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ICAI INAUGURATES GLOBAL ORBIT SUMMIT 2026 IN NEW DELHI

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) organized the Global Orbit Summit 2026 in New Delhi to promote India's role in global trade and professional services. The summit focused on strengthening India's position as a global business and financial hub.
- The event brought together policymakers, industry leaders, chartered accountants, and international experts to discuss Global Capability Centres (GCCs) and emerging opportunities. It emphasized innovation, cross-border collaboration, and skill development.
- ICAI is a statutory body established under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, functioning under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. It regulates the Chartered Accountancy profession in India.

NOSKOVA DEFEATS MUCHOVA IN WIMBLEDON FINAL TO RECORD FIRST GRAND SLAM TITLE

- Linda Noskova (Czech Republic) defeated Karolina Muchova 6–2, 5–7, 6–3 to win the 2026 Wimbledon Women's Singles title. It was her first Grand Slam title.

- At 21 years of age, Noskova became the youngest Wimbledon women's champion since Petra Kvitová (2011). She also became the third Czech woman in four years to win Wimbledon.
- Wimbledon is one of the four Grand Slam tournaments and is played on grass courts at the All England Club, London.

ASSAM LAUNCHES STATEWIDE DRUG DISPOSAL CAMPAIGN



- Assam launched a statewide drug disposal campaign to safely collect and destroy expired, unused, and unwanted medicines. The initiative aims to prevent misuse of pharmaceuticals and reduce environmental pollution.
- The campaign promotes scientific disposal methods instead of throwing medicines into household waste or water bodies. It also creates awareness about responsible medicine disposal.
- Safe drug disposal supports public health, environmental protection, and anti-drug abuse efforts, aligning with sustainable waste management practices.

IMPORTANT FACTS

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRANSFORMING INDIA (NITI) AAYOG

- Established:** 1 January 2015
- Chairperson:** Prime Minister of India.
- Vice Chairman (2026):** Ashok Lahiri.
- CEO (Current 2026):** Ms. Nidhi Chhibber
- Headquarters:** New Delhi.
- Current Governor:** Sanjay Malhotra.

SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE 'VRIKSH MITRA' CAMPAIGN

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Vriksh Mitra' campaign to encourage mass participation in tree plantation and environmental conservation. The campaign aims to make environmental protection a people's movement.
- Citizens, schools, institutions, and community organizations are encouraged to plant and nurture trees under the initiative. The campaign emphasizes long-term care of planted saplings.
- The initiative supports Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) and contributes to India's climate change mitigation and green development goals.

INDIA TOPS INTERNATIONAL PHYSICS OLYMPIAD (IPHO) 2026 WITH FIVE GOLD MEDALS

- India secured the top position at the International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026 by winning five gold medals. This marked one of India's best-ever performances in the competition.
- The achievement highlights the strength of India's science education, talent identification, and Olympiad training programmes. It reflects the country's growing excellence in STEM education.
- The International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) is an annual global competition for secondary school students, testing theoretical and experimental physics skills.

FORMER QATAR EMIR SHEIKH HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL THANI DIES AT 74

- Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the former Emir of Qatar, passed away at the age of 74. He ruled Qatar from 1995 to 2013 before handing power to his son.

- During his reign, Qatar emerged as a major global energy exporter and significantly expanded its international diplomatic and economic influence. He also played a key role in developing the country's infrastructure.
- Qatar's capital is Doha, its currency is the Qatari Riyal (QAR), and it is one of the world's leading exporters of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

INDIA, KYRGYZSTAN LAUNCH 'MANAS AND MAHABHARATA' CIVILISATION INITIATIVE



- India and Kyrgyzstan launched the 'Manas and Mahabharata' Civilisation Initiative to strengthen cultural and historical ties. The initiative promotes academic research and cultural

exchanges based on their epic traditions.

- The programme highlights shared civilizational values through literature, education, and people-to-people cooperation. It aims to deepen bilateral cultural diplomacy.
- Manas is the national epic of Kyrgyzstan, while the Mahabharata is one of India's two great Sanskrit epics.

VEPDEGESTRANT – WORLD'S FIRST PROTAC-BASED THERAPY

- Vepdegestrant is the world's first approved PROTAC (Proteolysis-Targeting Chimera)-based therapy, designed to degrade disease-causing proteins rather than merely blocking them.
- It is primarily developed for treating certain types of estrogen receptor (ER)-positive breast cancer, especially in patients with resistant disease. This represents a new approach in targeted cancer therapy.
- PROTAC technology works by recruiting the cell's natural protein degradation system to selectively destroy harmful proteins, making it a breakthrough in precision medicine.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

13.07.2026 / MONDAY

- 13 July is observed as Kashmir Martyrs' Day.
- Commemorates 22 protesters killed by the Dogra Maharaja's forces outside Srinagar Central Jail on 13 July 1931.
- Official Holiday Status
- 13 July was an official public holiday in the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir.
- The holiday was removed in December 2019 after the reorganization of Jammu & Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370.