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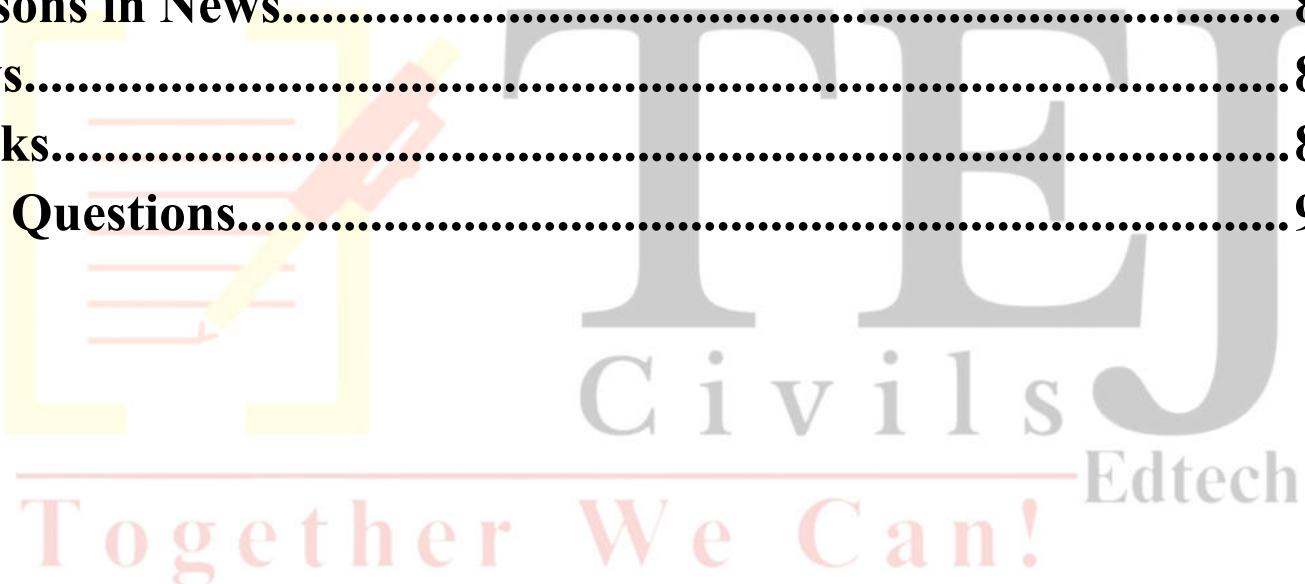
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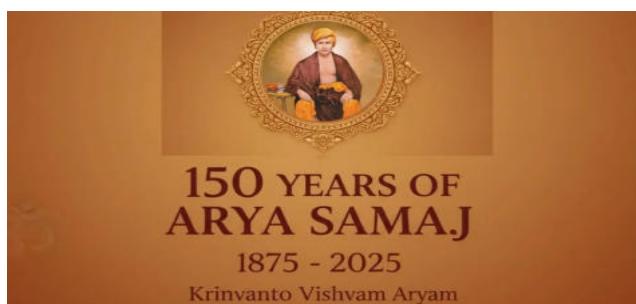
## National

### Gogabeel Lake in Bihar Declared as India's Newest Ramsar Site (2025)



- ❖ **New Ramsar Site:** *Gogabeel Lake, Bihar*
- ❖ **Total Ramsar Sites in India:** *94*
- ❖ **Ramsar Sites in Bihar:** *6 (3rd highest after Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh)*
- ❖ **About Gogabeel Lake**
- ❖ **Location:** *Katihar district, Bihar (Trans-Gangetic Plains)*
- ❖ **Type:** Ox-bow lake — naturally formed wetland created by the meandering of rivers.
- ❖ **Flanked By:**
  - River Mahananda – to the northeast
  - River Ganga – to the south
- ❖ Declared As: Bihar's first Community Reserve, highlighting local community participation in conservation.
- ❖ Cultural Significance: Traditional festivals like Sirva, Adra, and Chhath are celebrated around the wetland.

### 150 Years of Arya Samaj (1875–2025): Legacy of Reform and Vedic Revival



- ❖ **Occasion:** *150th Anniversary of Arya Samaj*
- ❖ **Founded By:** *Swami Dayanand Saraswati*
- ❖ **Founded In:** *1875 (Bombay); formally established in 1877 (Lahore)*
- ❖ **Event:** *International Arya Mahasammelan 2025, New Delhi*
- ❖ Addressed By: Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- ❖ Theme: Celebrating Arya Samaj's role in Vedic revival, social reform, and nationalism
- ❖ **Origins and Philosophy**
- ❖ Arya Samaj was founded to restore the purity and rationality of Vedic teachings.
- ❖ **Philosophy:** *"Back to the Vedas"* — return to truth and reason-based religion.
- ❖ **Motto:** *"Krinvanto Vishvam Aryam"* — "Let us enoble the world."
- ❖ Ten Principles: Emphasize truth, monotheism, rationalism, and social duty.
- ❖ Core Idea: Religion must enlighten, not enslave — combining spiritual knowledge with social reform.
- ❖ **Social and Religious Reforms**
- ❖ **Religious Reforms**
- ❖ Rejected idol worship, priestly dominance, and ritualism.
- ❖ Advocated universal monotheism, truth, and direct study of the Vedas.
- ❖ Promoted ethical living and rational inquiry into faith.
- ❖ **Social Reforms**
- ❖ Opposed untouchability, caste by birth, child marriage, and enforced widowhood.
- ❖ Supported widow remarriage, inter-caste marriage, and women's education.
- ❖ Encouraged social service, self-reliance, and equality.
- ❖ **Contribution to Education**

- ❖ Arya Samaj revolutionized Indian education by blending Vedic wisdom with modern science.
- ❖ Founded the DAV (Dayanand Anglo-Vedic) Schools & Colleges network.
- ❖ Established Gurukul Kangri University, Haridwar – promoting holistic and character-based education.
- ❖ Created an educational model emphasizing discipline, nationalism, and moral values.

## UIDAI Unveils 'Aadhaar Vision 2032' for Future-Ready Digital Identity



❖ In October 2025, the **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** launched '**Aadhaar Vision 2032**', a long-term digital transformation roadmap to strengthen India's digital identity ecosystem using cutting-edge technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Quantum Computing, and advanced encryption.

### ❖ Objectives of Aadhaar Vision 2032

❖ The initiative aims to make Aadhaar more secure, intelligent, inclusive, and globally benchmarked by 2032.

### ❖ Key Focus Areas:

#### ❖ AI-Powered Authentication:

❖ Smart verification systems to improve accuracy and detect anomalies in real-time.

#### ❖ Blockchain Integration:

❖ Enables tamper-proof verification and transparent audit trails, ensuring trust and accountability.

#### ❖ Quantum Computing Readiness:

❖ Prepares Aadhaar's architecture against future cyber threats from quantum technologies.

### ❖ Next-Gen Encryption:

❖ Implements advanced cryptographic protocols aligned with the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023.

### ❖ Leadership & Implementation

❖ A High-Level Expert Committee chaired by **Neelkanth Mishra, Chairperson of UIDAI**, will guide implementation.

❖ The committee includes experts in technology, cybersecurity, law, and public administration.

## MoHFW Achieves 3 Guinness World Records under 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan (SNSPA)'

### ❖ Name: **Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan (SNSPA)**

❖ Launched by: **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

❖ Launch Date: **17 September 2025**

❖ Concluded on: **2 October 2025**

❖ Led by: **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) & Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD)**.



❖ Occasion: Organised during Poshan Maah (Nutrition Month)

### ❖ **Guinness World Records Achieved:**

#### ❖ **1. Maximum Registration:**

❖ Record: Highest number of people registered on a healthcare platform in a single month

❖ Total: 3,21,49,711 (3.21 crore) registrations

#### ❖ **2. Maximum Breast Cancer Screenings (Online):**

❖ Record: Most online sign-ups for breast cancer screening in one week

- ❖ Total: 9,94,349 (9.94 lakh) participants
- ❖ **3. Maximum Vital Signs Screenings (Online, State Level):**
- ❖ Record: Most online sign-ups for vital signs screening in one week
- ❖ Total: 1,25,406 (1.25 lakh) participants
- ❖ **Objective:**
- ❖ To promote women's health and empowerment through digital health innovation and community participation under the vision of "Healthy Women, Empowered Families, and Viksit Bharat."

**Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Felicitated Rohit Shetty, Harbhajan Singh & Saina Nehwal as 'Fit India Icons'**



- ❖ **Occasion:** *National Fitness & Wellness Conclave 2025*
- ❖ **Venue:** *The Trident, Mumbai, Maharashtra*
- ❖ **Organised by:** Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) and Fit India Mission
- ❖ **Chief Guest:** Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, and Labour & Employment
- ❖ **Fit India Icons Felicitated:**
  - **Rohit Shetty** – Bollywood filmmaker
  - **Harbhajan Singh** – World Cup-winning Indian cricketer
  - **Saina Nehwal** – Olympic bronze medallist and badminton champion.
- ❖ **About National Fitness & Wellness Conclave 2025:**
- ❖ **Theme:** *"Building a Fit and Viksit Bharat"*

- ❖ The conclave highlighted fitness as a national priority and a driver of economic growth.
- ❖ Emphasised that over 65% of India's population is youth, and encouraged them to embrace fitness as a daily habit to achieve the "Viksit Bharat @2047" vision.
- ❖ The event celebrated India's expanding fitness and wellness movement under the Fit India Mission.
- ❖ **About Fit India Mission:**
- ❖ **Launched:** *August 29, 2019 (National Sports Day)*
- ❖ **By:** *Prime Minister Narendra Modi*
- ❖ **Objective:** To encourage Indians to include physical activity and sports in their daily lives and make India a fit and healthy nation.

**India's First Silicon Carbide (SiC) Semiconductor Manufacturing Plant to be Set Up in Odisha**



- ❖ In November 2025, the Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha, Mohan Charan Majhi, inaugurated **India's first end-to-end Silicon Carbide (SiC) semiconductor manufacturing plant** at Info Valley, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- ❖ This marks a major milestone in India's journey toward self-reliance (Atmanirbharta) in semiconductor manufacturing.
- ❖ **Project Approval and Support**
- ❖ The project has been approved under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).
- ❖ The India Semiconductor Mission functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

## GCMMF (Amul) Ranked World's No. 1 Cooperative by ICA World Cooperative Monitor 2025



- ❖ In November 2025, the **Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF)**, which markets its products under the Amul brand, was ranked **World's No. 1 Cooperative** based on GDP per capita performance in the **International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) World Cooperative Monitor 2025**.

### ❖ Key Details

- ❖ **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)**, also from India, secured the 2nd position worldwide in the same category. It is one of the world's largest producer cooperatives.
- ❖ **Groupe Crédit Agricole of France** ranked 3rd globally in Turnover-to-GDP per capita. It functions as a consumer/user cooperative.
- ❖ **Sistema Unimed of Brazil** obtained the 4th position worldwide. It operates as a worker cooperative in the healthcare sector.
- ❖ **Groupe BPCE of France** ranked 5th globally in Turnover-to-GDP per capita. It is also a major consumer/user cooperative.
- ❖ The prestigious ranking was announced during the ICA Cooperative Milestones 50 (CM50) Conference held in Doha, Qatar.
- ❖ The recognition acknowledges Amul's transformational role in promoting: Inclusive growth, Rural development and Cooperative governance.

### ❖ About GCMMF (Amul)

- ❖ GCMMF is India's largest dairy cooperative, headquartered in Anand, Gujarat.
- ❖ It represents over 3.6 million milk producers and has been instrumental in India's White Revolution.

## EESL to Set Up India's Largest Geothermal Energy Pilot Project in Andhra Pradesh



- ❖ **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, a Public Sector Joint Venture (JV) under the Ministry of Power (MoP), will implement the project.

### ❖ Project Announcement

- ❖ In November 2025, EESL announced plans to establish **India's largest Geothermal Energy Technology (GET) pilot project in Andhra Pradesh (AP)**.

### ❖ Objective

- ❖ The project aims to integrate clean and energy-efficient technologies into India's tourism sector, promoting sustainability.

### ❖ Project Locations

- ❖ The pilot project will be developed at two major tourism hubs in **Andhra Pradesh**:

- **Araku Valley, and**
- **Visakhapatnam (Vizag).**

### ❖ Working Principle

- ❖ The technology harnesses the earth's constant underground temperature at a depth of 7–8 meters (m).
- ❖ This geothermal energy will be utilized for eco-friendly heating and cooling of buildings, reducing dependence on conventional energy sources.

## PM Narendra Modi Inaugurated India's 1st Digital Museum on Tribal Freedom Fighters in Chhattisgarh

- ❖ In November 2025, **Prime Minister (PM)**

**Narendra Modi** inaugurated **India's first Digital Tribal Museum** - the **Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Memorial and Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum**.

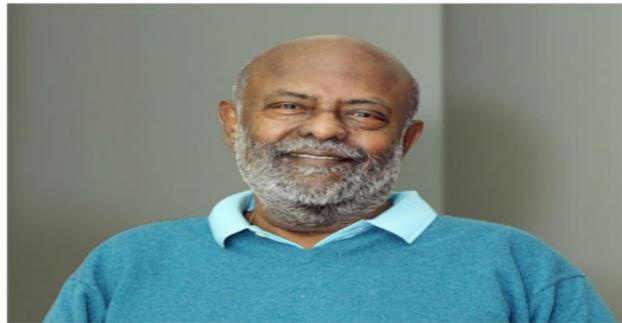


- ❖ **Location:** **Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh.**
- ❖ **Occasion:** Inaugurated on Chhattisgarh's 25th Foundation Day (November 1, 2025).
- ❖ **Launched:**
  - Museum Portal
  - E-book titled 'Aadi Shourya'
- ❖ **Unveiled:**
  - Horse-mounted statue of Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh at the Memorial Site.
- ❖ **About the Digital Tribal Museum**
- ❖ **Name:** Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Memorial and Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum.
- ❖ **Named After:** Veer Narayan Singh, tribal freedom fighter and landlord of Sonakhan — regarded as Chhattisgarh's first martyr freedom fighter who resisted British rule.
- ❖ **Location:** **Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh**
- ❖ **Project Cost:** ₹50 crore
- ❖ **Area:** Spread over 10 acres
- ❖ **Features:** Nearly 650 sculptures displayed across 14 galleries
- ❖ **Type:** India's 1st Digital Tribal Museum.

## Hurun India Philanthropy List 2025: Shiv Nadar Tops with ₹2,708 Crore Donation

- ❖ In November 2025, the **12th edition of the Hurun**

**India Philanthropy List** was released.



- ❖ The list was published by the **EdelGive Foundation** in partnership with **Hurun India**.
- ❖ **India's Most Generous Donor**
- ❖ **Shiv Nadar (80)**, Founder and Chairman of **HCL Technologies**, and his family topped the list.
- ❖ They have retained the title of **India's Most Generous Donors for the fourth time in five years**.
- ❖ **Top Three Donors**
  - **1st - Shiv Nadar & Family:** ₹2,708 crore donated in FY 2024–25, a 26% increase from the previous year.
  - **2nd - Mukesh Ambani & Family:** ₹626 crore donated, marking a 54% year-on-year rise.
  - **3rd - Bajaj Family:** ₹446 crore donated, showing a 27% increase.
- ❖ **Key Statistics**
  - ❖ Total philanthropists listed: 191
  - ❖ New entrants: 12
- ❖ **CSR-Based Donations**
  - **Mukesh Ambani:** ₹1,309 crore through CSR.
  - **Rungta Sons:** ₹181 crore through CSR.
- ❖ **Donations in Personal Capacity**
  - 1st – Shiv Nadar & Family: ₹2,537 crore.
  - 2nd – Nandan Nilekani: ₹356 crore.
  - 3rd – Rohini Nilekani: ₹199 crore.
- ❖ **Youngest Philanthropists**

- Nikhil and Nitin Kamath (Zerodha co-founders) – ranked first among the youngest donors.
- Binny Bansal (Flipkart co-founder) – second.
- Adar Poonawalla (Serum Institute of India CEO) – third.

## India Gears Up for 2026 Tiger Census: World's Largest Wildlife Survey

- ❖ **Event:** *2026 All India Tiger Estimation (AITE)*
- ❖ **Frequency:** *Conducted every four years*
- ❖ **Conducted by:**
  - National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
  - Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun
  - State Forest Departments
  - In collaboration with conservation NGOs
- ❖ **Last Census (2022):** Recorded 3,682 tigers in India
- ❖ **About the 2026 Tiger Census**
- ❖ **The AITE 2026 is the world's largest and most advanced wildlife survey, integrating traditional field tracking, satellite technology, and artificial intelligence (AI).**
- ❖ **India is home to over 75% of the world's wild tiger population, making this survey crucial for global conservation efforts.**
- ❖ **Three Phases of the 2026 Tiger Estimation**
- ❖ **Phase 1: On-Ground Tracking & Habitat Mapping**
- ❖ Conducted by forest guards patrolling 15 km over three days in each transect.
- ❖ **Data collected includes:** Indirect signs of tigers - pugmarks, claw marks, scat, prey remains. Prey sightings (deer, sambar, etc.) to assess prey base. Vegetation density and signs of human activity (wood cutting, cattle dung, etc.) to gauge habitat health. This provides ground-truthing data for further analysis.
- ❖ **Phase 2: Satellite Integration & Remote Sensing**
- ❖ Managed by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) using satellite imagery and remote sensing tools.

- ❖ Studies forest cover, terrain, water availability, and human encroachment.

### ❖ **Helps identify:**

- ❖ Wildlife corridors, Critical habitats, Stress and conflict zones
- ❖ Guides camera trap placement for maximum efficiency.

### ❖ **Phase 3: Camera Traps & AI-Based Identification**

- ❖ Over 40,000 motion-sensitive camera traps to be deployed.
- ❖ Each 4 sq. km grid will have two cameras (covering trails, ridges, or waterholes).
- ❖ Cameras will operate for 25 days to capture wildlife movement.
- ❖ AI-based software will analyze images using unique stripe patterns to identify individual tigers accurately.

### ❖ **About the Tiger & Conservation Context**

- ❖ **Scientific Name:** *Panthera tigris*
- ❖ Indian Subspecies: *Panthera tigris tigris* (Bengal Tiger)
- ❖ Conservation Status: Endangered (IUCN Red List)
- ❖ The census not only tracks tiger populations but also assesses ecosystem health, prey density, and human-wildlife interactions — vital indicators for conservation planning.

## Historic Move: Karnataka Becomes India's First State with Paid Menstrual Leave



- ❖ **The Karnataka government approved 12 days of paid menstrual leave annually, allowing one day of leave per month for women employees.**
- ❖ The policy aims to address menstrual health,

gender equality, and workplace inclusivity.

- ❖ Applicable to all female employees, including those in private organizations, marking a major step in gender-sensitive labour policy reform.

#### ❖ **Objectives:**

- ❖ To promote women's health, dignity, and productivity in the workplace.
- ❖ To recognize menstrual health as a legitimate workplace concern.
- ❖ To build a gender-responsive and inclusive work environment across sectors.

## Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo 2025



- ❖ The event titled Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo 2025 was held from 7 to 9 November 2025 at the **Hotel Hyatt Regency, Sector 83, Gurugram, Haryana**.
- ❖ This flagship event is organised under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India.
- ❖ The theme for 2025 was "**Urban Development and Mobility Nexus**".

#### ❖ **Award Details**

- ❖ **Award Name:** Award of Excellence in Urban Transport
- ❖ **Category:** City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System
- ❖ **Recipient:** **Udaipur Smart City Limited (Udaipur)**
- ❖ **Presentation:** The award was presented by the Union Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Minister of State Tokhan Sahu.
- ❖ **Receiving on behalf of the state:** From the Rajasthan Government, the honour was accepted

by Jhabar Singh Kharra, Minister for Urban Development & Autonomous Governance.

- ❖ **Key Achievements under the Smart City Mission:**
- ❖ Constructed 14.5 km of cycling tracks in areas such as Fateh Sagar Lake, Hiran Magri and Balicha Smart Road.
- ❖ Established docking stations / yards throughout the city.
- ❖ Rolled out 400 public bicycles for citizen use.

## Union Minister Amit Shah Inaugurates Co-Op Kumbh 2025 in New Delhi



- ❖ On 10 November 2025, **Union Minister Amit Shah (Ministry of Cooperation & Ministry of Home Affairs)** inaugurated **Co-Op Kumbh 2025**, an **International Conference on the Urban Cooperative Credit Sector**, held in New Delhi from 10–11 November 2025.
- ❖ He also launched two key digital platforms:
  - **Sahakar Digi Pay**
  - **Sahakar Digi Loan**
- ❖ These initiatives aim to modernize India's Urban Cooperative Banking (UCB) ecosystem.
- ❖ **About Co-Op Kumbh 2025:**
- ❖ Organized by the **National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies (NAFCUB)**, under the Ministry of Cooperation.
- ❖ Aligns with the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 declared by the United Nations.
- ❖ Supports the Government of India's goal to strengthen and digitalize the cooperative sector.
- ❖ **Theme:** "**Digitalising Dreams – Empowering**

## Communities."

### ❖ Aim:

- ❖ To strengthen the urban cooperative sector (UCBs and credit societies) through:
- ❖ Policy reforms
- ❖ Improved governance
- ❖ Advanced digitalization

### ❖ Dignitaries Present

- ❖ Union MoS Krishnan Pal Gurjar, Ministry of Cooperation, among others.

### ❖ Key Highlights

#### ❖ Adoption of the "Delhi Declaration 2025"

- ❖ A comprehensive roadmap to 2030.
- ❖ Outlines a five-year plan to modernize and digitalize Urban Cooperative Banks and credit societies.

### ❖ Focus on:

- ❖ Digital transformation
- ❖ Seamless service delivery
- ❖ Stronger regulatory and governance frameworks.

**Cabinet approves Export Promotion Mission to strengthen India's export ecosystem with an outlay of Rs.25,060 crore**



CABINET DECISION: 12-11-2025



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Mission to strengthen  
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- ❖ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Export Promotion Mission (EPM).

- ❖ EPM was announced as a flagship initiative in the Union Budget 2025–26.

- ❖ The Mission aims to strengthen India's export competitiveness, with special focus on MSMEs, first-time exporters, and labour-intensive sectors.

### ❖ Financial Outlay and Time Frame

- ❖ Total Outlay: **₹25,060 crore**

- ❖ Implementation Period: **FY 2025–26 to 2030–31**

### ❖ Strategic Significance

- ❖ Represents a shift from multiple fragmented export schemes to a single, integrated, outcome-based framework.

- ❖ Designed to be flexible and adaptive, enabling quick responses to:

- Global trade disruptions
- Changing market conditions
- Emerging exporter requirements
- Emphasizes digital platforms and data-driven decision-making for export promotion.

### ❖ Structure of the Export Promotion Mission

- ❖ The Mission will operate through two integrated sub-schemes:

#### ❖ I. NIRYAT PROTSAHAN (Financial Support Framework)

- ❖ Objective: Improve access to affordable trade finance, especially for MSMEs.

### ❖ Key Components:

- ❖ Interest subvention on export credit
- ❖ Export factoring mechanisms
- ❖ Collateral-free or collateral-supported credit guarantees
- ❖ Credit cards for e-commerce exporters
- ❖ Credit enhancement support for market and product diversification

#### ❖ II. NIRYAT DISHA (Non-Financial Enablers Framework)

- ❖ Objective: Enhance export readiness, competitiveness, and global market integration.
- ❖ **Key Components:**
  - ❖ Export quality standards and compliance support
  - ❖ Assistance for international branding and packaging
  - ❖ Support for participation in international trade fairs and exhibitions
  - ❖ Export warehousing and logistics support
  - ❖ Inland transport cost reimbursements
  - ❖ Trade intelligence, skill development, and capacity-building initiatives.

## Gujarat Becomes First State to Launch Tribal-focused Genome Sequencing Project

- ❖ *In November 2025, Gujarat became the first state in India to launch a large-scale tribal-focused genome sequencing project.*
- ❖ The project is led by the **Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC)**.
- ❖ Aim: To study genetic diversity, disease susceptibility, and health outcomes among tribal populations.
- ❖ As part of tribal welfare initiatives, the Government of Gujarat declared 2025 as ‘Tribal Pride Year’.
- ❖ The declaration commemorates the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a revered tribal freedom fighter.

## Punjab Becomes First State to Implement Amended BharatNet Scheme

- ❖ *In November 2025, Punjab became the first state in India to fully implement the amended BharatNet Scheme.*
- ❖ The implementation ensures high-speed broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats across the state.

- ❖ K.A.P. Sinha, Chief Secretary of Punjab, received the implementation award.
- ❖ The award was presented by Ajay Kumar Kararha, Chief General Manager, BSNL Punjab Circle.
- ❖ The award ceremony was held in Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana.

## Maharashtra Becomes First State to Sign Deal with Starlink

- ❖ *On 5 November 2025, the Government of Maharashtra became the first Indian state to sign a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Starlink Satellite Communications Pvt. Ltd.*
- ❖ Starlink is a subsidiary of SpaceX, founded by Elon Musk.
- ❖ Objective: To provide satellite-based internet services to:
  - Government institutions
  - Rural and remote communities
  - Critical public infrastructure
- ❖ The initiative aims to bridge the digital divide in underserved areas.

## Tamil Nadu to Launch India’s First ‘Women’s Wellness on Wheels’ (WWW) Initiative

- ❖ In November 2025, the Tamil Nadu Government announced the launch of India’s first ‘Women’s Wellness on Wheels’ (WWW) initiative.
- ❖ Objective: Early detection and prevention of breast and cervical cancer among women.
- ❖ **Total Budget: ₹41 crore**
- ❖ Coverage: 38 mobile medical units across 38 districts of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Free HPV Vaccination: For girls up to 14 years of age, administered through schools.
- ❖ Girl Child Maturity Fund: ₹50,000 maturity fund for 118 girl beneficiaries.

## Marine Fisheries Census 2025 and Digital Apps Launched

- ❖ In October 2025, Union Minister of State George Kurian (MoFAH&D) launched the 5th Marine Fisheries Census (MFC 2025).
- ❖ The launch included Household Enumeration under the census.
- ❖ Two digital mobile applications were also launched:
  - *VyAS-BHARAT (Village JettY AppraiSal – Basic Household And infRastructure Assessment Tool)*
  - *VyAS-SUTRA (SUpervision and TRacking)*
- ❖ The launch took place at ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi, Kerala.
- ❖ **Theme:** “Smart Census, Smarter Fisheries”
- ❖ **Purpose:**
  - ❖ Improve targeting of PM Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PMMKSSY) allocations
  - ❖ Support planning and development of marine fisheries infrastructure.

## India–Afghanistan to Establish Bilateral Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- ❖ In November 2025, India and Afghanistan agreed to establish a bilateral Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- ❖ The decision was taken during the official visit of Alhaj Nooruddin Azizi, Afghan Minister of Commerce and Industry, to India from 19–25 November 2025.
- ❖ Purpose of the Chamber:
- ❖ Serve as a central platform for business matchmaking
- ❖ Facilitate trade and investment promotion
- ❖ Enable policy coordination and trade facilitation between the two countries

- ❖ Associated Initiatives:
- ❖ Appointment of commercial and trade attachés
- ❖ Opening of air-freight corridors to boost bilateral trade

## India Hosts 7th NSA-Level Meeting of Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)

- ❖ On 20 November 2025, *India hosted the 7th National Security Adviser (NSA)-level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave.*
- ❖ **Venue:** New Delhi, Delhi
- ❖ **Chairperson:** Ajit Doval, National Security Adviser of India
- ❖ Member Countries: India, Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh
- ❖ Seychelles (new member)
- ❖ Guest Country: Malaysia
- ❖ Key Areas of Focus: Maritime security, Counter-terrorism, Cybersecurity, Transnational crime, Disaster relief and humanitarian assistance

## Sixteenth Finance Commission Submits Report to President of India

- ❖ In November 2025, the Sixteenth Finance Commission (16th FC) submitted its report to President Droupadi Murmu.
- ❖ The report covers the award period from 2026–27 to 2030–31.
- ❖ Copies of the report were also presented to:
  - ❖ The Prime Minister of India
  - ❖ The Union Finance Minister
- ❖ The report will be placed in the public domain after being tabled in Parliament by the Union Finance Minister, as per Article 281 of the Constitution of India.
- ❖ Chairman of 16th Finance Commission: Dr. Aravind Panagariya

- ❖ Terms of Reference (ToR):
- ❖ Assessment of the financial position of the Union and the States
- ❖ Recommendation on the distribution of net tax proceeds between Centre and States.

## BSF Commissions First All-Women Drone Operations Unit 'Durga Drone Squadron'



- ❖ In November 2025, the **Border Security Force (BSF)** commissioned its first all-women drone operations unit named '**Durga Drone Squadron**'.
- ❖ The unit was commissioned at the School of Drone Warfare (SDW), BSF Academy, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The squadron is named after Goddess Durga, symbolising power, precision, and resilience of BSF women personnel.
- ❖ **Led by:** **Dr. Shamsher Singh**, Additional Director General (ADG) & Director, BSF Academy
- ❖ **Under the leadership of:** **Daljit Singh Chaudhary**, Director General (DG), BSF
- ❖ **Objective of the Unit:**
  - ❖ Training women personnel in drone operations
  - ❖ Enhancing surveillance capabilities
  - ❖ Strengthening counter-drone measures along borders
  - ❖ Significance: Promotes women empowerment and strengthens technology-driven border security.

## JSW Energy Commissions India's Largest Green Hydrogen Plant in Karnataka

- ❖ In November 2025, **JSW Energy Limited** commissioned its first and **India's largest green hydrogen manufacturing plant**.
- ❖ **Location:** **Vijayanagar, Karnataka**
- ❖ **The plant has been established under:**
  - ❖ National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)
  - ❖ Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme – Tranche I
- ❖ **Production Capacity:**
  - ❖ 3,800 tonnes per annum (TPA) of green hydrogen
  - ❖ 30,000 TPA of green oxygen
  - ❖ The output will primarily supply JSW Steel's Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) unit.
  - ❖ The project is part of 6,800 TPA green hydrogen allocation under SECI's SIGHT Programme.
- ❖ **Future Targets of JSW Energy (by FY 2030):**
  - ❖ 30 GW power generation capacity
  - ❖ 40 GWh energy storage capacity
  - ❖ Alignment with National Target: Supports India's goal of producing 5 million tonnes (MT) of green hydrogen annually by 2030.
  - ❖ MoU: Signed with JSW Steel to enhance green hydrogen supply.

## Toshiba Delivers India's First 220 kV Mobile GIS System to POWERGRID

- ❖ In October 2025, **Toshiba Transmission & Distribution Systems (India) Private Limited (TTDI)** delivered **India's first indigenously manufactured 220 kV Mobile Gas-Insulated Switchgear (m-GIS) system**.
- ❖ TTDI is a subsidiary of the Toshiba Group.
- ❖ The system was delivered to Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID).
- ❖ POWERGRID functions under the Ministry of Power (MoP).

- ❖ The joint launch and flag-off ceremony was held at TTDI's manufacturing facility in Rudraram, Telangana.
- ❖ **Significance of the m-GIS System:**
- ❖ Enables rapid deployment of substations during emergencies and grid contingencies
- ❖ Enhances grid reliability and flexibility
- ❖ Supports disaster management and temporary power restoration
- ❖ The project highlights India's progress in indigenous manufacturing and aligns with the Make in India initiative.

## Union MoS Dr. Jitendra Singh Inaugurates IMD Infrastructure Projects

- ❖ On 27 November 2025, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Science & Technology, inaugurated three major initiatives of the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

### ❖ **Initiatives Inaugurated:**

- ❖ Two indigenously developed Doppler Weather Radars (DWRs) at:
- ❖ Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- ❖ Mangaluru, Karnataka
- ❖ A Solar Power System at Mausam Bhawan, New Delhi
- ❖ A Meteorological Museum at Mausam Bhawan, New Delhi

### ❖ **Objectives:**

- ❖ Strengthening meteorological infrastructure
- ❖ Promoting renewable energy adoption
- ❖ Enhancing public engagement in science, especially for students and young learners

## PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates India's First Global Aircraft Engine MRO Facility

- ❖ On 26 November 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated **Safran Aircraft Engine Services India (SAESI)**.

- ❖ **Significance:** **India's first global aircraft engine Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility.**

- ❖ **Developed by:** Safran S.A. (France-based aerospace company)

- ❖ **Location:** GMR Aerospace & Industrial Park – SEZ, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Hyderabad, Telangana

- ❖ Project Cost: ₹1,300 crore (USD 145 million)

### ❖ **Additional Inaugurations:**

- ❖ Infinity Campus of Skyroot Aerospace Pvt. Ltd.
- ❖ Unveiling of Vikram-I, India's first indigenously developed orbital rocket
- ❖ **Significance:** Boosts aerospace manufacturing, Make in India, and space ecosystem.

## Skill India Centre Inaugurated in Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ In November 2025, a Skill India Centre (SIC) was inaugurated in Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh.

- ❖ Inaugurated by:

- ❖ Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister (MIB & MeitY)

- ❖ Jayant Chaudhary, Union MoS (IC), MSDE & Ministry of Education

- ❖ Location: Ch. Kehar Singh Divya Public School, Baraut, Baghpat

- ❖ Objective:

- ❖ Skill development and employability enhancement of youth

- ❖ Strengthening the Skill India Mission at the grassroots level

## Asia's Largest Elevated Metro Depot Inaugurated in Mumbai

- ❖ In November 2025, the Mandale Depot for Mumbai Metro Line 2B was inaugurated.
- ❖ Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❖ Key Features:
- ❖ Spread over 32 hectares
- ❖ Asia's largest and first elevated metro depot
- ❖ Metro Line 2B Details:
- ❖ Length: 23.6 km
- ❖ Connects DN Nagar (Andheri West) to Mandale (Mankhurd East)
- ❖ Significance: Strengthens urban transport infrastructure and sustainable mobility.

## “Cyber Bharat Setu” National Cybersecurity Workshop Inaugurated in Tripura

- ❖ In November 2025, S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY, inaugurated the national cybersecurity exercise “Cyber Bharat Setu: Bridging States, Securing Bharat”.
- ❖ Venue: Agartala, Tripura
- ❖ Duration: 11–12 November 2025
- ❖ Organized by:
- ❖ Directorate of Information Technology (DIT), Government of Tripura
- ❖ In collaboration with CERT-In, MeitY
- ❖ Objective:
- ❖ Enhancing cyber awareness
- ❖ Improving readiness and response capabilities of states.

## ISRO, BCCL and CMPDI Sign Tripartite Agreement on Coal Fire Study

- ❖ In October 2025, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) entered into a tripartite agreement with:
- ❖ Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL)

- ❖ Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDI)
- ❖ Project Area: Jharia Coalfield, Jharkhand
- ❖ Implementation Period: FY 2025–27
- ❖ Objective:
- ❖ Conduct a detailed study of surface coal fires
- ❖ Assess land subsidence using space-based and geospatial technologies
- ❖ Significance:
- ❖ Supports mine safety, environmental protection, and sustainable coal mining.

## IIT Ropar and iDG10 Solutions Sign MoU on Subsea Pipeline Design Technology

- ❖ In November 2025, IIT Ropar signed a strategic MoU with iDG10 Solutions Private Limited.
- ❖ Purpose: Establish India’s first industry-anchored long-term collaboration in Subsea Pipeline Design Technology (SPDT).
- ❖ Signatories:
- ❖ Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, IIT Ropar
- ❖ Silvi Francis Farnand, A&P Director and Co-founder, iDG10 Solutions
- ❖ The MoU was signed in the presence of senior faculty members of IIT Ropar.
- ❖ Objective:
- ❖ Advance research and innovation in subsea engineering
- ❖ Bridge academia–industry collaboration
- ❖ Strengthen India’s capabilities in offshore and underwater infrastructure technology.

## India–Sri Lanka 1st Joint Working Group (JWG) Meeting on Agriculture

- ❖ The 1st Joint Working Group (JWG) Meeting on Agriculture between India and Sri Lanka was held

in October 2025 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

- ❖ Both countries reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cooperation in food and nutritional security.
- ❖ Key areas discussed: farm mechanization, organic & natural farming, seed development, agri-entrepreneurship, agricultural education, soil health management, market access, and climate-resilient agriculture.
- ❖ Co-chairs:
  - ❖ India: Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary, DA&FW
  - ❖ Sri Lanka: D.P. Wickramasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land & Irrigation.

## DRDO Transfers 12 LAToTs to Industry at SAMANVAY 2025

- ❖ In October 2025, DRDO handed over 12 Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology (LAToTs) covering eight indigenous defence products.
- ❖ The transfer was done during the inaugural session of SAMANVAY 2025, a two-day industry synergy event in Bengaluru, Karnataka, organised by the Electronics & Communication Systems (ECS) Cluster, DRDO.
- ❖ Technologies transferred include: Electronic Warfare Suites, Laser Photoacoustic Spectroscopy Systems, and other strategic defence innovations.
- ❖ DRDO announced the creation of Industry Interaction Groups (IIGs) in all labs and headquarters to strengthen industry collaboration.

## 8th Session of the ISA Assembly

- ❖ The Government of India, in partnership with the International Solar Alliance (ISA), hosted the 8th ISA Assembly from October 27–30, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ❖ The session was chaired by Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister for MNRE, and co-chaired by Benoit Faraco (France).

- ❖ The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, inaugurated the opening plenary, calling for inclusive and sustainable growth.
- ❖ Theme: “One Sun, One World, One Grid”
- ❖ Focus areas: solar finance mobilisation, global solar capacity building, solar manufacturing, and support for SIDS & LDCs.
- ❖ Key highlight: China announced its entry into ISA.

## 3rd International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH 2025)

- ❖ The 3rd International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH 2025) was held from November 11 to 12, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ❖ The conference was hosted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) with co-organisers including the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA), MoPNG, DST, and DSIR.
- ❖ The event aimed to advance India's green hydrogen roadmap through participation from scientists, policymakers, and industry leaders.
- ❖ India announced the establishment of four Hydrogen Valley Innovation Clusters (HVICs) worth ₹485 crore.
- ❖ A new logo for the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) was launched.
- ❖ A ₹100-crore call for proposals for biomass-based hydrogen projects was also announced.

## 3rd International Ayurveda Conference (Brazil)

- ❖ The 3rd International Ayurveda Conference was held in São Paulo, Brazil, from November 14 to 15, 2025.
- ❖ The event was inaugurated by Dinesh Bhatia, India's Ambassador to Brazil.
- ❖ It was jointly organized by the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) and Conayur São Paulo.

- ❖ The conference marked 40 years of Ayurveda practice in Brazil—the first South American country to officially recognise Ayurveda.
- ❖ The theme was “Diversity and Inclusion in Ayurveda: Caring for Everybody and Every Being.”
- ❖ The event was supported by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

## National Conference on Labour & Employment 2025

- ❖ Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (MoL&E) chaired the National Conference on Labour & Employment and Industry Ministers/Secretaries of States and UTs.
- ❖ The conference was organized by the Ministry of Labour & Employment and held in New Delhi from November 11 to 12, 2025.
- ❖ Digital Labour Chowk applications and an online BOCW cess collection portal were launched to enhance transparency and welfare benefits for construction workers.

## BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network (BIMReN) Conference 2025

- ❖ India hosted the inaugural BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network (BIMReN) Biennial Conference in Kochi, Kerala from November 4 to 6, 2025.
- ❖ The conference highlighted India's commitment to advancing Blue Economy cooperation among Bay of Bengal nations.

## Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2025

- ❖ The 18th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition was held in Gurugram, Haryana from November 7 to 9, 2025.
- ❖ Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar (MoP and MoHUA) inaugurated the event.
- ❖ The theme for UMI 2025 was “Urban

Development and Mobility Nexus.”

## Bharat International Rice Conference (BIRC) 2025

- ❖ The Bharat International Rice Conference (BIRC 2025), the world's largest platform for the rice industry, was held in New Delhi from October 30 to 31, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam.
- ❖ The conference was chaired by Union Minister Piyush Goyal (MoC&I and MoCAF&PD).
- ❖ Stakeholders from more than 80 countries participated, including global exporters, importers, policymakers, and technology innovators.
- ❖ The event aimed to explore opportunities worth ₹1.80 lakh crore in new rice import markets.
- ❖ The conference also targeted the signing of export MoUs worth ₹25,000 crore.

## India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025

- ❖ The 44th edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025 was held from November 14 to 27, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- ❖ The event was organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I).
- ❖ Union Minister of State Jitin Prasada (MoC&I and MeitY) inaugurated the 2025 edition.
- ❖ The theme for IITF 2025 was “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.”
- ❖ Four partner states participated—Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Bihar—with Jharkhand as the focus state.
- ❖ Rajasthan, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh won the Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards respectively in the Partner State category for display excellence.
- ❖ Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Puducherry won Gold, Silver, and Bronze respectively in the States & UTs category.
- ❖ Among ministries, the Ministry of Defence (Gold), Ministry of Mines (Silver), and Ministry

of Railways (Bronze) ranked in the top three.

## National Urban Conclave 2025

- ❖ The National Urban Conclave 2025 was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and held in New Delhi from November 8 to 9, 2025.
- ❖ Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar (MoHUA) participated in the event held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.
- ❖ During the conclave, he inaugurated several flagship initiatives, including the Dumpsite Remediation Accelerator Programme (DRAP), the Urban Investment Window (UiWN), the Swachh Bharat Mission – Knowledge Management Unit (SBM-KMU), and the Jal Hi Janani initiative.
- ❖ The theme of the conclave was “Sustainable Urban Development and Governance.”

## NHAI and Google India

- ❖ Partnered in November 2025 to provide near real-time, authoritative highway information via Google Maps.
- ❖ Collaboration uses the API Setu platform.
- ❖ Users can access information on public roads, roadside amenities, and travel disruptions across the national highway network.

## C-DOT and IIT Gandhinagar

- ❖ Signed an MoU on November 08, 2025 to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE).
- ❖ Focus: Telecom and cybersecurity innovation.
- ❖ Collaboration between Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

## PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Gujarat (October 30–31, 2025)

- ❖ Attended Rashtriya Ekta Diwas marking the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Ekta Nagar, Kevadia.
- ❖ Inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several development projects worth over Rs 1,140 crore.

## PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Chhattisgarh (November 1, 2025)

- ❖ Marked the 25th Foundation Day of Chhattisgarh (formed on 1 Nov 2000).
- ❖ Inaugurated and laid foundation stones for projects worth over Rs 14,260 crore across roads, industry, healthcare, and energy.
- ❖ Inaugurated the new Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly building in Nava Raipur (51 acres, budget Rs 324 crore).

## PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Uttarakhand (November 09, 2025)

- ❖ Participated in Silver Jubilee celebrations of Uttarakhand's formation (carved out from UP on 9 Nov 2000) at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun.
- ❖ Inaugurated and laid foundation stones for projects worth over Rs 8,140 crore, including Rs 930 crore in inaugurated projects and Rs 7,210 crore in foundation stones.

## PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu (November 19, 2025)

- ❖ Attended Centenary Celebrations of Sri Sathya Sai Baba in Puttaparthi (AP).
- ❖ Inaugurated the South India Natural Farming Summit in Coimbatore (TN).
- ❖ Released the 21st installment under PM-KISAN scheme to support farmers.

## PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Kurukshetra, Haryana (November 25, 2025)

- ❖ Participated in the International Gita Mahotsav

2025 and 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur.

- ❖ Inaugurated the ‘Panchjanya’ exhibit at the Mahabharata Experience Centre.
- ❖ Released a Rs 350 commemorative coin and Rs 5 stamp to mark the 350th Shaheedi Diwas of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur.

## INTACH Launches Project ‘Gaja Lok’ to Honor Asian Elephants

- ❖ Event: Launch of Project Gaja-Lok: Elephant Lands and their Cultural Symbolism in Asia
- ❖ Launched by: INTACH (under Ministry of Culture)
- ❖ Location: INTACH headquarters, New Delhi
- ❖ Focus: Documenting human-elephant interactions, ecological challenges, ethical coexistence, and cross-border cultural collaboration.

## Karnataka Unveils Blueprint for India’s First Quantum City

- ❖ Event: Blueprint of India’s first Quantum City (Q-City) revealed
- ❖ Launched by: N.S. Boseraju, Science & Technology Minister of Karnataka
- ❖ Location: Hesaraghatta, Karnataka (during 28th Bengaluru Tech Summit, BTS 2025)
- ❖ Mission: Rs. 1,000 crore Quantum Mission

## India Launches First Indigenous CRISPR Gene Therapy for Sickle Cell Disease

- ❖ Event: Launch of BIRSA 101, India’s first CRISPR-based gene therapy for Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)
- ❖ Launched by: Union MoS (IC), Dr. Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Science & Technology
- ❖ Developed by: CSIR – IGIB
- ❖ Technology: enFnCas9 CRISPR platform

- ❖ Dedicated to: Bhagwan Birsa Munda (150th birth anniversary)
- ❖ Purpose: Treat SCD in tribal populations; step toward Sickle Cell-Free India by 2047
- ❖ Collaboration: Serum Institute of India (SII) for scale-up and affordability

## Biomass Pellet Plant Inaugurated in Rewari, Haryana

- ❖ Event: Inauguration of 240 TPD biomass pellet plant and foundation stone laid for bioethanol plant
- ❖ Launched by: Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, MNRE
- ❖ Location: Rewari, Haryana
- ❖ Objective: Support India’s E20 ethanol blending mission and net zero carbon goals

## ‘Nayi Chetna 4.0’ Campaign Launched

- ❖ Event: Fourth edition of Nayi Chetna – Initiative for Change campaign
- ❖ Launched by: Union Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan (MoRD) & Annapurna Devi (MoWCD)
- ❖ Location: New Delhi, Delhi
- ❖ Focus: Gender equality and women empowerment, especially in rural areas
- ❖ Duration: 25 November – 23 December 2025

## WAVES Animation Bazaar & 8th IndiaJoy Inaugurated

- ❖ Event: Inauguration of WAVES Animation Bazaar and 8th edition of IndiaJoy
- ❖ Inaugurated by: Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- ❖ Location: Hyderabad, Telangana (Hyderabad International Convention Center, HICC, Hitex)

- ❖ Key Announcement: Setting up Regional Centre of Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT) in Hyderabad
- ❖ MoU: IICT and T-Hub

## 150th Anniversary of 'Vande Mataram' Commemoration

- ❖ Event: Year-long national commemoration of Vande Mataram
- ❖ Inaugurated by: PM Narendra Modi
- ❖ Location: Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, Delhi
- ❖ Highlights: Release of Rs.150 commemorative stamp and coin, dedicated portal for the national song
- ❖ Duration: 7 November 2025 – 7 November 2026

## India's First Modern River Ferry Terminal in Guwahati

- ❖ Event: Inauguration of Guwahati Gateway Terminal and Jetty
- ❖ Inaugurated by: Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance
- ❖ Location: Guwahati, Assam
- ❖ Cost: Rs. 304.95 crore
- ❖ Significance: First modern river ferry terminal in India

## 'Cyber Bharat Setu' Workshop in Tripura

- ❖ Event: Two-day National Cybersecurity Exercise: Cyber Bharat Setu – Bridging States, Securing Bharat
- ❖ Inaugurated by: S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY
- ❖ Location: Agartala, Tripura
- ❖ Dates: 11–12 November 2025
- ❖ Organizers: Directorate of IT, Tripura; Indian

Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), MeitY

- ❖ Focus: Enhance cyber awareness, readiness, and response capabilities

## India's 1st MegaWatt-hour Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB)

- ❖ Event: Inauguration of India's largest 3 MWh VRFB system
- ❖ Inaugurated by: Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar (MoP & MoHUA)
- ❖ Location: NTPC NETRA, Greater Noida, UP
- ❖ Significance: Enhances renewable energy integration and grid resilience through Long-Duration Energy Storage (LDES)

## AI Incubation Centre at Delhi Public School, New Delhi

- ❖ Event: Inauguration of first-of-its-kind AI Incubation Centre
- ❖ Inaugurated by: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education
- ❖ Location: Delhi Public School (DPS), RK Puram, New Delhi
- ❖ Developers: VVDN Technologies & Google Cloud

## India to Host MILAN 2026, IFR, and IONS Conclave

- ❖ Event: Announcement of India hosting three major naval events simultaneously
- ❖ Announced by: Indian Navy
- ❖ Location: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- ❖ Events: International Fleet Review (IFR 2026), Exercise MILAN 2026, IONS Conclave of Chiefs
- ❖ Dates: 15–25 February 2026
- ❖ Significance: First time India hosts all three flagship naval events together

## India's First Global Aircraft Engine MRO Facility (SAESI)

- ❖ Event: Virtual inauguration of Safran Aircraft Engine Services India (SAESI) facility
- ❖ Inaugurated by: PM Narendra Modi
- ❖ Location: Hyderabad, Telangana (GMR Aerospace & Industrial Park, SEZ, RGIA)
- ❖ Highlights: Also inaugurated Infinity Campus of Skyroot Aerospace & unveiled Vikram-I orbital rocket

## India Skills Report 2026

- ❖ In November 2025, the 13th edition of the India Skills Report (2026) was released by **Educational Testing Service (ETS)** in collaboration with **CII, AICTE, AIU, and Taggd.**
- ❖ **Major Highlights**
  - ❖ India's employability increased to 56.35% in 2026 (up from 54.81% in 2025), indicating a shift toward a skill-first economy supported by AI adoption, digital skills, and global mobility.
  - ❖ Women surpassed men in employability for the first time in 5 years.
    - Women's employability: 54%
    - Men's employability: 51.5%
  - ❖ Growth in women's participation was notable in:
    - Banking & Financial Services (BFSI)
    - Education sector
    - Healthcare sector
  - ❖ Strongest rise recorded in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
  - ❖ The report reflects India's improving readiness for future jobs, including digital and AI-led opportunities.
  - ❖ **Theme:** *"The Future of Work: Gig Workforce, Freelancing, AI-Supplemented Workforce, Remote Work and Entrepreneurship"*

- ❖ This theme highlights the rise of:
  - Gig and freelance ecosystems
  - AI-assisted job roles
  - Remote and hybrid work culture
  - Entrepreneurship-centered employment

## Kantar BrandZ – Top 100 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2025

- ❖ In November 2025, Kantar Group released the BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2025 report.
- ❖ **Key Highlights**
  - ❖ HDFC Bank became India's most valuable brand, replacing TCS, which moved to 2nd place.
  - ❖ Airtel ranked 3rd, followed by Infosys in 4th place.
  - ❖ ICICI Bank stood in 5th position.
  - ❖ Zomato was the fastest-rising brand, jumping 10 places.
  - ❖ 18 new brands entered the Top 100 list.
  - ❖ The report notes significant long-term brand growth for HDFC Bank since 2014.

### ❖ India's Top 5 Most Valuable Brands – 2025

- 1. **HDFC Bank**
- 2. *Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)*
- 3. *Airtel*
- 4. *Infosys*
- 5. *ICICI Bank*

## Swachh Survekshan (SS) 2025

- ❖ In November 2025, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) released the Swachh Survekshan 2025 rankings.
- ❖ Madurai (Tamil Nadu) was ranked the dirtiest city in India in the category of cities with a population

above 10 lakh.

- ❖ Its score included the previous SS2024 score, Garbage-Free City certification score, and ODF score.

**❖ Top Cities by Category (Dirtiest List)**

**❖ Above 10 lakh population:**

- Madurai
- Ludhiana
- Chennai

**❖ 3–10 lakh population:**

- Mathura Cantonment
- Erode
- Kollam

**❖ 50,000–3 lakh population:**

- Jhalod
- Porbandar
- Port Blair

**❖ 20,000–50,000 population:**

- Alirajpur
- Sihora
- Manavar

**❖ Less than 20,000 population:**

- Narayangarh
- Chandrapur
- Teosa

## One-Liner

- In November 2025, IIT Madras developed and deployed India's first indigenous **Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS)**, which has been operational at Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited (Kerala) since

its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in May 2025.

➢ In November 2025, the Government of Telangana launched '**1 Bio**', *India's first single-use bioprocess design and scale-up facility*, at *Genome Valley, Hyderabad*, inaugurated by IT & Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu on the occasion of 25 years of Genome Valley.

➢ On November 17, 2025, Goa Police became the first state police force in India to achieve a 100% response rate in cyber fraud complaints, earning national recognition for its strengthened cybercrime investigation and victim support mechanisms.

➢ In November 2025, the Geographical Indications Registry (GIR) under DPIIT granted a GI tag to Gujarat's Ambaji White Marble under the High-Quality Natural Stone category, with registration awarded to the Ambaji Marbles Quarry and Factory Association.

➢ In November 2025, the Government of India granted Geographical Indication (GI) registration to Sikkim's traditional Lepcha musical instruments 'Tungbuk' and 'Pumtong Pulit' under the Musical Instrument category.

➢ In November 2025, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) joined the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) as an Adopter, becoming

India's first integrated transport utility to commit to nature-related reporting from FY 2025–26.

- In November 2025, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) announced plans to set up India's largest Geothermal Energy Technology (GET) pilot project in Andhra Pradesh, to be implemented at Araku Valley and Visakhapatnam.
- India formally completed its withdrawal from the Ayni Airbase in Tajikistan by October 2025, ending nearly two decades of strategic presence amid evolving regional geopolitical and security dynamics.
- The Government of India observed Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada from November 1 to 15, 2025, as part of the year-long celebrations marking the 150th birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- Dictionary.com selected “67” (six–seven) as its Word of the Year 2025, highlighting the influence of viral humor and chaotic trends in online culture.
- In November 2025, the World Health Organization (WHO) officially declared Indonesia free from type-2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) after no polio cases were reported in children or the environment since June 2024.
- State Bank of India (SBI) was awarded “World’s Best Consumer Bank 2025” and “Best Bank in India 2025” by Global Finance,

recognizing its global consumer base of over 520 million customers.

- On October 31, 2025, the UNESCO designated Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) as a ‘Creative City of Gastronomy’ under the UNESCO Creative Cities Network on the occasion of World Cities Day.
- In November 2025, the Geographical Indication Registry under DPIIT granted GI tag status to Uttar Pradesh’s Mathura Zari Poshak and Meerut Bugle, recognizing their traditional textile and brass instrument heritage.
- In November 2025, the 53rd International Emmy Awards were held in New York City, where India’s Amar Singh Chamkila received nominations for excellence in television produced outside the USA.
- In November 2025, Google co-founder Larry Page became the world’s second richest person with a net worth of around USD 255 billion, according to Forbes, surpassing Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison; Elon Musk remained the richest at USD 476.4 billion.
- In November 2025, India’s mythological animated film ‘Mahavat Narsimha’ was officially listed among 35 eligible films for the Best Animated Feature Film category at the 98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026).
- On November 3, 2025, OpenAI launched

'IndQA', an AI benchmark designed to assess AI models' reasoning and cultural understanding across 12 Indian languages, including Hindi, Hinglish, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, Gujarati, Malayalam, Kannada, Odia, Punjabi, and English.

- In November 2025, UNEP released the 'Adaptation Gap Report (AGR) 2025: Running on Empty', estimating that developing countries will require USD 310–365 billion annually by 2035 for climate adaptation—about 12 times higher than the current global public adaptation finance of USD 26 billion (2023).
- In November 2025, the FAO launched its 'State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2025' report in Rome, highlighting that 1.7 billion people live in regions experiencing declining crop yields due to human-induced land degradation.
- In November 2025, the WHO's Global Tuberculosis Report 2025 noted that India's TB incidence rate fell by 21%, from 237 per lakh in 2015 to 187 per lakh in 2024—almost double the global rate of decline (12%).
- In November 2025, NITI Aayog Member Dr. V.K. Paul released the report 'Water Budgeting in Aspirational Blocks' in New Delhi, marking a key step toward improved water resource management.

## International

### COP30 (Belém, Brazil) – Key Outcomes:



❖ The **30th UNFCCC (COP30)** held in **Belém, Brazil**, adopted the '**Belém Political Package**', improving climate governance via adaptation finance, just transition, and ethical accountability, while gaps remain in fossil-fuel phase-out, deforestation, and swift support for vulnerable nations.

#### ❖ Adoption of the Belém Package

❖ The 30th UNFCCC COP in Belém concluded with countries adopting the Belém Package, a set of 29 negotiated decisions focusing on implementation of the Paris Agreement through finance, just transition, adaptation tracking, gender inclusion, and enhanced cooperation.

#### ❖ Global Mutirão Agreement Finalised

❖ COP30 adopted the Global Mutirão Agreement, prioritising cooperation and practical implementation over new mandatory targets.

❖ Brazil launched the Global Mutirão Platform, a digital initiative to accelerate climate action in energy, finance, and trade.

#### ❖ Just Transition Mechanism (JTM) Introduced

❖ COP30 created a new Just Transition Mechanism (Belém Action Mechanism – BAM) to support capacity-building for economies shifting away from fossil fuels.

❖ The mechanism does not include new financial commitments.

#### ❖ Launch of Global Implementation Tracker & Belém Mission to 1.5°C

- ❖ COP30 launched two major accountability tools—the Global Implementation Tracker and the Belém Mission to 1.5°C—to assess whether national actions and NDCs align with the 1.5°C pathway.

### ❖ **National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Implementation Alliance Formed**

- ❖ A new NAP Implementation Alliance was launched to speed up national adaptation planning.
- ❖ Parties agreed to triple adaptation finance by 2030 (compared to 2025), though the sources of this funding remain unclear.

### ❖ **Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) Progress**

- ❖ COP30 finalised the Baku Adaptation Roadmap.
- ❖ Parties adopted 59 voluntary indicators to measure progress under the GGA.

### ❖ **Belém Health Action Plan Announced**

- ❖ On Health Day (13 Nov 2025), COP30 unveiled the Belém Health Action Plan, aimed at strengthening global health systems based on climate justice, equity, and community participation.

### ❖ **Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF) Launched**

- ❖ Brazil launched the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF), a satellite-monitored, payment-for-performance model to reward forest conservation.
- ❖ It aims to mobilise USD 125 billion, with Brazil contributing the first USD 1 billion.

### ❖ **Belém 4x Pledge Introduced**

- ❖ COP30 adopted the Belém 4x Pledge to quadruple sustainable fuel use by 2035 (from 2024 levels), monitored annually by the IEA.
- ❖ Focus fuels include hydrogen, biofuels, biogas, and e-fuels.
- ❖ Belém Declaration on Hunger, Poverty & People-Centred Climate Action
- ❖ Signed by 43 countries and the EU, the declaration emphasises adaptation, community resilience,

social protection, and crop insurance.

### ❖ **Belém Gender Action Plan (GAP) Adopted**

- ❖ COP30 adopted a new Gender Action Plan to enhance gender-responsive climate policy and ensure meaningful participation of women, especially from vulnerable communities.

### ❖ **India's Position at COP30 – Key Statements**

#### ❖ **Climate Finance as a Legal Obligation**

- ❖ India, along with BASIC and LMDC, asserted that climate finance is a legal obligation under Article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement and must be predictable, scaled-up, and grant-based.

- ❖ India called for a universally accepted definition of climate finance and full mobilisation of the USD 1.3 trillion goal under the Baku-to-Belém Roadmap.

#### ❖ **Addressing the Adaptation Finance Gap**

- ❖ India highlighted that developing countries will require USD 310–365 billion annually by 2035, whereas current flows are only around USD 26 billion.

- ❖ India noted that the Glasgow pledge to double adaptation finance to USD 40 billion by 2025 is unlikely to be fulfilled.

#### ❖ **Emphasis on Equity & Climate Justice**

- ❖ India reaffirmed CBDR-RC, insisting that historical emitters must lead global mitigation efforts.

- ❖ India and China opposed trade-related unilateral measures such as the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), calling it discriminatory.

#### ❖ **Support for Vulnerable Nations and Adaptation**

- ❖ India emphasised equal priority for adaptation and mitigation, urging predictable and adequate support for developing and vulnerable countries.

#### ❖ **Major Shortcomings of COP30:**

- ❖ COP30 failed to agree on a roadmap for phasing out fossil fuels, avoiding strong commitments on transitioning away from coal, oil, and gas.

- ❖ The Belém Package did not resolve disagreements on finance obligations under Article 9.1, nor did it outline a clear plan to scale up funding.
- ❖ Several major emitters, including India, did not submit updated NDCs, worsening the ambition gap and reducing momentum for collective climate action.

## Maldives Enacts World's First Generational Smoking Ban (2025)



- ❖ **Policy Announcement:** *Generational Smoking Ban*
- ❖ **Effective From:** 1 November 2025
- ❖ **Implemented By:** *Government of Maldives*
- ❖ **Global First**
- ❖ *The Maldives has become the first and only country in the world to implement a complete generational ban on tobacco use.*
- ❖ The law prohibits anyone born on or after 1 January 2007 from:
  - Buying tobacco products
  - Using tobacco in any form
  - Being sold tobacco or related items

## QS World University Rankings: Asia 2026 Released

- ❖ In November 2025, the United Kingdom (UK)-based global higher education analytics firm Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) released the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2026.
- ❖ **Top-Ranked Asian Universities (2026)**
  - *The University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong SAR) secured the 1st position with an overall score of 100.*

- *Peking University (China) ranked 2nd with a score of 99.9.*
- *Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, and National University of Singapore (NUS) jointly ranked 3rd, each scoring 99.*
- *Fudan University (China) secured the 5th position with an overall score of 98.7.*

- ❖ **Performance of Indian Institutions**
- ❖ *Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Delhi* ranked **59th in Asia**, becoming the **top-ranked Indian university in the 2026 edition**.
- ❖ It obtained an overall score of **78.6**.
- ❖ *IIT-Delhi's ranking slipped* from 44th position in 2025 and 46th position in 2024.
- ❖ **Top 5 Indian Universities in QS Asia 2026**
- ❖ *IIT-Delhi, New Delhi (Delhi)* – Ranked **59th** in Asia with a score of 78.6.
- ❖ *Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (Karnataka)* – Ranked 64th with a score of 76.5.
- ❖ *IIT-Madras, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)* – Ranked 70th with a score of 75.1.
- ❖ *IIT-Bombay, Mumbai (Maharashtra)* – Ranked 71st with a score of 75.
- ❖ *IIT-Kanpur, Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh)* – Ranked 77th with a score of 73.4.
- ❖ **Key Highlights**
- ❖ India's highest-ranked institution (IIT-Delhi) saw a decline in regional ranking despite maintaining a strong overall score.
- ❖ The University of Hong Kong continues to dominate the Asian university rankings.
- ❖ Chinese and Singaporean universities retained multiple spots in the top five, indicating their continued regional leadership in higher education.

## India and Denmark Launch 'Indo-Danish Business Council (IDBC)'



- ❖ In November 2025, **India and Denmark** jointly launched the '**Indo-Danish Business Council (IDBC)**' in **Copenhagen, Denmark**.

- ❖ The initiative aims to strengthen bilateral ties through innovation, investment, and sustainable development.

### ❖ **Key Highlights**

- ❖ The Indo-Danish Business Council was launched by Manish Prabhat, Ambassador of India to Denmark.
- ❖ The launch commemorates 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Denmark.
- ❖ The Council will serve as a strategic platform for promoting trade partnerships, green technology collaboration, and business cooperation between the two nations.

## 17th India-Israel Joint Working Group (JWG) Meeting on Defence Cooperation Held in Israel



- ❖ The 17th meeting of the India-Israel Joint Working Group (JWG) on Defence Cooperation was held in November 2025 at **Tel Aviv, Israel**.

- ❖ The meeting was co-chaired by:

- **Rajesh Kumar Singh**, the 40th Defence Secretary of India, and
- **Major General (Res) Amir Baram**, Director General, Israeli Ministry of Defence (IMOD).

- ❖ **Key Outcome:**

- ❖ India and Israel signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Defence Cooperation to further enhance their bilateral strategic partnership.

- ❖ **Objective:**

- ❖ The MoU aims to strengthen defence collaboration, joint research and development, and industrial cooperation between the two nations.

## ITA Report: India Ranks 3rd Globally with 65 Clean Energy Industrial Projects



- ❖ In November 2025, the **Industrial Transition Accelerator (ITA)** released a report titled

- ❖ **"India Insights Briefing: Unlocking India's Clean Industrialisation Opportunity."**

### ❖ **India's Global Ranking**

- ❖ According to the report, India ranks 3rd globally with a pipeline of 65 clean energy industrial projects, following China and the United States of America (USA).

### ❖ **Purpose of the Report**

- ❖ The report highlights India's growing potential in clean industrialisation and aims to accelerate the nation's industrial decarbonisation efforts.

### ❖ **About Industrial Transition Accelerator (ITA)**

- ❖ Origin: The ITA was established at the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) as a global platform to decarbonise industry and transport sectors responsible for nearly one-third of global emissions.

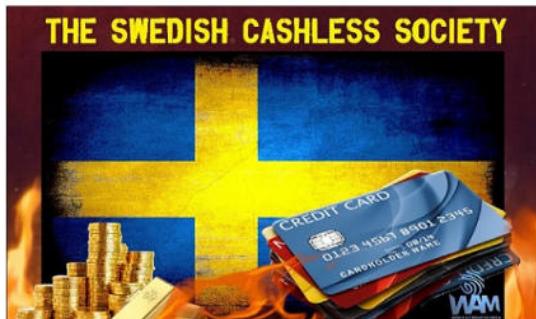
### ❖ **Implementation and Collaboration**

- ❖ The report was launched under the ITA India Project Support Programme,
- ❖ in collaboration with the Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

### ❖ **Key Objective**

- ❖ The initiative aims to fast-track India's industrial decarbonisation and ensure investment readiness by 2026.

## Sweden Becomes the World's First Cashless Society



- ❖ In November 2025, **Sweden became the world's first country to operate as a completely cashless society**, where digital payments have fully replaced physical currency in daily transactions.
- ❖ The development was confirmed by Sveriges Riksbank, the Central Bank of Sweden.

### ❖ Economic Indicator

- ❖ As per the Riksbank, the total amount of cash (banknotes and coins) in circulation is now less than 1% of Sweden's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

## Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Led Indian Delegation at WSSD-2 Held in Doha, Qatar



- ❖ Event: **2nd World Summit for Social Development (WSSD-2)**
- ❖ Host Country: **State of Qatar**
- ❖ Venue: **Doha, Qatar**
- ❖ Dates: November 4–6, 2025
- ❖ Indian Representative: **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**, Union Minister of Labour & Employment

(MoL&E) and Youth Affairs & Sports (MoYAS)

### ❖ About the Summit

- ❖ The World Summit for Social Development (WSSD-2) brought together over 180 global dignitaries to deliberate on social justice, inclusive growth, and sustainable employment.
- ❖ The summit aimed to review and renew commitments made under the 1995 Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development.

### ❖ India's Participation & Highlights

- ❖ Dr. Mandaviya attended the Inaugural Plenary Session and reaffirmed India's commitment to global cooperation for social justice and inclusive growth.
- ❖ In his address, he highlighted India's achievements on the three pillars of social development — employment, social protection, and inclusion:
- ❖ 170 million jobs created between 2016–17 and 2023–24.
- ❖ Women's employment participation doubled during the same period.
- ❖ Unemployment rate reduced from 6% to 3.2%.
- ❖ Social protection coverage increased from 19% (2015) to 64.3% (2025), benefitting over 940 million citizens.

### ❖ Outcome: Doha Political Declaration

- ❖ The summit concluded with the adoption of the "Doha Political Declaration", reaffirming global commitments to: Eradicate poverty, Create decent work opportunities, Combat discrimination, Expand access to social security and Protect human rights.

## Bangladesh Joins UN Water Convention – Becomes 1st South Asian Signatory



- ❖ **Bangladesh became the first South Asian country and the 56th country globally to join the United Nations (UN) Water Convention.**

- ❖ **Date of accession:** June 20, 2025.

- ❖ The convention is officially known as the **“Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes.”**

### ❖ **Significance of the Move**

- ❖ The accession will help Bangladesh in:
- ❖ Protecting and managing its transboundary water resources, and
- ❖ Promoting peace, cooperation, and prosperity through shared water management.
- ❖ The move supports regional collaboration on water governance and contributes to sustainable water management.

### ❖ **About the UN Water Convention**

- ❖ Full Name: Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes.

- ❖ Type: Legally binding international instrument.

### ❖ **Objective:**

- ❖ To promote the sustainable management of shared (transboundary) water resources.
- ❖ To support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

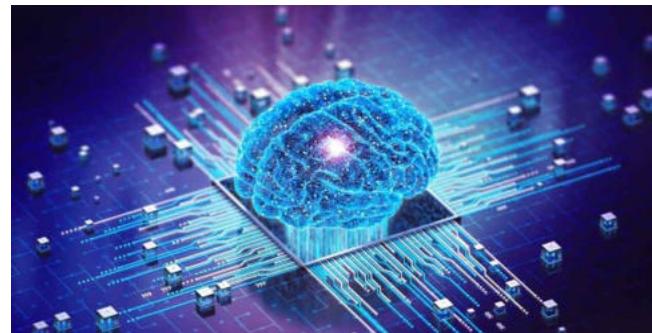
### ❖ **Background**

- ❖ **Adopted:** In 1992, at Helsinki, Finland.

- ❖ **Entered into Force:** In 1996.

- ❖ Initially, the convention was limited to the UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) region but was opened for global accession in 2016, allowing countries beyond Europe to join.

## UNESCO Adopts World's First Global Ethical Framework for Neurotechnology



- ❖ In November 2025, the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** adopted the **“Recommendation on the Ethics of Neurotechnology”** – the world’s first global ethical framework for neurotechnology.

- ❖ The adoption took place during **UNESCO’s 43rd General Conference** held in Paris, France.

- ❖ The framework will come into effect on **12 November 2025**.

### ❖ **Purpose and Objectives**

- ❖ The framework aims to ensure that neurotechnology serves humanity responsibly, while safeguarding human rights, dignity, and mental privacy.

- ❖ It provides ethical and legal safeguards to guide governments, scientists, and industries in the safe and equitable use of neurotechnologies.

## Time Out’s City Life Index 2025: Mumbai Ranked Asia’s Happiest City; Abu Dhabi Tops the World



- ❖ In November 2025, **Time Out**, a UK-based global media and lifestyle organization, released the **City Life Index 2025**, which ranks cities across the world based on happiness and quality of urban life.

- ❖ According to the report, **Mumbai (India) emerged**

as Asia's happiest city, while Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) was ranked as the world's happiest city.

### ❖ Mumbai's Achievement

- ❖ Mumbai topped the Asian rankings with 94% of residents saying that the city makes them happy. The city also performed exceptionally well on indicators such as emotional well-being, sense of belonging, and social connection.

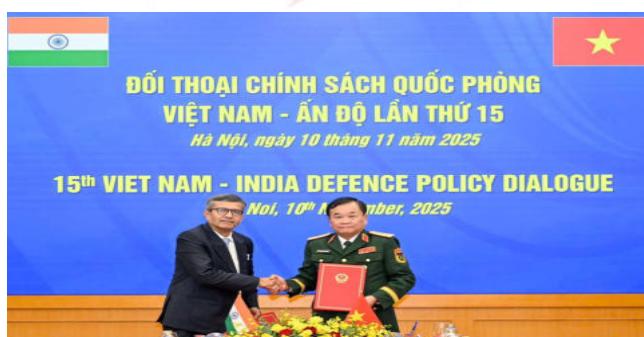
### ❖ Other Top Asian Cities

- ❖ Following Mumbai, Beijing (China) ranked second with 93% of residents reporting happiness, while Shanghai (China) ranked third with 92%.
- ❖ Chiang Mai in Thailand and Hanoi in Vietnam secured the fourth and fifth spots respectively, each with 88% of residents saying their city makes them happy.
- ❖ Both Chiang Mai and Hanoi were praised for their green spaces, slower pace of life, and close-knit communities, which make them ideal for those seeking peace and connection.

### ❖ Lower-Ranked Asian Cities

- ❖ Cities such as Seoul (South Korea), Singapore, and Tokyo (Japan) ranked lower on the happiness index.
- ❖ In Tokyo, only 70% of residents reported being happy, a figure linked to the long working hours and fast-paced urban lifestyle prevalent in the city.

## 15th India–Vietnam Defence Policy Dialogue Held in Hanoi, Vietnam; MoU Signed



- ❖ In November 2025, **Vietnam** hosted the **15th edition of the India–Vietnam Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD)** in **Hanoi**, its capital city.

- ❖ The dialogue is a key mechanism for reviewing and advancing the India–Vietnam Strategic Defence Partnership.

### ❖ Co-Chairs:

- ❖ **Rajesh Kumar Singh**, Secretary, Ministry of Defence (MoD), India
- ❖ Senior Lieutenant General **Hoang Xuan Chien**, **Deputy Minister of National Defence, Vietnam**

### ❖ About the 15th Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD 2025)

#### ❖ Purpose

- ❖ The DPD serves as a platform to:
- ❖ Review ongoing defence cooperation
- ❖ Strengthen bilateral defence ties
- ❖ Implement commitments under the India–Vietnam Joint Vision Statement 2030

### ❖ Key Outcomes of DPD 2025

#### ❖ Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on Mutual Submarine Search Cooperation:

- ❖ Enhances cooperation in submarine operations
- ❖ Strengthens maritime security collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region

#### ❖ Letter of Intent (LoI) to Strengthen Defence Industrial Cooperation:

- ❖ Aims to deepen collaboration in:
- ❖ Defence manufacturing
- ❖ Technology sharing
- ❖ Co-production and co-development of defence systems

### ❖ Decision on the Next DPD:

- ❖ **The 16th Defence Policy Dialogue will be held in India in 2026.**

## India-Funded Multi-Ethnic Trilingual School Inaugurated in Sri Lanka

- ❖ On 31 October 2025, a multi-ethnic trilingual

secondary school funded by the Government of India (GoI) was inaugurated in Polonnaruwa District, Sri Lanka.

- ❖ Jointly inaugurated by:
- ❖ Harini Amarasuriya, Minister of Education, Sri Lanka
- ❖ Santosh Jha, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka
- ❖ Trilingual Education: Instruction in Sinhala, Tamil, and English.
- ❖ Objective:
- ❖ Promote social cohesion and multicultural understanding
- ❖ Serve students from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds
- ❖ Significance: Strengthens India–Sri Lanka people-to-people ties and inclusive education.

## Khangchendzonga National Park Rated ‘Good’ by IUCN

- ❖ In October 2025, Khangchendzonga National Park (Sikkim) was rated ‘Good’ by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- ❖ It is the only Indian natural heritage site to receive this positive status.
- ❖ Report: 4th edition of IUCN World Heritage Outlook
- ❖ Released at: IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025, Abu Dhabi, UAE

### ❖ *Global Coverage:*

- 271 natural & mixed World Heritage sites
- Across 115 countries

### ❖ *Asia Coverage:*

- 63 natural & mixed sites
- Across 19 countries, covering over 27 million hectares

### ❖ *Status of Other Indian Sites:*

### ❖ ‘Good with Some Concerns’:

- Kaziranga NP (Assam)
- Nanda Devi & Valley of Flowers NP (Uttarakhand)
- Great Himalayan NP (Himachal Pradesh)

### ❖ ‘Significant Concern’:

- Western Ghats
- Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (Assam)
- Sundarbans (West Bengal)

## India and Saudi Arabia Sign Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj 2026

- ❖ In November 2025, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju signed the Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj 2026.
- ❖ Indian Ministries: Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) & Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MoPA)
- ❖ Saudi Counterpart: Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah, Minister of Hajj and Umrah
- ❖ Venue: Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- ❖ Purpose:
- ❖ Strengthen bilateral coordination on Haj management
- ❖ Improve facilities and services for Indian pilgrims.

## India–Nepal Sign LoE to Boost Rail Connectivity via Jogbani–Biratnagar

- ❖ In November 2025, India and Nepal exchanged a Letter of Exchange (LoE) to amend the Protocol to the Treaty of Transit.
- ❖ Signed during a bilateral meeting in: New Delhi
- ❖ Signatories:
- ❖ Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry (India)
- ❖ Anil Kumar Sinha, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies (Nepal)

- ❖ Rail Corridor: Jognani–Biratnagar
- ❖ Purpose:
- ❖ Operationalise two new railway ports at Kolkata and Visakhapatnam
- ❖ Enhance rail-based trade connectivity between India and Nepal.

## India Unanimously Re-elected to Codex Executive Committee (CCEEXEC)

- ❖ In November 2025, India was unanimously re-elected to the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEEXEC) for the Asia Region.
- ❖ The re-election took place during the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC48).
- ❖ Venue: FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy
- ❖ Duration of Session: 10–14 November 2025
- ❖ With this re-election, India's tenure has been extended till the conclusion of CAC50 in 2027.
- ❖ Indian Delegation Led by:
- ❖ Rajit Punhani, CEO, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- ❖ The delegation also included officials from:
- ❖ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)
- ❖ Technical experts
- ❖ Significance: Strengthens India's role in global food safety standards and policy-making.

## USA Approves Supply of Javelin ATGM and Excalibur Artillery Projectiles to India

- ❖ On 19 November 2025, the United States of America (USA) approved the supply of advanced defence equipment to India.
- ❖ Defence Items Approved:
- ❖ 100 FGM-148 Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM)

- ❖ Up to 216 rounds of M982A1 Excalibur precision-guided artillery projectiles
- ❖ Total Deal Value: USD 93 million
- ❖ Javelin ATGM: USD 45.7 million
- ❖ Excalibur M982A1: USD 47.1 million
- ❖ Strategic Impact:
- ❖ Enhances India's anti-armour capability
- ❖ Strengthens precision-strike artillery systems
- ❖ Reflects growing India-US defence cooperation.

## Saudi Arabia Designated as 20th Major Non-NATO Ally of the USA

- ❖ In November 2025, US President Donald Trump designated Saudi Arabia as a Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA).
- ❖ The announcement was made during a black-tie White House dinner with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.
- ❖ With this designation, Saudi Arabia became the 20th country to receive Major Non-NATO Ally status.
- ❖ Key Outcomes:
- ❖ Strengthening of US–Saudi defence cooperation
- ❖ Signing of a defence agreement
- ❖ Proposed military deal, including the sale of F-35 fighter jets
- ❖ Investment Commitment:
- ❖ Saudi Arabia pledged to increase investments in the USA from USD 600 billion to USD 1 trillion.

## Union MoS Shripad Yesso Naik Launches GELS 2025 Logo and Website

- ❖ In November 2025, Shripad Yesso Naik, Union Minister of State (MoS), Ministry of Power (MoP) and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), launched the logo and official website of the Global Energy Leaders' Summit (GELS) 2025.

- ❖ Venue of Launch: New Delhi, Delhi
- ❖ Global Energy Leaders' Summit (GELS) 2025 – Key Details:
- ❖ Event Location: Puri, Odisha
- ❖ Dates: 5–7 December 2025
- ❖ Objective: To bring together global energy leaders to discuss India's energy transition and future-ready power systems.
- ❖ Theme: "Powering India: Sufficiency, Balance, Innovation"
- ❖ The theme aligns with the Prime Minister's vision for India's energy sector.
- ❖ Four Pillars of the Theme: Energy Access, Energy Efficiency, Energy Sustainability and Energy Security.

## President Droupadi Murmu's Visit to Angola (8–11 November 2025)

- ❖ Who: President of India – Droupadi Murmu
- ❖ When: 8–11 November 2025
- ❖ Where: Angola
- ❖ At the invitation of: President João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço
- ❖ Significance: First-ever visit by an Indian President to Angola
- ❖ **Delegation Members**
  - ❖ V. Somanna – Union MoS (Jal Shakti & Railways)
  - ❖ Parbhubhai Nagarbhai Vasava – MP (Bardoli, Gujarat)
  - ❖ D.K. Aruna – MP (Mahbubnagar, Telangana)
- ❖ **Historical & Diplomatic Context**
  - ❖ India–Angola diplomatic relations: Established in 1985
  - ❖ 2025 marks: 40th anniversary of diplomatic ties
  - ❖ Angola Independence Day: 11 November 2025
  - ❖ Milestone: 50th Independence Day of Angola

### ❖ **Key Outcomes**

- ❖ **MoUs Signed:**
  - ❖ Marine, Aquaculture & Fisheries
  - ❖ Consular Matters
  - ❖ Line of Credit (LoC): USD 200 million
- ❖ **Multilateral Engagements:**
  - ❖ Angola agreed to join Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA)
  - ❖ International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)
- ❖ **Note:**
  - ❖ First Indian President to visit Angola
  - ❖ 40 years of India–Angola relations
  - ❖ Angola Independence Day – 11 November
  - ❖ LoC: USD 200 million

## Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Visit to Bhutan (11–12 November 2025)

- ❖ Who: Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- ❖ When: 11–12 November 2025
- ❖ Where: Bhutan
- ❖ Invited by: King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
- ❖ **Occasion**
  - ❖ 70th birthday celebration of:
  - ❖ Fourth Druk Gyalpo – King Jigme Singye Wangchuck
- ❖ **Major Inauguration**
  - ❖ Project: Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project
  - ❖ Type: Run-of-the-river scheme
  - ❖ River: Punatsangchhu
  - ❖ Location: Thinleygang, Wangdue Phodrang (Bhutan)
  - ❖ Capacity: 1,020 MW

- ❖ Budget: ₹7,290 crore

- ❖ Implementing Agency: PHPA-II

**❖ Other Key Events**

- ❖ Attended Global Peace Prayer Festival in Thimphu
- ❖ Highlighted deep cultural & spiritual ties between India and Bhutan

**❖ Financial & Development Support**

- ❖ LoC: ₹4,000 crore for hydropower & clean energy projects
- ❖ India's contribution: ₹1,000 crore to Bhutan's Five-Year Plan
- ❖ Infrastructure: Immigration Check Post (ICP) at Hatisar, Assam

**❖ MoUs Signed:**

- Renewable Energy
- Healthcare
- Capacity Building

**❖ Note:**

- ❖ Punatsangchhu-II capacity – 1,020 MW
- ❖ India–Bhutan hydropower cooperation
- ❖ Global Peace Prayer Festival

## President Droupadi Murmu's Visit to Botswana (11–13 November 2025)

- ❖ Who: President of India – Droupadi Murmu
- ❖ When: 11–13 November 2025
- ❖ Where: Botswana
- ❖ Significance: First-ever state visit by an Indian President to Botswana
- ❖ Note: Final leg of Angola–Botswana State Tour
- ❖ **Diplomatic Background**
- ❖ India–Botswana relations: Established in 1966

- ❖ 2026: 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations

**❖ Key Institutional Engagements**

- ❖ Digital Transformation Centre Botswana (DTCB)
- ❖ Botswana National Assembly
- ❖ Three Dikgosi Monument
- ❖ Important Agreements

**❖ MoUs Signed:**

- ❖ Pharmacopoeial Cooperation
- ❖ Supply of Antiretroviral (ARV) drugs for HIV/AIDS treatment
- ❖ Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) Recognition
- ❖ Botswana recognised Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) as a reference standard
- ❖ Botswana became: 18th country to recognise IP
- ❖ Project Cheetah Cooperation
- ❖ Botswana donated 8 cheetahs to India
- ❖ Cheetahs captured from Ghanzi region
- ❖ Transferred to Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh
- ❖ Symbol of India–Africa wildlife conservation cooperation

**❖ Note:**

- ❖ Botswana – 18th country to recognise IP
- ❖ Project Cheetah – 8 cheetahs to Kuno NP
- ❖ First Indian President to visit Botswana.

## India and Ecuador Sign MoU on Diplomatic Training Cooperation

- ❖ In November 2025, India and Ecuador signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation between their diplomatic training institutions.
- ❖ Venue: Quito, Ecuador
- ❖ Signatories:

- ❖ Gabriela Sommerfeld, Minister of Foreign and Human Mobility Affairs, Ecuador
- ❖ Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State (MoS), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India
- ❖ The MoU was signed during the official visit of MoS Pabitra Margherita to Ecuador.
- ❖ Objective:
- ❖ Capacity building of diplomats
- ❖ Exchange of best practices and training methodologies
- ❖ Strengthening bilateral diplomatic engagement.

## 30th CII Partnership Summit 2025 (November 2025)

- ❖ In November 2025, Vice President of India C.P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the 30th edition of the CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The summit was scheduled from 14–18 November 2025.
- ❖ The main sessions of the summit were held on 14–15 November 2025.
- ❖ The theme for the 2025 edition was: “Technology, Trust and Trade: Navigating the New Geoeconomic Order”.
- ❖ During the summit, Union Minister Piyush Goyal virtually laid the foundation stones for the Drone City and Twin Space Cities in Andhra Pradesh.

## PM Narendra Modi's Visit to South Africa for G20 Summit 2025

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi undertook a three-day official visit to South Africa from 21–23 November 2025 to attend the 20th G20 Leaders' Summit.
- ❖ This marked his 12th participation in a G20 Summit.
- ❖ The G20 Summit 2025 was held from 22–23 November 2025 at the **Johannesburg Expo Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa**.

- ❖ It was the first G20 Summit ever hosted on the African continent.
- ❖ **Theme: “Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability”.**
- ❖ **Key Outcomes of G20 2025**
  - ❖ Adoption of a comprehensive 122-Point Leaders' Declaration.
  - ❖ Progress on IMF reform, including quota realignment.
  - ❖ Launch of Mission 300 for global skill development.
  - ❖ New commitments on energy transition, critical minerals cooperation, food security, and AI for Africa initiative.
  - ❖ Strengthened cooperation under ACTI Partnership (India, Canada, Australia).
  - ❖ IBSA Leaders' Meeting (India, Brazil, South Africa) held on sidelines.
  - ❖ The 2026 G20 Summit will be hosted by the United States, at Doral, Florida.

## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan Wins “Excellence in Wind and Hybrid Policy” Award



- ❖ **Occasion:** *Windergy India 2025 Conference*
- ❖ **Venue:** *Chennai, Tamil Nadu*
- ❖ Date: 30–31 October 2025
- ❖ **Organised by:** *Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA)*
- ❖ **Award Recognition**

- ❖ **Award Title:** *Excellence in Wind and Hybrid Policy*
- ❖ **Recipient:** Government of Rajasthan
- ❖ **Presented by:** Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi.
- ❖ **Accepted by:** *Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited (RRECL)*
- ❖ **Purpose:** For outstanding policy-making and promotion of renewable energy—particularly wind and wind-solar hybrid projects.

## Inauguration of the Newly Constructed Bar Council of Rajasthan Building



- ❖ **Date and Venue**
- ❖ Date: *2 November 2025*
- ❖ Venue: *Jodhpur, Rajasthan*
- ❖ Event: Inauguration of the newly constructed building of the Bar Council of Rajasthan
- ❖ **Inaugurated By**
- ❖ Chief Guest: *Shri Bhajanlal Sharma, Chief Minister of Rajasthan*
- ❖ Mode: Inauguration conducted via video conferencing from the Chief Minister's residence

- ❖ **Key Highlights of the Event**
- ❖ The Chief Minister highlighted that the judiciary is the backbone of democracy and plays a vital role in ensuring justice and equality.
- ❖ The new building will serve as a modern centre for advocates and promote a better working environment for the legal fraternity.
- ❖ He assured that the state government is committed to:

- ❖ Establishing new courts at the district level.
- ❖ Speeding up the appointment of judges to ensure timely justice delivery.

### ❖ **Implementing the three new criminal laws—**

- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS),
- Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and
- Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA)—at the ground level.

### ❖ **Institutional Background**

- ❖ The Bar Council of Rajasthan is a *statutory body under the Advocates Act, 1961*, responsible for:
  - Regulating the legal profession in Rajasthan.
  - Enrolling and managing advocates.
  - Conducting disciplinary proceedings and ensuring ethical practice.

## Bikaner to Host Rajasthan's First Space and Astronomy Lab in a Government School



- ❖ *The Government Maharani Balika Senior Secondary School, Bikaner* is set to become the first government school in Rajasthan to establish a *Space and Astronomy Laboratory*.
- ❖ This landmark initiative aims to spark scientific curiosity and promote STEM education—especially among girl students.
- ❖ **Initiative and Implementing Agency**
- ❖ The project is being implemented under the initiative of the Municipal Corporation of Bikaner.
- ❖ The lab will act as a knowledge centre introducing students to India's growing space achievements—from “*Shiv Shakti Point*” (the

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*Chandrayaan-3 lunar landing site) to the “Pragyaan Rover” and other milestones of ISRO.*

## Consumer Care Award Launched by the Government of Rajasthan



- ❖ *The Government of Rajasthan has introduced the Consumer Care Award, the country's largest award in the field of consumer welfare, to honour outstanding contributions in the consumer sector.*

### ❖ Objective

- ❖ The award aims to:
- ❖ Encourage innovation in the consumer sector.
- ❖ Promote consumer-friendly practices.
- ❖ Ensure the delivery of high-quality services across the state.

### ❖ Award Categories and Prize Amounts

- Government and Autonomous Category – ₹5 lakh (1 award)
- Institutional Category – ₹2 lakh (1 award)
- Individual Category – ₹51,000 (3 awards)

### ❖ Award Presentation

- ❖ The Consumer Care Awards will be presented on December 24, on the occasion of National Consumer Day.

## Wax Statue of Harmanpreet Kaur to Be Installed at Jaipur Wax Museum



- ❖ A wax statue of **Harmanpreet Kaur**, the captain of the Indian women's cricket team, will be installed at the **Jaipur Wax Museum, located at Nahargarh Fort, Jaipur**.

### ❖ Dedication

- ❖ The wax statue will be dedicated to India's historic Women's World Cup victory, celebrating a landmark achievement in Indian women's cricket.

### ❖ Inauguration Date

- ❖ The statue will be unveiled on March 8, 2026, to mark the occasion of International Women's Day.

## Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur (IIT Jodhpur) and Border Security Force (BSF)

- ❖ To develop indigenous advanced technologies for the security and surveillance of borders.

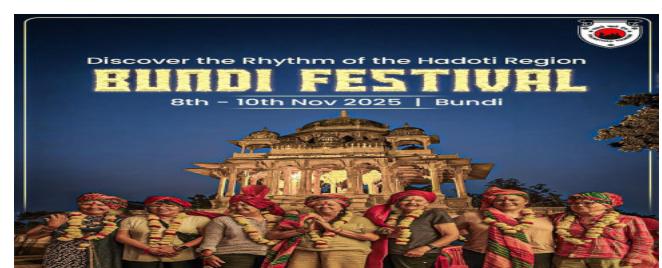
### ❖ Key Focus Areas

- ❖ Development of anti-drone technologies to intercept drones crossing the border.
- ❖ Work on security innovations based on artificial intelligence (AI).
- ❖ Secure communication networks, smart border-management systems and related mission-critical innovations.

- ❖ *The MoU was signed on 6 November 2025 by BSF's Rajasthan Frontier IG M. L. Garg and IIT Jodhpur Director Avinash Kumar Agarwal.*

- ❖ Under this collaboration, IIT Jodhpur's Manekshaw Centre for National Security Studies & Research will coordinate the research side, and BSF's Institute of Communication & Information Technology, New Delhi, will help align operational requirements.

## Bundi Mahotsav 2025



- ❖ The three-day festival was held from **8 to 10 November 2025 in Bundi, Rajasthan.**
- ❖ The festival was inaugurated by **Om Birla, Speaker of the Lok Sabha**, along with the **Energy Minister Hira Lal Nagar.**
- ❖ During the opening day (8 November), there was a ceremonial worship (puja) of the “**Garh Ganesh**” temple, followed by a flag-hoisting and a colourful procession through the city.
- ❖ As part of the festival, a “**Sand Art Festival**” was opened, and at Nawal Sagar Park a ‘Cine Sundhya’ evening was held featuring Bollywood singer and Salman Ali (winner of the show Indian Idol).
- ❖ The festival was first organised in **1996.**

## Rajasthan Tops in Membership of the Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited



- ❖ As per the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India.
- ❖ **Key Highlight**
- ❖ **Rajasthan ranks first in the country** in terms of membership of the Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) — the Indian Seed Cooperative Society.
- ❖ This reflects Rajasthan's leadership in cooperative participation and its strong agricultural cooperative network.
- ❖ **About Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL)**
- ❖ BBSSL is a Multi-State Cooperative Society registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.

- ❖ It was officially notified on 21 March 2023 by the Ministry of Cooperation.
- ❖ **The society focuses on:**
- ❖ Production, certification, and procurement of quality seeds.
- ❖ Processing, branding, and marketing of seeds through cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).
- ❖ Promoting sustainable seed supply chains under the “Sahakar-Se-Samriddhi” (Prosperity through Cooperation) vision.

## National Workshop on Agriculture & Livestock Entrepreneurship



- ❖ The **Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad**, in association with the **Ministry of Rural Development (Government of India)** and the **state's Rural Development Department**, will organize a **National Workshop on Agriculture & Livestock Entrepreneurship** from **11 to 13 November 2025** in Udaipur.

- ❖ The inauguration of the workshop will be conducted by **Kirodi Lal Meena, Minister for Agriculture & Rural Development**, and **Otaram Devasi, Minister of State**.
- ❖ The focus of the workshop is to strengthen agriculture- and livestock-based entrepreneurship in order to promote sustainable livelihoods in rural areas.
- ❖ The agenda will include knowledge-sharing and experience exchange among participants from all states and Union Territories, featuring state mission directors, CEOs of rural livelihood missions, officials from financial institutions, academics, development organisations, and

representatives of women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

- ❖ Key themes to be deliberated include: entrepreneurship models, innovation in agriculture and livestock sectors, value-chain development, financial inclusion, and women's empowerment in the rural enterprise context.

## National Water Awards 2024: Key Recognitions for Rajasthan



### ❖ Kharlan Water Users' Association (Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan)

- Awarded **Third Prize** in the "**Best Water User Association**" category at the 6th National Water Awards.
- This highlights Rajasthan's strong performance in community-based water management at the national level.

### ❖ Shri Bajrang Lal Jaithu (Sikar, Rajasthan)

- Won the **First Prize** for the **Best Individual in the Water Sector, Western Region.**
- He has been active in water conservation and management since 1993, contributing significantly to water resource restoration, rejuvenation, and conservation.

### ❖ Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS), Pilani, Rajasthan

- Recognised as a **Joint Second Prize Winner** in the "**Best Institution (Inside Campus)**" category.
- This reflects the academic institution's commitment to sustainable water practices on campus.

### ❖ Ambuja Foundation, Jaipur (Rajasthan)

- Awarded **Second Prize** in the "**Best Civil Society**" category.

- Their work in the water sector has been nationally acknowledged, reinforcing the importance of non-governmental participation in water conservation.

## RPSC Member Sangeeta Arya Resigns

- ❖ Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) member **Dr. Sangeeta Arya** resigned from her post on **28 November 2025**.
- ❖ She was appointed on 14 October 2020 during the Congress government for a tenure ending on 13 October 2026, but stepped down before completion.
- ❖ Dr. Sangeeta Arya is the wife of former Rajasthan Chief Secretary Niranjan Arya.
- ❖ The Rajasthan High Court made sharp remarks on the functioning of certain RPSC members while cancelling the SI Recruitment Exam 2021.
- ❖ Following similar remarks earlier, another member Dr. Manju Sharma (wife of poet Kumar Vishwas) resigned in September 2025.
- ❖ Dr. Sangeeta Arya, along with other members, had filed a petition in the High Court seeking expunging of the Single Bench's remarks. The matter is still pending.

### ❖ Status of RPSC Membership

- ❖ Total sanctioned posts: 11 (1 Chairperson + 10 Members)
- ❖ Working members: 7 (including Chairperson Utkal Ranjan Sahu)
- ❖ Vacant posts: 4
  - ❖ Due to resignation of Sangeeta Arya
  - ❖ Due to resignation of Manju Sharma
  - ❖ One vacancy due to death
  - ❖ One member, Babulal Katara, suspended and in jail in the paper leak case

## Rajasthan Tops National Gopal Ratna Awards 2025 With Three Awards

- ❖ Rajasthan created history by winning three major awards in the National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) 2025.

- ❖ Date: 26 November 2025 (National Milk Day)

- ❖ Venue: Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi

- ❖ Presented by: Union Ministers of State

### ❖ *Winners from Rajasthan*

#### ❖ *Best Dairy Cooperative Society:*

- Ghinoi Dugdh Utpadak Sahakari Samiti, Jaipur – Prize: ₹3 lakh

#### ❖ *Best Dairy Farmer:*

- Harshit Jhuria, Sikar – Prize: ₹2 lakh

#### ❖ *Best AI Technician:*

- Vikas Kumar, Hanumangarh – Merit Certificate

#### ❖ *Additional Highlights*

- Awards were received by Shruti Bhardwaj, MD of RCDF.

- Bhilwara's milk producer Maya Devi received the first installment of carbon credit, showcasing Rajasthan's eco-friendly dairy initiatives.

## Inauguration of 'Vande Mataram Gallery' in Rajasthan Legislative Assembly

- ❖ On Constitution Day (26 November 2025), Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani inaugurated the new 'Vande Mataram Gallery' in the Digital Museum of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.

- ❖ This makes Rajasthan possibly the first state assembly in the country to establish such a gallery.

#### ❖ *Key Features*

- ❖ Built to commemorate 150 years of the 'Vande Mataram' song.

- ❖ Curated by the Union Ministry of Culture and

constructed by the Rajasthan Science & Technology Department.

- ❖ Consists of 37 panels depicting the historical journey of the song.

#### ❖ *Other Initiatives*

- Earlier, the Assembly had inaugurated:
- 'Constitution Gallery' (Political Narrative Museum)
- 'Shaurya Vatika'

## Rajasthan Among Top Three States in 'Water Conservation & Public Participation'

- ❖ Rajasthan secured 3rd place nationally in the Best Performing State/UT category for excellence in water conservation and public participation.

#### ❖ *Award-Winning Districts*

##### ❖ *Western Zone – Category 1*

- Bhilwara – 2nd

- Barmer – 3rd

##### ❖ *Western Zone – Category 2*

- Jaipur – 2nd

- Udaipur – 3rd

##### ❖ *Western Zone – Category 3*

- Alwar – 1st

- Dungarpur – 6th

- Baran – 8th

- Chittorgarh – 11th

- Sikar – 12th

## Chief Minister Flags Off 'Yamuna Pravah Yatra'

- ❖ *Rajasthan CM Bhajanlal Sharma flagged off the 'Yamuna Pravah Yatra' on 26 November 2025 from Amar Jawan Jyoti, Jaipur.*

- ❖ The yatra is part of the 'Sardar @ 150 Unity

March' marking 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

### ❖ *Route*

❖ Two of the four nationwide marches pass through 10 districts of Rajasthan:

- Yamuna Pravah Yatra: Jaipur → Ajmer → Pali → Jodhpur → Sirohi
- Ganga Pravah Yatra: Alwar → Sawai Madhopur → Kota → Chittorgarh → Udaipur (Flagged off by J.P. Nadda from Delhi)

### ❖ *Objective*

❖ To introduce the youth of various states to the struggles, values, and patriotism of Sardar Patel.

## Nationwide Saturation Campaign: Rajasthan Ranks 2nd

- ❖ Period: 1 July – 31 October 2025
- ❖ Organized by: Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
- ❖ Rajasthan ranked 2nd with 1.28 crore beneficiaries.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh ranked 1st with 1.30 crore beneficiaries.

### ❖ *Other States*

- ❖ Maharashtra – 1.40 crore
- ❖ Bihar – 97.53 lakh
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh – 91.50 lakh

### ❖ *Objective*

❖ To provide banking, insurance, and pension services to every Gram Panchayat and link eligible citizens to social security schemes.

### ❖ *Rajasthan's Major Achievements*

- ❖ Across 11,232 Gram Panchayats:

### ❖ *Scheme - Beneficiaries/Enrollments*

- ❖ PMSBY - 17,75,975 enrollments

- ❖ PMJJBY - 8,43,870 enrollments

- ❖ PMJDY - 6,32,472 new accounts
- ❖ APY - 1,73,716 beneficiaries
- ❖ Other work - Re-KYC of 54.38 lakh Jan Dhan accounts

## State-Level Launch of Watershed Festival 2025

❖ Launched on 13 November 2025 at Undwa village, Khairabad tehsil, Kota district.

❖ Chief guest: Madan Dilawar, Minister for Education & Panchayati Raj.

### ❖ *Major Announcements*

#### ❖ *Mobile Seed Bank Module*

❖ Launched for monitoring of Botanical Seed Banks.

❖ Rajasthan becomes the first state to establish seed banks for native plant species.

#### ❖ *'Remove Vilayati Babool, Save Grazing Lands' Campaign*

❖ A call to remove Prosopis juliflora (vilayati babool) to protect grazing areas.

#### ❖ *Mission Watershed Revival*

❖ A public awareness campaign from 4 November to 16 December.

#### ❖ *Awards*

❖ 15 projects working effectively in watershed areas received ₹20 lakh each from the Government of India.

## Rajasthan Tops in 4 Business Reform Areas

❖ **Rajasthan** has secured the *top rank in four major business reform categories* under the *Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP)-2024*.

### ❖ *Top-Ranked Categories*

❖ *Rajasthan has been recognized as a 'Top Achiever State' in the following areas:*

- Business Entry

- Labour Regulation Enablers
- Environment Registration
- Service Sector

❖ ***Issuing Authority:***

- ❖ Ranking issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India.

❖ ***Significance***

- ❖ Reflects the state's investment-friendly policies and transparent governance.

## Congress Wins Anta Assembly By-Election 2025

- ❖ A by-election was held for the Anta (Baran) Assembly Constituency (Seat No. 193).

❖ ***Election Results***

- ❖ **Winner:** Pramod Jain Bhaya (Congress) — 69,571 votes
- ❖ **Runner-up:** Morpal Suman (BJP) — 53,959 votes
- ❖ Victory Margin: 15,612 votes

❖ ***Interesting Twist***

- ❖ Independent candidate Naresh Meena secured 53,800 votes, making it a triangular contest.

❖ ***Reason for By-election***

- ❖ The seat fell vacant after BJP MLA Kanwarlal Meena was disqualified (May 2025) following his 3-year imprisonment in a court case, as declared by Speaker Vasudev Devnani.

## Energy Department Signs MoU with CSEP Research Foundation

- ❖ On 10 November 2025, Rajasthan's Energy Department signed an MoU with CSEP Research Foundation.

❖ ***Objectives***

- ❖ To strengthen research-based policy formulation for the power sector.

- ❖ Key Focus Areas
- ❖ Solar Energy: Framework for decentralized solar systems.
- ❖ Cost Optimization: Strategies for economical power procurement.
- ❖ Technology: Policy research on green energy, EVs, and smart grids.

## Udaipur Awarded for Best Non-Motorized Transport System

- ❖ At the **18th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2025**, Udaipur received the:

❖ ***Award: Award of Excellence in Urban Transport***

- ❖ Category: City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System

❖ ***Key Achievements***

- ❖ 14.5 km dedicated cycling tracks and docking yards.
- ❖ 400 public bicycles provided.
- ❖ Major areas covered: Fatehsagar Lake, Hiran Magri, Balicha Smart Road.

## National Conference on Agriculture & Animal Husbandry Entrepreneurship

- ❖ Held in Udaipur from 11–13 November 2025.

❖ ***Organizers***

- Rajeevika

- Ministry of Rural Development (GoI)

- Rajasthan Rural Development Department

❖ ***MoU***

- ❖ An MoU signed between Indian Bank and Rajeevika for supporting women SHG members.

## International Pushkar Fair 2025

- ❖ Held from 30 October – 5 November 2025 at

Pushkar, Ajmer.

- ❖ Chief Guests
- ❖ Opening: Diya Kumari (Deputy CM)
- ❖ Closing: Bhagirath Choudhary (MoS Agriculture) & Suresh Singh Rawat
- ❖ Major Facts
- ❖ Total Animals: 6,715
- ❖ Horses: 4,957 (highest)

### ❖ **Milk Record**

- ❖ A cow owned by Amjad (Ajmer) produced 39.673 kg of milk in 24 hours — a new record.

### ❖ **Prize Winners (All from Ajmer unless stated)**

- ❖ Best Fair Animal: Deepak
- ❖ Best Gir Breed: Manmal
- ❖ Best Milking Animal: Amjad
- ❖ Other Winners
- ❖ Best Stallion: Hunaid Karmalawala (Udaipur)
- ❖ Camel Male: Suwalal (Nagaur)
- ❖ Camel Riding: Subhash (Sikar)

### **PM-KUSUM: 5 Solar Plants Installed in One Day**

- ❖ On 31 October 2025, Jaipur Discom installed five solar plants under PM-KUSUM Component-C.
- ❖ Details
- ❖ Total Capacity: 9.28 MW
- ❖ Locations: Jhalawar, Tonk (2), Bharatpur, Jaipur
- ❖ Benefit: Daytime electricity for 1,314 agricultural consumers

### **Forhex Fair 2025 – Jaipur**

- ❖ Held from 21–24 November 2025 at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur.
- ❖ **Purpose:** Promote Jaipur's art and craft heritage.

### ❖ **Sponsors**

- Ministry of Textiles (GoI)
- EPCH
- MSME (PMS)
- IEML

### ❖ **Major Awards**

- ❖ Earth Home Shubhankar: Innovative Stall Design
- ❖ Art Edge: Outstanding Soft Furnishing Presentation
- ❖ Nandi by Kuber: Best Handicraft Visual Storytelling
- ❖ Karigari: Best Furniture & Lifestyle Display
- ❖ Artisan Abode: Best Creative Art Showcase
- ❖ Studio Ekstha: Best Fusion Handicrafts Display
- ❖ Student Winners
- ❖ Arch College
- ❖ Poddar Institute

### **4,500-Year-Old Civilization Unearthed in Jhunjhunu**

- ❖ At Bansiyal village, archaeological excavation revealed:
- ❖ Civilization Age: ~4,500 years
- ❖ Culture: Chalcolithic — considered an extension of the Ganeshwar Civilization
- ❖ Major Findings
- ❖ Well-defined residential structures
- ❖ Mud stove, storage pits
- ❖ Bone tools and ornaments
- ❖ Copper ring
- ❖ Lime-plastered walls
- ❖ Trade Links
- ❖ Carnelian beads indicate trade with Gujarat and the Harappan Civilization.

- ❖ Lead Researchers

- ❖ Dr. Isha Prasad

- ❖ Dr. Shweta Sinha Deshpande

## Kavita Swami Awarded for Gender Sensitivity

- ❖ **Award:** Laadli Media & Advertising Awards for Gender Sensitivity 2025
- ❖ **Organization:** Population First (with UNFPA support)
- ❖ **Venue:** *Tata Theatre, Mumbai*
- ❖ Date: 19 November 2025
- ❖ **Awarded to Kavita Swami, reporter (Dainik Bhaskar, Nagaur).**
- ❖ Total awardees: 97 media professionals from 14 states.

## Sawla Ram Vishnoi Awarded President's Gallantry Medal (Posthumous)

- ❖ **Recipient:** *Sawla Ram Vishnoi (BSF), resident of Barmer*
- ❖ **Award:** President's Gallantry Medal (Posthumous)
- ❖ **Date:** 21 November 2025
- ❖ **Venue:** *Bhuj, Gujarat*
- ❖ Presented to his wife *Rukman Devi* by Amit Shah and BSF DG Daljit Singh Choudhary.
- ❖ **Gallantry Story**
- ❖ Sacrificed his life on 26 July 2022 during a violent mob attack in Congo (UN Mission).
- ❖ Earlier received the UN Medal.

## Notification Issued for Reorganization of Panchayats in 41 Districts

- ❖ The Bhajanlal government of Rajasthan issued a notification on 21 November 2025 for the reorganization of Gram Panchayats and formation of new Panchayats in 41 districts, significantly

altering the Panchayati Raj structure of the state.

### ❖ **Key Statistical Changes**

### ❖ **New Panchayats:**

- ❖ More than 3,400 new Panchayats have been added.
- ❖ Total Panchayats increased from 11,194 to over 14,000.

### ❖ **Panchayat Samitis:**

- ❖ A total of 85 new Panchayat Samitis were formed in 33 districts.
- ❖ The total number increased to around 450.

### ❖ **Zila Parishads:**

- ❖ The number of Zila Parishads increased from 33 to 41.

### ❖ **District-wise Highlights**

- ❖ Most New Panchayats: Barmer — 270
- ❖ Least New Panchayats: Jhalawar — 19

### ❖ **Name Changes**

- Nagar Panchayat Samiti (Deeg) → Braj Nagar
- Sam Panchayat Samiti (Jaisalmer) → Khuhri

### ❖ **Samitis Abolished**

- Seekri (Deeg)
- Bhanokhar (Alwar)

### ❖ **Exceptions**

- ❖ No new Panchayat Samiti was formed in the following districts:

- Jhalawar
- Bharatpur
- Deeg
- Chittorgarh
- Dholpur
- Rajsamand
- Pratapgarh

➤ Pali

## MoU Between RUHS and University of Manchester

- ❖ In November 2025, the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS) signed an MoU with the University of Manchester (UK).
- ❖ Name of Collaboration
- ❖ Rajasthan–Manchester Collaboration (RMC)
- ❖ Areas of Cooperation
- ❖ Faculty of Biology, Medicine, and Health
- ❖ Joint research projects
- ❖ Student and faculty exchange programmes
- ❖ Launch of new certification courses

## First Regional Conference on Irrigation Water Efficiency Held in Jaipur

- ❖ The first regional conference on improving water-use efficiency in irrigation was held on 22 November 2025 at CCS NIAM, Jaipur.
- ❖ **Organizer**
- ❖ Bureau of Water Use Efficiency (BWUE) under the National Water Mission (NWM), Ministry of Jal Shakti
- ❖ **Key Discussion Themes**
- ❖ “More Crop Per Drop”
- ❖ Pilot MCAD Scheme
- ❖ Successful State Models Presented
- ❖ Haryana: Mera Pani Meri Virasat, Right Crop Programme
- ❖ Leh: Ice Stupa
- ❖ Karnataka: SCADA System
- ❖ Rajasthan: Expansion of Micro-Irrigation
- ❖ **Special Fact:** 80–85% of India’s freshwater is used for agriculture.

## Udaipur Wins ‘Best Wedding Destination’ Award

- ❖ Udaipur was awarded the ‘Best Wedding Destination’ at the Outlook Traveller Awards 2025.
- ❖ Details
- ❖ Date & Venue: 22 November 2025, New Delhi
- ❖ Presented by: T.T. Bhutia (Minister, Sikkim)
- ❖ Received by: Anand Tripathi (Addl. Director, Rajasthan Tourism) and Sumita Saroch (Joint Director)
- ❖ Significance
- ❖ Rajasthan has nearly 70% of India’s heritage properties.
- ❖ Over 120 venues host weddings throughout the year.
- ❖ Udaipur ranks among the Top 5 Wedding Destinations in the world.
- ❖ VVIP Visit Noted
- ❖ Donald Trump Jr. visited Udaipur (21–23 November 2025) to attend a high-profile wedding at The Leela Palace.

## India’s First ‘Vedanta Tour de Thar’ International Cycling Race

- ❖ India’s first 200 km international cycling race, Vedanta Tour de Thar, was held on 23 November 2025 in Bikaner.
- ❖ Event Highlights
- ❖ Organized under the Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025
- ❖ Route: Naurangdesar → Desalsar (Amritsar–Jamnagar Expressway)
- ❖ Flagged Off By: Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal
- ❖ Special Features
- ❖ First-ever 200 km race in India (usual length: 50–60 km)

- ❖ Organized jointly by:
- ❖ FIT India, Vedanta, Cycling Federation of India, SBI, Neyveli India, Haldiram Group, etc.

### ❖ **Participation**

- ❖ Cyclists from France, Switzerland, Singapore, and multiple Indian states
- ❖ Age range: 16 to 69 years

### ❖ **Major Winners**

### ❖ **Elite Category (100 km)**

- Men: Sahil Kumar
- Women: Swasti Singh

### ❖ **Amateur Category (200 km)**

- Men: Anoop Kumar (Bikaner) — Prize ₹1.25 lakh
- Women: Arpita Ketan Pandya

### ❖ **Amateur Category (100 km)**

- Men: Harsh Panwar
- Women: Varnali Mahela

### ❖ **Additional Facts**

- ❖ Total Prize Money: ₹27 lakh
- ❖ Announcement: The race will now be held annually, and cycling infrastructure will be developed in Bikaner.

## Rajasthan State-Level Police Conference 2025

- ❖ Held on 21 November 2025 at the Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur, chaired by DGP Rajeev Kumar Sharma.
- ❖ Theme: “Policing with Excellence – Way Forward”
- ❖ Mode of the Conference
- ❖ Hybrid (online + offline)
- ❖ Key Discussion Points
- ❖ Provisions of the New Criminal Laws 2023

- ❖ Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Cybercrime
- ❖ Crimes against women, children, and vulnerable groups
- ❖ Background
- ❖ Organized based on Recommendation No. 71 of the DGP/IG Conference 2024.

## Rajasthan Government to Provide Incentives to Farmers Using Bull-Based Agriculture

- ❖ In line with the 2025–26 Budget Announcement, the state government has launched an initiative to financially support small and marginal farmers who cultivate using bullocks.
- ❖ Financial Incentive
- ❖ ₹30,000 per year to eligible selected farmers.

### ❖ **Additional Support**

- ❖ Subsidy for installation of gobar gas plants.
- ❖ Objectives of the Initiative
- ❖ Promote traditional and organic farming practices
- ❖ Encourage cattle conservation
- ❖ Provide economic support to small and marginal farmers.

## Formation of New Department: National & International Pravasi Rajasthani Affairs Department

- ❖ Purpose
- ❖ To strengthen the connection between Non-Resident Rajasthani (NRRs) and their homeland.
- ❖ To facilitate communication between the government and Pravasi Rajasthani.
- ❖ To promote “Brand Rajasthan” globally.
- ❖ Major Announcements
- ❖ First Pravasi Rajasthani Day: To be celebrated on 10 December 2025 for the first time.
- ❖ Key Activities:

- ❖ Organising Pravasi Rajasthani Award functions
- ❖ Exchange programmes
- ❖ Operating a portal for registration of Pravasi Rajasthani associations
- ❖ Background
- ❖ The department was originally announced during the Pravasi Rajasthani Conclave 2024 by CM Bhajanlal Sharma.

## Rajasthan Global Capability Centre (GCC) Policy – 2025

- ❖ Objective
- ❖ To develop Rajasthan as a Global Excellence Hub for multinational companies.
- ❖ Targets (To be achieved by 2030)
  - ❖ Establish more than 200 GCCs in the state.
  - ❖ Create 1.5 lakh new employment opportunities.
  - ❖ Develop Jaipur, Udaipur, and Jodhpur as prime GCC hubs.
  - ❖ Contribute significantly to India's USD 100-billion GCC market.
- ❖ Key Incentives under the Policy
  - ❖ (Aligned with RIPS-2024 provisions)
  - ❖ Capital Investment Subsidy: 30% of project cost or up to ₹10 crore.
  - ❖ Payroll Subsidy: 30% of employee salary (up to ₹1.25 lakh per employee per year) for the first 3 years.
  - ❖ Land Cost Subsidy: Up to 50% of land cost (maximum ₹1 crore).
  - ❖ Rental Assistance: Up to ₹5 crore per year.
  - ❖ Skill Training Support: 50% of training cost.

## Joint Venture between RVUNL and SCCL

- ❖ Shareholding Structure

- ❖ RVUNL: 26%
- ❖ SCCL: 74%
- ❖ Proposed Projects
- ❖ Thermal Power
  - ❖ 800 MW coal-based project at the mining site
  - ❖ Project cost: ₹9,600 crore
- ❖ Solar Power
  - ❖ 1,500 MW solar power projects in Rajasthan
  - ❖ Project cost: ₹6,000 crore

## Naming of Government Colleges after Donors

- ❖ Approved Renaming
- ❖ Government College, Kalandri → “Sanghvi Heera Chandji Phool Chandji Government College, Kalandri”
- ❖ Government College, Kailash Nagar → “Matushri Puribai Poonamaji Mali Torsa Government College, Kailash Nagar”

## Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM) 2026 – MoU with FICCI

- ❖ Details
- ❖ Organised by: Govt. of Rajasthan & FICCI (Summit Partner)
- ❖ Venue: JECC, Sitapura, Jaipur
- ❖ Date: March 2026
- ❖ Purpose: Implementation of Budget Announcement 2025–26
- ❖ Key Features
- ❖ Participation of 50,000+ farmers from across the state.
- ❖ International promotion through roadshows in 3 countries.

- ❖ Domestic roadshows in 4 major Indian cities.

## Division-Level Ghoomar Festival 2025

- ❖ Event Details
- ❖ Organised simultaneously in all 7 divisional headquarters on 19 November 2025.
- ❖ First-of-its-kind statewide festival by Rajasthan Tourism Department.
- ❖ Records & Participation
- ❖ Around 6,000 women performed together, entering the Asia Book of Records.
- ❖ Celebrities like Komal Siddh, Parul, and Khushi participated in the Bikaner event.
- ❖ Venues
- ❖ Jaipur – Vidhyadhar Nagar Stadium
- ❖ Jodhpur – Government Umaid Stadium
- ❖ Kota – Shaurya Ghat, Chambal Riverfront
- ❖ Bharatpur – Vishwapriya Shastri Park
- ❖ Udaipur – Gandhi Ground
- ❖ Bikaner – Dr. Karni Singh Stadium
- ❖ Ajmer – Govt. Maharana Prithviraj Chauhan College
- ❖ Prize Distribution
- ❖ Jaipur & Jodhpur: ₹2.34 lakh each (over 1500 registrations)
- ❖ Other 5 divisions: ₹1.04 lakh each

## PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi: Rajasthan Ranks 5th in India

- ❖ PM Narendra Modi released the 21st instalment of PM-Kisan from Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on 19 November 2025.
- ❖ State-level programme held at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ajmer.
- ❖ Ranking & Benefits

- ❖ Rajasthan is 5th in India in terms of number of beneficiary farmers.
- ❖ About ₹1,400 crore transferred to farmers' accounts under the 21st instalment.
- ❖ State Government's Additional Contribution
- ❖ State adds ₹3,000 extra to the Centre's ₹6,000.
- ❖ Farmers now receive ₹9,000 per year (plan to increase to ₹12,000).

## State Art Awards: 9 Artists Selected

- ❖ Award Details
- ❖ Organised by: Rajasthan Lalit Kala Academy
- ❖ Occasion: 66th Annual Art Exhibition (November 2025)
- ❖ Prize: ₹25,000 per artist
- ❖ Award Winners
- ❖ Ramesh Kumar Saini (Jaipur): Jaipur ki Galiyan 1-2-3
- ❖ Vikas Kumar Mirotha (Bundi): Samuh-2
- ❖ Jayant Sharma (Jaipur): City of Dews
- ❖ Shweta Naina (Jaipur): Tara-3
- ❖ Mohanlal Choudhary (Bikaner): Mat Bancho Gathriya
- ❖ Urmila Sharma (Jaipur): Anukalp-1
- ❖ Dheeraj Balihara (Hanumangarh): Weaving Tradition
- ❖ Karuna (Vanasthali): Childhood-3
- ❖ Shivpal Kumawat (Sikar): Delusion-II
- ❖ Selection
- ❖ 562 artworks received; 113 selected for exhibition.
- ❖ Jury Members: Shridhar Iyer, Harshiv Sharma, Tapan Das

## National Kala Ratna Honour to Sushil Nimark

- ❖ Awardee
- ❖ Dr. Sushil Nimbark, contemporary artist & professor from Udaipur.
- ❖ Event
- ❖ Awarded at the 19th International Art Festival “Crayons” (7–9 November 2025).
- ❖ Organisers
- ❖ Rajasthan Lalit Kala Academy (Jaipur)
- ❖ Antarang Welfare Society (Tonk)
- ❖ Reason for Honour
- ❖ Significant contribution to Indian culture and abstract art.

### **❖ Other Major Awards (Rajasthan Recipients)**

#### **❖ International Kala Ratna**

- ❖ Nathu Lal Verma (Jaipur)

- ❖ Ram Jeswal (Ajmer)

#### **❖ National Women Kala Ratna**

- ❖ Uma Chauhan (Jodhpur)

- ❖ Dr. Rekha Bhatnagar (Jaipur)

#### **❖ State Kala Ratna**

- ❖ Dr. Shahid Parvez (Udaipur)

- ❖ Dr. Namrata Swarnkar (Jodhpur)

- ❖ Dr. Prashika Vashistha (Nathdwara)

- ❖ Vinita Sharma (Jaipur)

#### **❖ Tonk Kala Ratna**

- ❖ Shailendra Sharma

- ❖ Vartika Sharma

#### **❖ Kala Ratna**

- ❖ Mangaldeep (Sri Ganganagar)

- ❖ Vinod Kumar (Jaipur).

### **Forensic Sciences University (NFSU/RRU)**

- ❖ Date: 24 November 2025
- ❖ Venue: Police Headquarters, Jaipur
- ❖ Objective
- ❖ To strengthen academic, training, and research collaboration in the field of national and internal security.
- ❖ Key Provisions
- ❖ Core Areas: Smart policing, cyber security, digital forensics, counter-terrorism strategies, and intelligence management.
- ❖ Exchange Programmes: Faculty, police officers, and researchers will participate in mutual exchange programmes.
- ❖ Standardisation: Police training in the state will be aligned with national and international standards.
- ❖ Special Benefits
- ❖ Expert assistance from NFSU/RRU will be available during major law-and-order or emergency events.

### **MoU for Kota–Hadoti Travel Mart 2026**

- ❖ Objective
- ❖ To promote tourism in Rajasthan’s Hadoti region.
- ❖ Details
- ❖ MoU Signed Between: Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan & Hotel Federation of Rajasthan (HFR).
- ❖ Event: Kota–Hadoti Travel Mart 2026
- ❖ Dates: 2–4 January 2026
- ❖ First-ever event to be held in Kota.
- ❖ Focus Areas
- ❖ Water heritage, architecture, and adventure tourism of Kota, Bundi, Jhalawar, and Baran.
- ❖ Future Plan
- ❖ Similar dedicated travel marts will also be

organised in Udaipur and Jodhpur.

## Rajasthan as 'Partner State' at International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025

- ❖ Event Overview
- ❖ Venue: Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- ❖ Dates: 14–27 November 2025
- ❖ Organiser: India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)
- ❖ Theme: Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat
- ❖ Rajasthan Pavilion
- ❖ Developed by RAJSICO showcasing industrial progress and One District One Product (ODOP) wall.
- ❖ Key Highlights
- ❖ Rajasthan Day: Celebrated on 18 November 2025.
- ❖ Cultural Integration: Rajasthan-Assam pairing under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative to strengthen cultural and trade ties.

## Vande Mataram @150 Celebrations in Rajasthan

- ❖ State-Level Ceremony
- ❖ Venue: SMS Stadium, Jaipur
- ❖ Date: 7 November 2025
- ❖ Major Activities
- ❖ Period: 7 November – 26 November (Constitution Day)
- ❖ Mass recitation of Vande Mataram in all schools and colleges.
- ❖ Phased Celebrations:
- ❖ Government offices – 10 November
- ❖ Urban local bodies – 11 November
- ❖ Panchayati Raj institutions – 12 November
- ❖ Events also included Swadeshi Sankalp

programmes.

## Rajasthan Wins 'Excellence in Wind & Hybrid Energy Policy' Award

- ❖ **Event**
- ❖ Windergy India 2025, Chennai (30–31 October 2025)
- ❖ **Award Received By**
- ❖ Rajiv Singh, General Manager, Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Ltd. (RRECL)
- ❖ **Reason**
- ❖ Visionary policies and investor-friendly environment in wind and hybrid energy.
- ❖ **Key Facts:**
- ❖ Rajasthan ranks 1st in India with 40,407 MW installed renewable energy capacity.
- ❖ Largest Hybrid Park: Under development at Pugal, Bikaner –
  - 2,450 MW Solar
  - 1,250 MW Battery Storage (India's largest battery-based park)

## 'Gang Canal: 100 Years of Good Governance' Celebrations (Bikaner Division)

- ❖ **Occasion**
- ❖ 100 years of construction of the Gang Canal.
- ❖ **Duration & Venues**
- ❖ Start: 5 December 2025 at Ferozepur (Punjab) – the site of foundation in 1925.
- ❖ End: 26 October 2027 at Shivpur Head (Sri Ganganagar).
- ❖ **Honour Ceremonies**
- ❖ Hanumangarh: 100 individuals serving the region.
- ❖ Bikaner: 100 diaspora achievers originally from the division.

- ❖ Churu: 100 farmers for agricultural innovations.
- ❖ **Management**
- ❖ State-level committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department.
- ❖ Inland Port to Connect Rajasthan Directly to the Arabian Sea
- ❖ **Project Overview**
- ❖ An Inland Port will be developed in Jalore, linking Rajasthan to the Gulf of Kutch and Arabian Sea.
- ❖ **MoU & Waterway**
- ❖ Signed on 28 October 2025 at India Maritime Week, Mumbai.
- ❖ The waterway was declared as National Waterway-48 (NW-48) using the Jawai–Luni–Rann of Kutch system.
- ❖ **Key Features**
- ❖ Connectivity: Direct linkage to Kandla Port, Gujarat.
- ❖ Cost: Over ₹10,000 crore for dredging works.
- ❖ Survey: Conducted by IIT Madras and Water Resources Department.
- ❖ **Benefits**
- ❖ As per the Water & Power Consultancy report, the project will create 50,000+ jobs.

## V. Srinivas Appointed New Chief Secretary of Rajasthan



- ❖ **Appointment Details**
- ❖ **Assumed Office:** 17 November 2025

- ❖ **Replaced:** Sudhansh Pant
- ❖ **Tenure:** Till September 2026
- ❖ **Additional Charges**
  - Chairman, RSMML
  - Principal Resident Commissioner, New Delhi
- ❖ **Experience**
  - ❖ Former Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (GoI).
  - ❖ Served as PS to former Union Minister Jaswant Singh.
  - ❖ Technical Assistant to India's Executive Director at IMF (Washington).
  - ❖ Field postings: Started as SDO Bhilwara (1991), Collector of Pali and Jodhpur.
- ❖ **Former Chief Secretary**
- ❖ Sudhansh Pant appointed Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (GoI).

## Two-Day Inter-Agency State Conference on Crimes Against Women & Children

- ❖ **Dates:** 17–18 November 2025
- ❖ **Venue:** Jaipur
- ❖ **Organisers**
  - ❖ Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI), Jaipur
  - ❖ Ministry of Women & Child Development (GoI)
- ❖ **Key Themes**
  - ❖ Prevention of crimes against women and children
  - ❖ Role of Mission Vatsalya
  - ❖ New criminal laws and data-based crime analysis
  - ❖ Women empowerment and challenges in juvenile justice system
  - ❖ State-Level Tribal Pride Day Celebration

## 150th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda

- ❖ Date: 15 November 2025
- ❖ Venue: Shri Bhogilal Government College, Dungarpur
- ❖ Development Announcements
- ❖ Total: ₹287 crore (₹62 crore foundation stone + ₹225 crore inaugurations)
- ❖ DBT Transfers:
- ❖ ₹200 crore for agriculture and student schemes
- ❖ ₹4.8 crore for uniforms & stationery to 12,000 students
- ❖ Skill Development:
- ❖ Free training for tribal youth at CIPET Jaipur
- ❖ New RS-CIT centres at Udaipur, Dungarpur, and Banswara

## 'Saundh Maati Aadi Dharohar Documentation Scheme'

- ❖ To document and preserve tribal arts, music, instruments, cuisine, and cultural heritage.
- ❖ Wall paintings and cultural displays to be created at tourism sites.

## Rajasthan Among Top Five Honey-Producing States in India

- ❖ Contribution
- ❖ Rajasthan contributes 9% of India's total honey production.
- ❖ Current Production
- ❖ 3,350 beekeepers
- ❖ 8,200 metric tonnes honey annually
- ❖ Major districts: Alwar, Bharatpur, Hanumangarh
- ❖ Government Initiatives
- ❖ Centers of Excellence: Being set up in Bharatpur and Tonk (₹10 crore each).

- ❖ Subsidy: 50,000 bee colonies and boxes distributed with 40% subsidy in 2025–26.

## Global Solar Expo 2025 (Jaipur)

- ❖ Dates: 26–27 November 2025
- ❖ Venue: Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur
- ❖ Inauguration: Energy Minister Hiralal Nagar
- ❖ Participation: 100+ exhibitors and India's top 100 solar achievers
- ❖ Key Facts
- ❖ Rajasthan's installed solar capacity reached 35,357 MW.
- ❖ Gained nearly 19,000 MW increase in just two years.

## New Rail Service: 'Swarnnagar Express' (Jaisalmer–Delhi)

- ❖ Launched By
- ❖ Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Union Culture & Tourism Minister) and Ashwini Vaishnav (Railway Minister)
- ❖ Date: 29 November 2025
- ❖ Route & Operation
- ❖ Shakur Basti (Delhi) – Jaisalmer – Shakur Basti
- ❖ Operates daily.
- ❖ Benefits
- ❖ Better connectivity for western Rajasthan to Delhi.
- ❖ Major towns benefited: Ramdevra, Jodhpur, Makrana, Jaipur, Alwar.
- ❖ Boost to tourism and trade.

## Pre-Summit for Pravasi Rajasthani Day (Jaipur)

- ❖ Date: 27 November 2025
- ❖ Venue: Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur

- ❖ Inauguration: Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma
- ❖ Objective
- ❖ To promote tourism through engagement of Non-Resident Rajasthanis (NRRs).
- ❖ **Sessions**
  - Rajasthan – An All-Season Tourist Destination
  - Rajasthan Rising – Building India's Premier Adventure Tourism Hub
- ❖ Background
- ❖ Part of preparations for the first Pravasi Rajasthani Day on 10 December 2025.

## Salumbar District Ranks First in Voter List Digitization

- ❖ Achievement
- ❖ First district in Rajasthan to complete 100% digitisation of voter lists.
- ❖ Programme
- ❖ Conducted under Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Programme 2026.
- ❖ Started: 4 November 2025
- ❖ Final Voter List to be published: 7 February 2026.

## Bhavini Bhargav – Rotary 'Young Achiever Award'

- ❖ Awarded For: Excellence in literature and sports.
- ❖ Sports Background: Former national-level player in cricket and badminton.
- ❖ Literary Contribution: Her debut poetry collection "Unheard" gained recognition for helping people cope with emotional distress.

## Sampat Saral – Awarded 'Kaka Hathrasi Award'

- ❖ Awarded For: Satire and literary excellence.
- ❖ Notable Works: Ek Manzila Makan Mein Lift,

Nitthale Bahut Busy Hain, Buddhiprakash.

## Jaipur to Host First 'Comic Con'

- ❖ Dates: 4–6 January 2026, JECC Sitapura.
- ❖ Organisers: Rajasthan Government & Comic Con India (MoU signed).
- ❖ Context: Part of Rajasthan DigiFest and TIE Global Summit.

## Dr. Ratanlal Jat – Former Education Minister Passes Away

- ❖ Died: 13 November 2025, Jaipur (age 77).
- ❖ Political Career:
- ❖ MLA from Sahada (1990 – Janata Dal, 1998 – BJP).
- ❖ Former Chairman, State Seed Corporation.
- ❖ Former District Chief, Bhilwara.
- ❖ Governance & Administration

## Digital Signatures for MLAs

- ❖ Initiative: From 1 December 2025, MLAs will sign committee meeting documents using stylus pens on iPads.
- ❖ Goal: Move towards a paperless legislative assembly.

## Janah–Uphaar Super Market (Jaipur)

- ❖ Inauguration: 21 November 2025, Vaishali Nagar by Minister Gautam Kumar Dak.
- ❖ Joint Venture: CONFED + NCCF.
- ❖ Products:
- ❖ Organic goods under 'Janah' brand.
- ❖ Spices & millets under 'Uphaar' brand.
- ❖ Achievement: 201 millet outlets established

statewide (6 times the target).

## 'Constitution House' – Rural Digital Library (Dholpur)

- ❖ Launched At: Kachhpura Angai, Dholpur (20 November 2025).
- ❖ Partners: IIFCL & District Council, Dholpur.
- ❖ Objective: To promote constitutional values and digital literacy in rural communities.

## 'Jago, Jagao Ekta Padyatra' (Kota)

- ❖ Start Date: 24 November 2025 at Paatli River Bank, Ramganjmandi.
- ❖ Inauguration: By Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena & Madan Dilawar.
- ❖ Purpose: Promote social unity on the occasion of Sardar Patel's 150th birth anniversary.
- ❖ **Additional Initiatives:**
  - ❖ Launch of "Vartan Bank".
  - ❖ Revival of Paatli River (irrigation capacity: 50,000 bighas).

## Jaipur Metro Phase-2 – DPR Approved

- ❖ Approval: State govt approved DPR and sent it to the Centre.
- ❖ Route: Sitapura to VKI.
- ❖ Length: 42.80 km.
- ❖ Stations: 36 (34 elevated, 2 underground).
- ❖ Connectivity: Airport, Jaipur Junction, Gandhi Nagar Railway Station.

## Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme 2025

- ❖ Flag-off: Special train from Jawai Dam to Jagannath Puri on 24 November 2025.
- ❖ Passengers: 970 pilgrims from Sirohi, Jalore, Pali,

Jodhpur, Barmer, Balotra, Jaisalmer, Phalodi districts.

## 'Empowered Society, Prosperous India' Conference

- ❖ Venue: Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi (23 November 2025).
- ❖ Organiser: World Sindhi Hindu Foundation.
- ❖ Guest of Honour: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.
- ❖ Participation: Delegates from 35 countries, including Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani.

## Chatbot System for Treatment of Diseased Animals

- ❖ Department: Rajasthan Animal Husbandry Department.
- ❖ **Success:**
  - ❖ 82,713 livestock owners registered in 6 months.
  - ❖ 65,490 animals received treatment/advice.
  - ❖ Upgrade: To be integrated with AI soon.
- ❖ Recognition: Maharashtra govt to adopt the '1962 Chatbot Model'.

## 72nd All India Cooperative Week

- ❖ Event: organised by Rajasthan State Cooperative Land Development Bank on 16 November 2025.
- ❖ Theme: Strengthening rural development through cooperatives.

## 'Sri Guru Nanak Vatika' (Alwar) Inaugurated

- ❖ Date: 15 November 2025, Mungaska.
- ❖ **Features:**
  - ❖ 5,000+ fruit-bearing, medicinal & shade plants.
  - ❖ Biodiversity-enhanced green area.
  - ❖ Announcement: Aravalli Eco Nursery to be

developed at a cost of ₹2 crore (CAMPA fund).

## Urological Society of India – North Zone Conference

- ❖ Event: NZ-USICON 2025 at RIC, Jaipur (14–16 November 2025).
- ❖ Edition: 35th Annual Conference of the North Zone.

## 'Your Capital, Your Right' Awareness Campaign

- ❖ Purpose: Help citizens reclaim unclaimed deposits, insurance claims, shares & mutual funds.
- ❖ Event: Held at Durgapura, Jaipur on 14 November 2025.
- ❖ Plan: Camps to be held in all districts until 31 December 2025.

## Divisional-Level Cooperative Fair & Aadi Haat (Udaipur)

- ❖ Dates: 14–16 November 2025 at Gandhi Ground.
- ❖ Theme: Digitisation for efficiency & transparency.
- ❖ Exhibition: 40 stalls of Self-Help Groups and Van Dhan Kendras.

## Chetan Dwivedi Receives the 'Ladli Media Award'

- ❖ **Award**
- ❖ Chetan Dwivedi, Special Correspondent, Dainik Bhaskar (Kota Division), has been honoured with the prestigious 'Ladli Media Award'.
- ❖ **Reason**
- ❖ Awarded for his investigative story titled: "Girls Being Sold on 5-Year Lease: Parents Sending Them to UP-MP to Repay Debts."
- ❖ **Significance**
- ❖ This is the second time he has received this honour.

## Nayi Chetna 4.0 – 'Pahal Badlaav Ki' Gender Campaign

- ❖ **Launch**
- ❖ Organised by Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council (Rajeevika) under the Rural Development Department.
- ❖ Launched in Jaipur on 25 November 2025.
- ❖ **Duration**
- ❖ Campaign runs till 23 December 2025.
- ❖ **Objective**
- ❖ To prevent violence against women and girls on digital platforms.
- ❖ **Components**
- ❖ Includes the global programme '16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence'.

## 'Know Your Army' Fair in Alwar

- ❖ **Event**
- ❖ A two-day 'Know Your Army' Fair organised by the Indian Army.
- ❖ Held on 25–26 November 2025 at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Alwar.
- ❖ **Inauguration**
- ❖ By Union Minister for Environment & Forests Bhupender Yadav and Minister of State (Independent Charge) Sanjay Sharma.
- ❖ **Highlights**
- ❖ Exhibition of modern weapons and equipment for public display.

## Drinking Water Project in Karniyali (Jodhpur)

- ❖ **Foundation Stone**
- ❖ Laid on 24 November 2025 by **Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel**.

## ❖ **Project Details**

- ❖ Implemented under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- ❖ **Cost:** ₹277.49 lakh.
- ❖ Beneficiaries: 793 households of Karniyali and Chainpura Bhatan.
- ❖ **Infrastructure**
- ❖ Pipeline expansion and construction of a 75,000-litre CWR (Clear Water Reservoir).

## National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary (Pali Ghat) – Conservation Initiative

### ❖ **Event**

- ❖ On 13 November 2025, Minister of State for Forests Sanjay Sharma released
- ❖ 10 gharial hatchlings into the Chambal River at Pali Ghat, Sawai Madhopur.

### ❖ **Programme**

- ❖ Part of the ‘Rearing Fast Track Head-Starting Programme’.

### ❖ **Process**

- ❖ Hatchlings (25 cm) were reared in protected conditions and released into natural habitat upon reaching 75 cm.

## ‘SAANS Campaign’ (Pneumonia Awareness Programme)

### ❖ **Objective**

- ❖ Screening all children under 5 years for pneumonia and spreading awareness about complications and prevention.

### ❖ **Duration**

❖ **12 November 2025 to 28 February 2026.**

❖ **Theme: “No Pneumonia, Healthy Childhood.”**

## Community Policing Awareness Workshop

## ❖ **Organiser**

- ❖ Rajasthan Police, under the guidance of the India Police Foundation (IPF).

## ❖ **Aim**

- ❖ To educate students of Classes 9 to 12 about:
- ❖ Broad responsibilities of the police
- ❖ Role of police in community safety

## ‘Nasha Mukt Yuva – Viksit Bharat, Fit Rajasthan’ Youth Programme

### ❖ **Event**

- ❖ Held at **Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur** on **14 November 2025 (Children’s Day)**.

### ❖ **Objective**

- ❖ To inspire youth to lead a drug-free, focused and purposeful life.

### ❖ **Organisers**

- ❖ Rajasthan Youth Board & Art of Living (Rajasthan).

### ❖ **Special Presence**

- ❖ Conducted in the presence of spiritual leader Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

- ❖ Awareness Programmes at Van Dhan Vikas Kendras

### ❖ **Occasion**

- ❖ Tribal Pride Day (150th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda).

### ❖ **Coverage**

- ❖ Conducted in 7 districts:

- ❖ Banswara, Dungarpur, Jhalawar, Kota, Pratapgarh, Sirohi, Udaipur.

### ❖ **Activities**

- ❖ Awareness camps at 437 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras.

- ❖ Formation of 547 new SHGs; 5,730 women linked

to SHGs.

❖ Exhibition of handicrafts and natural products.

#### ❖ **Organisers**

❖ Rajeevika (Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council).

## Launch of ‘LabhCalc’ Incentive Calculator

#### ❖ **Launch**

❖ Introduced by the Government of Rajasthan in November 2025.

#### ❖ **Objective**

❖ To promote Ease of Doing Business.

#### ❖ **Purpose**

❖ Helps investors accurately estimate incentives under RIPS-2024 for new industrial units or expansion.

#### ❖ **Special Feature**

❖ Provides year-wise incentive estimates, enabling investors to choose the most beneficial option.

## 65th ‘Lakkhi Annakoot Mahotsav’ Featured in Oxford Book of World Records

#### ❖ **Event**

❖ Held at **Khole Ke Hanumanji Temple**, Jaipur on 9 November 2025.

#### ❖ **Record**

❖ Entered the **Oxford Book of World Records**.

#### ❖ **Highlights**

❖ 87.5 tonnes (87,500 kg) of sacred food (bhog) prepared — recorded as the “World’s Largest Hanuman Bhog.”

❖ Over 2.22 lakh devotees received the prasad in a single day.

#### ❖ **Testing**

❖ Indian Army successfully tested the new ‘**Sher AK-203**’ rifle on the **Rajasthan border**.

❖ It will replace the old INSAS rifles.

#### ❖ **Manufacture**

❖ Produced at Korwa, Amethi (Uttar Pradesh) by Indo-Russia Rifles Pvt. Ltd. (IRRPL) using indigenous steel.

#### ❖ **Technical Specifications**

❖ Calibre: 7.62×39 mm

❖ Fire Rate: ~700 rounds per minute

❖ Effective Range: Up to 800 metres

## One-Liners

➤ More than 1 crore children (aged 0–5 years) were given free polio drops during the Sub-National Pulse Polio Campaign held on 23 November 2025 in Rajasthan.

➤ The ‘Bharat Kala Mahotsav’, inaugurated on 21 November 2025, was organized in Hyderabad, showcasing the art, culture, crafts, and cuisine of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Goa.

➤ As part of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel’s 150th birth anniversary celebrations, the Sardar @150 Unity March held on 17 November from Kisan Bhawan to Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University was led by Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of Law.

➤ The Rajasthan government conducted a 15-day Statewide Road Safety Campaign

## Successful Testing of ‘Sher AK-203’ Rifle

- from 4 to 18 November 2025, giving top priority to road safety.
- Union Environment Minister and Alwar MP Bhupender Yadav, during the closing ceremony of the Alwar MP Sports Festival, announced the establishment of an international-level wrestling academy at Khairthal on 15 November 2025.
  - To encourage capable individuals to support the needy, MLA Babu Singh Rathore is leading the 'Saksham Shergarh' Campaign in the Shergarh region of Jodhpur.
  - The 26th Triennial All India Convention of the Bharatiya Transport Mazdoor Sangh was held on 15–16 November 2025 in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
  - A special program titled 'Utsaah – Jeevan Utsaah Hai' was organized under the guidance of Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar at SMS Stadium, Jaipur, on 14 November 2025.
  - The 69th Foundation Day Celebration of the Harishchandra Mathur Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration (OTSI) was held on 14 November 2025.
  - A three-day student art exhibition named 'Skillscape-2025' was organized at the Government Women's Polytechnic College, Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur, from 14–16 November 2025.
  - The District Legal Services Authority, Jaipur Metropolitan II, organized the Children's Parliament and Constitution Oath Ceremony on Constitution Day, 26 November 2025, at Subodh Public School, Jaipur.
  - The National Swadeshi Festival will be organized from 23–28 December 2025 in Chittorgarh.
  - Under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Scheme, the Union Agriculture Minister has approved the inclusion of 'Tanka Construction' under the Farm Pond category.
  - Under the Central 'Dharti Aba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan', a target of providing 2.30 lakh electricity connections has been set for tribal-dominated areas of Rajasthan.
  - The Sub-Regional Employment Office, Jaipur, organized a Career Guidance and Employment Assistance Camp on 14 November 2025 at AU Ignite Institute.
  - The logo of the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) of Rajasthan Police, symbolizing "determination, dedication and vigilance," was released on 11 November 2025.
  - To boost private-sector employment opportunities, the Sub-Regional Employment Office, Jaipur, along with Suresh Gyan Vihar University, organized the 'HR Conclave 2025' at the university campus on 11 November 2025.

- Governor and Chancellor Haribhau Bagde issued orders on 11 November 2025 removing Prof. Ramesh Chandra, the suspended Vice-Chancellor of Maharaja Surajmal Brij University, Bharatpur, with immediate effect.
- Vijnana Bharati has launched a special campaign in Jaipur, Alwar, and Sikar districts to convert barren land into green zones.
- Kritagya Singh won the title at the Jaipur Chess Club Rapid Open Chess Tournament.
- Prof. Neelima Gupta of the University of Rajasthan received the ‘M.Sc. Mentors Award 2025’ at the 7th National Workshop on Material Chemistry held in Mumbai.
- The ‘No Negative Monday’ initiative by Dainik Bhaskar for positive journalism received the Gold Award in the Best User Generated Campaign (UGC) category at the Brand Stories Awards organized by afaqs.
- Senior IAS officer Akhil Arora has been appointed as Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister of Rajasthan.
- At the 25th Indian Oil Servo Masters Golf 2025 held at the Digboi Golf Course, Assam, Prakhar Asawa of Rambagh Golf Club secured the 9th position.
- In the 44th Junior National Shootingball Championship held in Ghaziabad, the

Rajasthan Girls’ Team won the bronze medal by defeating Delhi.

- The 11th Senior State-Level Korfball Championship was won by Team Jaipur, defeating Kotputli.

## Science and Technology

### ISRO Launches India’s Heaviest Military Communication Satellite ‘CMS-03 (GSAT-7R)’



- ❖ **Launched by:** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- ❖ **Launch Vehicle:** LVM3-M5 (Launch Vehicle Mark-3) – also known as “Bahubali”
- ❖ **Launch Site:** Second Launch Pad, Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- ❖ **Satellite Weight:** 4,410 kg
- ❖ **Orbit:** Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO)
- ❖ **About CMS-03 (GSAT-7R):**
- ❖ **Type:** Military communication satellite
- ❖ **Purpose:** To enhance secure communication services for the Indian Navy across the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- ❖ **Replaces:** GSAT-7 (Rukmini), launched in 2013

aboard Ariane-5 from French Guiana.

- ❖ Payloads: Operates in UHF, S-band, C-band, and Ku-band frequency ranges.

❖ **Indigenous Features:**

- ❖ 1,200-litre propulsion tank
- ❖ Collapsible antenna systems
- ❖ Developed by: ISRO in collaboration with Indian Navy and DRDO for enhanced maritime domain awareness.

❖ **Significance of the Mission:**

- ❖ 5th Operational Flight of LVM3, previously used in the Chandrayaan-3 mission, where India became the first country to land near the lunar South Pole.
- ❖ First-ever heavy (>4,000 kg) satellite launched from Indian soil using an indigenously built launch vehicle — marking a major step in India's space self-reliance (Aatmanirbharta).

❖ **About LVM3 Rocket (Earlier GSLV Mk-III):**

- ❖ India's most powerful launch vehicle

❖ **Payload Capacity:**

- Up to 8,000 kg to Low Earth Orbit (LEO)
- Up to 4,000 kg to Geosynchronous Orbit (GTO)
- ❖ Configuration: 3-stage vehicle
  - S200 – Solid motor strap-ons
  - L110 – Liquid propellant core stage
  - C25 – Cryogenic upper stage
- ❖ Provides complete independence in launching heavy communication satellites.

**Google Announces 'Project Suncatcher' to Develop Space-Based AI Infrastructure**



- ❖ In November 2025, **Google LLC** announced '**Project Suncatcher**', a research moonshot initiative aimed at developing a **space-based, solar-powered Artificial Intelligence (AI) infrastructure system**.

- ❖ The project explores the scalability and feasibility of machine learning (ML) compute systems in low-Earth orbit (LEO).

❖ **Project Overview**

- ❖ Project Suncatcher aims to build a solar-powered AI infrastructure using Tensor Processing Units (TPUs) aboard satellites.

- ❖ It utilizes Trillium TPUs, designed to withstand up to 15 krad(Si) of radiation.

- ❖ The satellites will operate in a dawn–dusk orbit, equipped with advanced thermal radiators to efficiently manage heat in space.

❖ **Launch & Partnerships**

- ❖ Two prototype satellites are scheduled for launch in early 2027.

- ❖ The satellites are being developed in partnership with Planet Labs, a leading Earth observation and satellite imaging company.

**ISRO Successfully Conducts Main Parachute Test for Gaganyaan Mission**

- ❖ In November 2025, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted a critical Main Parachute test for the Gaganyaan Crew Module.

- ❖ The test was carried out at the Babina Field Firing Range (BFFR) in Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh.

- ❖ The test was conducted under the Integrated Main Parachute Airdrop Tests (IMAT) programme.

- ❖ The successful test validated the parachute system required for safe re-entry and touchdown of astronauts.

- ❖ The test is a crucial milestone for Gaganyaan, India's first human spaceflight mission.

- ❖ An IL-76 aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF)

was used for conducting the airdrop test.

- ❖ The parachute system consists of 10 parachutes of four different types.
- ❖ The test was supported by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), ADRDE, DRDO, Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Army (IA).

## BEL and Safran Sign JVCA to Manufacture HAMMER Weapon in India

- ❖ In November 2025, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Safran Electronics & Defence (SED), France, signed a Joint Venture Cooperation Agreement (JVCA).
- ❖ BEL is a Navratna Defence Public Sector Undertaking (PSU).
- ❖ The JVCA was signed in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ❖ The agreement aims to manufacture the HAMMER (Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range) weapon system in India.
- ❖ HAMMER is a smart, precision-guided, air-to-ground weapon.
- ❖ The partnership focuses on localised production, supply, and maintenance of HAMMER weapons.
- ❖ The systems will be produced for the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Navy (IN).
- ❖ The collaboration enhances technology transfer, indigenous defence capability, and India–France strategic defence cooperation.

## ESA–Arianespace Launch Copernicus Sentinel-1D Earth-Observation Satellite

- ❖ The European Space Agency (ESA) and Arianespace successfully launched the Copernicus Sentinel-1D Earth-Observation Satellite.
- ❖ The satellite was launched into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) aboard the Ariane 6 rocket from the Guiana Space Centre, French Guiana.
- ❖ Engines: Vulcain 2.1 and Vinci
- ❖ Sentinel-1D is a part of the Copernicus Sentinel-1

radar-imaging constellation.

- ❖ Purpose: Environmental monitoring, disaster management, maritime safety, urban planning.

## India's First Commercial PSLV to Launch Oceansat in 2026

- ❖ ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan announced that the first commercially built PSLV—PSLV N1—will launch Oceansat in 2026.
- ❖ The announcement was made during the 7th India Manufacturing Show (IMS) 2025 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ❖ HAL and L&T will jointly lead the consortium building the commercial PSLV.
- ❖ ISRO plans to transfer 50% of PSLV development to Indian industry.
- ❖ The 2022 contract includes five PSLV-XL rockets.

## NASA–ESA Launch Copernicus Sentinel-6B Earth Observation Satellite

- ❖ *Copernicus Sentinel-6B*, an *Earth-observation satellite* developed jointly by *NASA*, *ESA*, *EUMETSAT*, and *NOAA*, was successfully launched by a *SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket*.
- ❖ The launch took place from *Launch Complex 4E, Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, USA*.
- ❖ It is the second satellite in the Copernicus Sentinel-6/Jason-CS mission, after Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich (launched in November 2020).
- ❖ The satellite will monitor sea levels, atmospheric temperature, humidity, and cover about 90% of Earth's oceans.

## Oman Signs Agreement with Airbus for its First Communication Satellite – OmanSat-1

- ❖ *Oman's Space Communication Technologies (SCT)* signed a cooperation agreement with *Airbus Defence and Space* for designing, manufacturing, and launching *OmanSat-1*, *Oman's first communications satellite*.

- ❖ The agreement was signed by Saeed bin Hamoud al Maawali (Minister of Transport, Communications & IT, Oman) and Alain Faure (CEO, Airbus Space Systems).
- ❖ OmanSat-1 will be built on the Airbus OneSat platform, featuring a fully digital and reconfigurable communications system.
- ❖ The project will strengthen Oman's digital sovereignty and secure national communications infrastructure.

## India Demonstrates 500-km Quantum-Based Secure Communication Network

- ❖ **QNu Labs Pvt. Ltd.**, a Bengaluru-based quantum technology startup, successfully demonstrated **India's first large-scale Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) network** covering over **500 km**.
- ❖ The project was supported by the **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** under the **National Quantum Mission (NQM)**.
- ❖ The achievement showcases India's progress in quantum-secure digital communication.
- ❖ The announcement was made during the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2025.
- ❖ This marks a significant milestone toward building secure, hack-proof communication networks for national digital infrastructure.

## IIT Bombay Develops India's First Quantum Diamond Microscope

- ❖ Researchers from the P-Quest Lab, IIT Bombay, developed India's first indigenous Quantum Diamond Microscope (QDM).
- ❖ The innovation marks India's first patent in quantum sensing.
- ❖ Led by Professor Kasturi Saha.
- ❖ Announced at the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC 2025) in New Delhi.

- ❖ Developed under the National Quantum Mission (NQM) of DST.
- ❖ Working Principle: Uses Nitrogen-Vacancy (NV) centres in diamond and Optically Detected Magnetic Resonance (ODMR).

## Kunchala Kaivalya Reddy Selected for TSI Astronaut Training Programme

- ❖ 17-year-old Kunchala Kaivalya Reddy from East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh, selected as an Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN).
- ❖ Selected for Titans Space Industries (TSI) Space Class 2025–2029 Programme.
- ❖ Training period: 2026–2029.
- ❖ Mentored by NASA veteran William McArthur.
- ❖ Earlier achievement: Youngest Indian to complete the International Air and Space Programme (2023).

## Godrej Delivers Human-Rated L110 Stage Vikas Engine to ISRO

- ❖ Godrej Aerospace delivered the first human-rated L110 Stage Vikas Engine to ISRO's LPSC Bengaluru.
- ❖ Engine will power the HLVM3 for India's Gaganyaan crewed mission.
- ❖ Purpose: Carry crew module into Earth orbit and enable safe return of astronauts.

## DRDO-NSTL Develops New Generation MP-AUVs

- ❖ NSTL, DRDO developed a new generation Man-Portable Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (MP-AUVs).
- ❖ Designed specifically for Mine Countermeasure (MCM) operations.
- ❖ Enables real-time detection of mine-like objects and reduces operational risk.
- ❖ Places India among countries like USA, UK,

France, China, Sweden with MP-AUV capabilities.

## India's First Indigenous High-Precision Compact Diode Laser Launched

- ❖ Union MoS Dr. Jitendra Singh launched India's first indigenous high-precision compact diode laser at ESTIC 2025, New Delhi.
- ❖ Developed by Prenishq Private Limited.
- ❖ Supported by National Quantum Mission (NQM) and Department of Science & Technology (DST).
- ❖ Enables quantum-encrypted communication (QKD) for secure financial and banking transactions.

## Karnataka Introduces KEO – Low-Cost AI-Ready Computer

- ❖ Karnataka government launched KEO (Knowledge-driven, Economical, Open-source) PC priced at ₹18,999.
- ❖ Launched by CM Siddaramaiah at the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2025.
- ❖ Features:
- ❖ Based on Open-source RISC-V processor
- ❖ Runs on Linux OS
- ❖ Co-developed by the Department of IT & BT, Karnataka and KEONICS.

## ISRO Demonstrates Boot-Strap Mode Start of CE20 Cryogenic Engine

- ❖ Date: 7 November 2025
- ❖ ISRO successfully demonstrated boot-strap mode start of the CE20 cryogenic engine.
- ❖ Test duration: 10 seconds under vacuum conditions.
- ❖ Conducted at High-Altitude Test Facility (HAT), ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ Enhances restart capability for upcoming space missions.

## Google's Willow Chip Achieves First Verifiable Quantum Advantage

- ❖ Google announced that the Willow quantum processor achieved the first-ever verifiable quantum advantage.
- ❖ Published in Nature by Google Quantum AI and collaborators.
- ❖ Used the Quantum Echoes (OTOC) algorithm.
- ❖ Demonstrated performance  $13,000\times$  faster than the best classical algorithm.
- ❖ Result is verifiable by other quantum computers.

## China Launches Shenzhou-21 Crewed Space Mission

- ❖ China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) launched Shenzhou-21 aboard Long March-2F from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center.
- ❖ Crew: Zhang Lu, Wu Fei, Zhang Hongzhang.
- ❖ The mission includes 27 advanced experiments in biotechnology, space medicine, material science, and fluid physics.

## Defence

### Indian Army Conducts 'VAYU SAMANVAY-II' in Desert Sector



❖ **Exercise Name: VAYU SAMANVAY-II**

❖ **Conducted By: Indian Army**

- ❖ **Location:** Forward desert areas under Southern Command

❖ Duration: 28–29 October 2025

### ❖ **Objective**

- ❖ To test drone and counter-drone capabilities in desert warfare scenarios.
- ❖ To validate doctrinal principles related to deployment and neutralization of drones in combat.
- ❖ To assess the Army's readiness in a realistic, electronically contested environment.

### ❖ **Key Highlights**

- ❖ Focused on technology-driven, multi-domain warfare integrating drones, electronic warfare (EW), and AI-enabled command systems.
- ❖ Simulated future battlefield conditions involving aerial surveillance, communication disruption, and counter-drone tactics.
- ❖ Demonstrated the Indian Army's push toward next-generation warfare and enhanced operational preparedness against aerial threats.

## Indian Army Hosts Young Leaders Forum “Veer Yuva”



❖ **Date:** October 31, 2025

❖ **Organised by:** Indian Army (IA) in collaboration with the **Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS)**

❖ **Venue:** Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi

❖ **Occasion:** National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas), observed to commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary.

### ❖ **About YLF – “Veer Yuva”**

### ❖ **Full Name:** Young Leaders Forum – Veer Yuva

❖ Aim: To empower youth as torchbearers of change in shaping Viksit Bharat @2047 through leadership, innovation, and national service.

❖ Format: Hybrid — attended in person and live-streamed to Army institutions, IITs, universities, and professional centres across India.

### ❖ **Key Dignitaries:**

- Kiren Rijiju – Minister of Parliamentary Affairs & Minister of Minority Affairs
- General Upendra Dwivedi – Chief of the Army Staff (CoAS)
- Tejasvi Surya – Member of Parliament (Bengaluru South)

## HAL Signs USD 1 Billion Agreement with GE for 113 Engines to Power 97 Tejas Mk-1A Jets



### ❖ **Parties Involved:**

- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** – under the Ministry of Defence (MoD), India
- **General Electric (GE)** – United States of America (USA)

### ❖ **Deal Overview**

❖ **Value:** **USD 1 billion** ( $\approx$  ₹8,800 crore)

❖ **Purpose:** Supply of **113 F404-GE-IN20 jet engines** and a support package.

❖ **For:** **97 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk-1A** to be inducted into the Indian Air Force (IAF).

### ❖ **About the F404-GE-IN20 Engine**

- ❖ It is an *afterburning turbofan engine* developed by *GE Aerospace (USA)*.
- ❖ The IN20 variant is the Indian-specific version designed for the Tejas aircraft.
- ❖ Known for high performance, reliability, and maintainability.

## ICAI Signs MoU with Indian Army for Real-Time UDIN Verification



### ❖ Parties Involved:

- *Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)*
- *Indian Army (IA)* – Army Purchase Organization (APO), Directorate General of Supply and Transport (DGST), under the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

### ❖ Purpose of the MoU

- ❖ To enable *real-time verification of Unique Document Identification Numbers (UDINs)* through an Application Programming Interface (API) integration between ICAI and the Indian Army's APO.

### ❖ Aim

- ❖ To enhance efficiency, transparency, and authenticity in vendor registration and procurement processes.
- ❖ The system allows APO to instantly verify CA-certified documents, ensuring they are issued by registered Chartered Accountants only.

### ❖ About UDIN (Unique Document Identification Number)

- ❖ Introduced by ICAI in 2019 to prevent the misuse of CA certification.

- ❖ Every document certified by a Chartered Accountant is assigned a unique number, which can be verified on the UDIN portal.

### ❖ About ICAI

- ❖ Established: 1949 under the Chartered Accountants Act
- ❖ Headquarters: New Delhi
- ❖ Regulatory Body: Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India
- ❖ President (2025): CA Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal.

## Quad Naval Exercise MALABAR 2025 Begins at Guam, Northern Pacific Ocean



- ❖ *The 29th edition of the multilateral Exercise MALABAR 2025 began on November 10, 2025, at Guam, located in the Northern Pacific Ocean (NPO).*

- ❖ *The exercise is being hosted by the United States of America (USA).*

- ❖ *It is a nine-day Quad naval exercise, scheduled to run from November 10 to November 18, 2025.*

### ❖ Participating Nations

- ❖ The exercise involves the navies of the Quad countries:

- India
- United States of America (USA)
- Japan
- Australia

### ❖ Background

❖ **Origin (1992):**

- ❖ Initiated as a bilateral naval exercise between India and the USA to enhance interoperability and strengthen maritime cooperation.

❖ **Expansion:**

- ❖ Japan became a permanent member in 2015. Australia joined as a permanent participant in 2020, transforming MALABAR into a four-nation (Quad) exercise.

❖ **The exercise will be conducted in two phases:**

❖ **(a) Harbour Phase (November 10–12, 2025)**

- ❖ Focus on:
  - Operational planning
  - Communication alignment
  - Familiarisation visits
  - Sports and social interactions among participating navies

❖ **(b) Sea Phase (November 13–17, 2025)**

- ❖ Involves complex naval operations, including:
  - Joint fleet manoeuvres
  - Anti-submarine warfare (ASW) drills
  - Gunnery serials
  - Cross-deck flying exercises.

**11th Edition of Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise ‘Mitra Shakti 2025’ Begins in Belagavi, Karnataka**



- ❖ The 11th edition of the **India–Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise “Mitra Shakti”** began in November 2025 at the **Foreign Training Node**,

**Belagavi, Karnataka.**

- ❖ The exercise will continue till 23rd November 2025.

- ❖ **Objective:** To strengthen bilateral military cooperation, enhance interoperability, and improve joint counter-terrorism capabilities under a United Nations (UN) mandate.

❖ **Background**

❖ **Launch Year: 2013**

- ❖ **Meaning:** “*Mitra Shakti*” translates to “**Power of Friendship**”.

- ❖ **Nature:** Annual bilateral military exercise conducted alternately between India and Sri Lanka.

- ❖ Previous Edition (10th): Held in 2024 at the Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka.

- ❖ **Policy Alignment:** Supports India’s “Neighbourhood First” and “SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region)” initiatives.

❖ **About ‘Mitra Shakti 2025’**

❖ **Focus Areas:**

- ❖ Joint rehearsals of sub-conventional operations in urban and semi-urban environments.

- ❖ Counter-terrorism operations and peacekeeping drills under UN mandates.

- ❖ Enhancing mutual trust, coordination, and tactical interoperability between the two armies.

❖ **Participants**

❖ **Indian Contingent**

- ❖ Strength: ~170 personnel

- ❖ Lead Unit: Rajput Regiment of the Indian Army

❖ **Sri Lankan Contingent**

- ❖ Strength: ~135 personnel

- ❖ Lead Unit: Gajaba Regiment of the Sri Lanka Army

❖ **Air Force Component**

- ❖ Indian Air Force (IAF): 20 personnel
- ❖ Sri Lankan Air Force (SLAF): 10 personnel.

## Indian Army Conducts ‘Exercise Brahmashira’ in Gujarat



- ❖ On 10 November 2025, the **Indian Army** conducted **Exercise Brahmashira** in the **Rann and Creek Sector of Kachchh, Gujarat**.
- ❖ The exercise formed a **key component of the larger Tri-Services Exercise Trishul**, aimed at validating India's integrated operational capability across land, sea, and air domains.

### About Exercise Brahmashira

#### Participants

- ❖ The exercise involved multiple national security forces:

- Indian Army (IA)
- Indian Navy (IN)
- Indian Air Force (IAF)
- Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- Border Security Force (BSF)

#### Integration Mechanisms

- Use of Joint Task Forces (JTF)
- Deployment of an advanced Joint Control Centre (JCC)
- Strengthened operational infrastructure for multi-domain coordination.

#### Focus Areas

- Testing new force structures
- Validating advanced technologies

- Enhancing adaptive warfighting strategies
- Ensuring precision, coordination, and rapid multi-domain responses across land, sea, air, and coastal zones
- ❖ **Strategic Alignment**
- ❖ Supports the Army's “Decade of Transformation” initiative
- ❖ Strengthens the Whole-of-Nation approach to defence preparedness.

## VINBAX 2025 – India–Vietnam Bilateral Army Exercise

- ❖ Dates: 11–27 November 2025
- ❖ Edition: 6th
- ❖ **Venue: National Military Training Centre 4, Hanoi, Vietnam**
- ❖ Participants: ~300 personnel from Indian Army (IA) and Vietnam People's Army (VPA)
- ❖ Objective: Strengthen military cooperation and interoperability between India and Vietnam

## Garuda 2025 – India–France Bilateral Air Exercise

- ❖ Dates: 16–27 November 2025
- ❖ Edition: 8th
- ❖ **Venue: Mont-de-Marsan Air Base, France**
- ❖ **Participants:**
- ❖ Indian Air Force (IAF): Su-30MKI, C-17, IL-78
- ❖ French Air and Space Force (FASF): Rafale, multirole fighters
- ❖ Focus: Air-to-air combat, air defence, joint strike missions
- ❖ Objective: Enhance interoperability, operational tactics, and exchange of best practices
- ❖ History: First edition in 2003 at Gwalior AFS; 7th edition in 2022 at Jodhpur AFS

## Ajeya Warrior 2025 – India–UK Joint Army Exercise

- ❖ Dates: 17–30 November 2025
- ❖ Edition: 8th
- ❖ **Venue:** *Mahajan Field Firing Ranges (MFFR), Bikaner, Rajasthan*
- ❖ **Participants:** *Indian Army and British Army*
- ❖ Objective: Strengthen operational synergy in counterterrorism operations in semi-urban environments under UN Chapter VII mandate

## Surya Kiran 2025 – India–Nepal Joint Military Exercise

- ❖ Dates: 25 November – 8 December 2025
- ❖ Edition: 19th
- ❖ **Venue:** *Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, India*
- ❖ **Participants:** *Indian Army and Nepal Army*
- ❖ Focus Areas: Counter-terrorism, jungle and mountain warfare, operational interoperability.

## Test Launch of LGM-30G Minuteman III ICBM – USA

- ❖ In November 2025, the Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) of the United States of America (USA), in collaboration with the US Space Force, successfully conducted a test launch of an unarmed LGM-30G Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM).
- ❖ The missile was launched from Vandenberg Space Force Base, located in California, USA.
- ❖ The test launch was designated as Glory Trip 254 (GT-254).
- ❖ During the test, the missile travelled a distance of approximately 4,200 miles (about 6,760 km).
- ❖ The LGM-30G Minuteman III is a three-stage, solid-fuelled ICBM.
- ❖ The missile has an operational range of around 13,000 km (8,000 miles).

- ❖ The missile system is manufactured by Boeing Defence, Space & Security.

## MoD Signs ₹2,095.70 Crore Contract with BDL for INVAR ATGMs

- ❖ In November 2025, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract worth ₹2,095.70 crore with the state-run Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).
- ❖ The contract was signed under the ‘Buy (Indian)’ procurement category.
- ❖ The agreement is for the procurement of INVAR Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGMs).
- ❖ The contract signing took place in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ❖ Senior officials of the MoD and representatives of BDL signed the agreement.
- ❖ The signing ceremony was held in the presence of Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Defence.
- ❖ The deal strengthens indigenous defence manufacturing and enhances the anti-tank warfare capability of the Indian Armed Forces.

## Paras Defence Signs ToT Agreement with DRDO for Driver Night Sight (DNS) System

- ❖ In November 2025, Paras Defence & Space Technologies Limited signed a Technology Transfer (ToT) agreement with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ❖ DRDO functions under the Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- ❖ The agreement is for the manufacture of the Driver Night Sight (DNS) system.
- ❖ The DNS system is used in T-90 main battle tanks.
- ❖ The ToT agreement aims to boost self-reliance in armoured vehicle night-vision systems.
- ❖ The move supports the objectives of Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence production.

## Pravaig Unveils India's First Defence Electric Vehicle 'VEER'

- ❖ In October 2025, Pravaig Dynamics Private Limited unveiled VEER, an Electric Tactical All-Terrain Vehicle (E-TATV).
- ❖ VEER has been developed for special operations, reconnaissance, and forward-patrol missions.
- ❖ It is India's first defence-specific Electric Vehicle (EV).
- ❖ VEER is regarded as one of the world's first operational electric tactical vehicles designed exclusively for military use.
- ❖ The vehicle supports silent mobility, reduced thermal signature, and enhanced stealth operations.
- ❖ The development aligns with Aatmanirbhar Bharat and green defence mobility initiatives.

## Indian Navy Commissions SVL-Class Ship 'INS Ikshak' in Kochi

- ❖ On 6 November 2025, the Indian Navy commissioned INS Ikshak (Yard 3027).
- ❖ INS Ikshak is the third indigenously built Survey Vessel (Large) – SVL class ship.
- ❖ The commissioning ceremony was held at the Southern Naval Command (SNC), Kochi, Kerala.
- ❖ The event was presided over by Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS).
- ❖ INS Ikshak is the first SVL-class ship to be based at the Southern Naval Command.
- ❖ It is the tenth Indian Navy platform commissioned in 2025.
- ❖ It is the 102nd ship designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB).
- ❖ The ship was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Limited, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ❖ The construction contract was signed with the

Ministry of Defence (MoD) in October 2018.

- ❖ INS Ikshak serves as a Hydrographic Survey Vessel.
- ❖ It is the third ship in the SVL class, following INS Sandhayak and INS Nirdeshak.

## Indian Navy Commissions Indigenously Built ASW-SWC 'INS Mahe' in Mumbai

- ❖ On 24 November 2025, the Indian Navy commissioned INS Mahe.
- ❖ INS Mahe is the first indigenously designed and built Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Watercraft (ASW-SWC).
- ❖ The commissioning took place at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❖ The ceremony was presided over by General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS).
- ❖ The event was hosted by Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan.
- ❖ INS Mahe is designed for anti-submarine warfare operations in shallow coastal waters.
- ❖ The vessel strengthens India's coastal defence and maritime security architecture.
- ❖ The official mascot of INS Mahe is the Cheetah, symbolising speed, agility, and precision.

## Sports

### CRICKET

#### India Clinch ICC Women's World Cup 2025 – Historic Maiden Title



### ❖ Tournament Final

❖ **Match:** *India Women vs South Africa Women (Final)*

❖ **Venue:** *Dr. DY Patil Sports Academy, Navi Mumbai*

❖ **Date:** 2 November 2025

❖ **Result:** *India Women won by 52 runs*

❖ Toss: South Africa elected to bowl

### ❖ Match Summary

❖ India Innings: 298/7 (50 overs)

❖ Shafali Verma – 87 (78)

❖ Deepti Sharma – 50 & 5 wickets

❖ South Africa Innings: All out for 246

❖ Laura Wolvaardt – 101 (98)

❖ **Player of the Match:** *Shafali Verma*

❖ **Player of the Series:** *Deepti Sharma*

### ❖ Key Records & Highlights

❖ Smriti Mandhana – Most runs by an Indian in a single Women's World Cup (434 runs, avg. 54.25).

❖ Shafali Verma – Highest score by an Indian opener in a World Cup final (87), surpassing Punam Raut's 86 (2017).

❖ Harmanpreet Kaur – Most runs in World Cup knockout stages (331).

❖ Deepti Sharma – First cricketer to score 200+ runs & take 15+ wickets in a single Women's World Cup.

❖ Richa Ghosh – Equalled record for most sixes (12) in a World Cup edition (tied with Deandra Dottin).

- ❖ Team India – 298/7, 2nd-highest total ever in Women's World Cup finals.
- ❖ Mandhana–Shafali – Record highest Indian opening partnership in a World Cup final.
- ❖ Shafali Verma – Fastest fifty by an Indian in a World Cup final (35 balls).
- ❖ Collective Batting Record: 4 Indian batters scored 40+ runs — first time in a World Cup final.
- ❖ India's Highest Team Batting Average in any Women's World Cup edition, reflecting all-round dominance.

## India Wins Inaugural Blind Women's T20 World Cup

❖ Dates: 11–23 November 2025



❖ **Venue:** *P. Sara Oval, Colombo, Sri Lanka*

❖ **Final Match:** *India defeated Nepal by 7 wickets*

❖ Tournament Record: India remained undefeated, establishing itself as a global leader in visually impaired women's cricket

### ❖ Key Highlights:

❖ Winner: India

❖ Runner-up: Nepal

❖ Final Score: Nepal 114/5; India chased in 12.1 overs for 3 wickets

❖ Hosts: India and Sri Lanka (venues: Delhi, Bengaluru, Colombo).

## Asian Paints Becomes Official Colour Partner of BCCI

- ❖ In November 2025, Asian Paints Limited signed a three-year partnership with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- ❖ Role: Official Colour Partner for Team India
- ❖ Coverage: 110 Team India matches

## TENNIS

### Italy Wins Fourth Davis Cup 2025 Title

- ❖ **Event:** 2025 Davis Cup (Men's Tennis)
- ❖ **Venue:** *Bologna, Italy*
- ❖ **Organizer:** International Tennis Federation (ITF)
- ❖ **Winner:** *Italy defeated Spain 2-0 in the final*
- ❖ Significance: Italy became the second nation after the USA to win three consecutive Davis Cups (previous titles in 1976, 2023, and 2024)

## FOOTBALL



## ATHLETICS



## SHOOTING

### ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2025

- ❖ **Event:** ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2025
- ❖ **Dates:** 6–18 November 2025
- ❖ **Venue:** *Cairo, Egypt*
- ❖ **Organizer:** International Shooting Sport

Federation (ISSF)

- ❖ Participants: 720 shooters from 70 National Olympic Committees (NOCs)
- ❖ Events: Individual and team rifle and pistol events
- ❖ **Medal Tally Highlights:**
  - ❖ **Top Nation:** *China* topped the medal tally with **21 medals (12 gold, 7 silver, 2 bronze)**
  - ❖ **Second:** South Korea secured 14 medals (7 gold, 3 silver, 4 bronze)
  - ❖ **Third:** *India* won **13 medals (3 gold, 6 silver, 4 bronze)**
- ❖ **Indian Gold Medalists:**
  - Samrat Rana
  - Ravinder Singh
  - Men's 10m Air Pistol Team.

## BADMINTON

### Overview of Australian Open 2025 Badminton



- ❖ **Event:** *Sathio Group Australian Open 2025 (Badminton)*
- ❖ **Venue:** *State Sports Centre, Sydney, Australia*
- ❖ Category: BWF Super 500
- ❖ Total Prize Money: USD 4,75,000
- ❖ **Winners:**
  - ❖ **Men's Singles:** *Lakshya Sen (India)* defeated Yushi Tanaka (Japan) 21-15, 21-11. This was

his first title of the 2025 season and the sixth BWF World Tour crown of his career.

❖ **Women's Singles:** An Se Young (Korea) defeated Putri Kusuma Wardani (Indonesia).

❖ **Key Highlights:**

❖ Lakshya Sen became the second Indian to win a BWF World Tour title in 2025 after Ayush Shetty at the US Open Super 300.

## WEIGHTLIFTING

## HOCKEY

### Indian Oil Mumbai Wins 42nd Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Trophy

❖ In November 2025, **Indian Oil Mumbai** clinched the **42nd edition of the Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Trophy**, winning the title for the **third consecutive year and seventh time overall**.

❖ Final Match: Indian Oil Mumbai defeated Indian Railways (Delhi) by 2–1.

❖ **Venue:** **Olympian Surjit Hockey Stadium, Jalandhar, Punjab.**

❖ **Key Highlights:**

❖ **Winner:** **Indian Oil Mumbai**

❖ **Runner-up:** Indian Railways (Delhi)

❖ **Best Player:** **Talwinder Singh (Indian Oil Mumbai)**

❖ **Best Scorer:** **Harmanpreet Singh (Captain, Punjab Police team)**

❖ **Cash Prizes:**

➢ Winner – ₹5.51 lakh

➢ Runner-up – ₹2.50 lakh

❖ **Special Announcement:** Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, the Chief Guest, announced a ₹25 lakh grant from the Punjab government to the Surjit Hockey Society.

## ARCHERY

### Sheetal Devi Becomes First Indian Para-Archer in Able-Bodied National Team

❖ In November 2025, **Sheetal Devi (18 years old)**, a **para-archer** from the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu & Kashmir, made history by becoming the **first Indian para-athlete to be selected for an able-bodied national archery team**.

❖ The selection event was held from 3–6 November 2025 at the **National Centre of Excellence, Sonipat (Haryana)**.



❖ **Representation**

❖ **Event:** **Asia Cup Archery 2025 (Stage 3)**

❖ **Dates:** December 10–15, 2025

❖ **Venue:** **Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**

❖ **Category:** **Compound Women's Team**

❖ **Role:** Sheetal Devi will represent India in the able-bodied national team.

❖ **About the Selection Trials**

❖ Conducted by: Sports Authority of India (SAI)

❖ **Participants:** Over 60 able-bodied women compound archers competed for selection

❖ **Top 3 Archers Selected for the National Team**

- Tejal Rajendra Salve – Maharashtra
- Vaidehi Hirachandra Jadhav – Maharashtra
- Sheetal Devi – Jammu & Kashmir

❖ **Performance Details**

- ❖ Category: Women's Compound Archery
- ❖ Total Qualification Score: 703 points
- ❖ Round 1: 352 points
- ❖ Round 2: 351 points
- ❖ Final Standing: 3rd place, securing her spot in the national team.

## UAE to Host 2026 Asian Youth Archery Championship

- ❖ Date of Announcement: 10 November 2025
- ❖ **Host City:** *Khorfakkan, United Arab Emirates (UAE)*
- ❖ **Announcing Body:** Asian Archery Federation (AAF) Congress held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, during the 2025 Asian Archery Championships
- ❖ **Key Delegates:**
- ❖ UAE Delegation Lead: Hanadi Khalifa Al Kaboori
- ❖ Executive Member: Virendra Sachdeva

## Overview of 24th Asian Archery Championship 2025

- ❖ Dates: 8–14 November 2025
- ❖ **Venue:** *Dhaka, Bangladesh*
- ❖ **Organizer:** *Bangladesh Archery Federation (BAF)*
- ❖ Sponsor: Citi Group
- ❖ Edition: 24th (Bangladesh hosted for the 3rd time)
- ❖ **India's Performance:**
- ❖ **Medal Tally:** *10 (6 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze)*
- ❖ **Categories:** Recurve & Compound (5 medals

each)

❖ **Highlights:**

- ❖ Bommadevara Dhiraj and Ankita Bhakat became the first-ever Indian male and female recurve archers to win individual gold medals at the Asian Archery Championships.
- ❖ India topped overall standings, despite tying with South Korea on total medals (10 each).

❖ **Medal Table (Top 3 Nations):**

<b>1. India - 6Gold 3Silver 1Bronze</b>	<b>Total 10</b>
<b>2. South Korea - 2G 4S 4B Total 10</b>	
<b>3. Chinese Taipei - 1G 1S 0B Total 2</b>	

❖ **Other Highlights:**

- ❖ New President of World Archery Asia (WAA): Kazi Razib Uddin Ahmed Chapol (Bangladesh)
- ❖ Votes: Defeated Thomas Han by 29–9 votes
- ❖ Predecessor: Chung Eui-sun, Executive Chairman & CEO, Hyundai Moto Group

## CHESS

### Tamil Nadu's Raahul VS Becomes India's 91st Chess Grandmaster



❖ **Player:** *Raahul VS*

❖ **Age:** *21 years*

❖ **State:** *Tamil Nadu (TN)*

❖ **Event:** *8th ASEAN Individual Chess Championship 2025*

❖ **Venue:** *Philippines*

## ❖ Achievement

- ❖ Raahul VS became **India's 91st Chess Grandmaster (GM)** after clinching the 8th ASEAN Individual Chess Championship 2025 with a round to spare.
- ❖ By crossing the 2500 FIDE rating mark, he fulfilled the final requirement for the Grandmaster title.

## ❖ Significance

- ❖ Raahul VS is:
  - India's 91st Grandmaster overall, and
  - Tamil Nadu's 36th Grandmaster.
- ❖ He became **India's second GM within a week**, following **Ilamparthy AR**, who achieved the title on October 30, 2025.

## Sarayu Velpula Becomes India's 26th Woman Grandmaster

- ❖ In November 2025, 19-year-old Sarayu Velpula from Warangal, Telangana, became India's 26th Woman Grandmaster (WGM).
- ❖ She achieved her final WGM norm at the First League of Central Serbia 2025, held from 4–12 October 2025 in Novi Pazar, Serbia.
- ❖ Title: Woman Grandmaster (WGM)
- ❖ India Rank: 26th Woman Grandmaster
- ❖ Peak Rating: 2443 (2292 as of November 2025)
- ❖ Current Engagement: Selected for the FIDE World Women's Team Championship 2025 in Linares, Spain.

## 11th FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 Held in Goa

- ❖ The 11th FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 was held from 31 October to 27 November 2025 at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Taleigao, Goa.
- ❖ India hosted the event again after 23 years.
- ❖ **Key Highlights:**

- ❖ **Champion:** **Javokhir Sindarov (Uzbekistan)** – youngest-ever FIDE World Cup winner
- ❖ **Runner-up:** Wei Yi (China)
- ❖ **Third Place:** Andrey Esipenko (Russia)
- ❖ **Prize Fund:** USD 2 million
- ❖ Qualification: Top 3 qualified for the 2026 FIDE Candidates Tournament
- ❖ **Upcoming Event:**
- ❖ FIDE Rapid & Blitz Championships 2025, Doha, Qatar (26–30 December 2025)

## KABADDI

### Dabang Delhi K.C. Clinches Pro Kabaddi League Season 12 Title (2025)



#### ❖ Tournament Overview:

- ❖ **Event:** **Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12 Final**
- ❖ Date: October 2025
- ❖ **Venue:** Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium, New Delhi
- ❖ **Result:** **Dabang Delhi K.C. defeated Puneri Paltan 31–28**
- ❖ **Title:** Dabang Delhi K.C. won their second PKL title

#### ❖ Key Highlights:

- ❖ **Historic Win:**
- ❖ Dabang Delhi became the first home team since U Mumba (Season 2, 2015) to win the PKL trophy on home soil.
- ❖ **Top Performers:**

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- ❖ Neeraj Narwal: 8 points (including a Super Raid)
- ❖ Ajinkya Pawar: 6 points (triggered first All Out)
- ❖ Aditya Shinde (Puneri Paltan): Super 10
- ❖ **Coach Achievement:**
- ❖ Joginder Narwal became the first person to win the PKL as both player and coach for the same team.
- ❖ **Record Breaker:**
- ❖ Fazel Atrachali (Dabang Delhi) became the most successful foreign player in PKL history.
- ❖ **Season 12 Awards:**
- ❖ **Most Valuable Player (MVP): Fazel Atrachali (Dabang Delhi K.C.)**
- ❖ Raider of the Season: Ayan Lohchab (Patna Pirates)
- ❖ Defender of the Season: Navdeep (Patna Pirates)
- ❖ New Young Player (NYP) of the Season: Deepak Sankar (Bengaluru Bulls)
- ❖ **About Pro Kabaddi League (PKL):**
- ❖ **Founded:** 2014
- ❖ Organised by: Mashal Sports Pvt. Ltd. & Star India Pvt. Ltd.
- ❖ Governing Body: Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI)
- ❖ **Most Successful Teams:**
- ❖ Patna Pirates: 3 titles
- ❖ Jaipur Pink Panthers: 2 titles
- ❖ Dabang Delhi K.C.: 2 titles

## Overview of World Boxing Cup Finals 2025

- ❖ **Event:** World Boxing Cup Finals 2025
- ❖ **Venue:** Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- ❖ Organisers: World Boxing (WB) in partnership with the Boxing Federation of India (BFI)

- ❖ Significance: Season finale of the 2025 World Boxing Cup Series
- ❖ **Key Highlights:**
- ❖ Participation of over 130 boxers from 18 countries.
- ❖ **India emerged as the top performer with a total of 20 medals.**
- ❖ **India's Medal Tally: 9 Gold, 6 Silver, 5 Bronze.**
- ❖ Women boxers contributed 7 gold medals, while men boxers won 2 gold medals.
- ❖ Across the entire 2025 World Boxing Cup Series, India finished first in gold medals (13), ahead of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Overview of Asian Youth Games (AYG) 2025

- ❖ Event: 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025
- ❖ Organised by: Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)
- ❖ **Host City:** Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
- ❖ Special Significance: First OCA event hosted by Bahrain
- ❖ **Key Highlights:**
- ❖ Served as the Asian qualification tournament for the 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games, Dakar, Senegal.
- ❖ Participation: 45 nations competed in the Games.
- ❖ Total Medals Awarded: 1,677 medals across all sports.
- ❖ **India at AYG 2025:**
- ❖ Indian Contingent: 222 athletes (119 women and 103 men).
- ❖ India's Medal Tally: 48 medals comprising 13 gold, 18 silver, and 17 bronze.

- ❖ Chef de Mission: Yogeshwar Dutt, Olympic bronze medallist (London 2012).

**Incentives by IOA:**

- Gold – ₹5 lakh
- Silver – ₹3 lakh
- Bronze – ₹2 lakh
- Fourth place – ₹50,000

**Overall Performance:**

- ❖ **China** topped the medal standings, followed by Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.
- ❖ **India ranked sixth** in the overall medal tally.

**25th Summer Deaflympics 2025 Held in Tokyo, Japan**



- ❖ **The 25th Summer Deaflympics 2025** were held in **Tokyo, Japan**, from 15 to 26 November 2025.

- ❖ The event was organised by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD).

**Performance Highlights:**

- ❖ Top Nation: Ukraine (100 medals – 32 gold, 39 silver, 29 bronze)

**India's Best-Ever Performance:**

- ❖ **Rank: 6th**

- ❖ **Total Medals: 20 (9 gold, 7 silver, 4 bronze)**

- ❖ Shooting Contribution: 16 medals

**Indian World Record Holders:**

- Dhanush Srikanth
- Mahit Sandhu

- Abhinav Deshwal

- Pranjali Prashant Dhumal

- ❖ Mixed Team (10m Air Rifle & 10m Air Pistol)

- ❖ Next Edition: 2027 Winter Deaflympics – Innsbruck, Austria

**India to Host 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad**

- ❖ On 26 November 2025, the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) approved **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**, as the **host city** for the **2030 Commonwealth Games**.

- ❖ The decision was taken at the CGF General Assembly in Glasgow, Scotland, defeating Abuja (Nigeria) in the bidding process.

**Key Significance:**

- ❖ Second time India will host the Commonwealth Games

- ❖ Previous Hosting: New Delhi, 2010

- ❖ Historic Milestone: 2030 edition marks 100 years of the Commonwealth Games

- ❖ First Commonwealth Games: 1930, Hamilton (Canada).

**Rajasthan Specific**

**KHELO INDIA GAMES**

**Logo and Mascots Unveiled for Khelo India University Games 2025**



❖ In November 2025, **the Sports Authority of India (SAI)**, in collaboration with the **Rajasthan State Sports Council** and the **Government of Rajasthan**, unveiled the Logo, Mascots, Torch, and Jersey for the 5th edition of the **Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025**.

❖ **Venue:** Amer Fort, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

❖ **Key Details:**

❖ **Edition:** 5th Khelo India University Games

❖ **Host State:** Rajasthan

❖ **Host Cities:** Jaipur, Ajmer, Bharatpur, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, and Bikaner

❖ **Mascots:** Khamma and Ghani

❖ **Logo Features:** Hawa Mahal, Ranthambore Fort, sand dunes, windmills, and a dominant pink colour palette symbolising Rajasthan's heritage.

## Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025 – Rajasthan

- ❖ Edition: 5th
- ❖ Dates: 24 November – 5 December 2025
- ❖ Host State: Rajasthan
- ❖ Opening Venue: Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur
- ❖ Host University: Poornima University
- ❖ Athletes
- ❖ Total: 4,448
- ❖ Universities: 222
- ❖ Rajasthan Contingent: 235 athletes (163 men + 72 women)
- ❖ Sports
- ❖ Total: 24 events (23 medal events + Kho-Kho as demonstration)

❖ Gold Medals at Stake: 296

❖ **Newly Added Events**

➢ Beach Volleyball

➢ Canoeing & Kayaking

➢ Cycling

❖ **Event Venues**

❖ Jaipur, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, Ajmer, Bharatpur, Alwar.

## CRICKET

## WUSHU

## BADMINTON

## Para Shuttler Krishna Nagar Wins Two Gold Medals in Japan

❖ Rajasthan's Paralympic Gold Medalist Krishna Nagar won two gold medals at the Hulic Daihatsu Japan Para Badminton International Championship, held on 9 November 2025.

❖ **Achievements**

❖ Gold – Men's Singles

❖ Gold – Mixed Doubles (with Nithya Sree Sivan)

❖ **Category**

❖ Both medals were won in the SH6 Category.

## KABADDI

## TAEKWONDO



## BOXING

### Arundhati Choudhary Wins Gold at World Boxing Cup 2025

- ❖ *Arundhati Choudhary from Kota, serving as a Havildar in the Indian Army, won Gold in the World Boxing Cup 2025 held in Greater Noida.*
- ❖ **Final Match**
- ❖ Weight Category: 70 kg
- ❖ Result: Defeated Aziza Jokirova (Uzbekistan) 5–0
- ❖ **Representation**
- ❖ Represented the Services Sports Control Board (Army)
- ❖ **Career Highlights**
- ❖ 4th international medal
- ❖ First international gold at the senior level
- ❖ **Earlier Achievements:**
- ❖ Gold at 2021 Youth World Championship (Poland)
- ❖ Gold at Khelo India (2017, 2018, 2019)
- ❖ **Tournament Details**
- ❖ Final Stage: 15–22 November 2025 (Greater Noida)
- ❖ Previous Rounds: Brazil (Mar–Apr), Kazakhstan (Jun–Jul)

## SHOOTING

### Avani Lekhara Wins Gold at 2025 Para Shooting World Cup (Dubai)

- ❖ **Achievement**
- ❖ **Gold** in 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (Women)
- ❖ **Silver** in 50m Rifle 3P (Women)
- ❖ **Event Details**

❖ Held at Al Ain, UAE

❖ Duration: 25 October – 5 November 2025

## CHESS

### Kingdom of Chess Open Rapid Tournament Inaugurated in Jaipur



- ❖ The Kingdom of Chess Open Rapid Chess Tournament was inaugurated at the Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jaipur.
- ❖ The event was formally inaugurated by the Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Haribhau Bagde.
- ❖ The tournament follows the Rapid Chess format and is open to participants from all categories and age groups.

### Shreyanshi Jain – Three Medals at Asian School Chess Championship

- ❖ **Event:** Asian School Chess Championship 2025, Mongolia (Under-7 Girls category).
- ❖ **Medals:**
  - Gold – Rapid
  - Silver – Classical
  - Bronze – Blitz

## BASKETBALL

## FOOTBALL

### Martand Raina – Rajasthan's First Footballer to Join the Indian Super League (ISL)



- ❖ **Martand Raina signed a three-year contract with East Bengal FC (an ISL club) in July 2025.**
- ❖ **With this move he became the first footballer from Rajasthan to join an Indian Super League (ISL) club.**
- ❖ **Martand Raina**
- ❖ Martand Raina was born on 10 September 2000.
- ❖ He hails from Rajasthan, India.
- ❖ He began his professional football career with Rajasthan United FC (RUFC).
- ❖ In the 2024-25 season of the I-League, he made 21 appearances and scored 4 goals — a notable tally for a defender/centre-back.

## 47th All India Electricity Football Tournament

- ❖ **Event**
- ❖ Held from 19–21 November 2025 at **Patiala, Punjab**.
- ❖ **Rajasthan won the bronze medal for the second consecutive time.**
- ❖ **Result**
- ❖ **Rajasthan defeated Madhya Pradesh Power Team to secure the third position.**
- ❖ The team had earlier lost to Haryana in the semifinals.
- ❖ **Leadership**
- ❖ **Team Captain: Dinesh Meena.**

## ATHLETICS

### Pana Devi Godara – Four Gold Medals at Asian Masters Athletics

- ❖ **Age:** 94-year-old athlete from Bikaner.
- ❖ **Event:** 23rd Asian Masters Athletic Championship, Chennai.
- ❖ **Medals:** 4 Gold – 100m race, Shot Put, Javelin Throw, Discus Throw.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Kushagra Singh Rajawat Wins Bronze at the Deaflympics

- ❖ **Event**
- ❖ **25th Summer Deaflympics, Tokyo (Japan)**
- ❖ 15–26 November 2025
- ❖ **Achievement**
- ❖ **Jaipur's 18-year-old shooter Kushagra Singh Rajawat won bronze in Men's 50m Rifle Prone (Final Score: 224.3).**
- ❖ **India's Performance**
- ❖ **India won 20 medals in total:**
  - 9 Gold
  - 6 Silver
  - 5 Bronze
- ❖ This is India's best-ever performance at the Deaflympics.

### Dvyakriti Singh Wins Silver at Asian Equestrian Championship

- ❖ **Event**
- ❖ Asian Equestrian Championship (Dressage Team Event) held at Pattaya, Thailand.
- ❖ **Achievement:** India won the silver medal.

❖ **Key Contributor:** *Dvyakriti Singh*, from *Peeh village (Didwana-Kuchaman district)*, played a crucial role.

#### ❖ **Team Members**

- Dvyakriti Singh (Rajasthan)
- Gaurav Pundeer (Uttar Pradesh)
- Shruti Vora (Maharashtra)

#### ❖ **Record**

❖ Dvyakriti became the only Indian equestrian to win medals in both:

- Asian Games
- Asian Championships.

## Anganwadi Olympic Games 2025

#### ❖ **Event**

❖ Organised across all Anganwadi centres of Rajasthan from 13–15 November 2025.

❖ This is the third consecutive year (started in 2023).

#### ❖ **Theme: "Learn Through Play."**

#### ❖ **Objective**

❖ To promote physical and mental development of children.

#### ❖ **Participation**

❖ 12 lakh registered children participated across 63,000 centres.

❖ Children were divided into two age groups: 3–4 years and 4–6 years.

❖ Key Games: Chair race, lemon race, frog race.

## MP Sports Festival 2025 (Jaipur)

❖ **Dates:** 17–25 November 2025.

❖ **Venue:** *SMS Stadium (Indoor Hall)* – inaugural ceremony.

❖ **Sports:** Kabaddi, Volleyball, Wrestling and others

across 7 venues.

## Ishita Gupta – Ironman 70.3 World Champion

❖ **Winner:** *Jaipur's 23-year-old Ishita Gupta* won the *Ironman 70.3 World Championship (Women 18–24 category)* held in *Goa* on 9 November 2025.

❖ **Record:** Completed the triathlon in 7.51 hours, becoming the youngest woman from Rajasthan to win the event.

## Charli Sharma – Muay Thai National Champion

❖ **Achievement:** Won the gold medal at the Muay Thai National Championship held in Uttarakhand.

❖ **Representation:** Represented Rajputana Muay Thai Association, Rajasthan.

❖ **Background:** Student of IIS School, Jaipur.

## Vaishnavi Sharma – Brand Ambassador, IPBL Team

❖ **Appointment:** Femina Miss India Rajasthan 2024, Vaishnavi Sharma, appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the Indian Pickleball League (IPBL) team Capital Warriors Gurugram.

❖ **Event:** The inaugural edition (Season 1) of IPBL will be held from 1–7 December 2025 at Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi.

❖ **Background:**

❖ Miss Rajasthan 2023.

❖ Former member of the Indian U-19 Women's Cricket Team.

❖ First Indian bowler to take a hat-trick in the U-19 World Cup.

## Kashmir Challenge Cup – Team Jaipur Wins

❖ **Event:** Final played on 23 November 2025 at Rajasthan Polo Club Ground.

❖ **Result:** Team Jaipur defeated Team Kanota Polo

by 9–5.

- ❖ Star Performers:
- ❖ Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh (Captain): 4 goals
- ❖ Lance Watson (South Africa): 5 goals.

## Rajasthan Secures 3rd Position in National Para Swimming Championship

❖ *The 25th National Para Swimming Championship was held at the Gachibowli Indoor Swimming Stadium, Hyderabad from 15–18 November 2025.*

### ❖ Rajasthan's Performance

- ❖ Total Medals: **97**
  - **36 Gold**
  - **38 Silver**
  - **23 Bronze**
- ❖ Achieved **3rd place** in the medal tally.

### ❖ Top Performers

- ❖ Karnataka: 114 medals (1st) – 406 points
- ❖ Maharashtra: 57 Gold, 31 Silver, 26 Bronze (2nd) – 404 points.

## Rajasthan SDRF Secures 2nd Place in Western Zone

- ❖ Rajasthan SDRF achieved:
- ❖ 2nd place in the Western Zone CBRN disaster management competition (Pune, 14–16 Oct 2025).
- ❖ Also performed excellently at the national-level competition (Ghaziabad, 10–12 Nov 2025).

## Amar Singh Wins 100 km Ultra Marathon in Thailand

- ❖ Event: Asia-Oceania 100 km Ultra Championship, Bangkok
- ❖ Date: 22–23 November 2025

### ❖ Achievements

- ❖ Gold Medal
- ❖ New National Record: 100 km in 6:59:37
- ❖ **Background**
- ❖ Profession: Corporal Soldier, Indian Air Force
- ❖ Also holds a 24-hour distance record (272.537 km, Canberra 2024)
- ❖ Has won 4 international gold medals + 1 silver.

## Rajasthan Finishes Runner-Up in National Sub-Junior Judo Championship

❖ The National Sub-Junior Judo Championship was held in Hyderabad from 16–19 November 2025.

### ❖ Rajasthan's Performance

- ❖ Rajasthan finished Runner-Up in the Boys' Category.

### ❖ Total Medals Won: 4

❖ **1 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze**

### ❖ Medal Winners

- *Vijender Kumar → Gold (35 kg)*
- *Shubham Acharya → Silver (55 kg)*
- *Rahul Kharol → Silver (60 kg)*
- *Ashok Godara → Bronze (30 kg).*

## Awards

## Sunil Kant Munjal Conferred France's Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite



- ❖ **Award:** *Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite (Knight of the National Order of Merit)*
- ❖ **Conferred by:** H.E. Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to India
- ❖ **Place:** New Delhi
- ❖ **Recipient:**
- ❖ **Sunil Kant Munjal** - Chairman of Hero Enterprise and Founder of the Serendipity Arts Foundation.
- ❖ **Significance:**
- ❖ One of France's highest civilian honours, instituted in 1963 by President Charles de Gaulle to reward distinguished merit in public, civil, or military service.

## Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Honoured with 2025 World Leader for Peace and Security Award



- ❖ In November 2025, **Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar**, the founder of the Art of Living Foundation, was honoured with the **2025 World Leader for Peace and Security Award**.

### ❖ Awarding Organisations

- ❖ The award was conferred by the Boston Global Forum (BGF) and the AI World Society (AIWS).
- ❖ The ceremony took place at Harvard University, Cambridge, United States of America (USA).

### ❖ Reason for the Honour

- ❖ The award recognises Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's significant contributions towards: Global peace-building, Reconciliation efforts and Humanitarian service.

## Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025 Conferred to Dr. Sai Gautam Gopalakrishnan



- ❖ **Dr. Sai Gautam Gopalakrishnan**, Associate Professor of Materials Engineering at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, has been conferred with the **Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025**.

- ❖ He was recognised for his groundbreaking research in computational materials science, reflecting India's growing emphasis on innovation and scientific excellence.

### ❖ About the Award

- ❖ The Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award was instituted by the Government of Goa to commemorate Manohar Parrikar, the former Defence Minister of India and Chief Minister of Goa.
- ❖ It honours young Indian researchers who have made exceptional contributions in science and technology, especially in emerging and frontier areas.

## Himachal Pradesh Wins National 'People First Integration Award' for Citizen-Centric Digital Services on DigiLocker



- ❖ The Government of Himachal Pradesh (HP) received the prestigious **"People First Integration Award"** in November 2025.

### ❖ Awarding Authority

- ❖ The award was conferred by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India (GoI).

### ❖ **Event Details**

- ❖ The recognition was announced during the National Workshop and Conference on DigiLocker 2025, held in New Delhi.

### ❖ **Reason for the Award**

- ❖ Himachal Pradesh was honored for its exemplary integration of citizen-centric digital services on the DigiLocker platform.

## Heritage Foods Wins Golden Peacock Award; N. Bhuvaneswari Named Distinguished Fellow



- ❖ In November 2025, **Heritage Foods Limited (HFL)**, a leading Indian private-sector dairy enterprise, received the **Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance (GPAECG) 2025**.

### ❖ **Awarding Body**

- ❖ The award was presented by the **Institute of Directors (IOD)**, India during the **IOD London Global Convention on Corporate Governance & Sustainability**, held from November 4 to 7, 2025, in London, United Kingdom (UK).

### ❖ **Distinction**

- ❖ **Heritage Foods Limited (HFL)** was among 11 national winners and the only Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) company to receive the honour in 2025.

### ❖ **Individual Recognition**

- ❖ **N. Bhuvaneswari**, Vice Chairperson and Managing Director (MD) of Heritage Foods Limited, was conferred the title of "**Distinguished**

### **Fellow of the Institute of Directors".**

- ❖ The recognition celebrates her ethical leadership, governance excellence, and visionary contribution to the company's success.

### ❖ **About the Golden Peacock Awards**

- ❖ Established: 1991
- ❖ Founded by: Institute of Directors (IOD), India
- ❖ Purpose: To promote responsible business leadership, corporate governance, and sustainable development.
- ❖ The Golden Peacock Awards are regarded as a benchmark of corporate excellence globally.

## Salman Rushdie Honored with Dayton Peace Prize – Lifetime Achievement Award 2025

- ❖ In November 2025, **Salman Rushdie**, the renowned **Indian-born British author**, was conferred with the **Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award (Lifetime Achievement Award)**.



- ❖ The honour was presented during the Dayton Literary Peace Prize (DLPP) 2025 ceremony held in Dayton, Ohio, United States of America (USA).

### ❖ **About the Award**

- ❖ Name of Award: Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award
- ❖ Type: Lifetime Achievement Award
- ❖ Prize Money: USD 10,000
- ❖ Purpose: Recognizes outstanding literary contributions that promote peace, freedom of expression, tolerance, and human dignity.

### ❖ **About Salman Rushdie**

- ❖ Full Name: Sir Ahmed Salman Rushdie
- ❖ Nationality: Indian-born British author
- ❖ Notable Works: *Midnight's Children*, *The Satanic Verses*, *The Moor's Last Sigh*, *Quichotte*, etc.
- ❖ Recognition: Widely acclaimed for his literary innovation and advocacy for freedom of expression.

### ❖ **About the Dayton Literary Peace Prize (DLPP)**

- ❖ Established: 2006
- ❖ Location: Dayton, Ohio, USA

### ❖ **Purpose:**

- ❖ To honour writers whose works promote peaceful understanding among people and nations.
- ❖ Named after the Dayton Peace Accords, which ended the Bosnian War in 1995.

### ❖ **Significance (2025 Edition):**

- ❖ The 2025 ceremony marked the 30th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords.

### ❖ **2025 Dayton Literary Peace Prize Winners**

#### ❖ **Fiction Category:**

- ❖ Winner: "Martyr!" by Kaveh Akbar
- ❖ Theme: Explores identity, faith, and cultural conflict
- ❖ Prize: USD 10,000

#### ❖ **Non-Fiction Category:**

- ❖ Winner: "The Burning Earth" by Sunil Amrith
- ❖ Theme: Analyses historical impacts on the global environment
- ❖ Prize: USD 10,000.

## Hungarian-British Author David Szalay Wins 2025 Booker Prize for Novel 'Flesh'



❖ On 10 November 2025, **David Szalay**, a Hungarian-British author, won the **2025 Booker Prize** for Fiction for his sixth novel titled '**Flesh**'.

❖ The award ceremony was held at **Old Billingsgate, London, United Kingdom (UK)**.

### ❖ **Historic Achievements**

❖ David Szalay became the first author of Hungarian origin to win the Booker Prize, one of the most prestigious literary awards in the world.

### ❖ **About the Winning Novel – 'Flesh'**

- ❖ Author: David Szalay
- ❖ Type: Fiction (Sixth Novel)

❖ Theme: The novel reportedly explores human relationships, morality, and the physical and emotional struggles of modern existence (as per literary discussions).

❖ Publisher: To be confirmed (UK-based).

### ❖ **About the Booker Prize**

#### ❖ **Established: 1969**

❖ Awarded For: Best original novel written in English and published in the UK or Ireland.

❖ Prize Money: GBP 50,000 (approximately ₹53 lakh).

❖ Organized by: The Booker Prize Foundation, London.

❖ Previous Winner (2024): Samantha Harvey for "Orbital".

## Michelle Bachelet Awarded Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace 2024



- ❖ In November 2025, **Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile**, was awarded the **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development – 2024**.

- ❖ Presented by: Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust (IGMT)

**❖ Reason for Award:**

- ❖ Contributions to peace and disarmament
- ❖ Promotion of gender equality and human rights
- ❖ Upholding democratic values
- ❖ Strengthening India–Chile relations
- ❖ Award Components: Citation, ₹25 lakh cash prize and Plaque.



- ❖ In November 2025, renowned **Indian Art Director and Padma Shri awardee Thota Tharani** was conferred with the **Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters)**.

- ❖ Awarding Authority: French Government
- ❖ Presented by: Thierry Mathieu, French Ambassador to India
- ❖ Venue: Alliance Française of Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- ❖ Significance:
- ❖ One of France's highest civilian honours in arts and culture.
- ❖ Notable Indian Recipients of the Honour
  - Sivaji Ganesan (1995)
  - M. Balamuralikrishna
  - Kamal Haasan (2016)
  - Aishwarya Rai Bachchan (2012).

## Tom Cruise Receives Academy Honorary Award (Honorary Oscar)

- ❖ In November 2025, renowned Hollywood actor and 4-time Oscar nominee **Tom Cruise** received the **Academy Honorary Award, popularly known as the Honorary Oscar**.

- ❖ Presented by: Alejandro González Iñárritu, acclaimed film director
- ❖ Occasion: 16th Governors Awards
- ❖ Venue: Ray Dolby Ballroom, California, USA

**❖ Significance:**

- ❖ Recognises lifetime contributions to the film industry.
- ❖ Other Honourees at the 16th Governors Awards
  - ❖ Debbie Allen – American choreographer
  - ❖ Wynn Thomas – Production designer
  - ❖ Dolly Parton – Honoured with the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award (Oscar statuette)

## Thota Tharani Conferred with France's Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres

## Bahrain's Interior Minister Receives INTERPOL Medal of the Highest Order

- ❖ In November 2025, **General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa**, Minister of Interior of the Kingdom of Bahrain, received the **INTERPOL Medal of the Highest Order**.

- ❖ Presented by: Major General Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al Raisi, President of INTERPOL and Inspector General, Ministry of Interior, UAE
- ❖ Occasion: Inaugural Middle East International Border Management and Technology Conference

- ❖ Venue: Manama, Bahrain
- ❖ Significance: Recognition of exceptional contributions to international policing and security cooperation.

## Salman Rushdie Receives Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award

- ❖ In November 2025, renowned **Indian-born British author Salman Rushdie** was conferred with the **Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award (Lifetime Achievement Award)**.
- ❖ Event: Dayton Literary Peace Prize (DLPP) 2025
- ❖ Venue: Dayton, Ohio, USA
- ❖ **Award Details:**
- ❖ Cash Prize: USD 10,000
- ❖ Recognised for:
- ❖ Outstanding literary contributions
- ❖ Advocacy for freedom of expression, tolerance, and human dignity

## Science City Kolkata's Climate Change Gallery Wins CIMUSET Award

- ❖ In November 2025, the climate change gallery "On the Edge?" at Science City, Kolkata, West Bengal, received the CIMUSET Award.
- ❖ Institution: Unit of the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) under the Ministry of Culture
- ❖ Award Presented at:
- ❖ 27th International Council of Museums (ICOM) General Conference
- ❖ Venue: Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- ❖ Significance: Highlights India's innovation in science communication and museum technology.

## Universe 2025



- ❖ In November 2025, **Fátima Bosch Fernández** from Mexico was crowned **Miss Universe 2025**.
- ❖ Event: 74th Miss Universe Pageant
- ❖ Venue: Impact Challenger Hall, Nonthaburi, Bangkok, Thailand
- ❖ Crowned by: Victoria Kjær Theilvig (Denmark), Miss Universe 2024
- ❖ **Historic Achievement:** Became the 4th Mexican to win the Miss Universe title
- ❖ **Previous Mexican winners:** Lupita Jones (1991), Ximena Navarrete (2010) and Andrea Meza (2020).

## Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal Conferred 'Son of the Soil Awards' 2025 in Assam

- ❖ In November 2025, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal (Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways – MoPSW) conferred the 'Son of the Soil Awards'.
- ❖ Occasion: 5th Biennial Son of the Soil Awards 2025
- ❖ Venue: Tezpur, Assam
- ❖ Key Highlights:
- ❖ Organised by: Care Luit
- ❖ Purpose: To honour individuals contributing significantly to society, culture, and development of Assam.

## President Droupadi Murmu Conferred 6th National

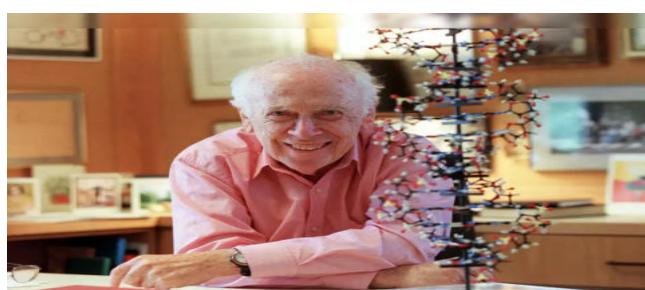
## Water Awards & Inaugural JSJB Awards 2025

- ❖ On 18 November 2025, President of India Droupadi Murmu conferred:
- ❖ 6th National Water Awards (NWA 2024)
- ❖ Inaugural Jal Sanchay–Jan Bhagidari (JSJB 2025) Awards
- ❖ Venue: Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- ❖ **National Water Awards (NWA 2024) – Best State Category**
  - 1 Maharashtra
  - 2 Gujarat
  - 3 Haryana
- ❖ **JSJB Awards 2025 – Best Performing State/UT**
  - 1 Telangana
  - 2 Chhattisgarh
  - 3 **Rajasthan**
- ❖ **Best District Awards – National Water Awards 2024**

❖ Zone	Districts
❖ East	Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)
❖ West	Khargone (Madhya Pradesh)
❖ North	Mirzapur (Uttar Pradesh)
❖ South	Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu)
❖ North-East	Sepahijala (Tripura)

## Persons in News

### Nobel Prize-Winning DNA Pioneer James Watson Passed Away



- ❖ **Date of Death:** November 7, 2025
- ❖ **Age:** 97
- ❖ **Place:** New York, United States of America
- ❖ **Born:** April 6, 1928, Illinois, USA
- ❖ **About James Dewey Watson**
- ❖ **Profession:** American molecular biologist and geneticist
- ❖ **Major Contribution:** Co-discovery of the double-helix structure of DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) in 1953 along with Francis Crick, based on X-ray diffraction data from Rosalind Franklin and Maurice Wilkins.
- ❖ **Nobel Prize:**
- ❖ **Year:** 1962
- ❖ **Category:** Physiology or Medicine
- ❖ **Shared with:** Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins
- ❖ **For:** Discovering the molecular structure of nucleic acids and its significance for information transfer in living material.
- ❖ **Academic & Professional Career**
- ❖ 1951: Joined Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge (UK).
- ❖ 1956–1976: Served at Harvard University; became a full-time professor in 1961.
- ❖ 1968–2007: Associated with Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) — Director (1968–1994), President (1994–2003), and Chancellor (2003–2007).
- ❖ 1989–1992: First Director of the National Center for Human Genome Research (now NHGRI) — laid the foundation for the Human Genome Project.
- ❖ **Notable Books**
- ❖ The Double Helix (1968) – A classic scientific memoir.
- ❖ Molecular Biology of the Gene (1965)
- ❖ Recombinant DNA (1983)

- ❖ DNA: The Secret of Life (2003)

### ❖ **Awards & Honours**

- ❖ Lasker Award for Basic Medical Research (1960)
- ❖ U.S. National Medal of Science (1964)
- ❖ Presidential Medal of Freedom (USA) (1977)
- ❖ Copley Medal (Royal Society, UK) (1993)

### S. Sankarasubramanian Elected as Chairman of Fertilizer Association of India (FAI)

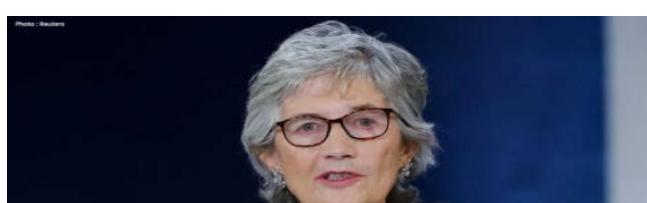


- ❖ In October 2025, **S. Sankarasubramanian**, Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Coromandel International Limited (Coromandel), was elected as the new Chairman of the Fertilizer Association of India (FAI).
- ❖ The election took place during the FAI Board meeting held in New Delhi, Delhi.

### ❖ **About the New Chairman**

- ❖ S. Sankarasubramanian is associated with Coromandel International Limited, which is part of the Murugappa Group.
- ❖ He was earlier serving as the Co-Chairman of the FAI Board and Chairman of FAI's Southern Region.
- ❖ He succeeds Sailesh C. Mehta as the new Chairman of FAI.

### Catherine Martina Ann Connolly Sworn in as 10th President of Ireland



- ❖ On 11 November 2025, **Catherine Martina Ann Connolly**, an Independent politician, was sworn in as the 10th President of Ireland.

- ❖ The ceremony was held at St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, where Chief Justice Donal O'Donnell administered the presidential oath.

### ❖ **Succession:**

- ❖ She succeeded **Michael D. Higgins**, who completed his 14-year tenure on 10 November 2025.

- ❖ **Significance:** Third woman to become the President of Ireland.

### Roger Federer Elected to International Tennis Hall of Fame (Class of 2026)

- ❖ On 19 November 2025, Roger Federer, legendary tennis player from Switzerland, was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame (ITHF) – Class of 2026.
- ❖ He was elected in his first year of eligibility.
- ❖ Special Distinction: Federer became the only player to secure the required 75% of votes.
- ❖ Career Significance: Honoured for an illustrious career spanning over two decades.
- ❖ Induction Ceremony: Scheduled to be held in Newport, Rhode Island, United States.

### Rohit Sharma Appointed Tournament Ambassador for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026

- ❖ In November 2025, Jay Shah, Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC), announced Rohit Sharma as the Tournament Ambassador for the ICC Men's Twenty20 (T20) World Cup 2026.
- ❖ **Tournament Hosts:** India and Sri Lanka (co-hosts)
- ❖ **Tournament Schedule:** 7 February to 8 March 2026
- ❖ **Significance:**
- ❖ Rohit Sharma, former India cricket captain, will

promote the tournament and inspire global fan engagement.

## Sanjay Garg

- ❖ Appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in November 2025.
- ❖ A 1994-batch IAS officer from the Kerala cadre.

## Justice Ashok Bhushan

- ❖ Re-appointed as the Chairman of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).
- ❖ Approval given by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on November 07, 2025.
- ❖ Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

## Keerthy Suresh

- ❖ Appointed as UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate in November 2025.
- ❖ Will promote awareness on children's rights, mental health, education, and gender equality.

## Nitish Kumar

- ❖ Sworn in as the Chief Minister (CM) of Bihar for the 10th time in November 2025.
- ❖ Took oath after JD(U)-NDA alliance won the Bihar Assembly Elections 2025.
- ❖ Elected unanimously as leader of the JD(U) Legislature Party and NDA Legislature Party.
- ❖ Among India's longest-serving Chief Ministers, in power for nearly two decades, except a brief 9-month gap in 2014–15.

## Sandhip Pradhan

- ❖ Appointed as Whole-Time Member (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

for three years.

- ❖ An IRS officer replaces Ashwani Bhatia.
- ❖ SEBI now has three WTMs: Amarjeet Singh, Kamlesh Chandra Varshney, and Sandhip Pradhan.

## Sunil Paliwal

- ❖ Appointed as the Chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in November 2025.
- ❖ Holds the rank and pay of a Secretary to the Government of India.
- ❖ Former Chairperson of Chennai Port Authority.
- ❖ Succeeds Vijay Kumar.

## Justice Vikram Nath

- ❖ Appointed as the Executive Chairman of NALSA (National Legal Services Authority).
- ❖ Appointment effective 24 November 2025.
- ❖ Currently the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court of India.

## Gyanesh Kumar

- ❖ Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India to assume the Chair of International IDEA (IIDEA).
- ❖ To take charge on December 3, 2025, during the Council of Member States meeting in Stockholm.

## Samia Suluhu Hassan

- ❖ Sworn in for her second term as the President of Tanzania in November 2025.
- ❖ Ceremony held at a military parade ground in Dodoma.
- ❖ Tanzania's first woman President and the 6th President of the country.

## Khaled El-Enany

- ❖ Elected as the Director-General (DG) of UNESCO for a four-year term in November 2025.
- ❖ Elected with 172 out of 174 votes at the 43rd General Conference in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- ❖ Will succeed Audrey Azoulay (France) on 15 November 2025.

## Paschal Donohoe

- ❖ Appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Knowledge Officer (CKO) of the World Bank Group (WBG).
- ❖ Assumed office on November 24, 2025.
- ❖ Former Finance Minister of Ireland.
- ❖ Succeeds Axel van Trotsenburg, retiring after a 37-year career.

# Days

## World Immunization Day

- ❖ **Date of Observation: 10 November**
- ❖ Observed globally to raise awareness about the life-saving role of vaccines in preventing infectious diseases and protecting people of all age groups.

## National Education Day (India)

- ❖ **Date of Observation: 11 November**
- ❖ Observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of independent India.
- ❖ 11 November 2025 marks his 137th birth

anniversary.

## World Pneumonia Day

- ❖ **Date of Observation: 12 November**
- ❖ Observed to raise awareness about pneumonia, a preventable and treatable respiratory disease.
- ❖ Theme 2025: "Child Survival"
- ❖ Focuses on pneumonia as a major cause of child mortality, stressing nutrition, clean air, vaccination, and timely medical care.

## World Diabetes Day

- ❖ **Date of Observation: 14 November**
- ❖ Observed by the United Nations to promote awareness about diabetes prevention, early diagnosis, treatment, and equitable healthcare access.
- ❖ Theme 2025: "Diabetes across life stages"
- ❖ Emphasizes a life-course approach to diabetes management and well-being.

## Children's Day (Bal Divas) – India

- ❖ **Date of Observation: 14 November**
- ❖ Celebrated to honor the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, known for his affection for children.
- ❖ 14 November 2025 marks his 136th birth anniversary.
- ❖ Theme 2025: "For Every Child, Every Right"

## National Press Day (India)

- ❖ **Date of Observation: 16 November**
- ❖ Observed to mark the day the Press Council of India (PCI) began functioning.
- ❖ Highlights the role of a free, responsible, and

credible press.

- ❖ Theme 2025: “Safeguarding Press Credibility amidst Rising Misinformation”

## World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day

- ❖ **Date of Observation:** *17 November*
- ❖ First-ever global observance dedicated to eliminating cervical cancer as a public health problem.
- ❖ Organized by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ❖ Theme 2025: “Act Now: Eliminate Cervical Cancer”

## Women's Entrepreneurship Day

- ❖ **Date of Observation:** *19 November*
- ❖ Observed globally to celebrate women entrepreneurs and promote economic empowerment and leadership opportunities for women.
- ❖ 19 November 2025 marks the 12th anniversary of WED.

## International Men's Day

- ❖ Date of Observation: *19 November*
- ❖ Observed worldwide to recognize the positive contributions of men and boys in society and family life.
- ❖ 19 November 2025 marks the 27th International Men's Day.
- ❖ Theme 2025: “Celebrating Men and Boys”

## National Constitution Day (Samvidhan Diwas) – India

- ❖ Date of Observation: *26 November*
- ❖ Observed to commemorate the adoption of the

Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly in 1949.

- ❖ 26 November 2025 marks the 76th anniversary of the Constitution's adoption.
- ❖ Theme 2025: “Humara Samvidhan, Humara Swabhimaan” (Our Constitution – Our Pride).

## Books

### Sahitya Akademi Releases Hindi Translation of Lithuanian Novel “The Last Day”

- ❖ In November 2025, the Sahitya Akademi (under the Ministry of Culture) released the Hindi translation of the Lithuanian novel “The Last Day”, titled “Antim Din”.
- ❖ Venue: Rabindra Bhawan, New Delhi
- ❖ Collaboration: Embassy of Lithuania
- ❖ **Key Highlights:**
- ❖ **Original Author:** *Jaroslavas Melnikas (Lithuanian-Ukrainian)*
- ❖ **Translation:** *By Dr. Poonam Tiwari*

## Top Questions

1. Recently, Nobel Prize-winning scientist James Watson passed away. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for which of the following discoveries?
  1. Discovery of insulin structure
  2. Discovery of the electron microscope
  3. Discovery of the genetic code for protein
  4. Discovery of the double-helix structure of DNA
2. The Indian Army signed an MoU with which organization for real-time UDIN (Unique Document Identification Number) verification?
  1. Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
  2. Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)
  3. Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI)
  4. National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)
3. Recently, who became India's 91st Chess Grandmaster (GM)?
  1. Ilamparthy A. R.
  2. D. Gukesh
  3. Raahul V. S.
  4. Praggnanandhaa R.

4. Which state ranks first in the country in terms of membership of the Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL)?
  1. Uttar Pradesh
  2. Maharashtra
  3. Rajasthan
  4. Madhya Pradesh
5. Udaipur Smart City Limited was honoured with which award at the Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo 2025?
  1. Award of Excellence for Smart Governance
  2. Award of Excellence in Urban Transport – City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System
  3. Award for Best Sustainable City Planning
  4. Award for Innovation in Urban Infrastructure
6. Where was the 29th edition of the multilateral naval exercise MALABAR 2025 held?
  1. Sydney, Australia
  2. Tokyo, Japan
  3. Guam, Northern Pacific Ocean
  4. Visakhapatnam, India
7. Which nation became the first South Asian country and the 56th globally to join the United Nations (UN) Water Convention?
  1. Bangladesh
  2. Nepal
  3. Sri Lanka
  4. India

# November 2025 Current Affairs

Web:[TejCivilsEdTech](http://TejCivilsEdTech)

8. Who was honored with the Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award (Lifetime Achievement Award) 2025 at the Dayton Literary Peace Prize (DLPP) ceremony?

1. Arundhati Roy
2. Salman Rushdie
3. Kaveh Akbar
4. Sunil Amrith

9. Who became the first Indian para-athlete to be selected for an able-bodied national archery team?

1. Tejal Rajendra Salve
2. Vaidehi Hirachandra Jadhav
3. Pooja Jatyan
4. Sheetal Devi

10. Which two personalities inaugurated the National Workshop on Agriculture & Livestock Entrepreneurship 2025 held in Udaipur?

1. Bhajan Lal Sharma and Arjun Ram Meghwal
2. Kirodi Lal Meena and Otaram Devasi
3. Kailash Choudhary and Shanti Dhariwal
4. Ashok Gehlot and Mahendra Jeet Singh Malviya

11. Hungarian-British author David Szalay won the 2025 Booker Prize for which novel?

1. Orbital
2. The Moor's Last Sigh
3. Flesh
4. Martyr!

12. The UNESCO global ethical framework for neurotechnology will come into force on which date?

1. 1 October 2025
2. 12 November 2025
3. 31 December 2025
4. 5 January 2026

13. 11th Edition of Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise ‘Mitra Shakti 2025’:

1. The 11th edition of Exercise Mitra Shakti 2025 was held in Belagavi, Karnataka.  
2. The exercise was first started in 2013.

Correct Options?

1. Only 1
2. Only 2
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

14. In Time Out’s City Life Index 2025, Mumbai was ranked Asia’s happiest city. Which city was ranked the world’s happiest city?

1. Beijing
2. Moscow
3. London
4. Abu Dhabi

15. Where was the inaugural Kingdom of Chess Open Rapid Chess Tournament inaugurated?

1. Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi
2. Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur
3. Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jaipur
4. Birla Auditorium, Jaipur

**16.** The 15th India–Vietnam Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD) was held in Hanoi, Vietnam. Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Defence, represented India. Who represented Vietnam at this dialogue?

1. General Phan Van Giang
2. Senior Lieutenant General Hoang Xuan Chien
3. Colonel Nguyen Thanh Tung
4. Lieutenant General Vo Minh Luong

**17.** Exercise Brahmashira, conducted by the Indian Army on 10 November 2025, took place in which region?

1. Rann and Creek Sector of Kachchh
2. Siachen Glacier
3. Thar Desert, Jaisalmer
4. Andaman & Nicobar Islands

**18. Co-Op Kumbh 2025:**

1. Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurated Co-Op Kumbh 2025 in RIC, Jaipur.
2. The theme of Co-Op Kumbh 2025 was “Digitalising Dreams – Empowering Communities.”

Correct Options?

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**19.** Who was sworn in as the 10th President of Ireland on 11 November 2025?

1. Catherine Martina Ann Connolly
2. Michael D. Higgins

3. Donal O'Donnell
4. Mary Robinson

**20.** Who won the First Prize for the Best Individual in the Water Sector (Western Region) at the National Water Awards 2024?

1. Ramesh Choudhary
2. Om Prakash Meghwali
3. Manohar Lal Sharma Shri
4. Bajrang Lal Jaithu

## Answers:

1. 4	2. 1	3. 3	4. 3	5. 2	6. 3	7. 1	8. 2	9. 4	10. 2
11. 3	12. 2	13. 3	14. 4	15. 3	16. 2	17. 1	18. 2	19. 1	20. 4





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