chinese commercial space company Orienspace.
- It is regarded as the world's most powerful solid-fuel launch vehicle.
- The rocket is capable of placing about 6.5 tonnes into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

India's 1st Commercial Freight Train Reaches Nepal Carrying Canola



- The train transported canola seeds for processing in Nepal.
- The service strengthens India–Nepal cross-border trade.
- Canola refers to special type of oil seed mustard varieties bred for human consumption.

Bangladesh President Resigns on Health Grounds



- President Mohammed Shahabuddin resigned and Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, the Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament), has assumed the role of Acting President.
- He was diagnosed with Autonomic Neuropathy, causing occasional loss of consciousness.
- Mohammed Shahabuddin became the 22nd President of Bangladesh in April 2023.

India and Romania Sign Three Agreements

- The agreements cover Science & Technology, Education, and Sports.
- The agreements aim to strengthen bilateral cooperation.
- Both countries agreed to promote research collaboration and innovation.

France Bans Social Media for Children Under 15



- France became the first European Union (EU) country to ban social media access for children under 15 years not be allowed to create new social media accounts from 1 September 2026.
- The ban will apply to existing accounts from January 2027. Social media platforms must implement mandatory age-verification systems.
- Arcom is the audiovisual and digital communications regulator of France.

Japan's JAXA Launches and Lands Reusable Rocket



- JAXA successfully launched and landed a reusable experimental rocket, advancing Japan's reusable space technology.
- The project aims to develop cost-effective reusable launch systems for future space missions.
- Major space agencies: ISRO (India), JAXA (Japan), NASA (USA), Roscosmos (Russia), CNSA (China), and ESA (Europe).

56th International Physics Olympiad 2026 Held in Colombia

- The 56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026 was held in Bucaramanga, Colombia, with 381 students from 87 countries.
- India participated for the 27th time, with the team selected and trained by HBCSE under the Department of Atomic Energy.
- All five Indian students won Gold Medals, and India jointly secured first place with Russia, China, Kazakhstan, South Korea, and Taiwan.

Russia Launches 'Soyuz MS-29 Mission'



- Russia launched the Soyuz MS-29 crewed mission to the International Space Station (ISS) from Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan.
- The launch was attended by NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman, the first NASA chief to visit Baikonur since 2018.
- The mission carried NASA astronaut Anil Menon and Roscosmos cosmonauts Pyotr Dubrov and Anna Kikina aboard a Soyuz-2.1a rocket.

World's First 7-Star Luxury Train



- Seven Stars in Kyushu is the world's first 7-star luxury train, launched in October 2013.
- It is operated by JR Kyushu and was designed by Eiji Mitooka.
- The train showcases traditional Japanese craftsmanship, luxury interiors, and Kyushu's culture, cuisine, and scenery.

India, Kyrgyzstan Launch 'Manas–Mahabharata' Initiative

- India and Kyrgyzstan launched the 'Manas and Mahabharata' Civilisation Initiative to strengthen cultural ties.
- The initiative promotes research, cultural exchanges, education, and people-to-people cooperation.
- Manas is Kyrgyzstan's national epic, while the Mahabharata is one of India's two great Sanskrit epics.

International Booker Prize is Renamed



- The International Booker Prize was renamed the Bukhman International Booker Prize following a partnership with the Bukhman Foundation.
- The award continues to honor the best translated fiction published in the UK and Ireland, with the prize shared equally between the author and translator.
- The renaming does not change the award's selection process or eligibility and highlights the role of translators in world literature.

India Joins UN's First Global Dialogue on AI Gov. in Geneva



- India participated in the UN's first Global Dialogue on AI Governance in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The dialogue focused on AI ethics, transparency, safety, innovation, and international cooperation.
- India's participation reflects its growing role in global digital governance and promoting safe, inclusive AI.

IIM-B First to Establish Its Overseas Campus in Indonesia



- IIM Bangalore became the first IIM to establish an overseas campus in Indonesia.
- The campus will promote academic collaboration, executive education, research, and industry partnerships in Southeast Asia.
- The initiative strengthens India's global education presence and supports the Act East Policy.

DeepSeek Developing AI Chip to Reduce Reliance on Nvidia, Huawei



- DeepSeek is developing its own AI chip to reduce dependence on external suppliers and strengthen its AI infrastructure.
- DeepSeek is a Chinese AI startup founded in 2023 by Liang Wenfeng, known for developing high-performance AI models at lower cost.
- OpenAI, a US-based AI company, launched ChatGPT in 2022, one of the world's most widely used generative AI chatbots.

Geneva to Host Global AI Summit in 2027

- Geneva, Switzerland, will host the Global AI Summit 2027 on responsible and inclusive AI development.
- The summit will focus on AI governance, ethics, innovation, cybersecurity, and global cooperation.
- Hosted in Geneva, a major hub for international diplomacy, the event aims to strengthen global AI collaboration.

PM Modi Visits UNESCO World Heritage Prambanan Temple in Indonesia

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Prambanan Temple during his Indonesia visit.
- Prambanan is Indonesia's largest Hindu temple complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 9th century and dedicated to Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva.
- The visit highlighted shared cultural ties and strengthened India–Indonesia cultural diplomacy.

France to Get First Traditional Hindu Temple with Indian Stones



- The temple is being built in France using hand-carved stones from India, following traditional Shilpa Shastra principles.
- Indian artisans and French stonemasons are jointly constructing the temple, blending traditional craftsmanship with modern expertise.
- The temple will serve as a cultural and community centre, with a 15-day inaugural celebration planned in September 2026.

World's Tallest Lionel Messi Statue Unveiled in Argentina



- A 26-metre-tall statue of Lionel Messi has been unveiled in Cutral-Có, Argentina.
- Built from 70 tonnes of steel and iron, it shows Messi holding the 2022 FIFA World Cup trophy.
- It is now the world's tallest statue of a professional footballer, surpassing the 21-metre statue in Kolkata.

Bangladesh joins India-led International Big Cat Alliance



- Bangladesh became the 27th member of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in June 2026.
- The membership strengthens cooperation on big cat conservation, habitat protection, research, and anti-poaching efforts.
- It also enhances transboundary conservation of Bengal tigers and leopards in the Sundarbans.

China's LineShine Becomes World's Most Powerful Supercomputer

- China's LineShine topped the TOP500 Supercomputer Rankings 2026, becoming the world's most powerful supercomputer.
- India's Shakti Cloud ranked 32nd with a performance of 84.31 petaflops.
- The USA had the highest number of systems (161) in the TOP500 list, followed by Japan, Germany, and China.

Canada Sets Guinness World Record with Giant Flag



- Canada unveiled a giant national flag measuring 160 m × 80 m, covering 12,800 sq m.
- The flag was displayed on Grouse Mountain in June 2026 to welcome FIFA World Cup visitors and support Team Canada.
- Its ground display sparked debate over flag etiquette despite widespread public interest.

Elon Musk Becomes World's First Trillionaire After SpaceX IPO



- SpaceX raised about $75 billion in the world's largest IPO, surpassing Saudi Aramco's 2019 record.
- The company's market valuation crossed $2 trillion, with shares closing at $160.95 on debut.
- The listing pushed Elon Musk's estimated net worth above $1 trillion.

UK Announces Social Media Ban for U-16 Users



- The proposed ban will restrict minors from using platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, X, Snapchat, and YouTube, while allowing WhatsApp and Signal.
- The rules will also limit livestreaming and contact from strangers for users under 18.
- The regulations are expected to take effect by Spring 2027, with penalties for non-compliant tech companies.

NASA Names Artemis III Crew for Historic 2027 Moon Mission



- NASA announced the four-member crew for the Artemis III mission, planned for launch in 2027.
- The mission will test spacecraft docking and landing systems in low-Earth orbit.
- It will prepare for future lunar missions, including Artemis IV's planned Moon landing in 2028.

Sri Lanka ranked 67th in Global Peace Index



- Sri Lanka ranked 67th in the 2026 Global Peace Index, improving by 14 places.
- It became South Asia's second-most peaceful country after Bhutan.
- The improvement was driven by reduced militarisation and better political stability.

India Became Sri Lanka's Second-Largest Export Destination in 2026

- India became Sri Lanka's second-largest export market after the US during January–April 2026.
- Sri Lanka's exports to India rose 8.9% to $364.15 million.
- Growth was driven by coconut products, electronics, and processed foods.

Kevin Warsh takes oath as Chairman of US Federal Reserve



- Kevin Warsh was sworn in as the 17th Chairman of the US Federal Reserve on May 22, 2026.
- He succeeds Jerome Powell, who remains on the Federal Reserve Board.
- A former Fed Governor, Warsh pledged a reform-focused approach centred on price stability and inflation control.

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- 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***
- What was India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2026? ***84th***
- Which country ranked first in the Henley Passport Index 2026? ***Singapore***
- Which wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat saw Asiatic lions return after approximately 144 years? ***Barda Wildlife Sanctuary***

- Under which project is Barda designated Satellite Population 8? ***Project Lion***
- Which Indian city featured in National Geographic's Best of the World 2027 list? ***Jaipur, Rajasthan***
- From where was Khet Bachao Abhiyan –Rabi 2026 scheduled to be launched? ***Karnal, Haryana***
- Where was the 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 held? ***Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi***
- Which institution launched UDYOG, a biotechnology and biomanufacturing finishing school? ***IIT Madras***
- What is the full form of UDYOG? ***Upskilling and Development for Young Graduates***
- When is Ladakh's first government medical college expected to begin operations? ***Academic year 2027–28***
- Where will Ladakh's first government medical college be located? ***Stipuk Pharka, Leh***
- Which ministry organised Shilp Samagam Mela 2026? ***Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment***
- In which city did Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 begin? ***Guwahati, Assam***
- Which state celebrates the nine-day Bathukamma floral festival? ***Telangana***
- What was India's rank in the Global Hunger Index mentioned in the weekly notes? ***100th out of 122 countries***
- Who inaugurated KAUMARACON-2026 at AIIA, New Delhi? ***Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan***
- What was the theme of KAUMARACON-2026? ***"Shaping the Future of Child Health: Global Perspectives, Research Innovations, and Clinical Frontiers in Kaumarabhritya"***
- Which two wetlands were added to India's Ramsar List? ***Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel***
- How many Ramsar sites did India have after these additions? ***103***
- Where was India's largest integrated phenol and acetone plant inaugurated? ***Haldia, West Bengal***
- Which company's subsidiary inaugurated the Haldia plant? ***Adperma Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Haldia Petrochemicals Limited***
- How many days of wages does the approved railway employee bonus cover? ***78 days***
- What is the maximum bonus payable to an eligible railway employee? ***₹17,951***
- Which Union Territory became India's first fully literate UT under ULLAS? ***Lakshadweep***
- What is the full form of ULLAS? ***Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society***
- Who inaugurated the Boeing Sukanya Programme STEM Lab in Odisha? ***Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati***
- Where was the Boeing Sukanya Programme STEM Lab established? ***The Kosala School, Bargarh district, Odisha***
- Which state launched India's first Red List of Ecosystems assessment project? ***Kerala***
- Which organisation launched the ecosystem assessment project in Kollam? ***Kerala State Biodiversity Board***
- Which temple received the 'Ati Vishisht' rating under FSSAI's Eat Right Place of Worship initiative? ***Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, Ayodhya***
- What does BHOG stand for in FSSAI's initiative? ***Blissful Hygienic Offering to God***
- Which state will host CyberTech Asia 2027? ***Maharashtra***
- Where will CyberTech Asia 2027 be held? ***Jio Convention Centre, Mumbai***
- Which state received projects worth over ₹13,000 crore launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi? ***Tamil Nadu***
- Which five railway stations in Tamil Nadu were redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme? ***Palani, Vellore Cantonment, Ambasamudram, Paramakkudi and Namakkal***
- Which Gujarati sweet received a Geographical Indication tag? ***Ambaji Mohanthal***
- Name two other GI-tagged products from Gujarat mentioned in the document? ***Gir Kesar Mango and Patan Patola***
- What new name was approved for Noida International Airport at Jewar? ***Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar***
- In which district of Uttar Pradesh is Noida International Airport located? ***Gautam Buddha Nagar***

- Where was the Shinzo Abe Memorial Corridor inaugurated in India?
  Rudraksh International Convention Centre, Varanasi
- Which Indian civilian honour was awarded to Shinzo Abe in 2021? ***Padma Vibhushan***
- Where did the BRICS Theatre Festival 2026 commence?
  National School of Drama, New Delhi
  What was the theme of the BRICS Theatre Festival 2026? ***"Shared Stories, Shared Futures"***
- Which region launched India's first high-altitude wildlife safari focused on snow leopards?
  Ladakh
- Which tiger reserve in Assam received CA|TS-approved status? ***Nameri Tiger Reserve***
- What major changes did the GST Council recommend regarding arrest powers and prosecution thresholds?
  Omission of Section 69 of the CGST Act and an increase in the prosecution threshold from ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore
- What is the main objective of the JOSH Teams initiative?
  To strengthen community participation in India's fight against tuberculosis
- Which state became India's sixth fully literate state? ***Uttarakhand***
- Which livelihood initiative was launched by the Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission?
  Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana (SAY-SOBLOK)
- Where was the 10th India Mobile Congress 2026 held, and what was its theme?
  Yashobhoomi, New Delhi; "Scale Without Boundaries"
- Which state launched India's first dedicated MICE Incentive Portal? ***Odisha***
- Where was the 17th All India Pension Adalat held?
  T. N. Chaturvedi Memorial Hall, IIPA, New Delhi
- On which date is Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrated, and why?
  9 January, marking Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa in 1915
- Which terminal became India's first plastic-free oil terminal?
  Jawahar Dweep Marine Oil Terminal, Mumbai
  Bhadohi district's renaming is associated with whose 650th birth anniversary? ***Sant Ravidas***
- Which state introduced the expanded 'Vetri Payanam Thittam' scheme? ***Tamil Nadu***
- Who can avail free bus travel under the expanded Vetri Payanam Scheme?
  Women and transgender persons
- What is the total financial outlay of the GOBAR dhan Scheme for FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36?
  ₹23,731 crore
- In which state is the Devadurga region located?
  Karnataka
- Which ministry is the nodal ministry for the GOBARdhan Scheme?
  Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- Which authority approved higher MSPs for all mandated Rabi crops for Marketing Season 2027–28? ***Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs***
- Which Rabi crop received the highest increase in MSP for 2027–28? ***Safflower***
- 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***
- What was the main objective of Operation Drishti conducted in Jammu & Kashmir?
  Providing advanced ophthalmic care through mega eye-surgical camps
- In which two places was the Kashmir leg of Operation Drishti conducted?
  Tangdhar and Srinagar
- Which traditional percussion instrument of Jharkhand received the GI tag? ***Mandar***
- Which state's Dokra Craft, Tribal Jewellery and Tussar Silk products also received GI registration?
  Jharkhand
- What are the PRAMAAN certificates associated with? ***Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme***
- Which two beneficiaries received India's first PRAMAAN certificates?
  APFDC and a bamboo farmer from Odisha
- Which city will host India Energy Week 2027?
  Kolkata

- What is the theme of India Energy Week 2027? ***"Unlocking Innovation. Securing Energy. Shaping Tomorrow."***
- 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***
- How many new Aadhaar initiatives were unveiled by UIDAI at Aadhaar Samvaad Kolkata? ***Five***
- Which ministry oversees UIDAI? ***Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)***
- Where was the 11th BIMSTEC Joint Working Group Meeting on Counter-Terrorism held? ***New Delhi***
- How many countries participated in the 11th BIMSTEC Counter-Terrorism meeting? ***Seven***
- Who inaugurated the first Victim Rights Centre in Patna? ***CJI Justice Surya Kant***
- What services will be provided through the first Victim Rights Centre? ***Legal assistance, psychological support, counselling and other essential services***
- Under which strategy was the extradition portal launched by Amit Shah? ***PRAHAAR Strategy***
- How many pillars form the PRAHAAR strategy? ***Seven***
- Who launched the IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund-I in Bengaluru? ***Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman***
- What is the target corpus of the IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund-I? ***₹1,000 crore***
- Which Indian city ranked highest in the Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2026? ***Delhi***
- What was Delhi's global rank in the Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2026? ***268th***
- What export target has Uttar Pradesh set for 2030? ***₹5 lakh crore annually***
- Which sectors are being emphasised by Uttar Pradesh to boost exports? ***Defence, semiconductors, electronics and high-technology industries***
- Which department launched the Livestock Insurance Portal? ***Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying***
- In how many regional languages will the Livestock Insurance Portal be available apart from Hindi and English? ***11***
- What position did India secure in the WEF Travel & Tourism Development Index 2026? ***31st***
- Which country topped the Travel & Tourism Development Index 2026? ***Japan***
- Which Indian destination was included in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2027? ***Gujarat***
- Which Indian railway experience was featured in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2027? ***Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (Toy Train)***

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***
- Where is the green ammonia plant supported by ADB and Japan being developed? ***Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh***
- What is the planned annual production capacity of the Kakinada green ammonia plant?

Approximately 1.09 million tonnes

- Which US state declared a disaster emergency in response to rising measles cases? ***New York***
  Which three diseases does the MMR vaccine protect against? ***Measles, mumps and rubella***
- Which two countries jointly organized an event to commemorate World Cotton Day at the United Nations Headquarters in 2026? ***India and Mali***
- What was the theme of the World Cotton Day event organised by India and Mali at UN Headquarters in 2026?
  "Cotton for Sustainability: Livelihoods, Value Addition and Partnership"
- Where was the World Cotton Day event organized by India and Mali held? ***United Nations Headquarters, New York***
- At which international forum did India sign the UN Convention against Cybercrime?
  81st United Nations General Assembly
- Who signed the UN Convention against Cybercrime on behalf of India? ***S. Jaishankar***
- Which two countries signed MoUs for technical cooperation on Gujarat's Kalpasar Project?
  India and the Netherlands
- What is the main objective of the Kalpasar Project? ***Creation of a freshwater reservoir***
- Which U.S. state became the 18th state to completely ban child marriage without exceptions? ***California***
- What minimum marriage age was set under California's new law? ***18 years***
- What new term was used for AI in the White House Accord announced by Donald Trump?
  Super Intelligence
- What is the official name of the agreement also known as the White House Accord on Super Intelligence?
  Joint Commitment on Frontier Responsibilities
- Which international body adopted the first-ever common declaration on sea-level rise?
  United Nations General Assembly
- Which countries are particularly threatened by rising sea levels according to the declaration?
  Small Island Developing States and low-lying coastal countries
- Which country launched an emergency measles-rubella vaccination campaign with international support? ***Bangladesh***
- How many children was Bangladesh's emergency measles-rubella campaign aimed at protecting?
  More than 1.2 million

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

- Who won the 2026 3M Young Scientist Challenge? ***Raji Doshi***
- What is the name of Raji Doshi's innovation designed to reduce ocean acidification? ***ALKACORE***
- What cash prize did Raji Doshi receive for winning the 3M Young Scientist Challenge? ***US$25,000***
- Which Indian social worker received the 2026 Hillary Rodham Clinton Award? ***Reema Nanavaty***
- Which organisation does Reema Nanavaty lead as Director? ***Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA)***
- Which UN organisation recognised farmer Mari ZT Lalrithangi from Mizoram? ***Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)***
- Under which FAO initiative was Mari ZT Lalrithangi recognised? ***100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development Initiative***
- Which academy selected 106 artists for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2024 and 2025? ***Sangeet Natak Akademi***
- What prize money accompanies each Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar? ***₹25,000, along with a Tamrapatra and Angavastram***
- Who was selected for the Karnataka Janapada Academy Annual Honorary Award 2026? ***Devadas Chimakode***
- What does the Karnataka Janapada Academy Annual Honorary Award recognise? ***Contributions to preserving and promoting Karnataka's folk traditions***

  What cash prize accompanies the Karnataka Janapada Academy Annual Honorary Award 2026? ***₹25,000 and a citation/plaque***
- Which Indian steel company won the 2026 Steelie Award in the Excellence in People category? ***Jindal Steel Limited***
- What was the name of Jindal Steel's award-winning initiative? ***"Dakshata – Engineering Safety, One Duty Position at a Time"***
- Which organisation presents the Steelie Awards? ***World Steel Association (worldsteel)***
- Who was named Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026? ***Oscar Whitfield***
- What was the title of Oscar Whitfield's winning photograph? ***Labour of Love***
- Which Indian business leader was named a recipient of France's Légion d'honneur? ***Sunil Bharti Mittal***
- What rank in the French National Order of the Legion of Honour will Sunil Bharti Mittal receive? ***Chevalier (Knight)***
- Who won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, according to the document? ***Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford***
- What research work was recognised by the 2026 Economics Nobel Prize? ***Work on the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization***
- Who received the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize, according to the document? ***Navanethem "Navi" Pillay***
- Which documentary was named India's national winner at the Asian Academy Creative Awards 2026? ***Pandharpur Wari – In the Footsteps of the Saints***
- In which category did the Pandharpur Wari documentary win? ***Best Branded Programme***
- What was Navi Pillay recognised for? ***Her efforts to promote peace and international law***
- Which two international judicial institutions did Navi Pillay serve as a judge for? ***International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and International Criminal Court***
- Which classical dance form was associated with Padma Shri awardee Roshan Kumari? ***Kathak***
- In which years did Nana Patekar receive the three National Film Awards mentioned in the source? ***1990, 1995 and 1997***
- Who was named the winner of the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature in the source document? ***Anne Carson***
- Which scientists were named recipients of the 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry? ***Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai***
- For which field did Professor Mahesh Kakde receive the 2026 Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians? ***Algebraic number theory***

- Who was named the winner of the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature in the source document? ***Anne Carson***
- What research contribution was recognised by the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics in the source? ***Contributions to the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin***
- Which researchers were named recipients of the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine? ***Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann, Georg Nagel***
- Why is Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar set to receive Israel's Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism? ***For his bravery during a mid-air emergency aboard Flydubai Flight FZ1073***
- Who will receive the Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award? ***Captain Smit Machchhar***
- Which airline was associated with Captain Smit Machchhar's award-winning flight? ***flydubai***
- Who will be honoured with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award? ***Shantanu Moitra***
- What does the National Lata Mangeshkar Award recognise in Shantanu Moitra's case? ***Contribution to music direction***
- What cash prize accompanies the National Lata Mangeshkar Award? ***₹5 lakh tax-free cash prize***

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)***
- Who was appointed part-time Chairperson of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)? ***Subhas Chandra Lal Das (SCL Das)***
- Whom did SCL Das succeed as FSIB Chairperson? ***Bhanu Pratap Sharma***
- When was the FSIB established, replacing the Banks Board Bureau? ***1 July 2022***
- Who was appointed India's next Ambassador to Nepal? ***Sudhakar Dalela***
- Which batch of the Indian Foreign Service does Sudhakar Dalela belong to? ***1993 batch***
- Who took oath as the 20th Governor of Karnataka? ***Dr. Sudha Yadav***
- Whom did Sudha Yadav succeed as Governor of Karnataka? ***Thaawarchand Gehlot***
  Who was the previous woman Governor of Karnataka before Sudha Yadav? ***V. S. Ramadevi***
- Who was appointed UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate? ***Smriti Mandhana***
- On which occasion was Smriti Mandhana appointed UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate? ***International Day of the Girl Child***
- Who was appointed Deputy Election Commissioner, succeeding Sanjay Kumar? ***Prakash Rajpurohit***
- Until what date is Prakash Rajpurohit's tenure scheduled to continue? ***8 April 2030***
- Who is scheduled to become HDFC Bank's MD and CEO on 27 October 2026? ***Anup Bagchi***
- Which organisation did Anup Bagchi lead before his planned appointment at HDFC Bank? ***ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company***
- Who was appointed next Chief of Air Staff, acc. to the source? ***Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit***
- Who was appointed captain of India's women's white-ball cricket team? ***Smriti Mandhana***
- Who was appointed Managing Director, CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance? ***Sidharatha Mishra***
- Who was appointed Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Bank, according to the source? ***Anup Bagchi***
- Who was appointed Executive Director on the board of Federal Bank? ***Virat Sunil Diwanji***
- Who became Morocco's first woman Prime Minister? ***Fatima Zahra El Mansouri***
- Whom did Fatima Zahra El Mansouri succeed as Morocco's Head of Government? ***Aziz Akhannouch***
- Who was appointed Whole-Time Member (Actuary) of IRDAI? ***Dinesh Pant***

- Who was appointed Whole-Time Member (Distribution) of IRDAI? ***Girija Subramanian***
- What is the tenure of the newly appointed IRDAI Whole-Time Members? ***Five years***
- Who has been appointed the new Chairperson of CBSE? ***Mandeep K. Bhandari***
- Whom did Mandeep K. Bhandari replace as CBSE Chairperson? ***Lokhande Prashant Sitaram***
- Who has been approved as the next MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank? ***Anup Kumar Saha***
- Whom will Anup Kumar Saha succeed as Kotak Mahindra Bank MD & CEO? ***Ashok Vaswani***
- What will be the tenure of Anup Kumar Saha as MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank? ***3 years***

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)***
- Which bank was named the World's Best Consumer Bank 2026 by Global Finance magazine? ***State Bank of India (SBI)***
- For how many consecutive years had SBI received the World's Best Consumer Bank award by 2026? ***Two years — 2025 and 2026***
- Which scheme offers eligible first-time employees a one-time incentive of up to ₹15,000? ***Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)***
- What is the maximum monthly salary mentioned for employees eligible for the PM-VBRY incentive? ***₹1 lakh per month***
- When is the first PM-VBRY incentive installment paid? ***After six months of service***
- Which insurance company introduced the tagline "Har Kal Aasaan"? ***ICICI Life Insurance Limited***
- Which bank's Indian branches were approved for amalgamation with RBL Bank by the RBI? ***Emirates NBD Bank P.J.S.C.***
- How many Emirates NBD branches were covered by the amalgamation? ***Three branches***
- In which cities are the three branches covered by the amalgamation located? ***Mumbai, Chennai and Gurugram***
- Under which section of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, was the amalgamation sanctioned? ***Section 44A(4)***
- Which bank launched the festive campaign "BoB Ke Sang Tyohaar Ki Umang – Shubh Bhi, Labh Bhi"? ***Bank of Baroda***
- What starting annual home-loan interest rate did Bank of Baroda announce in its festive campaign? ***7.40% per annum***
- Which form did the CBDT introduce for specified tax-exemption claims involving government securities? ***Form 173A***
- Under which rules was Form 173A introduced? ***Income-tax (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2026***
- Which insurer launched the Global Wealth Plan for NRIs through GIFT City and Policybazaar? ***Canara HSBC Life Insurance***
- What are the three variants of the Canara HSBC Life Global Wealth Plan? ***Wealth, Wealth Plus and Wealth Forever***
- Which entity was approved as the strategic buyer for IDBI Bank? ***A group entity of Fairfax Financial Holdings***
- What was the approved consideration for the IDBI Bank stake sale? ***Approximately ₹52,878.08 crore***
- What total stake in IDBI Bank is covered by the approved sale? ***60.72%***
- What percentage of IDBI Bank's stake will the Government of India sell? ***30.48%***
- What merchant discount rate on selected UPI transactions above ₹2,000 did NPCI defer? ***0.4%***
- Until when was the proposed MDR implementation deferred? ***Until after Diwali 2026***

- What does MDR stand for in digital payments? ***Merchant Discount Rate***
- Which World Bank report discussed India's AI readiness? ***India Development Update: India and Artificial Intelligence—Seizing the Development Opportunity***
- How much did private AI investment in India reach in 2025, according to the report? ***US$4.1 billion***
- How many professionals were employed by India's Global Capability Centres in 2025? ***2.36 million***
- Which organisation subscribed to NSDC's ZCZP issue on the Social Stock Exchange? ***NABARD***
- What was the value of NABARD's subscription to the NSDC ZCZP issue? ***₹4 crore***
- How many rural OBC youths in Madhya Pradesh is the NSDC initiative expected to support? ***600***
- What is the main feature of a Zero Coupon Zero Principal instrument? ***It pays no interest and does not return the principal to the subscriber***
- Under which Act was Paytm Payments Bank excluded from the Second Schedule? ***Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934***
- What repo-rate change did the RBI announce on 7 October 2026, according to the source? ***An increase of 25 basis points, from 5.25% to 5.50%***
- What is the primary objective of SEBI's Project JAGRook? ***To promote informed, responsible and disciplined investing***
- Which PSU bank became the second to sponsor a pension fund? ***Bank of Baroda***
- Which organisation listed India's first social bond exclusively dedicated to the WASH sector? ***NABKISAN Finance Limited, a subsidiary of NABARD***
- What is the tenure and coupon rate of the WASH-focused social bond mentioned in the source? ***Five years and 8.10%***
- Which new legislation replaced the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891? ***Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026***
- From which date did the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 come into force? ***1 October 2026***
- What types of banking records are covered under the new Act? ***Physical, electronic, digital, virtual and cloud-based records***
- Which scheme has a ₹23,731 crore financial outlay for developing India's CBG sector? ***GOBARdhan Scheme***
- What does CBG stand for in the GOBARdhan Scheme? ***Compressed Biogas***
- What is the target annual export value set by Uttar Pradesh for 2030? ***₹5 lakh crore***
- What was Uttar Pradesh's approximate annual export value before the targeted increase? ***₹2 lakh crore***
- What is the target corpus of the IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund-I? ***₹1,000 crore***
  Which type of investment fund is IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund-I? ***Alternative Investment Fund***

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***
- Which Indian cricketer retired from all formats of international cricket? ***Punam Raut***
- How many Tests, ODIs and T20Is did Punam Raut play for India? ***4 Tests, 73 ODIs and 35 T20Is***
- How many international runs did Punam Raut score, according to the notes? ***3,282 runs, including four centuries***
- Which team did India defeat in the first women's T20I of the series? ***Zimbabwe***
- By how many wickets did India win the first women's T20I against Zimbabwe? ***Four wickets***
- Which Indian para-badminton players assured India of a medal at the 2026 Asian Para Games? ***Manasi Joshi and Thulasimathi Murugesan***
- Which pair did Manasi Joshi and Thulasimathi Murugesan defeat to secure a top-two finish in Group A? ***Yuemei Liu and Tongtong Li of China***
- Which Indian para-archers won gold in the compound mixed-team event at the 2026 Asian Para Games? ***Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar***
- What was the final score in the compound mixed-team archery final? ***151–148***
- Which additional gold medal did Sheetal Devi win at the 2026 Asian Para Games? ***Women's individual compound archery***
- Who won gold in the men's shot put F53 event at the 2026 Asian Para Games? ***Ayush Verma***
- What was Ayush Verma's gold-medal-winning throw? ***8.16 metres***
- Who won silver in the women's 72 kg category at the 2026 U-23 World Wrestling Championships? ***Amruta Pujari***
- Where was the 2026 U-23 World Wrestling Championships held? ***Las Vegas, USA***
- Which Indian para-shooter won gold in the women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (R2) event? ***Mona Agarwal***
- Who became the youngest driver to win the Rotax MAX Challenge Mini title, according to the notes? ***Arshi Gupta***

  How old was Arshi Gupta when she won the Mini Max category at the 2026 Indian National Karting Championship? ***10 years old***
- Who won silver in the men's 55 kg Greco-Roman category at the U23 World Wrestling Championships? ***Vishvajit Ramchandra More***
- Which Georgian wrestler defeated Vishvajit More in the final? ***Koba Karumidze***

- Which state will host the Hero Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026? ***Punjab***
- Which two cities will jointly host the Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026? ***Mohali and Jalandhar***
- Which Nepali golfer is set to become the first golfer from Nepal to compete in a DP World Tour event? ***Subhash Tamang***
- Where is the DP World India Championship scheduled to take place? ***Delhi Golf Club***
- Who were named the ICC Women's and Men's Players of the Month for September 2026? ***Shafali Verma and Shubman Gill***
- Which Indian cricketer equalled the record for the most ICC Men's Player of the Month awards, with five? ***Shubman Gill***
- Who won her maiden professional women's singles title at the ITF W35 Lagos tournament? ***Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi***
- Which Spanish player did Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi defeat in the final? ***Celia Cervino Ruiz***
- Who won gold in the men's 10-metre air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo? ***Udhayveer Sidhu***
- 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 points did Udhayveer Sidhu score in the final? ***240.6 points***
- Which Indian lawn bowls player from Assam was reported to have won India's first World Bowls medal? ***Putul Sonowal***
- Where was the World Bowls tournament mentioned in the document held? ***Barham, New South Wales, Australia***
- Which driver won the 2026 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix? ***Max Verstappen***
- Which team did Max Verstappen represent at the Singapore Grand Prix? ***Red Bull Racing***
- By what margin did Verstappen win the Singapore Grand Prix ahead of Charles Leclerc? ***7.335 seconds***
- Which team's Grassroots Football Festival increased participation to around 420 children in its third edition? ***Nagaland's Baby League***
- Which age groups are covered by Nagaland's Grassroots Football Festival? ***Children aged 5–12 years, divided into four groups***
- Which state department received the SKOCH Silver Award for its Grassroots Football Festival? ***Youth Resources and Sports Department, Government of Nagaland***
- What is another name for Nagaland's award-winning Grassroots Football Festival? ***Baby League***
- Who were named flag bearers of the Indian contingent for the opening ceremony of the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games? ***Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel***
- How many medals did Kumkum Mohod win at the 2026 Asian Games, including gold medals? ***Three medals, including two gold medals***
- In which weight category did Sujeet Kalkal win gold in freestyle wrestling at the 2026 Asian Games? ***Men's 65 kg freestyle wrestling***
- Who was the captain of the Indian men's cricket team that won gold at the Asian Games 2026? ***Shreyas Iyer***
- Who was India's top scorer in the Asian Games 2026 men's cricket final against Pakistan? ***Abhishek Sharma, who scored 61 runs off 28 balls***
- Which city received the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Flag to host the 2030 Asian Games? ***Doha, Qatar***

  What is the official slogan of the Doha 2030 Asian Games? ***"The Games We Live For."***
- Which countries are jointly hosting the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027? ***South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia***
- How many teams will participate in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027? ***14***
- Who won the women's 75 kg boxing gold medal at the 2026 Asian Games? ***Lovlina Borgohain***
- Whom did Lovlina Borgohain defeat in the Asian Games final? ***Bao Ziyi of China***

- Who became the first Indian woman to win an individual Asian Games gold in trap shooting? ***Neeru Dhanda***
- Which event did Neeru Dhanda win gold in at the 2026 Asian Games? ***Women's Individual Trap***
- Who became the youngest-ever player to fulfil the requirements for the Woman Grandmaster title? ***Bodhana Sivanandan***
- At which event did Bodhana Sivanandan achieve her third and final WGM norm? ***46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026***
- Where will the 2027 Asian Pencak Silat Championships be held? ***Goa***
- Which stadium in Goa will host the 2027 Asian Pencak Silat Championships? ***Manohar Parrikar Stadium***
- Which Indian shooter won silver in the women's 25m pistol at the 2026 Asian Games? ***Esha Singh***
- Who won gold in the women's 25m pistol event? ***Xiao Jiaruixuan of China***
- What position did India secure at the WorldSkills Competition Shanghai 2026? ***10th***
- How many Silver Medals did Team India win at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026? ***6***
- Which country did India defeat in both men's and women's Kabaddi finals at the 2026 Asian Games? ***Iran***
- What were the scores in India's men's and women's Kabaddi finals? ***Men: 40–34; Women: 37–34***
- Which two medals did India win at the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026? ***Men's Silver and Women's Bronze***
- Which Indian athlete won silver in the men's marathon at the 2026 Asian Games? ***Sawan Barwal***

  What national record did Sawan Barwal set in the Asian Games marathon? ***2:11:37***

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***
- Which emission standards has MoRTH proposed to introduce in phases from 2029 to 2035? ***Bharat Stage VII (BS-VII)***
- Which ministry proposed the phased rollout of BS-VII emission standards? ***Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)***
- Which pollutants are targeted under the proposed BS-VII standards? ***Nitrogen oxides (NOx), hydrocarbons and particulate matter***
- Which organisation is scheduled to launch the NVS-03 navigation satellite? ***Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)***

- On what date was NVS-03 scheduled for launch, according to the notes? ***30 October 2026***
- Which launch vehicle is scheduled to carry the NVS-03 satellite? ***GSLV Mk II***
- From where will the NVS-03 satellite be launched? ***Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh***
- NVS-03 belongs to which satellite navigation system? ***Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC), second-generation series***
- Which two navies commenced the 33rd edition of SIMBEX-2026? ***Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy***
- Where did SIMBEX-2026 commence? ***Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh***
- What is the full form of SIMBEX? ***Singapore–India Maritime Bilateral Exercise***
- In which year was SIMBEX first conducted as Exercise Lion King? ***1994***
- Which two countries participated in the military exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026? ***India and Australia***
- Where was AUSTRAHIND 2026 conducted in India? ***Foreign Training Node, Thiruvananthapuram, Keralam***
- Which Indian regiment contributed troops to AUSTRAHIND 2026? ***Garhwal Rifles***
- Which company signed an MoU to establish a rare-earth permanent magnet manufacturing plant in Andhra Pradesh? ***Nexon Geochem***
- In which industries are rare-earth permanent magnets used? ***Electric vehicles, wind turbines, industrial automation, electronics and defence equipment***
- Which medicine received DCGI approval for advanced esophageal squamous cell carcinoma? ***Zytorvi (toripalimab)***
- What type of immunotherapy is Zytorvi? ***Monoclonal antibody immunotherapy targeting the PD-1 receptor***
- Which state inaugurated its first battery-storage-integrated solar power project at Rongtong? ***Himachal Pradesh***
- What are the solar power and battery storage capacities of the Rongtong project? ***2 MW and 1 MWh, respectively***
- How much electricity is the Rongtong solar project expected to generate annually ? ***Around 36 lakh units***
- Which Indian Army regiment won a gold medal at Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2026? ***Assam Regiment***
- Where was Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2026 held? ***Wales, United Kingdom***
- Which indigenous multipurpose vessel is scheduled to be commissioned as the Indian Navy's first of four Multi-Purpose Vessels? ***INS Samarthak***
- At which naval base is INS Samarthak scheduled to be commissioned? ***Karwar, Karnataka***
- Which food item did the Indian Army launch for defence personnel in New Delhi? ***Bharat Rice***
- Which organisation signed an MoU with the Indian Army to support Bharat Rice through its infrastructure? ***Food Corporation of India***
- Which Indian Navy frigate participated in IBSAMAR IX 2026 in South Africa? ***INS Tarkash***
- Which Indian Navy warship arrived in Vladivostok for Exercise INDRA-2026? ***INS Sahyadri***
- What was the theme of IBSAMAR IX 2026? ***"Stronger Together Towards a Shared Future in the Maritime Domain"***
- Which indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft is scheduled to be commissioned in Mumbai? ***Mangrol***
- Which shipyard built Mangrol? ***Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi***
- Which two ASW-SWC vessels were built before Mangrol, according to the document? ***INS Mahe and INS Malvan***
- Exercise INDRA-2026 is a bilateral naval exercise between India and which country? ***Russia***
- Which multipurpose vessel was built by L&T under the Make in India initiative and launched on 13 January 2025? ***Utkarsh***
- Which institute in Mohali developed a nanofibre filter for treating dye-contaminated industrial wastewater? ***Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST)***
- Which two materials are combined in INST Mohali's wastewater-treatment filter? ***Zinc oxide nanoparticles and biodegradable polylactic acid nanofibres***

- Under which Union Government department does INST operate?
  Department of Science and Technology
- What is the name of the Indian Navy's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship launched at Visakhapatnam? ***INS Surya***
- Which two countries participated in the Mountain Guardian 2026 joint military exercise?
  India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- Where was Mountain Guardian 2026 conducted?
  Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia, Uttarakhand
- What was the main focus of the Mountain Guardian 2026 exercise?
  Mountain warfare and enhanced interoperability between the two armies
- In which state was India's first 3D-printed rural housing pilot launched? ***Andhra Pradesh***
- What does "SI" stand for in the reported proposed name SpaceXSI? ***Super Intelligent***
- Which space agencies launched the Crew-13 mission to the ISS? ***NASA and SpaceX***
- Which launch vehicle carried the Crew-13 mission? ***SpaceX Falcon 9***
- Where is Uttarakhand installing its first Glacial Lake Early-Warning System?
  Vasundhara Tal, Chamoli
- What disaster is the GLEWS at Vasundhara Tal designed to help detect?
  Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF)
- What AI-based translation platform was launched by CAG and BHASHINI? ***CAG-BHASHINI Anuvaad***
- Which technology powers the CAG-BHASHINI Anuvaad platform?
  BHASHINI's Language AI technology
- What is the name of the new U.S. defence security initiative announced in September 2026?
  FORTRESS America
- What does FORTRESS stand for?
  Federal Operations for Resilience, Troop Resources, Energy, Supply, and Survivability
- Which Indian startup plans to launch the country's first networked orbital data centre mission?
  TakeMe2Space
- When is TakeMe2Space's orbital data centre mission planned? ***Late 2028***
- What is the planned production capacity of India's first port-based e-methanol facility at Kandla?
  150 tonnes per day
- Which two organisations are jointly developing the Kandla e-methanol facility?
  Deendayal Port Authority and Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd.
- Which two countries are participating in KAZIND-2026? ***India and Kazakhstan***
- Where is the 9th edition of KAZIND-2026 being conducted? ***Oskemen, Kazakhstan***
- What is the primary focus of KAZIND-2026?
  Joint counter-terrorism operations
- From which railway station was India's first LNG-powered train flagged off?
  Sabarmati Railway Station, Ahmedabad
- What type of fuel system does India's first LNG-powered train use?
  Dual-fuel Diesel and LNG system
- Where did the second edition of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2026) commence?
  Subic Bay, Philippines
- What is the theme of AIME-2026?
  "Anchored in Trust, United at Sea."

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Earthshot Prize 2026 Makes India Debut in Mumbai



- The Earthshot Prize 2026 will make its India debut in Mumbai, Maharashtra, on 17 Nov 2026.
- The 2026 edition is 6th annual edition of prize.
- The Earthshot Prize was founded in 2020 by Prince William to inspire innovative solutions to environmental challenges and help repair the planet by 2030.

Namo Bharat Wins Best Passenger Service Award



- The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) received the Award of Excellence in the category of Metro Rail with Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction at the 19th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Expo 2026, held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- NCRTC is the implementing agency for the Delhi–Ghaziabad–Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS), operated under the Namo Bharat brand.
- The 82.15-km Delhi–Ghaziabad–Meerut RRTS corridor, which includes the 23-km Meerut Metro network on the same infrastructure, became fully operational in February 2026.

UAE Honours Indian Pilot Smit Machchhar for Bravery



- UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan conferred the First Class Order of Zayed II on Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar and fellow flydubai crew members.
- The honour recognises their courage and efforts to protect passengers during an in-flight incident aboard flydubai Flight FZ1073.
- The incident occurred on 30 September 2026 while the aircraft was travelling from Dubai, UAE, to Tel Aviv, Israel.

Sitaram Raul Wins Wildlife Photography Award Category



- Sitaram Raul from India won the Behaviour: Invertebrates category in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026 competition.
- His winning photograph, titled Shifting Sand, shows a scorpion burrowing into the shifting dunes of the Thar Desert.
- The photograph was taken near the village of Sam, Rajasthan.

Harry Wins Men's Ballon d'Or



- England captain Harry Kane won 2026 Men's Ballon d'Or at the 70th edition of the awards ceremony held at London Palladium Theatre.
- He became the fifth Englishman to win the award, following Stanley Matthews (1956), Bobby Charlton (1966), Kevin Keegan (1978 and 1979) and Michael Owen (2001).
- Kane also won the Gerd Müller Trophy for the best men's striker of the season.

Shabari Naturals Wins G-Mark Award for Tribal Packaging



- Shabari Naturals, a Maharashtra government initiative promoting products made by tribal communities and forest gatherers, won the G-Mark Global Design Award for its packaging inspired by traditional art forms.
- The initiative is managed by the Shabari Tribal Finance and Development Corporation (STFDC), headquartered in Nashik, Maharashtra.
- The packaging features traditional Warli, Gond and Chitrakathi art, along with elements depicting tribal culture and legends.

Usha Mangeshkar to Receive 1st Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award



- The Assam government has instituted the Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika National Award, with singer Usha Mangeshkar selected as its inaugural recipient.
- Renowned Indian playback singer Usha Mangeshkar, recognised for her contribution to Indian music and association with Bhupen Hazarika's musical works.
- The award carries a cash prize of ₹10 lakh and a citation.

Ashoke Sen Wins Oskar Klein Medal 2026



- Indian theoretical physicist Ashoke Sen won the 2026 Oskar Klein Medal, becoming the first Indian physicist to receive this honour.
- The award announced by International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS), Bengaluru.
- Ashoke Sen is an ICTS–Infosys Madhava Chair Professor at ICTS–TIFR, Bengaluru.

Raji Doshi Wins 3M Young Scientist Challenge for Ocean Solution



- Raji Doshi, a 13-year-old Indian-American student from Farmington, Connecticut, USA, won the 2026 3M Young Scientist Challenge.
- She received a cash prize of US$25,000 and the title of "America's Top Young Scientist."
- Her award-winning innovation is called ALKACORE, a natural algae-and-aragonite system designed to reduce ocean acidification.

Mizoram Farmer Mari ZT Lalrithangi Receives FAO Honour



- Mari ZT Lalrithangi, a 35-year-old farmer from Sangau village in Lawngtlai district, Mizoram, was recognised under the FAO 100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development Initiative in 2026.
- The recognition was conferred by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) at its headquarters in Rome, Italy, on 15 October 2026, during the World Food Forum.
- She became the first woman from the Mizo community to receive this recognition.

Reema Nanavaty Receives Hillary Rodham Clinton Award



- Reema Nanavaty, an Indian social worker and Director of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), received the 2026 Hillary Rodham Clinton Award.
- The award ceremony was held at Gaston Hall, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., USA.
- She was recognised for her contributions to women's economic empowerment, livelihood development, food security and access to renewable energy.

Sangeet Natak Akademi Selects 106 Artists for Yuva Puraskar 2024 - 25



- The Sangeet Natak Akademi, India's National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, selected 106 young artists for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2024 and 2025.
- The award ceremony was scheduled for 19 October 2026 at Meghdoot Complex, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi.
- Each award carries ₹25,000 in prize money, a Tamrapatra and an Angavastram.

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.

SBI wins world's best consumer bank award



- According to Global Finance magazine, State Bank of India (SBI) was named the World's Best Consumer Bank 2026.
- SBI received this recognition for 2nd consecutive year, having also won the award in 2025.
- The award ceremony was scheduled for in Bangkok, Thailand, during the IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings.

Jindal Steel Wins 2026 Worldsteel Steelie Award



- Jindal Steel Limited won 2026 Steelie Award in the Excellence in People category, presented by the World Steel Association (worldsteel).
- Jindal Steel received the award for its initiative titled "Dakshata – Engineering Safety, One Duty Position at a Time."
- JSW Steel Limited also won an award in the Excellence in Clean Steel Production category for its renewable green hydrogen and oxygen ecosystem for clean steel production.

Oscar Whitfield Wins Young Wildlife Photographer of 2026



- Oscar Whitfield was announced as the Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026 by the Natural History Museum, London.
- His winning black & white photograph, Labour of Love, captures a dung beetle pushing a ball of dung in Zambezi National Park, Zimbabwe.
- Oscar also won the 11–14 years age category.

Sunil Bharti Mittal to Receive France's Highest Civilian Honour



- Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, named recipient of France's highest civilian honour, the Légion d' honneur, by French President Emmanuel Macron.
- He was awarded the rank of Chevalier (Knight) of the National Order of the Legion of Honour.
- In 2024, he became the first Indian citizen to receive an honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) from King Charles III.

Hall and Woodford Win 2026 Economics Nobel Prize



- American economists Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford won the 2026 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.
- The prize recognises their work on the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation.
- The award was announced by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

'Pandharpur Wari' Documentary Named India's National Winner at Asian Academy Creative Awards



- The documentary 'Pandharpur Wari – In the Footsteps of the Saints' was named India's National Winner in the Best Branded Programme category at the Asian Academy Creative Awards (AACA) 2026.
- The Pandharpur Wari is an annual pilgrimage in Maharashtra associated with Lord Vitthal (Vithoba), whose principal temple is located in Pandharpur, Solapur district.
- It is a 22-minute English-language documentary showcasing the spiritual, cultural and historical significance of the centuries-old Pandharpur Wari pilgrimage in Maharashtra.

2026 Nobel Peace Prize Awarded to Navi Pillay



- The Nobel Peace Prize 2026 has been awarded to South African jurist and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navanethem "Navi" Pillay.
- She was recognised for her efforts to promote peace and international law.
- She also served as a judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Criminal Court.

Smit Machchhar to Receive Israel's Civilian Heroism Award



- Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar, employed by Flydubai, will receive Israel's Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism for his bravery during a mid-air emergency.
- The incident occurred on 30 September 2026 aboard Flydubai Flight FZ1073, travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv, Israel.
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also invited Machchhar to attend Israel's Independence Day celebrations.

Anne Carson Wins the Nobel Prize in Literature 2026



- Canadian poet, essayist and translator Anne Carson won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature.
- The award was announced by the Swedish Academy in Stockholm, Sweden.
- She was recognised for her bold and inventive literary works that engage with classical traditions and create new forms of contemporary literature.

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).

Francis Halzen Wins Nobel Prize in Physics 2026



- Francis Halzen, Professor at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, USA, has been awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics.
- Halzen received the Nobel Prize "for decisive contributions to the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin."
- Halzen's work laid the foundation for the IceCube Neutrino Observatory, located at the South Pole in Antarctica.

Deisseroth, Hegemann & Nagel Win 2026 Nobel Medicine Prize



- Karl Deisseroth (USA), Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel (Germany) were awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.
- They received prize "for discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics."
- Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel discovered channelrhodopsin, while Karl Deisseroth demonstrated that blue light could trigger nerve signals by introducing the channelrhodopsin gene into nerve cells.

Smit Machchhar to Receive Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award



- Captain Smit Machchhar, a flydubai pilot, will receive the Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award.
- Machchhar was the captain of flydubai Flight FZ1073, travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv.
- The aircraft was a Boeing 737 MAX 8 carrying 174 passengers.

Shantanu Moitra to Receive National Lata Mangeshkar Award



- The award is given by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for contribution to music direction.
- The award carries a ₹5 lakh tax-free cash prize and citation.
- In 2014, Shantanu Moitra received the National Film Award for Best Music Direction (Background Score) for the Telugu film Na Bangaru Talli.

Jagruti Rehabilitation Centre Wins National Clinical Excellence Award



- Jagruti Rehabilitation Centre received the "Excellence in Clinical Services – Mental Health & Wellness" award.
- The award was given in the National category at the ET Healthcare Awards 2026.
- Jagruti Rehabilitation Centre is headquartered in Pune, Maharashtra, and operates rehabilitation centres across multiple cities in India.

'Angh' Wins Platform Prize 2026 at TIFF

- 'Angh', directed by Naga filmmaker Theja Rio, won the Platform Prize 2026 at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).
- Angh was the only Indian film among the 12 films selected for TIFF's Platform competition.
- The film is set in 1960s Nagaland and focuses on the Konyak community and cultural change.

Marathi movie Gondhal is India's official entry for Oscars 2027



- Gondhal, a Marathi thriller directed by Santosh Davakhar, has been selected as India's official entry for the 99th Academy Awards (Oscars 2027).
- It will compete in the Best International Feature Film category.
- It was selected from 33 Indian film submissions and is the fourth Marathi film chosen as India's Oscar entry.

Sethuraman Panchanathan Wins 2026 Arthur M. Bueche Award



- Sethuraman Panchanathan has been named the 2026 recipient of the Arthur M. Bueche Award by the U.S. National Academy of Engineering (NAE).
- The award recognises leadership in science and technology policy, technological development.
- He becomes the first Indian American to receive the Arthur M. Bueche Award in its more than 40-year history.

DFS wins 1st Rajbhasha Kirti Prize



- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) won the First Prize under 'Rajbhasha Kirti' for 2025–26.
- The award was given in the category of ministries/departments with fewer than 300 personnel.
- The award recognises outstanding implementation and innovative achievements in Official Language Hindi.

Anant Nag to Receive Dadasaheb Phalke Award



- Veteran actor Anant Nag has been selected for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024 for his contribution to Indian cinema.
- The award will be presented at the 72nd National Film Awards ceremony, which will be held at Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat.
- Anant Nag was born in Karnataka and is a veteran Kannada actor.

Rani Mukerji Gets Maharashtra's Raj Kapoor Award



- Rani Mukerji was honoured with the Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award at the 62nd Maharashtra State Film Awards.
- The award ceremony was held at Ravindra Natya Mandir, Mumbai.
- Chabila won the Best Feature Film Award, while Sthal emerged as the biggest winner with six awards.

Kishor Makwana to Receive Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar

- Kishor Makwana, Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), has been selected for the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026.
- The award recognises his contributions to public service, social welfare and the upliftment of Scheduled Castes.
- The NCSC is a constitutional body established under Article 338 of the Constitution of India.

72nd National Film Awards2026 to Be Held in Gujarat



- Mammootty and Kartik Aaryan were selected as joint winners of the Best Actor award for Bramayugam and Chandu Champion, respectively.
- Yami Gautam received the Best Actress award for her performance in Article 370.
- Randeep Hooda received the award for Best Debut Director for Swatantrya Veer Savarkar.

Justice Dipak Misra Conferred Kalinga Ratna Award



- Former 45th Chief Justice of India (CJI), Justice Dipak Misra, has been conferred with the prestigious Kalinga Ratna Award 2026.
- The award was presented in Cuttack, Odisha.
- The honour was conferred by Sarala Sahitya Sansad, a prominent literary organisation of Odisha.

Joheirry Mola Dominguez is Miss World 2026



- Joheirry Mola Dominguez of the Dominican Republic was crowned Miss World 2026 at the 73rd Miss World pageant held in Nha Trang, Vietnam.
- She defeated contestants from 110 countries, while Elisabeth Reynés Alabern of Spain was the first runner-up and Taanusiya Chetty of Malaysia was the second runner-up.
- Her victory gave the Dominican Republic its second Miss World crown, after Mariasela Álvarez won in 1982.

Airbus Awards A320 Fuselage Skin Manufacturing Contract to Mahindra Aerostructures



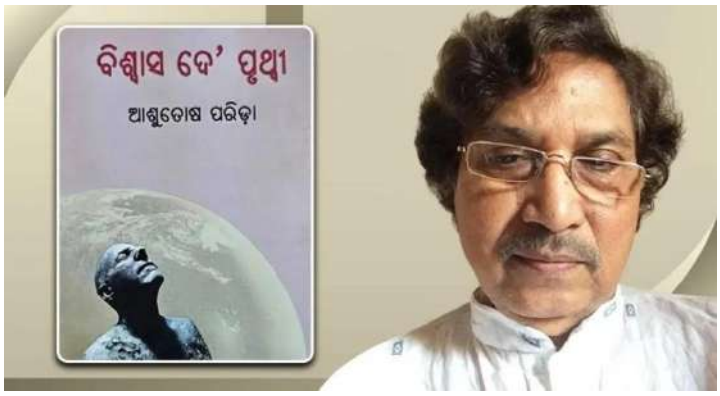
- Airbus has awarded Mahindra Aerostructures Pvt. Ltd. (MASPL) a multi-year contract to manufacture and supply fuselage skins for the A320 family of aircraft.
- The contract covers the Airbus A320neo and A321XLR aircraft.
- The components will be manufactured at Mahindra Aerostructures' facility in Bengaluru, Karnataka, and supplied to Airbus Aerostructures' facility in Augsburg, Germany.

Tommy Koh, Runa Khan & Bo Kyi Win 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award



- Tommy Koh (Singapore), Runa Khan (Bangladesh), and Bo Kyi (Myanmar) are the three recipients of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- The 2026 award ceremony is scheduled at the Metropolitan Theatre in Manila, Philippines.
- Vinoba Bhave (1958) was the first Indian recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award whileEducate Girls, India (2025) became the first Indian organisation to receive the award.

Ashutosh Parida to Receive Sarala Puraskar 2026



- Dr. Ashutosh Parida, a noted Odia poet and essayist, has been selected for the 47th Sarala Puraskar.
- He will receive the award for his poetry collection 'Bishwas De Pruthwi'.
- The award is instituted by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPaCT).

Kaziah Liz Mejo Crowned Miss Universe India 2026



- Kaziah Liz Mejo, a 19-year-old from Kerala, was crowned Miss Universe India 2026.
- The grand finale was held in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- She becomes the first woman from Kerala to win the Miss Universe India title.

Sangeet Natak Akademi Award to Odissi Dancer Shubhada Varadkar



- Shubhada Varadkar is a renowned Odissi dancer and teacher.
- She trained under renowned Odissi guru Kelucharan Mohapatra.
- The Sangeet Natak Akademi is India's national academy for music, dance and drama.

General Dhiraj Seth gets Nepal's Honorary General Rank

- General Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Indian Army, has been conferred the Honorary Rank of General of the Nepal Army.
- The honour was conferred by Nepal President Ramchandra Paudel.
- The investiture ceremony was held at Sheetal Niwas in Kathmandu.

Sumer Singh Bhati Wins UNCCD Rangeland Restoration Award 2026



- Sumer Singh Bhati is a traditional camel herder and conservationist from Sanwata village in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- He has been recognised for his long-term efforts to protect and restore the Degrai Mata Oran, a community-conserved grassland in the Desert.
- The Degrai Mata Oran covers about 10,000 hectares and serves as an important grazing landscape for livestock and a biodiversity-rich ecosystem.

210 Indian Peacekeepers Receive UN Medal in South Sudan



- 210 Indian peacekeepers, including 6 women and 7 Staff Officers, were awarded the prestigious United Nations Medal for their exceptional service with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).
- The medal ceremony was held in Juba, S. Sudan.
- UNMISS described the occasion as a proud moment for India's "Blue Helmets".

POWERGRID Wins PMIS Partner Company Award



- POWERGRID (Power Grid Corporation of India Limited) won the PMIS Partner Company Award in the category "Innovation in Exit Pathways."
- It is a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE). POWERGRID operates under the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

President Presents Sant Kabir Handloom Awards 2025

- Sant Kabir Handloom Awards recognise outstanding handloom weavers who have made significant contributions to India's weaving heritage.
- The Sant Kabir Handloom Award carries a ₹3.5 lakh cash prize, along with a mounted gold coin, Tamrapatra, shawl and certificate of recognition.

Padma Bhushan Awardee Physicist Deepak Dhar Wins Dirac Medal



- Indian physicist Professor Deepak Dhar has been awarded the prestigious Dirac Medal 2026 in theoretical and statistical physics.
- His research on the Abelian sandpile model is internationally recognised. He received the Padma Bhushan in 2023 for his contribution to science and technology & Boltzmann Medal in 2022, first Indian recipient of the Boltzmann Medal.

NSA Ajit Doval Receives Lokmanya Tilak National Award



- The award is presented annually by the Lokmanya Tilak Smarak Trust, Pune.
- It recognises outstanding contribution towards national service and nation-building.
- The award ceremony is held in Pune, Maharashtra. Ajit Doval is a former IPS officer of the Kerala cadre.

Tamil Nadu Gets 'Best State' Award for Organ Donations



- The award was presented based on the state's highest performance in deceased organ donation and transplantation.
- The recognition is based on data maintained under the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO).
- The state operates a transparent organ allocation system through TRANSTAN (Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu).

Annapurni Subramaniam Wins COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal

- Awarded by the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR).
- Her research focuses on stellar evolution, star clusters, Magellanic Clouds and nearby galaxies.
- Dr. Vikram Sarabhai,Known as the Father of the Indian Space Programme.

Prof. Karthikeyan Lanka Selected for NASI Young Scientist Award



- Prof. Karthikeyan Lanka has been selected for the prestigious NASI Young Scientist Award 2026 in the Earth Sciences category.
- He is an Associate Professor at the Centre for Studies in Resources Engineering (CSRE), IIT Bombay.
- The award is presented by the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI).

Dr. Nandini Azad Receives Bharat Samman 2026



- Dr. Nandini Azad, President of the Working Women's Forum (India) (WWF-I) and the Indian Cooperative Network for Women (ICNW), received the Bharat Samman 2026 for her lifelong contributions to women's empowerment, financial inclusion, and grassroots social development.
- The Bharat Samman is a national award that recognises exceptional contributions to nation-building, public service, education, healthcare, culture, and women's empowerment.

James Gray to Receive Career Pardo Award



- The award is presented at the Locarno Film Festival.
- The festival is held annually in Locarno, Switzerland for screenings in Piazza Grande.
- The Golden Leopard (Pardo d'Oro) is its highest honour. Currency of Switzerland: Swiss Franc.

PM Modi Receives Norway's Highest Civilian Honour Award

- Norway conferred the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit on PM Narendra Modi.



- It is Norway's highest honour for foreign heads of government and Modi's 32nd international honour.
- The award was presented during his first official visit to Norway by an Indian PM in 43 years.

Santhali-language Film Became the First to Win a National Film Award

- Angen (Invisible) became the first Santhali-language film at the 72nd National Film Awards.
- The film won Best Debut Film of a Director (Non-Feature Category). The film was directed by Ravi Raj MurmuAngen is a 12-minute 10-second Santhali short film.

ONGC HSE Wins Platinum Global Safety Innovation Award 2026



- ONGC's Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) division won the Platinum Winner title at the Global Safety Innovation Award 2026.
- The award recognizes ONGC's excellence in workplace safety, innovation, and risk management.
- The achievement strengthens ONGC's global reputation for high safety standards and environmental protection.

Nita Ambani Receives AAPI Humanitarian Award



- Nita Ambani received the AAPI Humanitarian Award for her contributions to healthcare, education, and social welfare.
- She was also honored with the Key to the City of Tampa for her philanthropic work.
- Through the Reliance Foundation, she has led initiatives in education, sports, women's empowerment, and healthcare.

PM Modi Receives Indonesia's Highest Honour, Bintang Adipurna



- The award recognizes his contribution to strengthening India–Indonesia ties in trade, defence, maritime security, and culture.
- It highlights Indonesia's importance in India's Act East Policy and strengthens bilateral relations.

Nepal's Jestha Varna Mahavihar Wins UNESCO Heritage Award

- Nepal's Jestha Varna Mahavihar received the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Award for excellence in heritage conservation.
- UNESCO is a UN specialized agency established in 1945, with headquarters in Paris.
- India has 44 UNESCO World Heritage Sites (as of 2026).

Ranchhodlal Goswami Wins Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar



- Acharya Ranchhodlal Goswami was selected for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar by the Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- The award honors artists below 40 for excellence in music, dance, and theatre.
- Named after Ustad Bismillah Khan, it is a prestigious award for young performing artists.

DoT's Samriddh Gram Wins WSIS Prize 2026



- DoT's Samriddh Gram initiative won the WSIS Prize 2026 for promoting digital connectivity and rural development.
- WSIS (World Summit on the Information Society) recognizes innovative ICT projects supporting sustainable development.
- Samriddh Gram improves digital infrastructure, government service access, and rural digital inclusion.

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BPCL Kochi Refinery Wins Future-Ready Refining Award

- BPCL's Kochi Refinery won the Leadership in Future-Ready Refining Award for excellence in digital transformation and innovation.
- The refinery is adopting AI, machine learning, and cloud technologies to build future-ready operations.
- It is also advancing sustainability through energy efficiency, emissions reduction, green hydrogen, and compressed biogas (CBG) projects.

Former India Cricket Captain Rohit Sharma conferred with Padma Shri



- Former India captain Rohit Sharma received the Padma Shri from President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The award honours his outstanding contribution to Indian cricket and leadership.
- Rohit led India to the 2024 ICC T20 World Cup and the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy titles.

Parul Chaudhary honored with Best Female Athlete of Year award



- Parul Chaudhary was named Best Female Athlete of the Year at the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2026.
- The award recognized her outstanding 2025 season, including gold medals in the 3000 m steeplechase and 5000 m at the Asian Athletics Championships.
- She received the honour along with a cash prize of ₹10 lakh.

IOA President P.T. Usha conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award



- P.T. Usha received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2026.
- She shared the honour with Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, Bahadur Singh Chauhan, and Anju Bobby George.
- The award recognizes her outstanding contribution to Indian athletics, including 11 Asian Games medals and becoming the first Indian woman to reach an Olympic track final.

BCA President Harsh Vardhan Receives Global Prestige Award



- BCA President Harsh Vardhan received the Global Prestige Award for his contributions to the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.
- The award was presented at the "Visionaries of Change: Charting the Course to Viksit Bharat 2047" event.
- Elected in 2025, he became the youngest President in Bihar Cricket Association history at the age of 24.

Dr Krishnamurthy Honoured With Padma Shri



- He has contributed to advanced materials research for defence and space, including cryogenic engine components.
- His work also includes prosthetic implants, medical devices, and metallurgical innovations.
- He is leading research on electric mobility and rare earth magnets to support sustainable technology.

ELIQUO HYDROK won the Circular Economy Award



- ELIQUO HYDROK won the award for its ELOVAC® sludge treatment technology.
- The technology reduces methane emissions and recovers struvite for use as fertilizer.
- The award recognizes the company's contribution to sustainable water and waste management.

Lt Vishal Kumar Awarded Sword of Honour & President's Gold Medal



- Lieutenant Kumar won the Sword of Honour and the President's Gold Medal at the Indian Military Academy.
- He is the son of a retired Sepoy and the first officer in his family.
- An alumnus of RMS Chail, NDA, and IMA, he will be commissioned into the 4 Garhwal Rifles.

BPCL's Kochi Refinery Wins Future-Ready Refining Award

- BPCL's Kochi Refinery won the 'Leadership in Future-Ready Refining Award' for adopting AI, machine learning, and cloud-based technologies.
- The refinery was recognised for its focus on energy efficiency, green hydrogen, and compressed biogas projects.
- The award also highlights its operational excellence, including record crude throughput and major safety achievements.

Major Prabhat Mishra IA Wins 2 Major Awards, USA Army CGSOC

- Major Mishra won the Birrer-Brookes Award and the General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Award at CGSOC 2026.
- He earned the honours from a graduating class of 951 officers from 92 countries.
- His achievement highlights strong India–US military education and defence cooperation.

Panchayat Advancement Index Wins Gold e-Gov. Awards 2026

- The Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) won the Gold Award at the National e-Governance Awards 2026.
- PAI evaluates over 2.6 lakh Gram Panchayats using 150 indicators across nine Sustainable Development Goal themes.
- The award includes a trophy, citation, and ₹10 lakh, to be presented at the National Conference on e-Governance in Jaipur.

e-Jagriti Wins Silver at National e-Governance Awards 2026



- e-Jagriti won the Silver Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026 for digital transformation in consumer grievance redressal.
- The AI-enabled platform merged four legacy systems into a single paperless portal, handling over 2.29 lakh cases with a 90.75% disposal rate.
- It improves access to justice through virtual hearings and allows NRIs to file complaints online.

Indian-Origin Scientist Gautam Dey Wins EMBO Gold Medal 2026



- Indian-origin scientist Gautam Dey received the EMBO Gold Medal 2026 for outstanding early-career research.
- He was honoured for his work on the evolution of nuclear organization and cell division at EMBL, Germany.
- Dey studied at the University of Delhi and the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru.

GRASA Wins Rashtriya Ratna Samman 2026



- GRASA won the Rashtriya Ratna Samman 2026 for its food-based approach to metabolic health.
- It uses fermented millet-based foods to improve gut health and metabolism through clinical nutrition.
- The startup was incubated under IDC India's COSMINNOX ecosystem and has shown strong clinical outcomes.

Chandrayaan-3 honored with AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award 2026



- ISRO received AIAA's highest astronautics honor for the Chandrayaan-3 mission.
- The award recognizes India's historic 2023 soft landing near the Moon's south polar region.
- Chandrayaan-3 also advanced lunar science and supported future human exploration.

Taiwan Travelogue Wins International Booker Prize 2026



- Taiwan Travelogue became the first Mandarin-written book to win the 2026 International Booker Prize.
- Written by Yáng Shuāng-zǐ and translated by Lin King, it is set in 1938 colonial Taiwan.
- The £50,000 prize will be shared equally by the author and translator.

2 Indian-Origin Scientists Conferred S. Africa's Highest Civilian Honour

- South African President Cyril Ramaphosa awarded the Order of Mapungubwe to public health scientists Salim Abdool Karim and Keertan Dheda.
- Karim received the Gold honour for his work on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and COVID-19.
- The awards recognize their major contributions to public health in South Africa and globally.

Indian Violin Maestro Dr. N. Rajam conferred with Padma Vibhushan



- Dr. N. Rajam received a prestigious national honour from President Droupadi Murmu on May 25, 2026.
- She is renowned for pioneering the violin's "Gayaki Ang" style, imitating the nuances of vocal music.
- A Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awardee, she also served as professor and Dean at BHU.

Sikkim Police Awarded Prestigious President's Police Colour



- Sikkim Police became the 15th state police force to receive the President's Police Colour.
- It is the third Northeast police force, after Assam and Tripura, to receive the honour.
- President Murmu praised Sikkim Police's service and urged modernization beyond colonial-era practices.

India receives 2 Labbaytum Awards for Haj coordination & comm.

- Indian Haj Mission received the "Labbaytum" awards from Saudi Arabia for excellent Haj coordination and communication.
- The recognition highlights effective pilgrim welfare and movement management during Haj 2026.
- The achievement reflects strong coordination between India's Minority Affairs Ministry, Haj Committee, and Haj Mission.

Paradeep Parivahan Wins LEAPS Award 2025



- Odisha-based Paradeep Parivahan Ltd. won the LEAPS Award 2025 under the Multimodal Transport Operator category.
- The award was presented by Union Minister Piyush Goyal on May 13, 2026.
- PPL emerged among 71 competing companies, including FedEx and Maersk.

Ishaan Khatter honored by Indian Armoured Corps' 45 Cavalry



- Actor Ishaan Khatter received honorary membership in the Indian Army's elite 45 Cavalry regiment.
- The honour recognized his portrayal of Captain Balram Singh Mehta in the film Pippa.
- The ceremony celebrated the regiment's role in the 1971 Battle of Garibpur.

Rajasthan Wins WHO No Tobacco Day Award 2026



- Rajasthan Health Department won WHO's World No Tobacco Day Award 2026 for outstanding tobacco-control efforts.
- The state established 500+ tobacco cessation centres and implemented Tobacco-Free School guidelines in 83,000+ institutions.
- Over 2.55 lakh awareness activities and the Tobacco-Free Village campaign strengthened grassroots tobacco control.

Kantha Artist Tripti Mukherjee Honored with Padma Shri



- Mukherjee has spent 40 years promoting rural craft traditions across West Bengal's Birbhum district.
- She showcased Indian crafts internationally, including exhibitions in Birmingham and Tokyo.
- A National Award and Shilp Guru Award winner, she is a highly decorated master artisan.

Bank of Maharashtra Wins APY Award of Excellence FY 2025-26

- Bank of Maharashtra received a national award for exceeding its Atal Pension Yojana (APY) enrollment target.
- The award was presented by DFS Secretary M. Nagaraju and PFRDA Chairperson Sivasubramanian Ramann.
- The achievement highlights BoM's efforts to expand pension coverage among unorganized-sector workers.

President conferred National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026



- 15 nursing professionals received the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026 for excellence and dedicated service.
- Instituted in 1973, each award includes a certificate, medal, and ₹1 lakh cash prize.
- The awards were presented on Florence Nightingale's birth anniversary under the theme "Our Nurses. Our Future."

Dr. Thiyam Suresh Literary Lifetime Achievement Award 2026



- Manipuri writer AK Sheram received a lifetime achievement award from Sahitya Seva Samiti, Kakching.
- Based in Bangladesh, he has contributed greatly to Manipuri literature and promoted Meetei Mayek.
- His work helps preserve Manipuri culture and strengthen India-Bangladesh cultural ties.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

FICCI has appointed Vijay Sankar as President-Elect for 2026–27



- Vijay Sankar named FICCI President-Elect for 2026-27, to succeed Anant Goenka.
- Vijay Sankar is currently serving as the Senior Vice-President of FICCI.
- Vijay Sankar is the Chairman of The Sanmar Group, headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

ACC Appoints Sunil Kumar as ONGC Chairman for 3-Year Term



- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Sunil Kumar as the next Chairman of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).
- He will succeed Arun Kumar Singh, whose extended tenure is scheduled to end on 6 December 2026.
- ONGC operates under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and is a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).

SCL Das Appointed FSIB Chairman



- The Central Government appointed Subhas Chandra Lal Das (SCL Das) as the part-time Chairperson of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB).
- He succeeds Bhanu Pratap Sharma, whose extended tenure as FSIB Chairperson ended on 30 June 2026.
- FSIB was established on 1 July 2022, replacing the Banks Board Bureau (BBB).

Sudhakar Dalela Appointed as India's Next Ambassador to Nepal



- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) appointed Sudhakar Dalela as the next Ambassador of India to Nepal.
- He will succeed Naveen Srivastava, who has served as India's Ambassador to Nepal since June 2022.
- He is a 1993-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer.

Sudha Yadav Takes Oath as Karnataka Governor



- Sudha Yadav was sworn in as the new Governor of Karnataka at a ceremony held at Lok Bhavan in Bengaluru.
- Sudha Yadav replaced Thaawarchand Gehlot as the Governor of Karnataka.
- Ms. Yadav will be the second woman to serve as Karnataka Governor, after V.S. Ramadevi, who held the post from 1999 to 2002.
- Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru administered the oath of office and secrecy.

UNICEF India Names Smriti Mandhana Celebrity Advocate



- UNICEF India appointed Smriti Mandhana as its Celebrity Advocate on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child.
- Smriti Mandhana is the captain of the Indian women's cricket tea, an Arjuna Award recipient.
- She was part of the Indian team that won first ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title in 2025.

Prakash Rajpurohit Appointed Deputy Election Commissioner



- He succeeded Sanjay Kumar, who was prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre in August 2026.
- Rajpurohit's tenure is scheduled to continue until 8 April 2030, according to the Personnel Ministry order.
- The Election Commission of India is a constitutional body established under Article 324 of the Constitution of India. It supervises, directs and controls elections to Parliament, state legislatures, and the offices of the President and Vice-President.

HDFC Bank's Anup Bagchi Become India's Highest-Paid Bank CEO



- Anup Bagchi is to be appointed as the MD & CEO of HDFC Bank on October 27, 2026, replacing Sashidhar Jagdishan.
- Anup Bagchi was earlier working as MD & CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co.
- HDFC Bank has fixed an estimated target annual compensation of ₹35.9 crore for Anup Bagchi for 2026-27, which could make Bagchi the highest paid bank CEO in India.
- Fixed Remuneration of Bagchi comprises an annual salary of ₹3.32 crores, out of which the rest includes allowances, perquisites, retirement benefits, and other perks. The package has also made provisions for up to two company cars, where the cost of each car should be ₹1.4 crore ex-showroom.

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed Next Chief of Air Staff



- He will succeed Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who will superannuate on 31 Oct. 2026.
- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) in 2026 for distinguished service.
- He took over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff on 1 July 2026, succeeding Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor.

Smriti Mandhana Appointed Captain of Women's Cricket Team



- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) appointed Smriti Mandhana as the captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team.
- She takes over the captaincy from Harmanpreet Kaur, who stepped down from the role on the same day. Harmanpreet will continue playing for India.
- Mandhana will be the full-time white-ball captain, leading India in ODIs and T20Is.

ICICI Prudential Life Appoints Sidharatha Mishra as MD & CEO

- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has appointed Sidharatha Mishra as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO).
- He will succeed Anup Bagchi, who will step down as MD & CEO on 13 October 2026.
- Mishra has been appointed for a period of five consecutive years.

Federal Bank Appoints Virat Sunil Diwanji as Executive Director



- Federal Bank has appointed Virat Sunil Diwanji as Executive Director (ED) on the Board of the Bank.
- His appointment is for a period of three years from the date of assuming charge, subject to the approval of shareholders within three months.
- He has been serving as National Head – Consumer Banking at Federal Bank.

Fatima Zahra El Mansouri Becomes Morocco's 1st Woman P.M.



- She succeeded Aziz Akhannouch as the Head of Government (Prime Minister) of Morocco.
- Mansouri became the second woman to serve as Prime Minister in the Arab world, after Tunisia's Najla Bouden.
- She was appointed by King Mohammed VI of Morocco.

Govt Appoints Dinesh Pant & Girija Subramanian as IRDAI Members



- Dinesh Pant, Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), was appointed Whole-Time Member (Actuary).
- Girija Subramanian, Chairman-cum-Managing Director of The New India Assurance Company Ltd., was appointed Whole-Time Member (Distribution).
- Both appointments were made for a five-year term.

Mandeep K. Bhandari Appointed New CBSE Chairperson



- Mandeep K. Bhandari, a 2001-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, has been appointed Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).
- He will replace Lokhande Prashant Sitaram, who was holding additional charge of CBSE Chairperson.
- CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) Headquarters: New Delhi, India.

Kamlesh Chandra Varshney Reappointed as SEBI Member

- His reappointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- He is a 1990-batch Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) officer.
- SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey heads the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), whose headquarters is located in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

UN Appoints Luke Lindberg to Head World Food Programme



- Luke J. Lindberg (United States) has been appointed as the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP).
- He succeeds Cindy McCain (United States) as WFP Executive Director.
- The World Food Programme (WFP) is headquartered in Rome, Italy.

Rajat Sharma Re-Elected as NBDA President for 2026-27



- Rajat Sharma, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV, was unanimously re-elected as President of the News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA) for 2026–27.
- Sharma is the Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV.
- The NBDA is the apex association representing news and current-affairs broadcasters and digital news platforms in India.

Jayanti Prasad Takes Additional Charge as IBBI Chairperson



- Jayanti Prasad, a Whole-Time Member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), has taken additional charge as IBBI Chairperson.
- He succeeded Ravi Mital, who completed his tenure as IBBI Chairperson.
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), a statutory body established on 1 October 2016 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016, is headquartered in New Delhi.

Hansraj Singh Verma Appointed India's Next Ambassador to Cuba



- He has also served in Indian missions in Chittagong, Paris, Accra, Frankfurt, Maputo, Lisbon and Buenos Aires.
- Hansraj Singh Verma has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Cuba by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- T. Armstrong Changsan, the outgoing Ambassador to Cuba, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Armenia.

Michael Kremer Appointed as World Bank Group Chief Economist

- He will succeed Indermit Gill as World Bank Group Chief Economist.
- The appointment was announced by World Bank Group President Ajay Banga.
- The World Bank Group (WBG) is headquartered in Washington, D.C., United States.

Sanjukta Parashar Becomes First Woman to Head CRPF CoBRA



- She has been appointed as Inspector General (IG) of the CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) Sector of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- CoBRA is a specialised commando force of the CRPF, primarily trained for jungle warfare and counter-insurgency operations.
- Sanjukta Parashar is an IPS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre and is from Assam, India.

Tavengwa Mukuhlani Appointed ICC Deputy Chairperson



- Tavengwa Mukuhlani, Chairman of Zimbabwe Cricket, has been appointed as the Deputy Chairperson of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- He succeeds Imran Khwaja of Singapore.
- The appointment comes ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027, which will be hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

Luke Lindberg Appointed New World Food Programme Chief



- He previously served as Under Secretary at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- He succeeded Cindy McCain as executive director.
- WFP is a United Nations agency that works to fight global hunger and provide food assistance.

Dinesh Appointed Andaman & Nicobar Lieutenant Governor

- Dinesh Sharma has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands by President Droupadi Murmu.
- He will succeed Admiral D. K. Joshi (Retd.), who served as the LG since 2017.
- Dinesh Sharma previously served as the Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Mayor of Lucknow.

Shakti Sharma becomes 1st Woman Non-Medical Air Vice Marshal



- Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Shakti Sharma became the first woman non-medical officer in the Indian Defence Forces to attain the rank of Air Vice Marshal or equivalent.
- These IAF Chairs of Excellence were established at IIT Kanpur and Pune University.
- She served as the Principal of Sainik School, Kapurthala.

LIC Housing Finance Appoints Sandeep Kumar as New MD & CEO



- He succeeds Tribhuwan Adhikari, who retired upon superannuation.
- His tenure can extend up to five years, subject to applicable conditions and shareholder approval.
- Sandeep Kumar has been appointed as an Additional Director in the capacity of MD & CEO and as a Key Managerial Personnel (KMP).

John Ternus Becomes New CEO of Apple



- John Ternus officially became the CEO of Apple, succeeding Tim Cook.
- Apple was founded on 1 April 1976 by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne, and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2026.
- Apple's headquarters, Apple Park, is located in Cupertino, California, USA.

Anil Chakravarthy Named Adobe CEO



- Anil Chakravarthy, an Indian-origin technology executive, has been named the next President and CEO of Adobe.
- He will succeed Shantanu Narayen, who has served as Adobe's CEO since 2007 and will become Executive Chair.
- Adobe Inc. is an American multinational software company headquartered in San Jose, California, USA.

Govt Appoints Akbaruddin, 2 Others to RBI Central Board

- The Central Government appointed three new Part-time, Non-official Directors to the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The three appointees are Syed Akbaruddin, Annie George Mathew, and Janmejaya Kumar Sinha.
- Each has been appointed for a four-year term, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

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Finance Ministry Extends Rajendra Kumar Saboo's MD & CEO Charge



- The Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, Government of India, extended the additional charge of MD & CEO of UCO Bank assigned to Rajendra Kumar Saboo.
- Saboo is the Executive Director of UCO Bank.
- The vacancy arose after Ashwani Kumar completed his tenure as UCO Bank's MD & CEO.

Senegal appoints Ahmadou Al Aminou Lo as New PM



- Abdourahmane Lo, a former BCEAO official and economist, has been appointed Senegal's Prime Minister.
- He takes charge amid a debt crisis, with public debt at about 132% of GDP and an $1.8 billion IMF programme suspended.
- Lo will continue the government's "Sénégal 2050" agenda, focusing on transparency and economic sovereignty.

Pradeep Rai Elected Supreme Court Bar Association President



- Senior Advocate Pradeep Rai has been elected as the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for the 2026–27 term.
- He succeeds Senior Advocate Vikas Singh, who served as SCBA President for the 2025–26 term.
- Meenesh Dubey was elected Joint Secretary, while Reepak Kansal was elected Treasurer.

S. Somanath Appointed to RBI Central Board



- S. Somanath, former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has been appointed to the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Anand Mahindra has also been reappointed as a Part-Time, Non-Official Director on the RBI Central Board for another four-year term.
- His appointment is for a four-year term.

Cap. Shivani Appointed 1st Woman Aide-de-Camp to Army Chief

- Captain Shivani Sehrawat became the first woman officer appointed as Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the Indian Army Chief, according to reports on the appointment.
- ADC stands for Aide-de-Camp, an officer who assists a senior military or state dignitary in official and ceremonial responsibilities.
- The appointment is considered an important milestone in the increasing participation of women officers in the Indian Army.

N. Chandrasekaran Resigns as Tata Sons Chairman



- Natarajan Chandrasekaran, popularly known as N. Chandrasekaran, has decided not to seek another term as Chairman of Tata Sons.
- He succeeded Cyrus Mistry as Chairman.
- Before becoming Chairman of Tata Sons, Chandrasekaran served as the CEO and Managing Director of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).

Russia Appoints D.Y. Chandrachud in Ukraine Arbitration



- Former Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has been appointed as an arbitrator by Russia.
- The appointment relates to an arbitration case involving Ukraine's state-owned bank Oschadbank.
- The dispute concerns Oschadbank's assets affected by the Russia–Ukraine conflict.

Varsha Ashok Aglawe Becomes First Woman Director General of GSI



- Varsha Ashok Aglawe became the first woman Director General (DG) of the Geological Survey of India (GSI).
- Geological Survey of India was established in 1851.
- GSI functions under the Ministry of Mines. Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal.

Willie Walsh Takes Charge as IndiGo's New CEO



- Willie Walsh officially became the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndiGo in August 2026.
- He succeeded Pieter Elbers as CEO of IndiGo.He is an Irish aviation executive.
- IndiGo is India's largest airline by market share. Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana.

  Founded: 2006.

A.S. Rajeev Takes Charge as Acting Central Vigilance Commissioner

- A.S. Rajeev took charge as the Acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) after the completion of the tenure of Praveen Kumar Srivastava.
- Central Vigilance Commission:Established: 1964 on the recommendation of the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption.
- CVC became a statutory body through the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003. Headquarters: New Delhi.

Air India Appoints Tewolde Gebremariam as CEO



- Air India has appointed Tewolde Gebremariam, former CEO of Ethiopian Airlines Group, as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD).
- He succeeds Campbell Wilson, who stepped down after leading Air India's initial transformation under the Tata Group.
- Air India is jointly owned by Tata Group (75%) and Singapore Airlines (25%).

Pralhad Joshi Takes Charge as Education Minister



- He succeeded Dharmendra Pradhan and Pralhad Joshi is a 5-time Lok Sabha MP from Dharwad, Karnataka.
- Appointed by President Droupadi Murmu.
- Continues to hold the portfolios of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy.

PM Constitutes Exam Reform Task Force Led by Nandan Nilekani



- Nandan Nilekani (Co-founder & Chairman of Infosys) as well as the Founding Chairman of UIDAI (Aadhaar).
- Constituted by Ministry of Education
- Purpose is reform India's examination system following concerns over exam paper leaks and malpractice.

India Appoints Ngulkham Jathom Gangte as Ambassador to Mexico

- He is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1994 batch.
- Before this appointment, he was serving as Special Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- He has served in Indian diplomatic missions in Egypt, Morocco, Ireland, and Tanzania.

Kevin Warsh appointed as Governor of the Federal Reserve by the US



- Kevin Warsh previously served as a Federal Reserve Governor from 2006–2011 and brings crisis-management experience.
- Known as a policy hawk, he supports strong price stability and cautious government spending.
- His return aims to strengthen the Fed's response to inflation and global economic challenges.

Amitabh Bachchan Named Policybazaar Brand Ambassador



- Policybazaar appointed Amitabh Bachchan as its Brand Ambassador for the nationwide "Parivaar Sabse Pehle" campaign to promote health and term insurance awareness.
- The campaign supports IRDAI's Insurance for All by 2047 vision by encouraging families to secure timely financial protection through insurance.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) – Chairperson: Debasish Panda.

Mindaugas Sinkevicius became Lithuania's new prime minister



- He succeeded the previous government following a political transition in the country.
- Lithuania is one of the three Baltic countries (along with Latvia and Estonia) and is a member of the European Union (EU), NATO, and the Schengen Area.
- Capital: Vilnius | Currency: Euro (€).

UK Appoints Kanishka Narayan as First AI Minister



- The appointment reflects the UK's focus on AI governance and innovation.
- Father of Artificial Intelligence is John McCarthy, coined the term in 1956.
- Capital of the UK: London,Currency: Pound Sterling (£).

Lieutenant General N S Raja Subramani appointed Chief of Defence



- Lt Gen N.S. Raja Subramani (Retd) appointed India's next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
- He will succeed General Anil Chauhan and take charge on May 30, 2026.
- He previously served as Vice Chief of Army Staff and is currently a Military Adviser in the NSCS.

Andy Burnham Becomes UK's New Prime Minister

- The Prime Minister is the Head of Government.
- The UK follows a parliamentary system. The Indian Parliament consists of the President, Lok Sabha, and Rajya Sabha, whereas the UK Parliament consists of the Monarch, House of Commons, and House of Lords.
- Capital: London. Currency: Pound Sterling (£).

Centre Appoints Anurag Jain as NITI Aayog CEO



- He is a 1989-batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre. He succeeds the previous leadership arrangement after Nidhi Chibber was holding additional charge
- His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- NITI Aayog was established on 1 January 2015, replacing the Planning Commission. Chairperson of NITI Aayog: Prime Minister of India. Headquarters: New Delhi.

A.N. Pramod Becomes Deputy Chief of Naval Staff



- Vice Admiral A. N. Pramod, AVSM, YSM assumed charge as the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS) on 1 August 2026. He succeeded Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti.
- As DGNO, Vice Admiral Pramod played a key role in the planning, preparedness, and operational readiness of the Indian Navy during Operation Sindoor.
- Indian Navy Headquarters: New Delhi.Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi.

Ajay Kochhar Appointed as Indian Navy's 48th Vice Chief



- He has been appointed Vice Chief of the Indian Navy after over 37 years of distinguished service.
- A Gunnery and Missile Systems specialist, he commanded INS Vikramaditya and served in key leadership roles.
- He received the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (2022) and Param Vishisht Seva Medal (2026).

Infosys Appoints Ashiss Dash as Next CEO

- He will succeed Salil Parekh, whose second term ends on 31 March 2027.
- The decision was based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC).
- Infosys is India's second-largest IT services company. Founded 1981. HQ: Bengaluru, Karnataka. Chairman: Nandan Nilekani.

Lt. General Dhiraj Seth appointed as Chief of the Army



- Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth has been appointed the next Chief of the Army Staff and is currently serving as Vice Chief of the Army Staff.
- A 1986-batch Armoured Corps officer, he has extensive command experience in desert and counter-insurgency operations.
- He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and has completed advanced military courses in India and France.

Leander Paes Named Asian Tennis Federation Player Ambassador



- Leander Paes has been appointed Player Ambassador by the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF).
- He will mentor young players, promote grassroots tennis, and represent Asian tennis globally.
- The appointment recognizes his outstanding contribution to the sport and aims to inspire future generations.

Former ISRO Chief S. Somanath Joins Agnikul Cosmos Board



- Former ISRO Chairman S. Somanath, who led the Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya-L1 missions, has joined Agnikul Cosmos.
- Agnikul Cosmos is a Chennai-based space startup developing the Agnibaan launch vehicle with 3D-printed rocket engines.
- His appointment is expected to boost India's private space sector and commercial space innovation.

Raghuram Rajan Appointed to Key US Federal Reserve Task Force



- Former RBI Governor Raghuram G. Rajan has joined a US Federal Reserve task force on banking regulations and financial stability.
- Rajan previously served as RBI Governor (2013–2016) and IMF Chief Economist.
- He is a professor at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and author of the award-winning book Fault Lines.

Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala Appointed MoES Secretary



- Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala, a former ISRO scientist, has been appointed Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- MoES oversees meteorology, ocean sciences, seismology, climate research, and polar science.
- His appointment is expected to strengthen weather forecasting, disaster early warning, and climate services.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri Gets 1-Year Extension Till July 2027

- Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri received a one-year extension and will continue in office until July 2027.
- A 1989-batch IFS officer, he has held several key diplomatic assignments and managed India's strategic foreign relations.
- His extension ensures continuity in India's diplomacy amid evolving global and regional challenges.

BPR&D and NCRB Get New Chiefs



- New Directors-General have been appointed to the BPR&D and NCRB to strengthen policing reforms and crime data management.
- BPR&D focuses on police modernization, research, training, and capacity building, while NCRB maintains the national crime database.
- Both organizations work under the Ministry of Home Affairs to improve internal security and evidence-based policing.

NPCI's Dilip Asbe Appointed to SWIFT Global Supervisory Board



- Dilip Asbe was appointed to the Supervisory Board of SWIFT.
- SWIFT is a Belgium-based global financial messaging network connecting over 11,000 financial institutions.
- NPCI operates key digital payment platforms, including UPI, RuPay, IMPS, BHIM, FASTag, and NACH.

RBI Appoints Muralidhar Pai as MD & CEO of South Indian Bank



- RBI approved Muralidhar Pai's appointment as Managing Director & CEO of South Indian Bank.
- He succeeds P.R. Seshadri and brings over 30 years of banking experience.
- South Indian Bank, established in 1929, is headquartered in Thrissur, Kerala.

Nidhi Khare Elected UNCTAD Consumer Protection Meeting



- Nidhi Khare was elected Chairperson of the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection in Geneva.
- UNCTAD promotes inclusive trade, investment, and sustainable development worldwide.
- Her election highlights India's growing role in global consumer protection and economic governance.

Vivek Aggarwal appointed as Vice President of the FATF

- India was elected to the FATF Vice-Presidency for the first time, with Rajesh Aggarwal appointed Vice President.
- He will serve a one-year term from July 2026 to June 2027, working with the FATF President.
- Rajesh Aggarwal is a 1994-batch IAS officer and former head of India's Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-IND).

Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi Appointed as CMD of GIC Re



- Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi has been appointed Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of GIC Re.
- He will serve until 30 September 2028 or until further government orders.
- A former Executive Director of GIC Re, he has extensive experience in international operations, finance, and risk management.

Dr. SaibalChattopadhyay appointed as Chairperson of NSC



- Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay has been appointed Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission (NSC).
- A former Director of IIM Calcutta, he succeeds Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar.
- The government also appointed three new part-time members to strengthen the NSC's functioning.

Anand Jain appointed As The New DGP OfLadakh

- Anand Jain has been appointed Director General of Police (DGP) of Ladakh.
- A 1999-batch AGMUT cadre IPS officer, he was transferred from Jammu & Kashmir.
- He will oversee law and order, policing, and security coordination in the Union Territory.

Tushar Mehta reappointed as Solicitor General of India

- Tushar Mehta has been reappointed as the Solicitor General of India for a three-year term from 1 July 2026.
- He has served as Solicitor General since October 2018 and continues to represent the Centre in key legal matters.
- The government also extended the tenure of five Additional Solicitors General for the Supreme Court.

Dr R Dhinakaran appointed ADGP Armed Police in Tamil Nadu



- Dr. R. Dhinakaran has been appointed Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Armed Police, Tamil Nadu.
- A 1998-batch IPS officer, he is a recipient of the Chief Minister's and President's Police Medals.
- He will lead the Armed Police wing and oversee its operational readiness and security responsibilities.

Meta appointed Kunal Shah as Global head of WhatsApp

- Meta appointed CRED founder Kunal Shah as the new global head of WhatsApp, succeeding Will Cathcart.
- Meta also invested $900 million in CRED, valuing the company at $4.5 billion.
- The move aims to strengthen WhatsApp's growth in commerce, payments, and digital services, especially in India.

Mahesh Dixit to Succeed Tapan Kumar Deka as IB Chief



- Mahesh Dixit has been appointed the next Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) for a two-year term from 30 June 2026.
- A 1993-batch IPS officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre, he previously served as Special Director of the IB.
- He succeeds Tapan Kumar Deka, the longest-serving IB chief since 2005.

Amit P Javalgi appointed as Inspector General in NIA



- Amit P. Javalgi has been appointed Inspector General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on deputation.
- The 2006-batch IPS officer of the West Bengal cadre is known for launching the e-Malkhana digital evidence management system.
- He previously received the National e-Governance Award for modernising police administration.

Vijay Deverakonda Named Brand Ambassador Of TG20 League



- Vijay Deverakonda was named the brand ambassador of the Telangana Premier League to promote grassroots cricket talent.
- The inaugural league features eight teams, 32 matches, and players including Mohammed Siraj and Tilak Varma.
- The tournament will be held at Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium with live broadcasts on JioStar.

Meenu Choudhary appointed as Inspector General in SSB



- Meenu Choudhary, a 2000-batch AGMUT cadre IPS officer, has been appointed Inspector General (IG) of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- She will serve on central deputation after approval by the Centre.
- Her appointment is part of a wider reshuffle to strengthen leadership in central armed police forces.

Former SAIL Chairman joins as CEO, Hindustan Zinc Ltd.



- Hindustan Zinc appointed Amarendu Prakash as CEO-Designate, effective 19 June 2026.
- He brings over 30 years of experience in the metals and steel industry, including leadership at SAIL.
- Prakash succeeds Arun Misra, who has become Group CEO of Vedanta Limited.

UIDAI CEO Saurabh Vijay took Charge as CEO of IndiaAI Mission



- UIDAI CEO Saurabh Vijay has been given additional charge as CEO of the IndiaAI Mission.
- He succeeds Abhishek Singh, who was appointed Director General of the NTA.
- The IndiaAI Mission focuses on sovereign AI infrastructure, multilingual AI models, and AI research support.

Raman Meenakshi Sundaram appointed Director of NAARM

- Dr. Sundaram, an expert in crop biotechnology and rice genetics, is serving as Director of ICAR-NAARM.
- He earlier led ICAR-IIRR and helped develop the Improved Samba Mahsuri rice variety.
- He has published 160+ research papers and mentors agricultural capacity-building programs.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Elects Banwarilal Purohit as President



- Banwarilal Purohit has been appointed President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, succeeding Surendralal Mehta.
- Former Governor of four states, Purohit brings extensive administrative experience.
- Deepak Parekh was elected Vice-President, ensuring leadership continuity.

Indraprastha Gas Limited appoints Kumar Shanker as New MD



- Kumar Shanker has taken charge as Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL), succeeding Kamal Kishore Chatiwal.
- A BITS Pilani chemical engineer, he has over 30 years of experience in the oil and gas sector.
- He previously led Maharashtra Natural Gas Ltd (MNGL) and has held key roles at GAIL.

Neelam Meena appointed as Chief Electoral Officer of West Bengal



- Neelam Meena, a 1998-batch IAS officer, was appointed West Bengal's new Chief Electoral Officer.
- She succeeds Manoj Kumar Agarwal, who became the state's Chief Secretary.
- The ECI directed her to focus solely on her CEO responsibilities for impartiality.

Raghav Appointed Chairman of Rajya Sabha Committee

- Raghav Chadha was appointed Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions.
- The 10-member panel examines petitions on governance, public policy, and citizen grievances.
- The committee can examine witnesses, seek evidence, and recommend corrective measures.

Piyush Singla appointed Director Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

- Anurag Singla has been appointed as CEO of the National Health Authority (NHA) under the Central Staffing Scheme.
- His tenure will align with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and may be extended as per government rules.
- He will focus on expanding digital health records, interoperable systems, and the ABHA ecosystem.

Siddaramaiah Quits, Names DK Shivakumar As Next CM



- Siddaramaiah resigned as Karnataka Chief Minister, paving the way for D.K. Shivakumar under the 2023 power-sharing pact.
- Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot accepted his resignation, with Siddaramaiah continuing as caretaker CM.
- He declined a Rajya Sabha role and will remain active in Karnataka politics.

A Kowsigan appointed as the CEO of Kerala

- Dr. A. Kowsigan, a 2009-batch IAS officer, became Kerala's new Chief Electoral Officer.
- He succeeds Dr. Rathan U. Kelkar, who became Secretary to the Chief Minister.
- Kowsigan has held key roles in ports, land revenue, disaster management, and animal husbandry.

Sandeep Kumar Garg inducted as DIG in NIA



- Sandeep Kumar Garg, a 2012-batch IPS officer, has been appointed DIG in the NIA.
- His appointment was approved by the MHA on central deputation.
- He previously served as DIG of Punjab Police's Intelligence Wing.

Sahdev Elected President of South Asian Weightlifting Federation

- Dr. Sahdev Yadav was unanimously elected President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation (SAWF).
- He is also President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation and Treasurer of the Indian Olympic Association.
- He aims to strengthen athlete development, coaching standards, and sports infrastructure in South Asia.

Surendra Kumar Jha appointed as Deputy Inspector General in BSF

- Surendra Kumar Jha, a 2010-batch IPS officer, has been appointed DIG in the BSF on central deputation.
- He previously served as DIG (Personnel) at Jharkhand Police Headquarters and SSP Ranchi.
- A Police Medal for Gallantry awardee, Jha is known for his administrative and crime-control expertise.

Bharat Singh re-Elected as Chairman of Chess Association



- Bharat Singh Chauhan was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Commonwealth Chess Association for 2026–2030.
- He also serves as FIDE Advisory Board Chairman and Asian Chess Federation Deputy President.
- The CCA will launch its first Commonwealth School Chess Championship in Malaysia in October 2026.

M.P. partnered with Google Cloud India for Simhastha Kumbh 2028



- Google Cloud will use AI for crowd monitoring, traffic management, and emergency response during Ujjain Kumbh.
- The multilingual "Sahayak" app will provide route guidance, crowd updates, and safety alerts.
- An AI Centre of Excellence will also be established in Indore.

Rajiv Singh appointed as Secretary in Cabinet Secretariat



- Rajiv Singh, a 1993-batch IPS officer, was appointed Secretary (Security) in the Cabinet Secretariat.
- He will serve as the administrative head of the SPG, overseeing VIP security.
- Singh previously served as Manipur DGP from June 2023.

President appoints N Rangasamy as Puducherry CM

- N. Rangasamy was appointed Puducherry Chief Minister for a fifth term.
- His appointment followed the NDA's victory in the Assembly elections.
- He was scheduled to take oath on May 13, 2026.

Dr AK Panda assumed charge as CMD of SAIL



- Dr. Panda, a SAIL veteran since 1992, has taken charge as CMD after serving as Director (Finance).
- An electrical engineer and business management doctorate, he brings over 30 years of experience.
- He aims to raise SAIL's capacity to 35 MTPA, strengthen raw material security, and expand value-added products.

Jio Platforms appoints Akash Ambani as MD



- Akash Ambani was appointed to a key leadership role at Jio Platforms for a five-year term.
- The appointment comes ahead of Jio Platforms' expected IPO, potentially valuing it at $200–240 billion.
- He will lead Jio Platforms while continuing as Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm.

BANKING NEWS

SEBI & Bank of England sign MoU on cross-border clearing cooperation



- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the Bank of England (BoE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Mumbai to enhance regulatory cooperation and information exchange regarding SEBI-recognised Clearing Corporations (CCs).
- Examples of SEBI-recognised Clearing Corporations include BSE Clearing Limited, NSE Clearing Limited, National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL), and Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Ltd (MCXCCL).
- CCs are institutions that facilitate clearing and settlement of financial transactions.

PhonePe Launches Tatkal NPS Account Opening

- PhonePe launched the Tatkal NPS digital onboarding facility on 27 October 2026, enabling users to open National Pension System (NPS) accounts through its app.
- Users can open an NPS account with an initial contribution of ₹250 and receive a unique Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN) to identify and manage their pension account.
- The Tatkal NPS framework was developed by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

Pakistan to Chair IMF and World Bank Boards in 2027

- Ahad Khan Cheema, Pakistan's Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, will serve as chair.
- The announcement was made during the 2026 IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings in Bangkok, Thailand.
- The headquarters of both the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group are located in Washington, D.C., United States.

ICICI Life Insurance Unveils New Brand Identity 'Har Kal Aasaan'



- ICICI Life Insurance Limited, formerly known as ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited, unveiled its new brand identity and tagline, "Har Kal Aasaan,"
- The rebranding marks the company's 25 years of operations in the Indian life insurance market.
- Srinivas Balasubramanian, Chief of Marketing, Digital & Bancassurance, ICICI Life Insurance Limited, highlighted the company's focus on simplifying financial planning.

RBI Approves Emirates NBD Branch Merger with RBL Bank



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the amalgamation of the Indian branches of Emirates NBD Bank P.J.S.C. with RBL Bank Limited.
- The merger covers three branches located in Mumbai (Maharashtra), Chennai (Tamil Nadu) and Gurugram (Haryana). The amalgamation was sanctioned under Section 44A(4) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Emirates NBD completed its acquisition of a 60% stake in RBL Bank in June 2026 through an investment of approximately US$2.75 billion (₹26,000 crore).

Bank of Baroda Launches 'BoB Ke Sang Tyohaar Ki Umang'



- Bank of Baroda launched its festive campaign 'BoB Ke Sang Tyohaar Ki Umang – Shubh Bhi, Labh Bhi'.
- Bank of Baroda is offering home loans at interest rates starting from 7.40% per annum with a processing fee waiver, and car loans starting from 7.85% per annum, subject to applicable terms and conditions.
- Eligible women borrowers can receive an additional home-loan interest concession of 0.05% points, while specified eligible customer categories can receive 0.10 percentage points.

CBDT introduces Form 173A for tax exemption claims on govt. securities



- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) introduced Form 173A under the Income-tax (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2026.
- Form 173A is required to claim specified tax exemptions on interest income and capital gains from government securities.
- The specified exemptions cover eligible foreign institutional investors, Bank for International Settlements (BIS), to statutory conditions.

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.

Cabinet Approves IDBI Bank Stake Sale to Fairfax for ₹52,878 Crore



- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved Fairfax Financial Holdings' group entity as the strategic buyer for IDBI Bank.
- The approved purchase consideration for the IDBI Bank stake sale is approximately ₹52,878.08 crore, covering a 60.72% stake.
- The Government of India will sell its 30.48% stake and LIC will sell its 30.24% stake; after the transaction, the Government will retain 15% and LIC will retain 19% in IDBI Bank.

NPCI Defers 0.4% MDR on Select UPI Transactions Above ₹2,000



- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) deferred the implementation of the proposed 0.4% Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on select UPI merchant transactions above ₹2,000 until after Diwali 2026.
- Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) is a fee paid by merchants to banks and payment service providers for processing digital transactions. The fee is shared among participants involved in the payment ecosystem, including banks and payment service providers.
- NPCI is incorporated as a not-for-profit company under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013.

World Bank Ranks India Among Top 10 in AI Readiness



- The World Bank released the report "India Development Update: India and Artificial Intelligence—Seizing the Development Opportunity."
- Private AI investment in India increased from US$1.2 billion in 2024 to US$4.1 billion in 2025.
- Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in India employed 2.36 million professionals in 2025, compared with 1.9 million in 2024.

NABARD Subscribes to NSDC's ZCZP Issue on SSE



- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) subscribed to the ₹4 crore Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) issue of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) on the National Stock Exchange's Social Stock Exchange platform.
- The initiative has an estimated total outlay of ₹11.25 crore and aims to create sustainable overseas employment opportunities for 600 rural youth belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in Madhya Pradesh.
- A Zero Coupon Zero Principal instrument does not pay interest or return the principal to the subscriber. It allows funds to be raised for eligible social-development projects.

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.

RBI Raises Repo Rate by 25 bps After Over 3 Years

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) raised the policy repo rate by 25 basis points (bps) from 5.25% to 5.50% on 7 October 2026.
- The decision was taken by the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).
- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced the monetary-policy decision.

SEBI Launches Project Jagrook Investor Awareness Campaign



- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched Project JAGRook, a nationwide investor-awareness initiative aimed promoting informed, responsible and disciplined investing.
- The initiative uses a 360-degree communication approach, combining multiple traditional and digital channels to reach investors.
- A key campaign under Project JAGRook "Samajh Se Investing Simple", which focuses on simplifying investment concepts for common investor.

Bank of Baroda Becomes 2nd PSU Bank to Sponsor a Pension Fund



- PFRDA issued a Certificate of Appointment as Sponsor of a Pension Fund to Bank of Baroda under Section 27 of the PFRDA Act, 2013.
- SBI was the first public sector bank to enter the pension fund business in 2008.
- BoB holds an 80.10% stake in the pension fund management company, while Baroda BNP Asset Management Company holds 19.90%.

NABKISAN Lists India's First WASH-Focused Social Bond on NSE

- NABKISAN Finance Limited, a subsidiary of NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), listed India's first Social Bond dedicated exclusively to the WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) sector on the National Stock Exchange (NSE), Mumbai.
- It has been assigned CRISIL AAA (Stable) and CARE AAA (Stable) ratings.
- The bond has a five-year tenure and carries a coupon rate of 8.10%.

Anup Kumar Saha to Become Kotak Mahindra Bank MD & CEO



- Anup Kumar Saha has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as the next MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- He will succeed Ashok Vaswani, whose current term ends on 31 December 2026.
- His appointment is for a 3-year term.

Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 Comes into Force from October 1



- Replaces the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891.
- Covers banking records in physical, electronic, digital, virtual and cloud-based forms as evidence.
- Provides standardised certification of bank records through manual, digital or electronic signatures.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Renamed ICICI Life Insurance

- The name change became effective following approval from the Registrar of Companies (RoC), Central Processing Centre, Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- The change is connected with the reclassification of Prudential Corporation Holdings from "Promoter" to "Investor."
- The headquarters of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is located in Hyderabad, Telangana.

RBI Issues Basel III Market Risk Capital Directions 2026



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the RBI (Commercial Banks – Minimum Capital Requirements for Market Risk) Directions, 2026.
- The Directions apply to commercial banks, excluding Small Finance Banks, Payments Banks and Local Area Banks.
- The revised framework will come into effect from 1 April 2027.

NSE Enables India's First Tokenised Corporate Bond Issuances



- National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) enabled India's first tokenised corporate bond issuances on its Electronic Bidding Platform (NSE EBP).
- REC Limited and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) raised a combined ₹1,000 crore.
- The tokenisation technology was unveiled by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra and SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey.

Axis Bank Launches Sparsh Week



- Axis Bank launched Sparsh Week 2026, its flagship customer-engagement initiative.
- The theme of Sparsh Week 2026 is "Act with Speed."
- The programme aims to strengthen customer-centricity by directly engaging with customers and understanding their needs.

Bankers' Books Evidence Act 2026



- The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 will come into force from 1 October 2026.
- The new Act replaces the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891.
- The main objective is to modernise the legal framework for using banking records as evidence in legal proceedings.

UPI Payments Up to ₹2,000 to Remain Free of MDR

- The new UPI framework keeps all person-to-person (P2P) UPI transactions completely free, irrespective of the amount.
- Person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions up to ₹2,000 will remain free of MDR.
- Small merchants receiving up to ₹1 lakh per month through UPI QR codes under the P2PM category continue to enjoy zero MDR.

Moody's Raises India's GDP Growth Forecast to 7%



- Moody's Ratings has raised its forecast for India's real GDP growth in FY 2026–27 to 7%, up from its earlier estimate of 6%.
- Moody's 7% forecast is higher than the IMF's 6.4% forecast for FY27.
- Major global credit rating agencies are S&P Global, Moody's Ratings, Fitch Ratings etc.

Canara Bank Invests Over ₹50 Cr. in DPDPA Compliance Initiative



- The reported contract is for a period of 3 years.
- Canara Bank has reportedly committed more than ₹50 crore towards strengthening compliance with India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), 2023.
- A ₹52.19 crore contract was awarded for the supply, installation, integration, implementation and management of a Digital Personal Data Protection solution for Canara Bank.

Phone Pe Launches Visa Tokenisation and Tap to Pay



- PhonePe and Visa announced a strategic partnership at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 in Mumbai.
- PhonePe became the first app in India to offer a unified suite of Visa capabilities comprising Online Device Tokenisation, Tap to Pay and Cross Border Scan to Pay.
- Tap to Pay enables eligible Android users to tokenise their Visa cards and make contactless payments at POS terminals using their smart phones.

RBI Grants Scheduled Bank Status to Coastal Local Area Bank



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted Scheduled Bank status to Coastal Local Area Bank Limited.
- RBI included the bank in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- The bank is headquartered in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

LIC Gets RBI Approval to Acquire Up to 9.99% Stake in ICICI Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to acquire up to 9.99% stake in ICICI Bank.
- The approval allows LIC to acquire up to 9.99% of ICICI Bank's paid-up share capital or voting rights.
- The approval is valid for one year from the date of the RBI's approval.

Yuko Keicho Named World Bank VP & Auditor General



- The World Bank Group comprises five institutions—IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID—while IBRD and IDA together are known as the World Bank.
- Ajay Banga is the President of the World Bank Group.
- The headquarters of the World Bank Group is in Washington, D.C., United States.

RBI Appoints Suman Ray as Executive Director



- As Executive Director, Suman Ray will oversee the Deposit Insurance & Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) the Premises Department.
- The DICGC is responsible for providing deposit insurance to eligible bank depositors and is a wholly owned subsidiary of the RBI.
- Before his elevation, Suman Ray was serving as Regional Director for Maharashtra at the RBI.

RBI Repo Rate Unchanged at 5.25%



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept the Repo Rate unchanged at 5.25%.
- Decision announced after the meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).
- Monetary Policy Committee,Total Members: 6,Three members from RBI and three appointed by the Government of India.

Prasanta Mahapatra Assumes Charge as SEBI Executive Director



- Prasanta Mahapatra has assumed charge as an Executive Director (ED) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- He has extensive experience in market regulation, corporate finance, enforcement, investigations, and investor protection.
- SEBI is the statutory regulator of India's capital and securities market and works to ensure transparent and fair trading.

Govt. Approves RBI Proposal for ₹10 & ₹20 Polymer Banknotes

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the authority responsible for issuing banknotes in India.
- The Central Government's approval is mandatory before introducing a new type of banknote. In India, the ₹1 note is issued by the Ministry of Finance.
- Polymer banknotes are made from a plastic-based substrate, Polymer notes are water-resistant and tear-resistant. Australia became the first country to introduce polymer banknotes in 1988.

Former SBI Chief GM to Liquidate Paytm Payments Bank Ltd.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will wind up Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL). The winding-up process was approved by the Delhi High Court.
- Girikumar Nair has been appointed as the Official Liquidator. He is a former Chief General Manager of the State Bank of India (SBI).
- The bank's licence was cancelled due to serious regulatory violations. The liquidation is being carried out under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and the Companies Act, 2013.

SBI to Issue India's First Basel III-Compliant AT-1 Bonds



- State Bank of India (SBI) will become the first Indian bank in 2026 to issue Basel III-compliant Additional Tier-I Perpetual Bonds. Perpetual Bonds do not have a fixed maturity date.
- SBI plans to raise ₹5,000 cr. through the AT-1 bond. The bond issue is part of SBI's ₹60,000 crore capital-raising programme for FY 2026–27.

Axis Finance Launches 'Drishti' Digital Platform



- Axis Finance launched its in-house 'Drishti' BRE platform to improve credit decisions for retail and MSME lending.
- It has been launched in the first phase for Personal Loans, Business Loans, Loan Against Property (LAP), and Disha Home Loans.

Edelweiss Mutual Fund Launches REIT-Oriented Index Fund



- The fund tracks the Nifty REITs &InvITs Index. The fund is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- Mutual Fund invests in financial assets (shares, bonds, gold, etc.), whereas REIT invests in commercial real estate, and InvIT invests in infrastructure assets.

RBI Introduces New SNFA Framework

- The framework applies to commercial banks, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Small Finance Banks (SFBs), All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs), and NBFCs.
- Specified Non-Financial Assets (SNFAs) are immovable assets (such as land or buildings) acquired by lenders in full or partial settlement of non-performing asset (NPA) loans.
- Banks must dispose of SNFAs within 7 years, cannot sell them back to the original borrower or related parties, and must value them at the lower of the loan's net book value or distress sale value determined by two independent valuers.

Fairfax to acquire IDBI Bank stake in $5.5 billion deal



- Fairfax Financial Holdings (Canada) will acquire a controlling stake in IDBI Bank in a deal valued at approximately US$5.5 billion.
- The acquisition is one of the largest banking privatization deals in India's banking sector.
- The stake being sold is jointly held by the Government of India and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

PNB signs MoU with Digital India BHASHINI for AI banking



- The partnership aims to enable customers to access banking services in multiple Indian languages, making banking more inclusive and user-friendly.
- BHASHINI (BHASHA Interface for India) is a flagship initiative under the Digital India Programme, implemented by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The initiative leverages Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and speech technologies for real-time translation and voice-based services.

Aviva to Fully Own Indian Life Insurance Business



- Aviva is set to become the first foreign insurer to fully own its Indian life insurance business, subject to regulatory approval.
- Full ownership will give Aviva greater strategic and operational control.
- The move is expected to boost foreign investment, competition, and innovation in India's insurance sector.

State Bank of India to Acquire NHB's 10% Stake in RDCL



- SBI will acquire NHB's 10% stake in Residential Development Corporation Limited (RDCL).
- The acquisition aims to strengthen SBI's housing finance presence and improve RDCL's operational efficiency.
- SBI is India's largest public sector bank, while NHB is the apex housing finance regulator.

UCO Bank appoints Rajendra Kumar Saboo as MD & CEO

- Rajendra Kumar Saboo has been given additional charge as MD & CEO of UCO Bank until a regular appointment is made.
- He succeeds Ashwani Kumar, whose tenure ended on 31 May 2026.
- Saboo, an Executive Director since 2022, has extensive experience in treasury, international, and digital banking.

RBI Issues TReDS Master Direction



- Under the TReDS Master Direction 2026, operators must maintain a minimum net worth of ₹25 crore by 31 March 2028.
- The RBI has simplified MSME onboarding by replacing due diligence with built-in validation checks.
- The new framework ensures receivables are credited directly to sellers' bank accounts.

Cross-border Payments Platform Skydo Secures Canada Registration



- Skydo secured its first international payment licence in Canada under the Retail Payment Activities Act (RPAA).
- The licence, regulated by the Bank of Canada, enables two-day cross-border payments between India and Canada.
- Founded in 2022, Skydo is a global B2B cross-border payments platform.

CBI Recognized as 'Best Tech Emerging Business Bank' in 2026

- The Central Bank of India received an award for its technology-led growth and digital innovation.
- The honour recognizes the bank's digital transformation and adoption of future-ready banking solutions.
- The bank continues to modernize its infrastructure to deliver efficient and technology-driven financial services.

Vivek Tripathi appointed Executive Director of AU Small Finance Bank

- Vivek Tripathi has been appointed Executive Director and Whole-Time Director of AU Small Finance Bank for a three-year term.
- A member of the bank since 2014, he previously served as Chief Credit Officer.
- He played a key role in strengthening the bank's risk management, credit, and governance frameworks.

Chairman Keki Mistry's Term at HDFC Bank Extended



- HDFC Bank extended Keki Mistry's tenure as Part-Time Chairman until 18 September 2026 or until a regular chairman is appointed.
- The extension ensures leadership continuity while the bank searches for a permanent chairman.
- Mistry has been serving in the interim role since March 2026 following Atanu Chakraborty's resignation.

Indian Bank Awarded for Excellence in AI



- Indian Bank won the Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Artificial Intelligence – 2026.
- It was recognized as the top performer in the Banking category for AI-driven innovation.
- The award was presented by the Institute of Directors after evaluation by a jury led by former CJI Uday U. Lalit.

RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan Janakiraman Gets 2-Year Extension



- RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan Janakiraman received a two-year extension from June 26, 2026.
- He oversees key areas including banking supervision, financial inclusion, and consumer protection.
- Before joining RBI, he served nearly 35 years at SBI, including as Managing Director.

DFS Secretary Sanjay Lohiya named director on RBI



- Sanjay Lohiya, DFS Secretary, has been nominated as Director on the RBI Central Board from June 11, 2026.
- He has also been appointed as a Director on the SBI Central Board.
- A 1994-batch IAS officer, Lohiya brings experience from the Ministry of Mines and PMO.

Federal Bank appoints Elias George as Part-Time Chairman



- RBI approved Elias George as Federal Bank's Part-Time Chairman for a three-year term from May 23, 2026.
- He has served as a Non-Executive Independent Director on the bank's board since September 2023.
- A retired IAS officer, George previously served as Kerala's Additional Chief Secretary and led the Kochi Metro project.

Karnataka Grameena Bank Wins nationnal award for APY



- Karnataka Grameena Bank achieved 142% of its APY target by enrolling 2,49,185 accounts.
- It received the National Award from PFRDA for outstanding APY performance.
- The bank ranked first in Karnataka for APY enrolments, boosting financial inclusion.

Sandeep Bakhshi re-appointed as MD & CEO of ICICI Bank

- RBI approved Sandeep Bakhshi's reappointment as ICICI Bank MD & CEO for two years, from October 4, 2026 to October 3, 2028.
- He has led the bank since 2018, ensuring leadership continuity.
- Under his tenure, ICICI Bank strengthened digital banking, asset quality, and retail lending.

RBI re-appointed Ketan Merchant as CEO of Fino Payments Bank

- CFO Merchant's interim CEO tenure has been extended after former MD & CEO Rishi Gupta's resignation.
- Gupta resigned on May 21, 2026, following his arrest in a GST tax evasion case.
- The extension ensures leadership continuity as the bank transitions toward becoming an SFB.

RBI & Vietnam Central Bank Sign MoU to Boost Digital Payments



- India and Vietnam signed an MoU to enable cross-border QR-based merchant payments.
- The agreement promotes cooperation on payment systems, fintech, regulations, and financial technology.
- NPCI International and Vietnam's NAPAS will support the payment connectivity initiative.

ICICI Bank & Visa Launch India's First USD-Denominated Debit Card



- ICICI Bank and Visa launched India's first USD-denominated debit card for NRI customers through GIFT City.
- The Visa Infinite card offers 0% forex markup on USD transactions worldwide.
- It is linked to ICICI Bank's USD Global Savings Account for convenient international spending.

Union Bank of India appoints Sowmya Sridhar as CRO



- Sowmya Sridhar was appointed Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of Union Bank of India until August 31, 2029.
- She succeeded Ashwini Kumar Ramakrishna Chowdhary on May 22, 2026.
- A 30+ year banking veteran, Sridhar has 19 years of risk management experience.

RBI Appoints Gunveer Singh as Executive Director

- Sanjay Kumar Singh has been appointed Executive Director of RBI's Department of Payment and Settlement Systems (DPSS).
- He will oversee UPI, digital payments, cross-border payment linkages, and payment cybersecurity.
- Singh has over 30 years of RBI experience in banking supervision and risk management.

Federal Bank Appoints Elias George as Part-Time Chairman



- Elias George appointed Federal Bank's Part-Time Chairman for a three-year term from May 23, 2026.
- He has served as the bank's Independent Director since September 2023.
- A retired IAS officer, he previously served as Kerala's Additional Chief Secretary and Kochi Metro CEO.

RBI & ECB renew cooperation with updated MoU in Basel



- RBI and ECB signed an updated MoU on May 10, 2026, in Basel.
- The pact aims to help Indian clearing corporations gain ESMA recognition.
- It expands cooperation through policy dialogues, technical exchanges, and central banking seminars.

DMRC & Airtel Payments Bank Launch RuPay NCMC Cards

- RuPay NCMC cards enable travel across multiple metros and buses under the "One Nation, One Card" vision.
- DMRC and Airtel Payments Bank will offer co-branded debit and prepaid cards.
- Cards support digital recharge and existing DMRC fare discounts.

Indian Bank appoints Samir Kumar as Nominee Director



- Samir Kumar, a 1995-batch IAS officer, was appointed Nominee Director on Indian Bank's Board by DFS.
- He currently serves as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Finance.
- His appointment aims to strengthen governance, policy alignment, and regulatory compliance.

SPORTS

India beat China 5-2 in second league match of Asian Champions



- The Indian men's hockey team defeated China 5–2 in its second league match of the Hero Men's Asian Champions Trophy Punjab 2026.
- The match was played at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium, Jalandhar, Punjab.
- Harmanpreet Singh (Captain) and Sukhjeet Singh scored two goals each for India.

Asian Para Games Gold Medallist Neeraj Yadav Passed Away



- Indian para-athlete Neeraj Yadav passed away at the age of 42 in Delhi.
- He won three gold medals at the Asian Para Games: one in men's F55 javelin throw at the 2018 Jakarta Games and two in men's F55 javelin and discus throw at the 2022 Hangzhou Games (held in 2023).
- He belonged to Uttar Pradesh and competed in the F55 category of para-athletics.

Kajal Dhochak and Neelam Sirohi Win World Wrestling Silver



- Indian wrestlers Kajal Dhochak and Neelam Sirohi won silver medals at the 2026 Senior World Wrestling Championships, held in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Kajal Dhochak (18 years) won silver in the women's 76 kg category, losing 6–8 to Ukraine's Anastasiya Alpyeyeva in the final.
- Neelam Sirohi (26 years) won silver in the women's 50 kg category, losing to Japan's Yui Susaki by fall in the final.

India Beats Bangladesh 13–0 in Asian Champions Trophy 2026



- The Indian men's hockey team defeated Bangladesh 13–0 on 27 October 2026 at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar, Punjab.
- Mandeep Singh scored a hat-trick, netting goals in the 3rd, 10th and 54th minutes.
- The Hero Men's Asian Champions Trophy Punjab 2026 features six participating teams: India, Bangladesh, China, Japan, Malaysia and South Korea.

9th Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 Begins in Jalandhar

- The 9th Hero Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 began on October 27, 2026, in Jalandhar, Punjab, India.
- Six teams are participating: India, Bangladesh, China, Japan, South Korea and Malaysia.
- The venue in Jalandhar is the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium.

Yuki Bhambri, Ryan Seggerman clinch Almaty Open doubles title



- India's Yuki Bhambri and his American partner Ryan Seggerman won the men's doubles title at the ATP 250 Almaty Open 2026 in Kazakhstan.
- Bhambri had previously won ATP doubles titles in Mallorca (2023), Gstaad and Munich (2024), and Dubai (2025).
- The fourth-seeded Indo-American pair defeated top-seeded Austrian players Lucas Miedler and Neil Oberleitner in the final.

Ahmedabad to Host 2029 World Weightlifting Championships



- The IWF also awarded the 2028 World Youth Championships to Prishtina, Kosovo, and the 2028 World Junior Championships to Caracas, Venezuela.
- Moscow, Russia, will host the 2030 Senior World Weightlifting Championships.
- The hosting rights were awarded by the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF).

Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy Win Gold at European Chess Club



- Indian Grandmasters Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy won individual gold medals at the European Chess Club Cup 2026, held in Budva, Montenegro.
- Nihal Sarin represented Novy Bor Chess Club in the Open section and won gold on Board 2, scoring 5 points from 6 games, with four wins and two draws.
- Koneru Humpy represented Cercle d'Echecs de Monte-Carlo in Women's section and won gold on Board 2, scoring 4.5 points from 6 games.

India Finishes Fourth at the Asian Para Games 2026



- India finished fourth at 5th Asian Para Games, held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with a record haul of 114 medals: 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze.
- China topped medal table 435 medals, followed by Japan with 186 and Uzbekistan with 145.
- The 6th Asian Para Games are scheduled to be held in Doha, Qatar, in 2030.

PV Sindhu Finishes Runner-up at French Open



- India's PV Sindhu finished runner-up at French Open 2026 badminton tournament, a BWF World Tour Super 750 event, held in France.
- South Korea's An Se-young defeated India's PV Sindhu 16–21, 21–11, 21–12 in the women's singles final of the French Open Badminton Championships 2026.
- Sindhu missed the opportunity to become the first Indian woman since Aparna Popat in 1998 to win the French Open title.

Kochi Student Wins 28th Charles Correa Gold Medal 2026



- Radhakrishnan M.S., a student at the SEED APJ Abdul Kalam School of Environmental Design, Kochi, won the 28th Charles Correa Gold Medal in architecture.
- The award ceremony was held at TARQ Gallery, Mumbai.
- The winner receives a gold medal and a cash prize of ₹25,000.

Bodhana Sivanandan Becomes Youngest Female Chess IM



- Bodhana Sivanandan, an 11-year-old English chess prodigy of Indian origin, became the youngest female player to achieve the International Master (IM) title
- She achieved the milestone at the European Women's Chess Club Cup in Budva, Montenegro.
- She secured her third and final IM norm by defeating Swedish Woman International Master Viktoria Johansson in the final round.

Ahmedabad Hosts Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship



- Ahmedabad, Gujarat, is hosting the inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship from 23 to 31 October 2026 at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex.
- The championship is organised by the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI) with the approval of the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF).
- India's men's team is captained by Surjeet Singh, with Naveen Kumar as vice-captain, while the women's team is led by Nidhi Sharma, with Ritu as vice-captain.

Punam Raut Retires from International Cricket Across All Formats



- Indian women's cricket team batter Punam Raut announced her retirement from all formats of international cricket.
- She represented India in 4 Test matches, 73 One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and 35 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).
- Across all international formats, she scored 3,282 runs, including four centuries.

India Beat Zimbabwe by 4 Wickets in First T20I



- The Indian women's cricket team defeated Zimbabwe by four wickets in the first T20 International of the three-match series in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- Zimbabwe scored 114 runs for five wickets in 20 overs after being asked to bat first.
- India successfully chased the target of 115 runs, scoring 115/6 in 15.4 overs.

Manasi Joshi and Thulasimathi Secure Para-Badminton Medal

- Indian para-badminton players Manasi Joshi and Thulasimathi Murugesan assured India of a medal at the 2026 Asian Para Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- They defeated China's Yuemei Liu and Tongtong Li by 21–10, 21–17 to secure a top-two finish in Group A.
- The pair had previously won a silver medal at 2023 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China.

United States to Host Inaugural Women's Club World Cup



- FIFA announced that the United States will host the inaugural FIFA Women's Club World Cup in 2028.
- The tournament will feature 19 women's club teams representing all six continental football confederations.
- Seven clubs have already qualified, including Arsenal Women, FC Barcelona Femení, Gotham FC and SC Corinthians.

Sheetal Devi & Toman Kumar Win Asian Para Games Archery Gold



- Indian para-archers Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar won the gold medal in the compound mixed team event at the Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- The Indian pair defeated Indonesia's Teodora Audi Ayudia Ferelly and Ken Swagumilang by 151–148 in the final.
- Sheetal Devi also won gold in the women's individual compound event, defeating Singapore's Alim Nur Syahidah by 142–138.

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 ICCInternational 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.

Amruta Pujari Wins Silver at U-23 World Wrestling Championships



- Amruta Pujari won the silver medal in the women's 72 kg category at the 2026 U-23 World Wrestling Championships held in Las Vegas, USA.
- Amruta Pujari is a wrestler from Maharashtra's Kolhapur district and was 22 years old at the time of the championship.
- In May 2026, she had also won bronze at the U-23 Asian Wrestling Championships in Da Nang, Vietnam.

French Open Super 750 Badminton tournament to begin in Paris



- The Yonex French Open 2026, a BWF World Tour Super 750 tournament, is being held from 20 to 25 October 2026 in Paris, France.
- India's PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen and men's doubles pair SatwiksairajRankireddy and Chirag Shetty are among the participating players.
- The event features five disciplines: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Mona Agarwal Wins India's First Gold Medal at Asian Para Games



- Indian para-shooter Mona Agarwal won India's first gold medal at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026.
- She won gold in the Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (R2) event held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- Mona scored 250.0 points in the final, setting a new Asian Para Games record.

Nihal Sarin & Koneru Humpy Win Gold at European Chess Club Cup



- Indian grandmasters Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy won individual gold medals in the men's and women's sections, respectively, at the European Chess Club Cup 2026, held in Montenegro.
- The second silver medalist was Harikrishna, who won 5 out of 6 games and obtained silver in individual competition on Board 3.
- Murali won bronze on Board 2 in the games played for Montenegro club Team Electroprivreda, which ranked 11th in the team classification

Arshi Gupta Becomes Youngest Rotax MAX Mini Champion



- Arshi Gupta, a 10-year-old karting racer from Faridabad, Haryana, became the world's youngest driver to win the Rotax MAX Challenge (RMC) Mini title.
- She won the Mini Max category at the FMSCI RMC Indian National Karting Championship 2026, held at Meco Kartopia, Bengaluru.
- She will represent India in the Mini Max category at the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals 2026, scheduled in Portugal.

Vishvajit Wins Greco Roman Silver Medal at U23 Wrestling Worlds



- Indian wrestler Vishvajit Ramchandra More won a silver medal in the men's 55 kg Greco-Roman category at the U23 World Wrestling Championships in Las Vegas, United States.
- He became the first Indian wrestler to reach a Greco-Roman final and win a silver medal at the U23 World Championships.
- In the final, More narrowly lost 12–13 to Georgia's Koba Karumidze, who won gold medal after scoring in the closing seconds of the bout.

Punjab to Host Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026



- Punjab will host the Hero Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 from 27 October to 5 November 2026.
- The tournament will be jointly hosted by Mohali and Jalandhar.
- Matches will take place at the Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium in Mohali and the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar.

Nagaland's Grassroots Football Festival Wins SKOCH Silver Award



- The Youth Resources and Sports Department of the Government of Nagaland received the SKOCH Silver Award for its Grassroots Football Festival, also known as the Baby League.
- The grassroots football festival in Nagaland provides organised football opportunities for children aged 5–12 years across four age categories: 5–6, 7–8, 9–10 and 11–12 years.
- Participation increased from approximately 142 children in an earlier edition to around 420 children in the third edition held in 2026.

Shefali Verma, Shubman Gill Named ICC Players of the Month



- Indian cricketer Shafali Verma was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for September 2026 for her performances in the Women's Asia Cup and Asian Games.
- Indian captain Shubman Gill was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for September 2026 following his outstanding performance in the ODI series against the West Indies.
- Shubman Gill won the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for a record-equalling fifth time, matching West Indies captain Hayley Matthews' five monthly awards.

Subhash Tamang to Become First Nepali Golfer in DP World Tour



- Nepali golfer Subash Tamang is set to become 1st golfer from Nepal to compete in a DP World Tour event at DP World India Championship, held at Delhi Golf Club, New Delhi.
- Nepal will become 120th nation represented in DP World Tour history since tour began in 1972.
- Tamang secured his place after finishing 23rd in the Race to DP World India Championship standings on the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI).

Red Bull's Max Verstappen Wins F1 Singapore Grand Prix 2026



- Red Bull Racing's Dutch driver Max Verstappen won the 2026 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix at the Marina Bay Street Circuit in Singapore.
- He won by 7.335 seconds ahead of Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, who finished second.
- The win marked Verstappen's 73rd career Grand Prix victory and came on his 250th Grand Prix start.

Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi Wins ITF W35 Singles Title



- Indian tennis player Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi, aged 17, won her maiden professional women's singles title at the ITF W35 Lagos tournament held at Clube Ténis Lagos in Portugal.
- She defeated Spain's Celia Cervino Ruiz by 6–4, 6–2 in the singles final.
- Revathi became the youngest Indian woman to win an ITF W35-level singles title, breaking a record previously held by Sania Mirza.

Udhayveer Sidhu Wins Cairo 10m Air Pistol Gold



- Indian shooter Udhayveer Sidhu won gold in the men's 10-metre air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt.
- Sidhu scored 240.6 points in the final, defeating Germany's Christian Reitz by a narrow margin of 0.5 points.
- Christian Reitz (Germany) won silver with 240.1 points, while Paolo Monna (Italy) secured bronze with 219.8 points.

Putul Sonowal Wins India's First World Bowls Medal



- Putul Sonowal is an Indian lawn bowls player from Assam.
- Sonowal defeated Singapore's Harriman Yuen in the quarterfinal to secure his semifinal place.
- The tournament was held at cluBarham in Barham, New South Wales, Australia.

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.

Kumkum Mohod & Sujeet Kalkal Get New IOA Awards

- Kumkum Mohod was named the first recipient of the Jaspal Rana Award for the Best Female Sportsperson of the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026.
- Sujeet Kalkal was named the first recipient of the Raja Randhir Singh Award for the Best Male Sportsperson of the Games.
- Kumkum Mohod, aged 17, won three medals, including two gold medals, on her Asian Games debut while Sujeet Kalkal, aged 23, won gold in the men's 65 kg freestyle wrestling category.

India Beat Pakistan to Win Asian Games 2026 Men's Cricket Gold



- India defeated Pakistan by 19 runs in the men's cricket final of the 2026 Asian Games to win the gold medal.
- India scored 211/6 in 20 overs after winning the toss and choosing to bat first.
- Pakistan scored 192/6 in 20 overs, falling 19 runs short of India's target.

Doha Receives Asian Games Flag for 2030 Asian Games



- Qatar officially received the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Flag during the closing ceremony of the 20th Asian Games Aichi–Nagoya 2026 in Japan.
- The handover officially marked the beginning of Qatar's preparations to host the 21st Asian Games in Doha in 2030.
- The Doha 2030 Asian Games has adopted the slogan "The Games We Live For," reflecting Qatar's vision for hosting the 21st Asian Games in Doha in 2030.

ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027 Begins on 2 October



- The 14th edition of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup will be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.
- The tournament will feature 14 teams, 57 matches and 12 venues.
- The tournament begins with a three-team Super Series in Windhoek, Namibia.

Lovlina Borgohain Wins Boxing Gold at Asian Games 2026



- Lovlina Borgohain won the gold medal in women's 75 kg boxing at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- She defeated China's Bao Ziyi by a 5–0 unanimous decision in the final on 2 October 2026.
- She became the second Indian woman boxer to win Asian Games gold, after Mary Kom, who won the 51 kg title at the 2014 Asian Games.

Neeru Dhanda Wins Asian Games Gold in Women's Trap



- Neeru Dhanda, a 26-year-old shooter from Haryana, won the gold medal in the women's individual trap event at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- She became the first Indian woman to win an individual Asian Games gold medal in trap shooting.
- China's Sun Yunong won silver with 26, while Kuwait's Abdulmalik Hajar won bronze with 21.

Bodhana Sivanandan Becomes Youngest Woman Grandmaster

- Bodhana Sivanandan, an 11-year-old Indian-origin chess prodigy representing England, has become the youngest-ever player to fulfil the requirements for the Woman Grandmaster (WGM) title.
- She achieved her third and final WGM norm at the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026, held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- Bodhana played all 11 rounds on England's top board & finished the tournament with 8 points.

India to Host Asian Pencak Silat Championships 2027 in Goa



- The venue will be the Manohar Parrikar Stadium, Goa.
- The event will be hosted by the Indian Pencak Silat Federation (IPSF).
- The event will bring together leading Junior and Senior Pencak Silat athletes from across Asia.

Esha Singh Wins Silver in Women's 25m Pistol at Asian Games



- Indian shooter Esha Singh won the silver medal in the women's 25-metre pistol individual event at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- Esha Singh, a 21-year-old Indian sport shooter from Hyderabad, Telangana, specializing in pistol events, won the silver medal with 38 points.
- Xiao Jiaruixuan (China) won the gold medaland Kim Hyon Suk (Republic of Korea) won the bronze medal with 34 hits in the Women's 25m Pistol event.

India Ranks 10th at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026



- India secured 10th position at the 48th WorldSkills Competition, held in Shanghai, China.
- Team India won 6 Silver Medals and 20 Medals for Excellence.
- India improved from its previous 13th-place finish at WorldSkills Lyon 2024 to 10th position in Shanghai.

India Wins Men's and Women's Kabaddi Gold at Asian Games 2026

- India won gold medals in both men's and women's Kabaddi at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026 in Japan.
- India defeated Iran in both Kabaddi finals, with the men's team winning 40–34 and the women's team winning 37–34.
- Sunil Kumar captained the Indian men's team, while Pushpa Rana captained the women's team.

India Clinches Double Medal at Chess Olympiad



- India won two medals at the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, with the men's team winning Silver in the Open section and the women's team securing Bronze.
- In the Open (men's) section, Uzbekistan won Gold, India won Silver, and Germany secured Bronze.
- In the Women's section of the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026, China won the Gold medal, Kazakhstan secured Silver, and India won the Bronze medal.

Sawan Barwal Wins Silver in Asian Games 2026 Marathon



- Himachal Pradesh-born Indian Army athlete Sawan Barwal won the silver medal in the men's marathon at the 2026 Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan.
- He clocked 2:11:37, setting a new national record and personal best.
- Japan's Ichitaka Yamashita won gold with 2:10:49, while China's Peiyou Feng won bronze with 2:12:13.

India to Host First UCI Road World Championships in Pune



- The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) has awarded the 2032 UCI Road World Championships to Pune, Maharashtra, India.
- Pune will become the host city, making it the first Indian city to stage the UCI Road World Championships.
- The decision was announced at the 195th UCI Congress in Montréal, Canada.

Traditional Heikru Hidongba Boat Race Held in Manipur



- It is a traditional socio-religious boat race festival associated with the Meitei community.
- The festival is observed on the 11th day of Langban, a month in the Manipuri calendar.
- The main celebration was held at Bijoy Govinda Moat at Sagolband in Imphal West.

India Wins Shooting Gold at Asian Games 2026

- Indian shooters Suruchi Singh and Kamaljeet won the gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- The Indian duo scored 484.6 points in the final, setting a new Asian Games record.
- South Korea won the silver medal with 478.0 points, while Iran won bronze with 415.8 points.

Jay Meena Wins India's First Asian Games Soft Tennis Medal



- Jay Meena won the bronze medal in the Men's Individual event of Soft Tennis at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- This was India's first-ever Asian Games medal in Soft Tennis, making Jay Meena the first Indian Asian Games medallist in the sport.
- Jay Meena was defeated by Japan's Takuya Kurosaka in the men's singles semi-final, 2–4, and won the bronze medal.

Indian Women's Team Wins First Asian Games Gold



- India defeated Sri Lanka by 147 runs in the gold-medal match.
- India scored 216/3 in 20 overs.
- The Indian team was led by Harmanpreet Kaur, with Smriti Mandhana scoring 79 runs off 45 balls and Shafali Verma contributing 48 runs off 29 balls.

Mark Wood Retires from International Cricket After 11 Years



- He made his England international debut against New Zealand at Lord's in 2015.
- Wood played 38 Tests, 70 ODIs and 38 T20Is for England.
- In the 2022 T20 World Cup, Wood took 9 wickets in 4 matches.

Savita Punia Becomes India's Most-Capped Women's Hockey Player



- Indian goalkeeper Savita Punia became the most-capped player in the history of Indian women's hockey.
- She achieved her 321st senior international appearance, surpassing the previous record of 320 caps held by former Indian striker Vandana Katariya.
- Savita reached the milestone during India's Pool B match against Indonesia at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

India Wins Silver in Men's 10m Air Rifle Team Event



- India won Silver in the Men's 10m Air Rifle Team Event at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, scoring 1890.1 points; China won Gold with a world-record 1899.0 points, while South Korea won Bronze with 1884.2 points.
- The Indian team comprised Rudrankksh Patil, Himanshu Dhillon and Parth Mane, with Rudrankksh Patil and Himanshu Dhillon also qualifying for the Men's 10m Air Rifle individual final.

Suchika Tariyal Wins India's First Asian Games MMA Medal



- Suchika Tariyal, a native of Rohtak, Haryana, became the first Indian athlete to win an Asian Games medal in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA).
- She won Bronze in the Women's Traditional MMA 60 kg category at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026.
- She defeated Mongolia's Altanchimeg Baigalmaa 2–0 in the quarter-final to enter the semi-final.

Pawan Sehrawat Named India's Male Flag-Bearer for Asian Games



- Pawan Sehrawat has been named India's male flag-bearer for the 2026 Asian Games opening ceremony, which is being hosted by Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- Sehrawat is a prominent Indian kabaddi player and a star of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL).
- He replaces shot-putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor, who was originally selected as India's male flag-bearer.

Nairobi to Host 2029 World Athletics Championships in Africa

- The decision was taken by the World Athletics Council during its 242nd Council Meeting held in Budapest, Hungary, in 2026.
- Nairobi, Kenya, will host the 2029 World Athletics Championships—the first edition to be held in Africa—while Munich, Germany, has been selected to host the 2031 edition.
- Before Nairobi 2029, the championships will be held in Beijing, China, in 2027.

Tanya Chaudhary Breaks National Hammer Throw Record



- Tanya Chaudhary, representing Uttar Pradesh, created a new Indian national record in women's hammer throw.
- She achieved a throw of 68.35 metres at the Indian Athletics Series Final.
- She surpassed the previous national record of 67.02 metres, set by fellow Uttar Pradesh athlete Anushka Yadav.

India Wins Double Gold at Junior Hockey Asia Cup 2026



- India won both the men's and women's titles at the Junior Hockey Asia Cup 2026, held at the Moqi Training Base in China.
- India's women's team defeated China 1–0, while the men's team defeated South Korea 4–1 in their respective finals.
- The men's victory gave India its record sixth Junior Men's Asia Cup title.

Dhiraj Bommadevara Wins Archery World Cup Final, 1st Indian Man



- Dhiraj Bommadevara won the men's recurve title at the 2026 Hyundai Archery World Cup Final in Saltillo, Mexico.
- He defeated Japan's Junya Nakanishi in the final after the match went to a shoot-off.
- Bommadevara won the shoot-off with a 10-X, while Nakanishi's final arrow went wide.

India wins record eighth Women's Asia Cup



- India won the 2026 Women's Asia Cup by defeating Sri Lanka by 72 runs in the final in Dubai.
- India scored 183/5, while Sri Lanka were bowled out for 111 runs.
- Shafali Verma scored 68 runs off 39 balls, while Smriti Mandhana contributed 59 runs off 39 balls in the final.

Brendan Taylor Breaks Sachin Tendulkar's ODI Career Record



- Zimbabwean cricketer Brendan Taylor has surpassed Sachin Tendulkar's record for the longest career in men's ODI cricket.
- Brendan Taylor's ODI career has spanned 22 years and 148 days, surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's 22-year-and-91-day ODI career.
- He achieved the milestone after taking the field against Australia in the first ODI of their series.

NCC Girl Cadets Complete 'Aparajita–Parang La 2026' Trek

- 20 NCC girl cadets successfully completed the Aparajita–Parang La 2026 High Altitude Long Trek.
- The cadets crossed Parang La Pass at an altitude of 5,578 metres (18,300 feet).
- Parang La Pass connects Spiti Valley in Himachal Pradesh with the Changthang region of Ladakh.

East Zone Wins Duleep Trophy After 13 Years



- East Zone defeated South Zone in the final played in Bengaluru.
- Ishan Kishan scored a brilliant 189 runs for East Zone.
- East Zone posted 521 runs in its first innings.

Sheetal Devi Wins Gold at World Archery Para Series



- Sheetal Devi won the gold medal in the women's individual compound event at the World Archery Para Series Stage III in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- She defeated Aizada Seidan of Kazakhstan in the final.
- The Ahmedabad event was the first World Archery Para Series stage hosted by India.

Spain Footballer Marcos Llorente Retires From International Football



- Llorente was part of Spain's squad that won the 2026 FIFA World Cup.
- Spain defeated Argentina 1–0 in the 2026 FIFA World Cup final.
- Llorente was part of Spain's squad at the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

Satwik–Chirag Win Maiden China Masters Title



- Indian men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won their maiden China Masters title.
- They defeated China's He Ji Ting and Ren Xiang Yu in the final.
- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are Indian badminton players; Satwik belongs to Andhra Pradesh, while Chirag belongs to Maharashtra.

India to Host World Archery Para Series 2026

- India is hosting the 2026 Hyundai World Archery Para Series for the first time.
- The event is being held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, at the Sabarmati Riverfront.
- The 2026 Hyundai World Archery Para Series consists of four stages held across Bangkok, Thailand; Czechia; Ahmedabad, India; and Santiago, Chile.

India Wins 9 Medals at International Earth Science Olympiad



- India achieved its best-ever performance at the 19th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2026.
- India won a total of 9 medals at the international competition. India's medal tally consisted of 4 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals.
- The 19th IESO was held in Turin, Italy.

Praggnanandhaa Becomes First Indian to Win Grand Chess Tour



- Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa, popularly known as Praggnanandhaa, is an Indian chess Grandmaster who was born on 10 August 2005 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- He defeated Fabiano Caruana of the USA by 15–13 in the 2026 GCT Finals.
- The final was held at the Saint Louis Chess Club, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Gujarat Launches India's First Sports Genomics Programme

- Gujarat has launched India's first state-level Sports Genomics Programme, bringing genomics and biotechnology into athlete identification, training and high-performance development.
- The programme is being implemented by the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC) under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat.
- The initiative is particularly significant for Gujarat's preparations for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

IIT Madras Launches Phiball, a Three-Team Basketball Format



- IIT Madras launched Phiball, a new three-team competitive invasion sport, at its Chennai campus, Tamil Nadu.
- Phiball re-engineers conventional court dynamics by placing three teams on the same playing area simultaneously.
- The launch of Phiball was aligned with National Sports Day, observed in India on 29 August in honour of Major Dhyan Chand.

Abhay Singh Wins Tuanku Muhriz Trophy 2026 Title

- Indian squash player Abhay Singh, who belongs to Haryana, won the men's singles title at the Tuanku Muhriz Trophy 2026 in Seremban, Malaysia
- Abhay Singh, the top seed, defeated third-seeded Henry Leung of Hong Kong in the final.
- Abhay is currently ranked World No. 24 and is India's highest-ranked men's squash player.

Lionel Messi Retires from International Football



- Lionel Messi announced his retirement from international football with Argentina, ending a 21-year international career and having represented Argentina in a record six FIFA World Cups from 2006 to 2026.
- His final international appearance came in the 2026 FIFA World Cup final, where Argentina lost 1–0 to Spain after extra time.
- Messi is the only player to have won the FIFA World Cup Golden Ball twice, receiving the award in 2014 and 2022.

Lallianzuala Chhangte Named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026



- Lallianzuala Chhangte, who belongs to Mizoram in Northeast India, has been named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026 at the Football Players' Association of India (FPAI) Indian Football Awards 2026.
- The award was presented by Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia, who is also the founding president of FPAI.
- Manisha Kalyan, who hails fromHoshiarpur, Punjab, was named the Indian Women's Player of the Year 2026.

Germany & Argentina Win Men's & Women's FIH Hockey World Cup



- The 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup was jointly hosted by Belgium and the Netherlands.
- Germany won the Men's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, defeating Spain in the final in Wavre, Belgium.
- Argentina won the Women's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, defeating the Netherlands in the final.

India to Host Inaugural Women's Champions Trophy 2027



- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that India will host the inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027.
- The two venues are Cricket Club of India (CCI), Mumbai, and Vadodara International Cricket Stadium, Kotambi, Vadodara, Gujarat.
- The participating teams are Australia, England, India, New Zealand, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

Smriti Mandhana Becomes Leading Run-Scorer in Women's Cricket



- Smriti Mandhana became the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket across all formats, surpassing Mithali Raj's 10,868 runs.
- She achieved the milestone during India's Women's T20 Asia Cup 2026 match against Hong Kong, China in Dubai.
- Smriti Mandhana, who belongs to Mumbai, Maharashtra, scored 124 runs off 64 balls, including 14 fours and 7 sixes.

Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand Create History at BWF Worlds 2026



- Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand secured a medal at the BWF World Championships 2026.
- The BWF World Championships 2026 are being held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi, India.
- They defeated China's Jia Yi Fan and Zhang Shu Xian in the quarterfinal.

India's GM Pranesh M Wins Kanizsa Open 2026



- The tournament was held in Nagykanizsa, Hungary.
- Pranesh defeated Germany's Vadim Petrovskiy in the 9th and final round.
- He was ranked 44th in the FIDE World Rankings 2026.

India Open 2028 Super 750 to be held in Guwahati

- The India Open 2028 will be held in Guwahati, Assam, instead of its traditional venue in New Delhi.
- The event will be hosted at the National Centre of Excellence (NCE) for Badminton, Guwahati.
- The decision was confirmed by Badminton Association of India (BAI) Secretary General Sanjay Mishra. BAI is the national governing body for badminton in India.

India wins maiden Commonwealth Fencing title



- India won its maiden overall title at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026 in Lagos, Nigeria.
- India finished with a total of 35 medals. India's final medal tally comprised 13 Gold, 8 Silver and 14 Bronze medals.
- India won the prestigious Wilkinson Sword Trophy for the best overall performance.

Iga Swiatek wins Canadian Open women's singles title



- Iga Świątek of Poland won the Women's Singles title at the 2026 Canadian Open, defeating Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan in the final.
- The final was played August 2026 in Toronto, Canada.
- Świątek won the final in straight sets, 6–2, 6–3.

Netherlands & Belgium to Host 16th Women's FIH Hockey World Cup

- The 16th FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 is being jointly hosted by Belgium and the Netherlandsfrom 15 to 30 August 2026.
- Belgium is hosting the FIH Hockey World Cup for the first time.
- The women's competition is being played at Wagener Hockey Stadium, Amstelveen, Netherlands, and Belfius Hockey Arena, Wavre, Belgium.

Magnus Carlsen Retains Esports World Cup Chess Title



- Magnus Carlsen of Norway won the Chess title at the Esports World Cup 2026.
- He defeated Belarusian Grandmaster Denis Lazavik in the final.
- His successful title defence made him the first player to win the EWC chess title in two consecutive editions.

Vignesh Vermula & Saranya Devi win Asian Jr. Blitz titles for India



- Vignesh Advaith Vermula won the Asian Junior Open Blitz Championship 2026 for India and Saranya Devi Narahari won the Asian Junior Girls Blitz Championship 2026 for India.
- Vignesh Vermula belongs to Telangana and Saranya Devi Narahari belongs to Andhra Pradesh.
- Both players won gold medals for India.

Rishabh Pant became the first Indian to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket

- Rishabh Pant became the first Indianand fourth player in the world to complete 100 sixes in Test cricket.
- He reached the milestone during the first Test between India and Sri Lanka.
- Pant achieved the feat in his 51st Test match.

Vivaan Vishal Shah Becomes 2026 Asian Junior Rapid Champion



- M Vivaan Vishal Shah from Gujarat, India, won the Open category title at the 2026 Asian Junior Rapid Chess Championship.
- Vivaan is an Indian chess player holding the FIDE Master (FM) title.
- The 2026 Asian Junior Rapid Chess Championship was held at ITC Maratha, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Praggnanandhaa Wins Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz Title 2026



- Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa won his maiden Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz title in 2026.
- The tournament was held in Saint Louis, Missouri, USA as part of the Grand Chess Tour 2026.
- Praggnanandhaa finished the combined event with 23.5 points.

Suraj Kumar Chand Wins FISU World University Squash Title



- Suraj Kumar Chand won the men's singles title at the 2026 FISU World University Squash Championship.
- The championship was held in Mumbai, India, making it an important event for Indian university sport.
- He defeated Hungary's Benedek Takacs in the final.

Maharajan Wins Silver in Asian Junior Weightlifting



- Arumugapandian Maharajan represented India at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships 2026.
- He competed in the men's 65 kg category. He won the silver medal in the 65 kg category.
- The championship was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

India Wins Four Medals at 23rd International Linguistics Olympiad



- The 2026 edition was held in Bucharest, Romania.
- India's medal tally consisted of 1 Gold Medal and 3 Bronze Medals.
- India won four medals at the International Linguistics Olympiad 2026: Shrilakshmi Venkatraman won Gold, while Aarav Anil Rao, Nishanth Shankar Lakshmanan and Advay Misra won Bronze medals.

Jammu and Kashmir to Host Irani Cup in Srinagar



- Jammu & Kashmir will host the Irani Cup 2026–27 in Srinagar.The scheduled venue is Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium, Srinagar.
- Jammu & Kashmir earned the hosting opportunity after winning the 2025–26 Ranji Trophy.
- The Irani Cup is organised under the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Indian Teams Win Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships

- India won both the Men's Team and Women's Team titles at the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026, held in New Delhi, India.
- The Indian Men's Team defeated Malaysia 3–2 in a thrilling final to win the championship.
- The Indian Women's Team defeated England 3–0 in the final to clinch the title.

Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh Win India's First Commonwealth Judo Gold Medals



- Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh created history by winning India's first-ever gold medals in judo at the Commonwealth Games during the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.
- Asmita Dey won the Women's 48 kg category. She defeated Heidi Quach (Canada).
- Harsh Singh won the Men's 60 kg category. He defeated Joshua Katz (Australia).

Harsh Singh Becomes First Indian to Win Men's Judo Gold

- Harsh Singh became the first Indian male judoka to win the reported international gold medal.
- Judo originated in Japan.
- Judo became an Olympic sport in 1964 (Tokyo Olympics).

India Secures 4th Place with 39 Medals at Commonwealth Games



- India won 39 medals (14 Gold, 12 Silver and 13 Bronze).
- Australia finished at the top of the medal table.The 2026 Commonwealth Games were held in Glasgow, Scotland.
- Next Commonwealth Games: Ahmedabad, India (2030).

Arunachal's Boleng to Host Asian Rafting Championships 2026

- Boleng, located in Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh, will host the Asian Rafting Championships 2026.
- The event will take place on the Simang River, a major tributary of the Siang River, known for its world-class white-water rapids.
- The Siang River is the Indian name of the Yarlung Tsangpo River after it enters India from Tibet.

Anahat Singh Becomes First Indian World Junior Squash Champion



- Anahat Singh won the World Junior Squash Championship and Won the Girls' Singles title.Venue: Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada.
- Previous Best Indian Performance: Joshna Chinappa – Runner-up (2005).
- First non-Egyptian women's champion since Amanda Sobhy (USA) in 2010.

Mirabai Chanu Wins Third Consecutive Commonwealth



- Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won gold in Women's 49 kg Weightlifting.
- It is her third consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medal. She is from Manipur.
- Won the Olympic Silver Medal at Tokyo 2020,World Champion in 2017, Padma Shri (2018).

16th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship Begins



- The championship is being held in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Coimbatore is known as the "Manchester of South India" because of its textile industry.
- It is organised by Hockey India. Hockey India is the governing body of hockey in India. Estb. 2009,HQ: New Delhi. President : Dr. Dilip Tirkey.
- The competition is for Junior Men (Under-21) players. The 15th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship (2025) was held in Jalandhar, Punjab.

DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ISRO to launch navigation satellite NVS-03



- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is scheduled to launch the NVS-03 navigation satellite aboard the GSLV-F18 rocket on 30 October 2026 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- The rocket will place NVS-03 into a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO).
- NVS-03 carries an indigenous atomic clock along with procured atomic clocks to improve accurate timekeeping for satellite navigation.

Indian Navy Launches Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel Srishti



- The Indian Navy's Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) 'Srishti' (Yard 1283) launched at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Goa.
- The vessels are being constructed at two shipyards: Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Goa, and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), a Defence Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Defence.

Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI Begins in Indonesia



- The 11th edition of the India–Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI commenced at Banyuwangi, Indonesia, on 27 Oct 2026.
- The Indian contingent comprises troops from the Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) of the Indian Army.
- The 10th edition was held at the Special Forces Training School, Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh, from 3 to 12 December 2025.

U.P. Approves PRAGATI AI and Robotics Park in Greater Noida



- On 27 October 2026, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the PRAGATI (Platform for Robotics AI Growth Through Technology and Innovation) AI and Robotics Park in Greater Noida.
- The park will be developed in two zones: Zone 1 covering 8 acres and Zone 2 covering 61.52 acres.
- The project aims to promote artificial intelligence (AI), robotics manufacturing, research and technological innovation.

ISRO to Launch NVS-03 Navigation Satellite

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is scheduled to launch the NVS-03 navigation satellite on 30 October 2026 aboard the GSLV Mk II launch vehicle.
- The satellite will be launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, AP.
- NVS-03 is the third satellite in the second-generation Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) series.

India and Singapore Begin 33rd SIMBEX in Visakhapatnam



- The Indian Navy & 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.

India-Aus. Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 Begins in Keralam

- The fifth edition of the India–Australia Joint Military Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 at the Foreign Training Node in Thiruvananthapuram, Keralam.
- The Indian contingent comprises troops from the Garhwal Rifles, while the Australian contingent includes personnel from 13 Brigade.
- The theme is "Joint Sub-Conventional Operations in Island and Coastal Environment under Chapter VII of the UN Mandate."

DCGI Approves Zytorvi for Advanced Esophageal Cancer

- the Dr. Reddy's Laboratories received approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for Zytorvi to treat advanced esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (ESCC).
- Approval granted by 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.

AstraZeneca and Oracle Launch AI Clinical Trials in Abu Dhabi

- The initiative was launched in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE), in collaboration with healthcare company M42.
- The first programme focuses on hypertension (high blood pressure) care and clinical research.
- AstraZeneca developed Vaxzevria (AZD1222), a COVID-19 vaccine developed in collaboration with the University of Oxford.

Nexon Geochem to Set Up ₹1,250 Crore Magnet Plant in Andhra



- Nexon Geochem, a Hyderabad-headquartered advanced materials company, signed an MoU the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) to establish a rare-earth permanent magnet manufacturing plant.
- The proposed plant will be located at Thondangi in Kakinada district, Andhra Pradesh.
- These magnets are used in electric vehicles (EVs), wind turbines, industrial automation, electronics and defence equipment.

Himachal Pradesh Inaugurates First Solar Power Project in Spiti Valley



- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the state's first battery-storage-integrated solar power project at Rongtong, near Kaza, in Spiti Valley.
- The solar power plant has an installed capacity of 2 MW and is equipped with a 1 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- It is expected to generate around 36 lakh units of electricity annually.

Assam Regiment Wins Gold at UK's Cambrian Patrol 2026



- The Indian Army's Assam Regiment secured a gold medal at Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2026, held in Wales, United Kingdom.
- The Indian Army contingent competed against more than 100 teams from around the world and was among the 10 teams awarded gold medals.
- The exercise tested military patrolling skills, endurance, tactical ability, leadership and teamwork.

Navy to Commission Indigenous Multipurpose Vessel INS Samarthak

- The Indian Navy is scheduled to commission Samarthak, its 1st of four Multi-Purpose Vessels (MPVs), at Naval Base, Karwar, Karnataka.
- The vessel has been built by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Ltd. under the Govt. of India's Make in India initiative.
- Utkarsh, meaning "Superior in Conduct," is the second Multi-Purpose Vessel built by L&T Shipyard for the Indian Navy and was launched on 13 January 2025.

Indian Army launches 'Bharat Rice' for defence forces



- The Indian Army launched Bharat Rice for defence personnel in New Delhi.
- The Army signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to use its warehousing, manpower and material-handling infrastructure during operational contingencies.
- Procurement will be available in 10 kg and 30 kg bags to ease handling and transportation.

INS Tarkash Joins IBSAMAR IX 2026 Naval Exercise

- The Indian Navy's frontline guided-missile stealth frigate INS Tarkash is participating in the ninth edition of the India–Brazil–South Africa Maritime Exercise (IBSAMAR IX 2026) in South Africa.
- IBSAMAR has been conducted biennially since 2008 under the India–Brazil–South Africa (IBSA) framework.
- Theme of the ninth edition: "Stronger Together Towards a Shared Future in the Maritime Domain."

Indian Navy to Commission Indigenous ASW Craft Mangrol



- The Ministry of Defence announced that Mangrol, an indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), would be commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- Mangrol is the third ASW-SWC built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi, after INS Mahe (first) and INS Malvan (second).

INS Sahyadri Arrives in Russia for INDRA-2026



- INS Sahyadri is an indigenously built stealth multi-role guided-missile frigate of Indian Navy.
- The warship arrived at Vladivostok, Russia, to participate in Exercise INDRA-2026, a bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy (RuFN).
- INS Sahyadri's participation aligns with India's MAHASAGAR vision — Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

INST Mohali Develops Nanofibre Filter for Wastewater

- Researchers at the Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST), Mohali, Punjab, developed a sustainable catalytic nanofibre filter for treating dye-contaminated industrial wastewater.
- INST is an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India.
- The technology combines zinc oxide (ZnO) nano-particles with biodegradable polylactic acid (PLA) nanofibres to create multifunctional filter.

India's First 3D-Printed Rural Housing Pilot Launched in A.P.



- The project was launched at Burripalem village in Guntur district, with houses planned in Burripalem and Obulnayudupalem.
- The project will construct 177 houses in Burripalem, Obulnayudupalem under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Gramin (PMAY-G).
- The Ministry of Rural Development is the central implementing authority, while the CSIR–Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee, is involved in the project's technical planning and oversight, according to pre-launch reporting.

Raksha Mantri Launches First Fleet Support Ship 'INS Surya'



- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launched the Indian Navy's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1), named 'INS Surya', at Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- INS Surya is 1st of five Fleet Support Ships being built indigenously by HSL for Indian Navy.
- Hindustan Shipyard Limited, a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Defence, attained Miniratna Category-I status in 2025.

India-UAE Mountain Guardian 2026 Begins in Uttarakhand



- Mountain Guardian 2026 is the 3rd edition of the India-UAE joint military exercise.
- The exercise is being conducted at the Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
- The exercise focuses on Mountain Warfare and aims to enhance interoperability, mutual understanding and cooperation between the two armies.

Elon Musk to Rename SpaceX AI Arm as SpaceXSI



- SpaceXSI uses "SI" for "Super Intelligence", replacing "AI" (Artificial Intelligence).
- SpaceX (Space Exploration Technologies Corp.) was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk and is headquartered in Hawthorne, California.
- Falcon 9 is a reusable two-stage rocket designed to transport satellites, spacecraft and other payloads into orbit.

NASA and SpaceX Launch Crew-13 Mission

- NASA and SpaceX launched the Crew-13 mission to the International Space Station (ISS).
- The launch vehicle was a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket carrying a Dragon spacecraft.
- The four-member crew includes Jessica Watkins (NASA, Commander), Luke Delaney (NASA, Pilot), Joshua Kutryk (CSA, Mission Specialist) and Sergey Teteryatnikov (Roscosmos, Mission Specialist).

Uttarakhand Installs First Glacial Lake Early-Warning System

- Uttarakhand is installing its first Glacial Lake Early-Warning System (GLEWS) at Vasundhara Tal in Chamoli district to monitor the lake in real time and detect conditions that could lead to a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF).
- Vasundhara Tal was selected because it is among the glacial lakes considered vulnerable to GLOF-related hazards.
- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) had identified 13 high-risk glacial lakes in Uttarakhand, with five placed in the highest-risk Category A; Vasundhara Tal is among these identified lakes.

CAG Launches AI Translation Platform for Official Documents



- The Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD), under the Digital India Corporation (DIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), launched "CAG-BHASHINI Anuvaad."
- The platform was launched at the CAG Office, New Delhi, during the closing ceremony of the 74th Hindi Diwas and Hindi Pakhwada 2026.
- CAG-BHASHINI Anuvaad is an AI-enabled document translation solution developed using BHASHINI's Language AI technology.

US Launches FORTRESS America Defence Security Initiative

- The United States Department of War announced FORTRESS America on 30 September 2026 as a new programme focused on strengthening the resilience, readiness and self-sufficiency of U.S. military installations.
- FORTRESS stands for "Federal Operations for Resilience, Troop Resources, Energy, Supply, and Survivability."
- FORTRESS America is described by the Department of War as a "national insurance policy" for the American homeland.

TakeMe2Space to Launch India's First Orbital Data Centre Mission



- TakeMe2Space, a Hyderabad-based space-tech startup, plans to launch India's first networked orbital data centre mission in late 2028.
- The mission will use two 100-kg MOI satellites, each equipped with NVIDIA Thor GPUs and 100 TB of storage.
- The satellites are planned to launch aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 under the Waymaker-2 rideshare mission.

Kandla to Develop India's 1st Port-Based E-Methanol Facility

- The foundation stone for India's first port-based e-methanol production facility was laid at Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Kandla, Gandhidham, Gujarat.
- The facility will have a total production capacity of 150 tonnes per day (TPD) of e-methanol.
- The project is a joint initiative of Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) and Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd. (APCL), based in Namrup, Assam.

India–Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2026 Begins



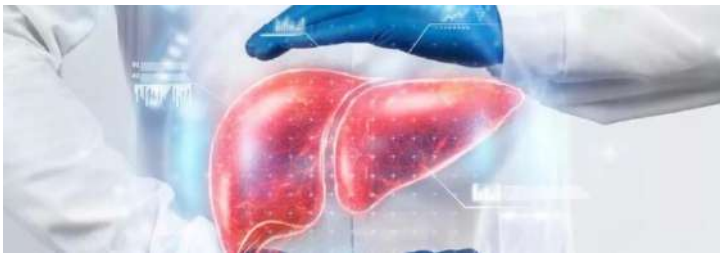
- The 9th edition of the India–Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2026 is being conducted at Oskemen, Kazakhstan.
- The Indian contingent consists of 60 personnel, drawn mainly from a battalion of the GARHWAL RIFLES, along with personnel from other arms, services and the Indian Air Force.
- The exercise focuses on joint counter-terrorism operations in semi-urban and mountainous terrain under a UN mandate.

India's First LNG-Powered Train Flagged Off from Sabarmati



- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah flagged off India's first LNG-powered train from Sabarmati Railway Station, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- The train uses a dual-fuel system of Diesel and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).
- The LNG system has been introduced in the train's Driving Power Cars (DPCs) as an alternative to conventional diesel fuel.

India Aims to Eliminate Hepatitis B, C by 2030



- India has reaffirmed its commitment to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030, in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 3.3.
- The National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP) was launched in 2018 under the National Health Mission (NHM) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C are major causes of chronic liver disease.

India–Sri Lanka Conduct SLINEX-26 Maritime Exercise



- SLINEX-26 is the 13th edition of the India–Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise.
- It is being conducted at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Indian Navy participated with INS Kavaratti, an indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, and INS Jyoti, a Fleet Tanker, while the Sri Lanka Navy participated with SLNS Sindurala.

Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 Concludes in Jodhpur

- Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 is a bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF).
- The exercise was conducted at Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- India–Japan conduct several military exercises across the three services, including Dharma Guardian (Army), JIMEX/JAIMEX (Navy), and Veer Guardian and Shinyuu Maitri (Air Force).

India–Mongolia NOMADIC ELEPHANT Exercise Begins



- The 18th edition of the India–Mongolia Joint Military Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT 2026 commenced at Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- It is an annual platoon-level military exercise.
- 45 personnel each from the Indian Army and Mongolian Armed Forces are participating.

Gwalior to Get Asia's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone



- The TMZ will be established through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) with 51% equity from the Government of Madhya Pradesh and 49% from the Department of Telecommunications.
- The proposed zone will be established at Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Counter Magnet City (SADA), Gwalior,Madhya Pradesh.
- The proposed investment from these companies is approximately ₹5,500 crore.

India's 1st Indigenous Long-Range Attack Drone KAL Tested



- KAL, described as India's first indigenous long-range one-way attack drone, was successfully flight-tested at the Pokhran Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.
- The drone has been designed and developed by Noida-based defence technology company IG Defence.
- According to IG Defence, the drone has a claimed range of up to 1,000 km.

India–USA Joint Military Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2026'



- Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 is the 22nd edition of the annual India–US bilateral military exercise.
- It involves the Indian Army and United States Army.
- The exercise is designed to strengthen interoperability, military cooperation and mutual understanding between the two armies.

Yudh Abhyas 2026 begins With India-US Armies

- The 22nd edition of the India-US Joint Military Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026.
- The opening ceremony was held at Auli Foreign Training Node, Uttarakhand.
- Other major joint military and defence exercises between India and the United States include such as Vajra Prahar (Special Forces), Cope India (Air Force), Tiger Triumph (Tri-Service).

PM-SETU Approves ₹735.70 Crore for ITI Clusters



- The National Steering Committee (NSC) of PM-SETU approved investment plans worth ₹735.70 crore for ITI clusters.
- PM-SETU stands for Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs.
- The approved ₹735.70 crore investment covers ITI clusters in Rajasthan (₹241 crore – Bhiwadi), Uttar Pradesh (₹240.40 crore – Meerut), and Telangana (₹254.30 crore – Medchal).

CSIR-NIScPR Adopts SARAL AI



- SARAL AI is an AI-based platform developed under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) to make scholarly research more accessible.
- CSIR-NIScPR (CSIR–National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research) has promoted the use of SARAL AI for science communication and knowledge dissemination.
- The platform supports content generation in 18 Indian languages, helping make scientific knowledge accessible to a wider audience.

NPCI Launches Two New Agentic AI Platforms



- NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) launched two new agentic AI platforms at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 in Mumbai.
- The two platforms launched by NPCI are AiNxt and Agentic Orchestration & Messaging (AtOM).
- AiNxt enables AI-powered enterprise workflows and automation, while AtOM is an agentic AI orchestration and messaging platform that facilitates communication and coordination between AI agents.

INS Mysore Joins Samudra Laksamana 4/26 in Malaysia



- INS Mysore arrived at Lumut, Malaysia, to participate in the 4th edition of Exercise Samudra Laksamana 4/26.
- Exercise Samudra Laksamana is a bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN).
- INS Mysore is a Delhi-class guided-missile destroyer of the Indian Navy.

Japan's F-2A Fighters Arrive for Veer Guardian 2026



- Japanese F-2A fighter aircraft have arrived in India for Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 with the Indian Air Force at Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- This is the first time Japanese fighter aircraft are operating from an Indian air base for a bilateral exercise.

Agnikul Cosmos Opens New Testing Units in Chennai



- Chennai-based space-tech startup Agnikul Cosmos inaugurated two new facilities: Stage Testing & Inspection Facility (STIF) and Pressurant Tank Realisation, Over-wrapping and Outfitting Facility (PROOF).
- STIF can test complete rocket stages with integrated propulsion and avionics, supporting thrust levels from 1 kN to 200 kN.
- PROOF will support the in-house manufacturing of high-pressure composite overwrapped pressure vessels.

Astrogate Labs to Launch India's First Optical Inter-Satellite Link



- Indian deep-tech company Astrogate Labs is developing India's first indigenous Optical Inter-Satellite Link (OISL) terminal.
- Its AstroLink Micro laser communication terminal offers a data rate of 10 Gbps, with flight readiness targeted for 2027.
- The company has already supplied an indigenous satellite-to-ground laser communication terminal to ISRO, strengthening India's space-communication capabilities.

HAL, Samtel Open India's First Defence Avionics Facility



- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Samtel Avionics inaugurated a defence avionics facility in Gurugram, Haryana.
- The facility operates under their joint venture Samtel HAL Display Systems Limited (SHDS).
- SHDS was established in 2006 and focuses on indigenous airborne display systems and avionics.

Defence Minister Releases 'RAKSHA' Document

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the 'RAKSHA' document on Defence Diplomacy.
- The document was released in New Delhi.
- RAKSHA provides a strategic framework for India's defence diplomacy for the next 10 years.

Indian Air Force to host Dronathon-2026 to boost indigenous drone and counter-drone technology.



- The event focuses on Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (CUAS).
- It will feature static displays and live demonstrations to assess the operational and combat effectiveness of emerging technologies.
- Key focus areas include surveillance & reconnaissance, autonomous operations, swarm technologies and electronic warfare.
- The initiative supports Atmanirbhar Bharat by bringing together domestic manufacturers, start-ups and defence innovators.

Hindalco Commissions India's First Superfine PPT ATH Plant

- Hindalco Industries Limited commissioned India's first Superfine PPT ATH manufacturing plant is located at Belagavi, Karnataka.
- The plant is a greenfield manufacturing facility.
- PPT ATH (Precipitated Aluminium Trihydrate) is a halogen-free flame-retardant material.

Indian Navy Gets First Multipurpose Vessel — Samarthak



- The vessel was designed and built by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) at its Kattupalli Shipyard in Tamil Nadu.
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) is constructing two Multi-Purpose Vessels (MPVs)—INS Samarthak and INS Utkarsh—for the Indian Navy under the same project.
- The vessel was named Samarthak, meaning "Supporter" or "The Proponent".

NASA Launches Roman Space Telescope on Falcon Heavy



- NASA successfully launched the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, its next-generation flagship space observatory.
- The telescope was launched aboard SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Florida.
- The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope is named after Dr. Nancy Grace Roman, NASA's first chief astronomer.

NCDEX Launches RAINCHNNAI Weather Derivatives



- National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) launches RAINCHNNAI, a rainfall-based weather derivatives futures contract for Chennai.
- RAINCHNNAI is designed to help market participants hedge financial risks arising from rainfall variability during the Northeast (retreating) Monsoon.
- RAINCHNNAI covers September–December, the key Northeast Monsoon period for Chennai.

Turkiye Joins NASA's Artemis Accords



- Türkiye became the 71st signatory to the NASA-led Artemis Accords. India signed the Artemis Accords on 21 June 2023.
- The signing ceremony was held at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- The Artemis Accords, established in 2020 by NASA and the U.S. Department of State, provide principles for peaceful, transparent responsible exploration of the Moon, Mars and beyond.

Retired Air Marshal Jeetendra Named Ram Temple Trust CEO



- Retired Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra has been appointed the first Chief Executive Officer of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.
- The appointment was announced following a meeting of the Trust in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.
- Mishra previously served as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Air Command (WAC) and played a significant role in Operation Sindoor while heading the command.

Aero India 2027 to be held in Bengaluru



- The 16th edition of Aero India will be held in 2027 at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The event is organised by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.
- Aero India is Asia's largest air show and one of the world's premier aerospace and defence exhibitions.

Ahuti Mk II Becomes India's Fastest Multirotor UAV



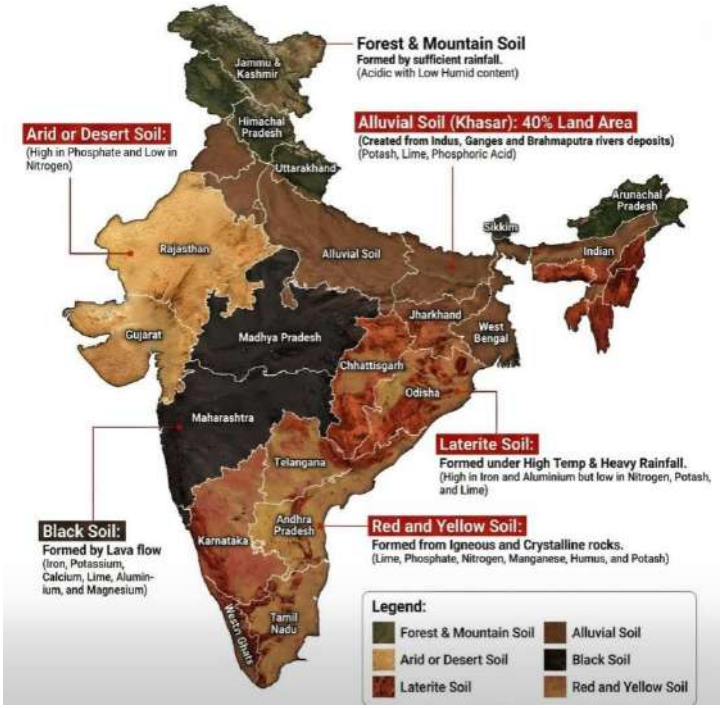
- Ahuti Mk II is an advanced multirotor Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) developed by Hyderabad-based Apollyon Dynamics.
- The UAV achieved a top speed of 498 km/h, making it India's fastest multirotor UAV.
- The achievement was officially recognized by the India Book of Records.

ISRO GSLV-F17 Launches EOS-05 in Major Space Mission



- ISRO successfully launched GSLV-F17 carrying EOS-05 from the Second Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- EOS-05 is an advanced Earth Observation Satellite and is India's first dedicated imaging satellite designed to operate from geosynchronous orbit.
- GSLV is a three-stage launch vehicle consisting of solid, liquid and cryogenic propulsion stages.

NBSS & LUP Develops India's First Digital Soil Texture Map



- It is an institute under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- Its headquarters is in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- NBSS&LUP stands for National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning.

Sophie Adenot Becomes First French Woman to Walk in Space



- She became the second European woman to perform a spacewalk, after Italy's Samantha Cristoforetti, who conducted her first spacewalk in 2022.
- Adenot was accompanied by NASA astronaut Anil Menon.
- She travelled to the ISS as part of SpaceX Crew-12.

Flying Wedge Defence Unveils FWD Supreme Lite



- Flying Wedge Defence & Aerospace (FWDA) is a Bengaluru-based Indian defence technology company.
- It has been promoted as India's first AI-piloted fighter jet demonstrator.
- The aircraft incorporates Rocket Assisted Take-Off (RATO) capability.

NSG Launches First All-Women Commando Course in Haryana



- The course is officially known as the Mahila Commando Conversion Course (MCCC).
- The course was launched at the NSG Training Centre, Manesar, located in Gurugram district, Haryana.
- The course has been introduced specifically for women personnel from State Police Forces and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).

Indian Navy to Commission Second Indigenous Diving Support Vessel



- The Indian Navy is set to commission INS Nipun, India's second indigenously built Diving Support Vessel (DSV) of the Nistar class.
- The commissioning ceremony is scheduled to take place at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- INS Nipun is the second vessel of the Nistar-class Diving Support Vessels. The first vessel of this class is INS Nistar.

Banas Bio-CNG Plant Inaugurated in Banaskantha



- The Banas Suzuki Biogas Plant was inaugurated at Vinchhivadi, Banaskantha district, Gujarat.
- The project is a collaboration between Suzuki Motor Corporation, Banas Dairy and NDDB (National Dairy Development Board).
- It is Suzuki's third biogas plant in India, following plants at Agthala and Bhukhala.

Bhawana Kanth becomes IAF's first woman Fighter Combat Leader



- Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth has created history in the Indian Air Force (IAF). She became the first woman IAF officer to complete the Fighter Combat Leader (FCL) course.
- The course was conducted at the Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment (TACDE).
- TACDE is located in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

Saudi Arabia Launches Maritime Defence Coalition



- The coalition is intended to strengthen maritime security in the Red Sea region.
- Its main objective is to protect international shipping and energy routes.
- The coalition focuses particularly on the Red Sea, Bab-el-Mandeb Strait and Gulf of Aden.

Indian Army Departs for MAITREE-XV in Thailand

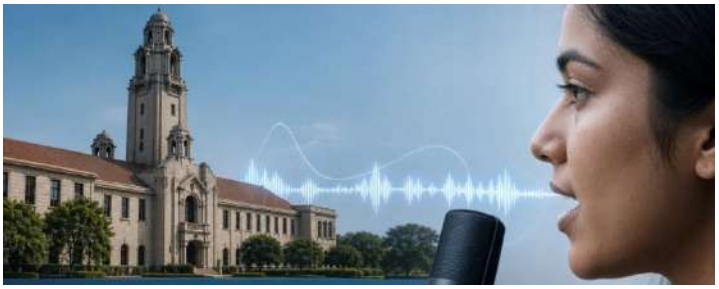
- Exercise MAITREE is a bilateral military exercise between India and Thailand.
- The 2025 edition was MAITREE-XIV, held at Umroi, Meghalaya.
- MAITREE-XV is the 15th edition of the India–Thailand Joint Military Exercise.

IN-SPACe Approves Commercial EO Satellite Constellation



- India's first indigenous, fully commercial Earth Observation Satellite constellation is being developed through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP).
- IN-SPACe is India's space-sector regulator and facilitator for private-sector participation.
- IN-SPACe stands for Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre.

IISc releases SraVaani Voice AI Model



- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru has developed SraVaani 1.0, a multilingual speech-recognition AI model.
- SraVaani supports 65 Indian languages and dialects.
- It is designed to improve automatic speech recognition (ASR) for India's diverse linguistic landscape.

India Develops Beam Catcher for FAIR Project



- India has developed a Beam Catcher for the international Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research (FAIR) project in Germany.
- The first of three Beam Catcher units has reached the FAIR site in Darmstadt, Germany and is awaiting installation.
- The equipment was designed by CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur, under the supervision of the Bose Institute, Kolkata.

Wayanad to Get X-Band Doppler Weather Radar



- Wayanad in Kerala is getting an X-Band Doppler Weather Radar to strengthen local weather monitoring and disaster preparedness.
- The radar is being installed at Pulpally, on the campus of Pazhassiraja College.
- The project is being implemented by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in cooperation with the Kerala authorities.

India Successfully Test-Fires Agni-4 Ballistic Missile



- India successfully conducted a test launch of the Agni-4 medium-range ballistic missile.
- Agni-4 is part of India's Agni series of ballistic missiles.
- Agni-4 has a reported range of approximately 4,000 km.

Gaganyaan Achieves Human-Rating Milestones

- India's first human spaceflight programme, Gaganyaan, has achieved major milestones in the development and validation of its human-rating systems.
- The Human Rated Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (HLVM3) has completed development and ground testing of its propulsion stages and structures.
- The propulsion systems of the Crew Module and Service Module have been developed, tested and qualified.

India Achieves 300 GW Non-Fossil Fuel Power Capacity

- Solar power was the largest component of India's non-fossil installed capacity, with 164.59 GW.
- India's installed wind power capacity stood at 58.14 GW. India's installed hydropower capacity stood at 57.24 GW.
- India's major medium-term target is to reach 500 GW of non-fossil fuel-based installed electricity capacity by 2030.

e-Samudra – Digital Transformation of Maritime Governance

- e-Samudra is India's unified digital platform for providing maritime services through a single online system. The official e-Samudra portal describes it as India's Unified Maritime Services Portal.
- The initiative is associated with the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS).
- The DGS functions under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

India–US Navy EOD Exercise Begins in Kochi



- India and the United States conduct joint naval training involving Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and salvage operations.
- The exercise is known as SALVEX.
- Kochi is associated with the India–US naval salvage exercise.

Vietnam's VinSpace Signs SpaceX Launch Deal for 2027



- Vietnamese aerospace company VinSpace has signed an agreement with SpaceX for a satellite launch.
- The satellites will be carried through a SpaceX Transporter rideshare mission.
- SpaceX is an American aerospace company founded by Elon Musk.

Indian Navy's 'Shruti' NGOPV Launched at GRSE, Kolkata



- The Indian Navy's Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) 'Shruti' was launched at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata
- The first GRSE NGOPV, Sanghamitra, was launched in May 2026.
- The programme is being executed by GRSE, Kolkata, and Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Goa.

India and Malaysia Commence Exercise Udara Shakti 2026



- Exercise Udara Shakti 2026 is a bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF).
- The exercise is being conducted at Subang Air Base, Malaysia.
- India has deployed four Rafale fighter aircraft for the exercise.

8th BRICS Oceanic-Polar Science and Technology

- The 8th BRICS Working Group Meeting on Ocean and Polar Science and Technology (OPST) is being held in Goa.
- The meeting is hosted by the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR).
- NCPOR functions under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).

Indian Navy Inducts Indigenous Diving Support Vessel



- The Indian Navy inducted the indigenous Diving Support Vessel (DSV) 'Nipun'.
- 'Nipun' was built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, a Government of India
- It is the second vessel of the Nistar-class Diving Support Vessels, following INS Nistar.

Tata's Agratas Develops Indigenous Lithium Cell Technology

- Agratas, the battery manufacturing company of the Tata Group, developed indigenous lithium cell technology.
- It also supports the PLI Scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) manufacturing.
- Lithium-ion cells are used in EVs, mobile phones, laptops and energy storage systems.

India Launches Indigenous African Swine Fever Vaccine 'MA-104'



- Developed to protect pigs against the deadly African Swine Fever virus.
- Aims to reduce mortality in domestic pigs and protect the livestock industry.
- African Swine Fever,Mortality can reach up to 100% in severe outbreaks.Does not infect humans.

100% Railway Electrification & 1st Electric Train in Kashmir Valley



- The 1st electric train in the Kashmir Valley started operating on the Banihal–Baramulla section, replacing diesel locomotives on route.
- The electrification covers the Banihal–Baramulla railway section, an important part of the Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project.
- The USBRL project includes the Chenab Rail Bridge, the world's highest railway arch bridge, and the Anji Khad Cable-Stayed Railway Bridge.

TRAI Revamps MyCall App to Improve Voice Call Quality



- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has launched a revamped version of the MyCall App to improve voice call quality assessment.
- TRAI was established on 20 February 1997 under the TRAI Act, 1997, and its headquarters are in New Delhi.
- The current Chairperson of TRAI is Anil Kumar Lahoti, and TRAI functions under the Ministry of Communications.

HCLTech to Set Up First AI Data Centre in Odisha



- HCLTech, Sarvam AI, and the Government of Odisha. HCLTech HQ: Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- To establish India's first AI-optimised data centre supporting AI model training, inference, storage, and networking.
- Supports India's Sovereign AI Mission with multilingual and sector-specific AI applications.

AstraZeneca India Sets Up Genomic Solutions Centre



- AstraZeneca India established an Integrated Genomic Solutions Centre in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh. The centre is part of India's first Integrated Precision Oncology Programme.
- It focuses on lung cancer and breast cancer diagnosis and treatment.
- The project uses AI-powered X-rays and Next-Generation Genetic Testing (NGS).AstraZeneca is partnering with Strand Life Sciences and Qure.ai.

India's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone to Be Set Up



- India's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) will be set up in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- The project is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
- The zone aims to promote indigenous telecom manufacturing.

DAANVEER Launches Gram Panchayat Digital Infrastructure

- It was launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. The launch event was held in New Delhi.
- DAANVEER is a citizen participation platform to strengthen the digital infrastructure of Gram Panchayats.
- Developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj with NIC and DigiHaat.

Indian Navy Launches ASW Shallow Water Craft



- INS Machilipatnam (BY 529) is the Indian Navy's 7th ASW Shallow Water Craft
- The vessel was built by Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- The Indian Navy functions under the Ministry of Defence.Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi.

India's First AI-Integrated Vertical University Inaugurates

- VELS Institute of Science, Technology, & Advanced Studies (VISTAS) inaugurated India's first AI-integrated vertical university campus at Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai (Tamil Nadu).
- The campus was inaugurated by Padma Shri Sridhar Vembu, Chief Scientist and Co-founder of Zoho Corporation.
- The campus features Industry-Academia Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in collaboration with Intel Unnati, TCS iON, Microsoft, and Oracle Academy.

India Ranked 3rd in WDMMA Global Air Power Rankings 2026



- The Indian Air Force (IAF) ranks 3rd among independent air forces and 6th overall (including all military air branches) in the WDMMA 2026 Global Air Power Rankings.
- The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) uses the True Value Rating (TVR) system, which assesses aircraft quality, technology, logistics, modernization, and operational capability, rather than fleet size alone.
- TheUS Air Force and Russian Air Force ranking higher among independent air forces.

Indian Navy to Commission ASW Craft 'Malvan'



- Malvan is the second indigenous Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.
- Designed for shallow coastal waters, it is equipped with advanced sonar systems, lightweight torpedoes, anti-submarine rocket launchers, and mine-laying capability to detect and neutralise submarines and underwater drones.
- The first indigenously designed and built Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) is INS Mahe.

L-G VK Saxena Commissions 2 Geothermal Wells in Ladakh



- India's First Geothermal Wells in Puga Valley, Ladakh
- Geothermal energy uses heat from beneath the Earth's surface.
- India's geothermal potential-spread across 381 hot springs and 10 geothermal provinces including Ladakh(Puga valley), Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh.

IIT Kanpur to Establish Centre of Excellence on Green Hydrogen



- The Centre of Excellence will be known as ECOGEN (Centre of Excellence on Innovative and Integrated Ecosystem for Green Hydrogen).
- The project has been approved by the Uttar Pradesh Government and sanctioned by UPNEDA (Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency) under the Uttar Pradesh Green Hydrogen Policy, 2024.
- The initiative supports the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

REASONING ABILITY

DIRECTION(1-5): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Eight persons - A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H got married in different months viz., January, March, April, June, July, September, October, and December of the same year. No two persons got married in the same month.

F got married in the month which does not have an odd number of days. A got married three months after F. As many persons got married after A as before D. Exactly two persons got married between D and E, who got married before July. C got married in the month having an even number of days. As many persons got married between E and G as between C and H, who got married after G. H got married two months before B..

1. How many months are there between the months in which A and G got married?

(A) As many persons got married before E

(B) One

(C) Three

(D) As many persons got married after H

(E) No one

2. How many persons got married between E and D?

(A) One (B) Two

(C) Three (D) Four

(E) None

3. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and thus form a group. Which one of the following does not belong to the group?

(A) F (B) E (C) G (D) A

(E) H

4. Which of the following statement(s) is/are TRUE as per the given arrangement?

I). D got married after E.
II). A got married two persons after F.
III). C got married in July.

(A) Only I (B) Only II

(C) Only I and III (D) Only I and II

(E) Only II and III

5. Who among the following person got married three persons after D?

(A) B (B) F (C) E (D) G

(E) H

DIRECTION(6-9): In the given questions, the relationship between different elements is shown in the statements followed by some conclusions. Find the conclusion which is definitely true.

6. Statements:

$A \geq C \geq P$; $R = Q \geq S$; $P = S \leq R$

Conclusions:

I. $S < A$

II. $A = S$

(A) Only conclusion II is true

(B) Either conclusion I or II is true

(C) Both conclusions I and II are true

(D) Only conclusion I is true

(E) Neither conclusion I nor II is true

7. Statements:

$X = Q \leq R$; $U > T \leq R$; $H \leq P < X$

Conclusions:

I. $R > H$

II. $Q \geq P$

(A) Only conclusion II is true

(B) Either conclusion I or II is true

(C) Both conclusions I and II are true

(D) Only conclusion I is true

(E) Neither conclusion I nor II is true

8. Statements:

$X < P \leq Z$; $M > R \geq X$; $V = U \geq Z$

Conclusions:

I. $P < V$

II. $V > X$

III. $P < R$

(A) Only conclusion II is true

(B) Either conclusion I or II is true

(C) Both conclusions I and II are true

(D) Both conclusions I and III are true

(E) Only conclusion III is true

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9. Statements:

V > W = N; P < D ≤ N; F < L < V

Conclusions:

I. P < V

II. W > P

III. D = F

(A) Only conclusion II is true

(B) Either conclusion I or II is true

(C) Both conclusions I and II are true

(D) Both conclusions I and III are true

(E) Only conclusion III is true

DIRECTION(10-12): Study the following information carefully and answer the given below questions.

K is the mother-in-law of R, who doesn't have siblings. R is the brother-in-law of U, who is the maternal aunt of Q. T is the father of V and doesn't have siblings. S is the aunt of V. V is the grandson of K, who has only two children. T is the son-in-law of N, who is the grandfather of Q.

10. If Q is the son of R, then which of the following statement(s) is/are TRUE with respect to the final arrangement?

(A) Q is the son of K's one of the daughter

(B) V is the grandson of K

(C) The number of male members in the family is more than the number of female members in the family

(D) Both a and b

(E) All are true

11. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and thus form a group. Which one of the following does not belong to the group?

(A) N (B) K

(C) R (D) T

(E) V

12. How V is related to U?

(A) Brother (B) Son

(C) Cousin (D) Father

(E) Grandfather

DIRECTION(13-17): Study the following information carefully and answer the given below questions.

Six persons - J, K, L,M, N and O are sitting in a Llinear row facing towards the north. Each person speaks different languages viz. Tamil, English, Hindi, Urdu, Telugu, and French. All the information is not necessarily in the same order.

The one who speaks Urdu sits fourth to the left of M. Exactly one person sits between M and the one who speaks French. O sits immediate right of the one who speaks French. The number of persons sitting to the left of O is one less than the number of persons sitting to the right of the one who speaks Tamil. As many persons sitting to the right of the one who speaks Tamil as to the left of the one who speaks English. The one who speaks Hindi sits third to the right of N. Neither O nor J speaks Telugu. Only two persons sit between J and K. J doesn't sit adjacent to L.

13. The number of persons sitting to the left of N is one more than the number of persons sitting to the right of ___.

(A) J (B) O (C) K (D) M

(E) N

14. If J is related to the one who speaks Tamil and O is related to the one who speaks Hindi in a certain way, then who among the following person is related to the one who speaks French?

(A) J (B) N

(C) K (D) L

(E) M

15. Who among the following person sits second to the left of the one who speaks French?

(A) M (B) O

(C) L (D) N

(E) J

16. Who among the following person speaks Hindi?

(A) The one who sits immediate left of M

(B) J

(C) N

(D) The one who sits third to the right of O

(E) L

17. What is the position of O from the right end?

(A) Fourth (B) Third

(C) Second (D) Sixth

(E) Fifth

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DIRECTION(18-22): Study the following statements and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding the commonly known facts.

18. Statements:

All Church is Temple.

No Temple is a Hobby.

Only a few Hobby is Carrot.

No Carrot is a Chips.

Conclusions:

I). Some Hobby are not chips

II). All hobby being carrot is a possibility

(A) Only conclusion I follows

(B) Only conclusion II follows

(C) Either conclusion I or II follows

(D) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

(E) Both conclusions I and II follow

19. Statements:

Some Friends is Loyal.

No Loyal is a Greedy.

Only a few Greedy is Spark.

All Herb is Friends.

Conclusions:

I). All spark can be friends is a possibility.

II). No Herb is Spark

(A) Only conclusion I follows

(B) Only conclusion II follows

(C) Either conclusion I or II follows

(D) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

(E) Both conclusions I and II follow

20. Statements:

All Apple is Plate.

Only a few Guitars are Apple.

All Kits are Guitars.

Conclusions:

I). Some Kit being plate is a possibility

II). Some guitar is plate

(A) Only conclusion I follows

(B) Only conclusion II follows

(C) Either conclusion I or II follows

(D) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

(E) Both conclusions I and II follow

21. Statements:

Only a few Scotty is Science.

No Science is a Terrific.

Only Terrific is Power.

All Champion is Terrific.

Conclusions:

I). Some power can be science.

II). No champion is power.

(A) Only conclusion I follows

(B) Only conclusion II follows

(C) Either conclusion I or II follows

(D) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

(E) Both conclusions I and II follow

22. Statements:

Only Road is Lorry.

Only a few Jack is Road.

All Ink is Jack.

No Jack is a Daisy.

Conclusions:

I). Some Lorry being ink is a possibility.

II). No ink is Daisy.

(A) Only conclusion I follows

(B) Only conclusion II follows

(C) Either conclusion I or II follows

(D) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

(E) Both conclusions I and II follow

23. If in the word **"RESPONSIBLE",** all the consonants are replaced by the immediate next letter and all the vowels are replaced by the immediate previous letter as per the alphabetical series, then all the letters are arranged in alphabetical order from right to left, then how many letters are in the alphabetical series between the fifth letter from the left end and the fifth letter from the right end?

(A) 3 (B) 8

(C) 9 (D) 6

(E) 1

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24. If in the number **"6824575"**, 2 is subtracted from all the even digits and 2 is added to all the odd digits, then what is the difference between the sum of all the even digits and the sum of all the odd digits?

(A) 22 (B) 10

(C) 13 (D) 11

(E) 12

DIRECTION(25-29): Study the following information carefully and answer the following questions given below.

Twelve persons are sitting in two parallel rows and facing each other such that in Row1-D, I, M, R, U and Z are sitting and facing the south while in Row2-B, E, G, K, N and P are sitting and facing the north but not necessarily in the same order.

R sits third to the right of U, where none of them sits at the end of the row. N sits adjacent to the one who faces U. Exactly two persons sit between N and K. As many persons sit to the right of N as to the left of Z.

The one who faces Z sits to the immediate right of G. I sits second to the right of D. Neither E nor B faces M. B sits to the left of E and doesn't face I.

25. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and hence form a group. Find the one that doesn't belong to that group.

(A) RB (B) IK

(C) RG (D) ZN

(E) MP

26. If K and P are interchanged in their position, then who among the following person sits second to the left of the one who faces P?

(A) R (B) D

(C) I (D) M

(E) U

27. Which of the following statement(s) is/are TRUE with respect to the final arrangement?

I. M and K sit diagonally opposite to each other

II. Both D and G sit opposite to each other

III. I sits second to the left of Z.

(A) Only I (B) Only I and II

(C) Only II and III (D) Only II

(E) None of these

28. Who among the following person sits third to the left of N?

(A) P

(B) B

(C) The one who sits opposite to I

(D) The one who sits second to the right of P

(E) G

29. What is the position of G with respect to K?

(A) Second to the left (B) Third to the right

(C) Second to the right (D) Third to the left

(E) Fourth to the left

DIRECTION(30-33): Study the following information carefully and answer the given below questions.

In a certain code language

"Many books are interesting" is coded as "64 28 43 91"

"All readers are interesting" is coded as "75 91 56 64"

"Few books give knowledge" is coded as "28 39 87 42"

"Few readers use knowledge" is coded as "56 42 33 87"

(Note: All the given codes are two digits codes only)

30. If the phrase **"Readers are"** is coded as **"64 56",** then what is the phrase for the code **"91 39"** represents in the given coded language?

(A) Books are (B) Give books

(C) Interesting books (D) Give interesting

(E) Few books

31. Which of the following phrase denotes the code **"75 28"** in the given coded language?

(A) All books (B) Knowledge books

(C) Give use (D) many all

(E) Cannot be determined

32. What is the sum of the codes for the words **'All'** and **'use'** in the given coded language?

(A) 60 (B) 110 (C) 108 (D) 138

(E) 76

33. What is the code for the word **'Readers'** in the given coded language?

(A) 42 (B) 56 (C) 39 (D) 91

(E) 33

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DIRECTION(34-38): Study the following information carefully and answer the given below questions.

Ten persons - U, V, W, X, Y, Z, A, B, C, and D are going to three different states viz., Bihar, Mumbai, and Kerala. At least two persons but not more than four persons are going to the same state.

Both A and X go to the same state. Only U goes to the same state as Y but doesn't go to Bihar. Both W and V go to different states. V doesn't go to the same state as X. The number of persons going to Bihar is the same as the number of persons going to Kerala. Both C and D go to the same state. Neither C nor B goes to the same state. Z doesn't go to Kerala

34. Who among the following person is/are going to Kerala?

(A) V (B) C (C) A (D) X

(E) Both c and d

35. If E goes to the same state as U, then who among the following person goes with E?

(A) Y (B) C

(C) V (D) Both B and C

(E) Both A and B

36. B went to which of the following states?

(A) Kerala (B) Mumbai

(C) Bihar (D) Cannot be determined

(E) Either A or B

37. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and thus form a group. Which one of the following does not belong to the group?

(A) UV (B) UY (C) YZ (D) XV

(E) WD

38. Which of the following statement(s) is/are TRUE as per the given arrangement?

(A) U and Y go to the same state

(B) Only two persons go to Mumbai

(C) Even number of persons go to Kerala

(D) V goes with Z

(E) All are true

39. How many such pairs of letters are there in the word **"BUILDING"** each of which has as many letters between them in the word as in the English alphabetical series (both forward and backward directions)?

(A) One (B) Two

(C) Three (D) More than three

(E) None

40. Find the odd one out.

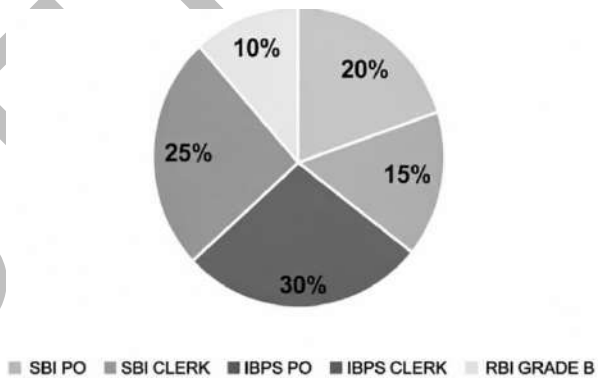
(A) ACEG (B) BDFH (C) CEGI (D) MOPQ

(E) IKMO

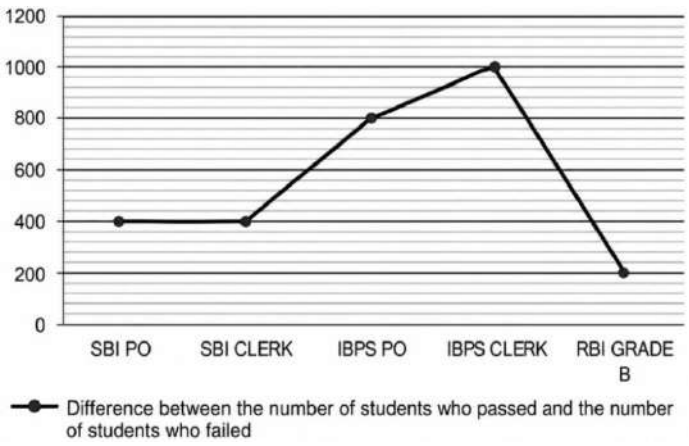
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DIRECTION(41-45): Answer the questions based on the information given below.

The pie chart below shows the percentage distribution of the number of students appearing in five different exams out of the total number of students who appeared in the given five exams together.



The line graph given below shows the difference between the number of students who passed and the number students who failed in the respective exams.



Note:

(I) Total number of students who appeared in the five exams together are 8000.

(II) For each exam, the number of students who passed are greater than the number of students who failed

41. Find the average number of students who passed SBI PO, SBI CLERK and IBPS CLERK.

(A) 1400 (B) 1250

(C) 1200 (D) 1100

(E) 1080

42. Find the ratio of number of students who passed RBI GARDE B to the number of students who failed in IBPS PO.

(A) 5:9 (B) 3:5

(C) 8:11 (D) 5:8

(E) 2:3

43. Out of the total number of students who passed and failed in IBPS PO, 45% and 36% respectively, were girls. Find the total number of girls who appeared in IBPS PO.

(A) 1080 (B) 1200 (C) 1008 (D) 980

(E) 1108

44. Number of students who failed in RBI grade 'B' is how much percentage of the number of students who failed in IBPS CLERK?

(A) 65% (B) 70% (C) 45% (D) 60%

(E) 50%

45. If the ratio of number of students who failed in SBI PO and SSC CGL is 12:13 respectively and the number of students who passed in SSC CGL is 150 less than the number of students who appeared in SBI Clerk, then find the total number of students who appeared in SSC CGL.

(A) 1450 (B) 1500 (C) 1700 (D) 1650

(E) 1750

DIRECTION(46-50): What will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following series?

46. 23, 24, 26, 30, 38, ?

(A) 45 (B) 54 (C) 66 (D) 56

(E) 48

47. 48, 59, 81, ?, 158, 213

(A) 112 (B) 114

(C) 109 (D) 124

(E) 132

48. 31, 38, 48, 61, ?, 96

(A) 77 (B) 67

(C) 79 (D) 81

(E) 76

49. 5, ?, 19, 29, 41, 55

(A) 12 (B) 15

(C) 18 (D) 11

(E) 10

50. 48, 25, ?, 53, 213, 1705

(A) 26 (B) 35

(C) 42 (D) 41

(E) 39

DIRECTION(51-55): In the questions, two equations I and II are given. You have to solve both the equations to establish the correct relation between x and y and choose the correct option.

51. I. $4x^2 + 4x - 35 = 0$

II. $y^2 - 9y + 20 = 0$

(A) x > y

(B) x < y

(C) x = y or the relationship cannot be established

(D) x ≥ y

(E) x ≤ y

52. I. $x^2 - 19x + 84 = 0$

II. $y^2 - 30y + 216 = 0$

(A) x > y

(B) x < y

(C) x = y or the relationship cannot be established

(D) x ≥ y

(E) x ≤ y

53. I. $x^2 - 3x - 18 = 0$

II. $y^2 + 12y + 32 = 0$

(A) x > y

(B) x < y

(C) x = y or the relationship cannot be established

(D) x ≥ y

(E) x ≤ y

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54. I. $x^2 - 33x + 270 = 0$

II. $y^2 - 25y + 150 = 0$

(A) x > y

(B) x < y

(C) x = y or the relationship cannot be established

(D) x ≥ y

(E) x ≤ y

55. I. $x^2 - 25 = 0$

II. $y^2 = 125$

(A) x > y

(B) x < y

(C) x = y or the relationship cannot be established

(D) x ≥ y

(E) x ≤ y

56. Ram and Shyam together can do a work in 24 days, and Shyam and Keshav together can do the same work in 20 days. If Ram, Shyam and Keshav together can do the same work in (40/3) days, then find the number of days taken by Keshav and Ram together to complete the work.

(A) (45/7) days (B) (110/9) days

(C) (120/7) days (D) (60/7) days

(E) (110/7) days

57. The curved surface area of a hemisphere is 96 cm^2, and the radius of the hemisphere is equal to the breadth of a rectangle. If the area of the rectangle is 60 cm^2, then find the perimeter of the rectangle. (take $\pi = 3$)

(A) 36 cm (B) 46 cm

(C) 42 cm (D) 58 cm

(E) 38 cm

58. Train 'A' crosses a bridge in 9 seconds and a tree in 5 seconds. The speed of the train 'A' is 30 m/sec. If train 'B' is travelling at a speed of 20 m/sec and its length is 20 metres less than length of the bridge, then find the time taken by trains 'A' and 'B' to cross each other when they are travelling in opposite directions.

(A) 8 seconds (B) 6 seconds

(C) 10 seconds (D) 4 seconds

(E) 5 seconds

59. Titu invested Rs. 32,000 in simple interest, and Monu invested the same sum in compound interest compounded annually. Both invested their sum at 20% p.a. for 2 years. Find the difference between the interest received by them.

(A) Rs. 1080 (B) Rs. 1320

(C) Rs. 1280 (D) Rs. 1652

(E) Rs. 1420

60. 2 years ago from now, the average age of a family of 5 members was 25 years. If at present two new members of age 30 years and 20 years join the family, then find the present average age of the family.

a. 25 3/7 years

b. 24 years

c. 26 3/7 years

d. 27 years

e. 28 2/3 years

(A) a (B) b (C) c (D) d

(E) e

DIRECTION(61-64): Answer the questions based on the information given below.

The table given below shows the number of Hindi newspapers published by five different newspaper companies and the percentage of the number of English newspapers out of the total number of newspapers published by respective companies.

Note: Total number of newspapers published = number of (English newspapers + Hindi newspapers) published

Company	Number of Hindi newspapers published	Percentage of number of English newspapers published out of the total number newspapers published
The Hindu	360	10%
Indian Express	480	40%
Amar Ujala	560	30%
Jagran	640	20%
Josh	700	44%

61. Find the difference between the total number of newspapers published by Indian Express and Josh.

(A) 360 (B) 280

(C) 340 (D) 450

(E) 550

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62. Find the ratio of the number of Hindi newspapers of Jagran to the number of English newspapers of Amar Ujala.

(A) 4:1 (B) 5:2

(C) 3:1 (D) 8:3

(E) 7:3

63. If the selling price of a Hindi Newspaper and an English newspaper is Rs. 3 and Rs. 5 respectively, then find the total amount generated by selling all the newspapers published by The Hindu.

(A) Rs. 1080 (B) Rs. 1320

(C) Rs. 1600 (D) Rs. 1280

(E) Rs. 1200

64. The number of Hindi newspapers published by Amar Ujala is how much percentage more than the number of English newspapers published by Jagran?

(A) 225% (B) 175%

(C) 180% (D) 250%

(E) 200%

DIRECTION (65-68)- What will come in the place of question mark (?) in the given expression?

65. {(216 ÷ 18) X 15}% of 120 = $?^3$

(A) 5 (B) 4 (C) 7 (D) 6

(E) 8

66. [{(652 - 612) % of 90 + 4} ÷ 8] X 5 = $?^2$

(A) 3 (B) 4

(C) 6 (D) 5

(E) 8

67. {(65% of 240 + 75% of 320) ÷ √121} + 11 X 4 = ?

(A) 120 (B) 72 (C) 96 (D) 80

(E) 60

68. (55^2 - 30^2 + 19 X 25) = ? + 700

(A) 2300 (B) 1700 (C) 2200 (D) 1900

(E) 1800

69. The selling price of a table is equal to the selling price of a chair. The table is sold at a loss of 15%, and the char is sold at a profit of 70%. If the difference between the cost price of the table and the chair is Rs. 400, then find the cost price of the table.

(A) Rs. 400 (B) Rs. 600

(C) Rs. 800 (D) Rs. 640

(E) Rs. 750

70. The ratio between the age of 'L' 6 years hence from now to the age of 'P' 4 years ago from now is 9:7 respectively. The average of present age of 'L' and 'P' is 31 years. If the present age of 'K' is 4 years less than that of 'P', then find the present age of 'K'.

(A) 36 years (B) 34 years

(C) 28 years (D) 30 years

(E) 32 years

71. The ratio of income of Tina and Sima is 6:5, respectively. The expenditure of Tina is 40% of the income of Sima, and the savings of Sima is 25% less than that of Tina. If the total expenditure of Tina and Sima is Rs. 16,000, then find the income of Tina.

(A) Rs. 20,000 (B) Rs. 30,000

(C) Rs. 25,000 (D) Rs. 24,000

(E) Rs. 16,000

72. The number of students in a school in 2018 was 500. In 2019, the number of students increased by 20%, and in 2020 number of students decreased by 33 1/3 % compared to the previous year. In 2021, the number of students increased by 30% over previous year. Find the number of students in school in 2021.

(A) 560 (B) 500

(C) 520 (D) 480

(E) 620

73. Shalu and Shanu are travelling from 'X' to 'Y' and 'Y' to 'X', respectively. Shalu and Shanu start their journey at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. with speeds of 20 km/hr and 30 km/hr, respectively. If 'X' and 'Y' are 200 km apart, then find time at which both meet each other.

(A) 11:20 a.m. (B) 12:12 p.m.

(C) 1:20 p.m. (D) 1:12 p.m.

(E) 11:12 a.m.

74. In a garden of 800 flowers (roses and tulips) , the ratio between the number of roses and tulips is 9:7, respectively. The ratio among the number of red, white and yellow, roses and tulips, respectively are 2:1:2 and 2:3:2. Find the total number of white flowers.

(A) 280 (B) 250

(C) 420 (D) 180

(E) 240

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75. The LCM and HCF of the two numbers are 84 and 14, respectively. If the sum of the numbers is 70, then find the numbers.

(A) 24 and 46 (B) 7 and 63

(C) 14 and 56 (D) 42 and 28

(E) 21 and 49

DIRECTION(76-80): Answer the questions based on the information given below.

Three friends, 'P', 'Q' and 'R', solve a certain number of questions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The number of questions solved by 'P' on Wednesday is 24, which is half of the number of questions solved by 'Q' on the same day. The ratio of number of questions solved by 'P' on Monday and Tuesday is 6:7 respectively, and the total number of questions solved by P is 102. On Monday, the number of questions solved by 'R' is four more than that solved by 'P' and 10 more than that solved by 'Q'. The ratio between the number of questions solved by 'R' on Monday and Tuesday is 5:4 respectively. Number of questions solved by 'R' on Wednesday is 20 which is 5 less than that solved by 'Q' on Tuesday.

76. Find the ratio between the total number of questions solved by 'R' and total number of questions solved by all three on Wednesday.

(A) 5:2 (B) 2:5

(C) 1:2 (D) 2:1

(E) 1:1

77. Find the difference between the number of questions solved by 'P' on Tuesday and the number of questions solved by 'R' on the same day.

(A) 11 (B) 22

(C) 12 (D) 16

(E) 10

78. Find the average of number of questions solved by a person on Tuesday.

(A) 27 (B) 32

(C) 30 (D) 33

(E) 22

79. The number of questions solved by 'Q' on Monday is how much percentage less than the number of questions solved by 'R' on the same day?

(A) 15% (B) 25%

(C) 20% (D) 10%

(E) 30%

80. The number of questions solved by 'Q' on Thursday is 25% more than that solved by him on Wednesday. Find the difference between the number of questions solved by 'Q' on Thursday and the sum of number of questions solved by P and R on Wednesday.

(A) 12 (B) 21

(C) 25 (D) 16

(E) 18

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1. (C)	2. (B)	3. (A)	4. (D)	5. (E)	6. (B)	7. (D)	8. (A)	9. (C)	10. (E)
11. (B)	12. (B)	13. (D)	14. (C)	15. (D)	16. (A)	17. (C)	18. (A)	19. (A)	20. (E)
21. (B)	22. (B)	23. (E)	24. (D)	25. (C)	26. (B)	27. (B)	28. (C)	29. (C)	30. (D)
31. (A)	32. (C)	33. (B)	34. (E)	35. (A)	36. (A)	37. (B)	38. (E)	39. (B)	40. (D)
41. (D)	42. (D)	43. (C)	44. (D)	45. (C)	46. (B)	47. (B)	48. (A)	49. (D)	50. (A)
51. (B)	52. (E)	53. (A)	54. (D)	55. (E)	56. (C)	57. (E)	58. (E)	59. (C)	60. (C)
61. (D)	62. (D)	63. (D)	64. (D)	65. (D)	66. (D)	67. (D)	68. (D)	69. (C)	70. (C)
71. (D)	72. (C)	73. (D)	74. (E)	75. (D)	76. (E)	77. (E)	78. (D)	79. (B)	80. (D)

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